

# GOD'S FINAL WARNING

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An urgent warning from a loved one kept John and Jan Pascoe alive.

At midnight on October 8, 2017, the phone rang inside their home nestled in the hills of Santa Rosa, California. Jan awoke and answered the call. It was her daughter, Zoe, who lived in San Francisco.

"You guys need to get out!" Zoe pleaded with her mother.

Jan glanced out her window and saw a red glow. Driven by fierce winds, the Tubbs Fire—the most destructive wildfire in California's history—was closing in fast.

"John!" Jan shouted to her husband. "We've got to get out of here!"

But as couple grabbed their cat, raced outside, jumped into two vehicles, and sped down their driveway, they encountered a wall of flames. Returning to their house, which was quickly being surrounded by raging fire, they realized they were trapped. They only had one option: their neighbor's swimming pool.

At 12:40 a.m., Jan called 911. "What should we do?" Jan pleaded.

"Get anywhere safe," replied the dispatcher.

Placing her cell phone inside her shoe at the pool's edge, the terrified couple jumped into the frigid water and survived the fire. Six hours later, when they climbed out, Jan examined her phone. It had melted. Looking around, her neighborhood was gone.

One monument survived the flames: a statue of an onlooking angel perched at the edge of their neighbor's pool.<sup>1</sup>

## THE APPROACHING APOCALYPSE

Dear reader, you may not believe this, but the Holy Bible has given us definite notice that another catastrophe more horrific than the Tubbs Fire is fast approaching. That fiery October blaze that nearly killed the Pascoes was limited to Northern California. The Grand Finale that the Bible predicts will scorch the entire world. Here's the proof. Notice carefully:

*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; **both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up*** (2 Peter 3:10, emphasis added).

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1 Abcarian, Robin. "They survived six hours in a pool as a wildfire burned their neighborhood to the ground." *LA Times*, Oct. 12, 2017. (See <http://www.latimes.com/local/abcarian/la-me-abcarian-sonoma-fire-20171012-htmstory.html>)

These words come from God Almighty. Taken at face value, they unmistakably reveal that a global blaze is pending, much hotter than what incinerated that Santa Rosa neighborhood. Yet unlike the Tubbs Fire, this approaching apocalyptic inferno has a God-ordained, holy purpose: to annihilate global evil. After those heaven-ignited flames have accomplished their purifying mission, the same prophecy concludes with:

*Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells (verse 13).*

Doesn't that sound fabulous? God wants a clean planet. Instead of a world seared by fierce fires, killer earthquakes, monster hurricanes, raging floods, barbaric terrorism, heartless school shootings, children crying, devastating famines, debilitating sickness, crippling old age, heart-breaking funerals and cold cemeteries, He wants "a new heaven and a new earth" filled with "righteousness," happiness, and joy.

Here's the best part: He wants *you* there, too. So before His fiery judgments consume a sin-cursed world, He mercifully sends an urgent warning message for anyone with ears to hear, before it's too late. Like Zoe's frantic phone call that saved her parents' life, this booklet is about God's final warning to *you*, because *He loves you*.

In Noah's day, God issued a similar warning. Due to the entrance of sin, a lot had changed since the pristine days of Eden. Instead of happy families, innocent children, pure pursuits, and loving acts, "the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth ... The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:5, 11).

Beholding such wickedness, God's heart of infinite love was pierced with sadness. "The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart" (Genesis 6:6). Finally, enough was enough. God found a faithful man named Noah and instructed him to build a massive boat. When the ark was finished, Noah gave one last appeal to earth's doomed dwellers.

"It's going to rain!" he thundered. "Get into my boat—or drown."

Unfortunately, less than a dozen people took him seriously. Most laughed with profane glee. "Noah's a crazy kook!" they probably chuckled.

Then Noah's family boarded the boat. Finally, the ark-builder made one last appeal. Tragically, no takers. Then an unseen hand lifted the boat's heavy door, and slammed it shut. Shortly thereafter:

*In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights...*

*The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered ... And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit-of life, all that was on the dry land, died...*

*Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive (Genesis 7:11, 12, 18, 19, 21–23).*

*Was there really a global flood?* you may be wondering. Yes, there was. First, nearly all ancient cultures have flood stories embedded in their earliest traditions. Second, biblical geologists detect global flood-water evidence when they examine massive layers of sorted rock forming the geologic column. Third, innumerable fossils—preserved because they were entombed rapidly during a global catastrophe—are embedded on mountains on every continent as silent witnesses. The majestic Grand Canyon in Arizona, whose deep ridges were carved by massive water activity, testifies to the truthfulness of the Bible.

Now here's the kicker. Jesus Christ Himself, the world's greatest Teacher, plainly predicted that just as a global flood anciently drowned an unrepentant, wicked world, even so will global evil again be

annihilated by His Second Coming at “the end of days.” See for yourself. Jesus predicted:

*As it was in the days of Noah ... They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ... Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed* (Luke 17:26–30, emphasis added).

In other words, as it was in Noah’s day, so shall it be when King Jesus returns. Once again, the world will be wrapped in moral darkness. Once again, God will send a midnight message—a last call. Sadly, once again, His urgent appeal will be rejected by the majority of earth’s inhabitants. After everyone has made their final choices, just like in Noah’s day when “the flood came and destroyed them all ... *even so will it be in the day*” when Jesus Christ unexpectedly returns.

Think for a moment. If there really is going to be another Catastrophic End like there was in Noah’s day, doesn’t it make sense that God would once again send a special warning message to prepare humans for the Big Day? Sure it does. And He has. We don’t have to guess or speculate about this, for God has plainly revealed it in the Holy Bible. His final warning is found in the book of Revelation, chapter 14, verses 6–12. Read His messages carefully:



### THE FIRST ANGELS' MESSAGE

*Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

### THE SECOND ANGELS' MESSAGE

*And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”*

### THE THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGE

*Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep*

*the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus* (Revelation 14:6–12).

As you ponder these sober Bible verses, here are four facts to consider:

1. *Three holy angels* proclaim God's final warning messages. Noah's ark had three stories—"a lower, second, and third" decks (Genesis 6:16). Just as God anciently called humans into a three-story boat for protection from a global flood, *even so is He now calling people to accept His three-part message.*
2. These messages deal with *end-time topics*, such as Judgment Day (verse 7), the fall of mystic "Babylon" (verse 8), and the mysterious "mark" of the "beast" (verses 9–11).
3. They are to be boldly proclaimed with a "loud voice" (verses 7, 9) to "every nation, tribe, tongue and people" (verse 6), which means they are for *the entire world.*
4. They are proclaimed right before Jesus Christ returns on "a white cloud."

Immediately after Revelation 14:6–12, God's Word says:

*Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having*

*on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Revelation 14:14, 15).*

Just like Noah's message offered protection from a coming global flood, even so do the three angels' messages offer us protection from end-time deceptions so we can be ready for Jesus Christ's return. In a sense, these messages are like the swimming pool near John and Jan Pascoe's home. Jumping in, they were safe from the surrounding blaze. It's the same with these three holy messages. They can protect us from global delusions and a fast-approaching apocalyptic meltdown. And isn't it interesting that perched on the edge of that very pool was a statue of a guardian angel?

Heavenly symbols show up in the strangest places!

The three messages unfold logically. There is a first angel, then a second, then a third, with each additional message building upon the previous one. Each of these angels provide clear, straight-forward, detailed instruction about the end-times. They explain what the big issues are and how to make sure we're on God's side.

If we are willing to receive these warnings with humble hearts, and with faith in God's Word, we will sense their mighty, purifying power. Just as the great "I AM" told Moses when he first approached the

burning bush, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5), even so should we also approach the three angels' messages reverently, for we are on holy ground, too.

### THE FIRST ANGELS MESSAGE

*I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people (Revelation 14:6).*

The first angel's message starts with "the everlasting gospel." The word "gospel" means "the good news." Don't we need good news today? How often have you switched on Fox News or CNN and heard a reporter say, "The good news for today is..."? Not too often. Most world "news" is bad. But the Bible has supreme everlasting "good news" that must be proclaimed worldwide before the end comes. This "good news" is about Jesus, our loving Savior.

Nearly two millennia ago, Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God (1 John 4:14), "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29), "the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6), and "the King of Kings" (Revelation 19:16) died on a cruel cross outside Jerusalem as a divine sacrifice "for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Unlike any other normal human, His death was predicted in advance by holy prophets (Isaiah 53). After Jesus died, three days later He rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-7) and then ascended to heaven (Luke 24:51).

Jesus is in heaven right now, and He will soon return (Acts 1:9–11). Jesus Himself is the Author of the Book of Revelation (see Revelation 1:1; 10–19) *and the originator of the three angels' messages*. The “everlasting good news” is that He loves us all, paid an awful price for our sins, and will forgive us if we repent and trust Him fully (Luke 24:45–47; 1 John 1:9).

The first angel announces “with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him...’” To “fear God” means to reverence Him deeply, and to place Him first in our hearts, above everyone or everything. To “give glory to Him” means to seek God’s honor above self-glory which, by contrast, is measly and pitiful. The God of the Bible is indescribably awesome. He deserves our love and highest service.

“For the hour of His judgment has come.”

Like the sounding of an alarm clock at 6:00 a.m. that disturbs sweet dreams, this solemn announcement is a wake-up call to people everywhere that *it’s judgment time*.

What is the standard in the judgment? A clue can be found in this parallel verse:

*Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail (Revelation 11:19).*

In Old Testament times, ancient Israel worshipped at a temple with two compartments: The Holy Place and The Most Holy Place. The most important article of furniture inside The Most Holy Place was the Ten Commandments, “written with the finger of God” on stone tablets (Exodus 31:18), which were placed inside a golden box called “the ark” (Deuteronomy 10:4,5). Putting the pieces together, we discover that the announcement that “the temple of God was *opened* in heaven,” and that “the ark of His covenant was *seen*” (Revelation 11:19) *highlights the Ten Commandments*. The follow-up announcement from the first angel stating that “the hour of His judgment has come” reveals that human beings are *now being judged* by God’s law. As it is written:

*...Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14, KJV).*

In an age of loose morals, false religions, and mass confusion, the first angel is announcing with a “loud voice” that a heavenly *Judgment Day has arrived*. The standard in this judgment isn’t men’s whims, notions, feelings, opinions, theories, psychologies, philosophies, belief-systems, or traditions. Instead it’s the Ten Commandments, which were written with God’s own Almighty finger on solid rock.

The Bible clarifies that “by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20; see also Romans 7:7; James 2:10–12; 1 John 3:4). When we look closely at the Ten Commandments, we gain a specific knowledge of what *sins* we have committed in God’s sight. When we discover our sins, we know exactly *why* we need “the everlasting gospel,” which is the good news of Jesus. Yes, we’ve all sinned, and desperately need a Savior whose shed blood alone can cleanse our souls (see Revelation 1:5).

In this “hour of His judgment” it’s time to face God’s law, and to choose. Will we repent, or not? Will we trust Jesus and His perfect sacrifice, or not? Are we on His side, or not? Will we live for His glory, or not? By His grace, will we keep the Ten Commandments, or not? The choices we make now, and the lives that we live, will determine the judgment’s verdict and whether we’re ready for Jesus Christ’s soon return. Remember, *Jesus is coming*, whether we’re ready, or not (see Revelation 22:10–12).

The first angel concludes with: “...worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” First of all, this statement negates the theory of evolution. According to the Holy Bible, we didn’t come from a mindless Big Bang, mollusks or monkeys, but from the holy hand of an incomprehensibly intelligent, all-powerful and infinitely loving Creator “who made heaven and earth.”

Next, the New Testament reveals that it was Jesus Himself—before He became human—who

made our world in the beginning. As it is written, "He [Jesus] was in the world, and the world was *made by him*, and the world knew him not" (John 1:10, KJV). Thus the first angels' message is a call to worship Jesus Christ as our Maker. Finally, the words, "worship Him who made heaven and earth..." are actually a direct quote from the Fourth Commandment, which states:

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work ... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it (Exodus 20:8-11).*

If you do your homework, you will discover that the original seventh-day Sabbath actually falls on *Saturday*. According to God's Word, "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord" Jesus Christ. When Jesus walked this earth nearly 2,000 years ago, He boldly clarified that He was "Lord even of the Sabbath day" (Matthew 12:8, KJV), which means *He is our everlasting God, the Maker of heaven and earth*.

In a nutshell, the first angel urges all people everywhere to believe "the everlasting gospel" (the good news) that our eternal Creator Jesus Christ became human, loves us all, sacrificed Himself for our



sins, and rose from the dead. It also serves us notice that “the hour of His judgment has come,” and calls our attention to the Ten Commandments. Finally, it calls us to worship Jesus our Creator and to keep His original seventh-day Sabbath. When we do, we are honoring God first above every other earthly consideration. Pretty high-impact, don’t you think? And this is only Angel One.

Angels Two and Three are still to come.

Hold on to your seats...

## THE SECOND ANGELS' MESSAGE

Building on the first angel, Angel Two injects this solemn announcement: “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Revelation 14:8).

What is Babylon? Revelation 17 elaborates that “Babylon” is a “fallen” “woman” who “sits” on “seven mountains” (17:9), is clothed in “purple and scarlet” (17:4), is fabulously wealthy (17:4), has unlawful relationships with world rulers (17:2), “rules over kings” (17:18) is an unholy “Mother” (17:5) and has become “drunk with the blood of the saints” (17:6) by persecuting God’s people.

In the New Testament, a pure woman is used to represent God’s Church (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25; Revelation 12:1; 19:7, 8), thus a “fallen” woman symbolizes *a fallen church*. We can be 100% certain that the Babylonian Harlot of Revelation 17 represents *a fallen church* because God appeals to

*His true children inside of Babylon* to “Come out of her, my people” (Revelation 18:4) before the apocalyptic “seven last plagues” destroy her (see Revelation 16). These key details prove that “Mystery Babylon” doesn’t symbolize America, the Israeli State, ancient pagan Rome, or a future rebuilt city in Iraq—all of which are current speculative theories. Instead, the “Babylon” warned about in the second angels’ message must refer to a worldwide professedly *Christian Church* that, although it has “fallen” away from Bible truth, *nevertheless has genuine followers of Jesus Christ inside of it.*

Putting these pieces together, Bible scholars for over 1,000 years have concluded that “Mystery Babylon...the Mother of Harlots” (Revelation 17:5) can apply to only *one* primary organization: the Roman Catholic Church system, which alone fits every detail of this prophecy. Think soberly: *only* the Roman Catholic Church calls itself “The Mother Church” today. She also sits inside the city of “seven mountains,” which is the city of Rome. The Roman Catholic Church is also fabulously wealthy, has ruled over European kings, and the signature colors of its cardinals are “purple and scarlet.” Worst of all, the Roman Catholic Church has also fiercely persecuted—through its infamous Inquisition—millions of Bible-believing Christians during the Dark Ages.

Yet in spite of its horrors and false teachings, the Roman Catholic Church still has many sincere Christians within her who are serving God as best as they can. Again, it *alone* fits every detail

of this prophecy. Referring to "Mystery Babylon," even *TIME* magazine candidly referred to the "...long-standing Protestant tradition that this symbol of corruption refers to *the Church of Rome*."<sup>2</sup>

The prophetic announcement that "Babylon has fallen" teaches the politically incorrect truth that the richest and most politically-active church on earth today is actually "fallen" in God's sight. The statement that "all nations" have drunk her maddening "wine" means that the entire world, including mainstream media, multitudes of respected religious leaders, and American politicians, have come under the seductive sway of her deceptive charisma and false teachings that are contrary to the Bible. The fact that "Babylon" is a "Mother of Harlots" (plural) also indicates that there are harlot daughters (other churches) that follow Mom's example.

Shocking isn't it? *This is the message of Angel Two.*  
Brace yourself for Angel Three.

### THE THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGE

*A third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God..."* (Revelation 14:9, 10).

Here the third angel warns us about "the beast," "his image," and "his mark." To understand

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2 Elson, John. "Apocalypse Now?" *TIME*, Feb. 11, 1991. (Italics added.)

this warning, we must correctly identify each of these terms.

First, who is “the beast”? There are actually two beasts described in Revelation 13—a beast from the sea (13:1) and a beast from the earth (13:11). The sea beast is the primary beast warned about in the third angels’ message, whereas the earth beast is the one who sets up an “image” of the sea beast (13:14,15).

Historically, similar to how they interpreted the “woman” of Revelation 17, notable Protestant scholars like Martin Luther (Lutheran), John Calvin (Presbyterian), John Wesley (Methodist), Charles Spurgeon (Baptist), Matthew Henry (world-famous Bible commentator), the translators of the King James Bible, and countless others for over 400 years also applied the primary sea “beast” symbol *to the Roman Catholic Church system*.<sup>3</sup>

The Roman Church *does* sit on the “seat” (governmental headquarters) of the ancient pagan Roman empire (13:2), *does* have “a mouth speaking great things” (13:5), *has* made “war with the saints” (13:7), *does* have global influence (13:7,8), and *did* receive a deadly “wound” (13:3) in the pivotal year 1798 when Napoleon’s French army abolished the Vatican’s political power. In 1798, Pope Pius VI was dethroned, banished to France, and went “into captivity” (Revelation 13:10)—exactly as God’s Word predicted. In 1798, and shortly thereafter, a virtual avalanche of Protestant scholars recognized that

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3 For full documentation, see the author’s book, *End Time Delusions*, now available from White Horse Media.

the predicted “wound” (13:3, 14) had been inflicted on “the beast.” “It’s prophecy fulfilled!” they stated with nearly one voice.<sup>4</sup>

What about the earth beast of Revelation 13:11? And what is the “image” that it sets up? Get ready for some amazing revelations.

*First*, a “beast” in Bible prophecy symbolizes a mighty nation (Daniel 7:3–7, 23).

*Second*, the earth beast rises precisely at the same time that the first beast is wounded (13:10, 11)—that is, around 1798.

*Third*, it rises “out of the earth,” or wilderness area, in contrast to a territory symbolized by the “sea” or “water” inhabited by “peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues” (compare 13:1 with 17:1, 15).

*Fourth*, it has two horns, representing a division of power.

*Fifth*, its horns have *no crowns* (compare with 13:1), indicating that this new nation is democratic, rather than a monarchy governed by kings.

*Sixth*, it is lamblike, which means it has certain Christian features.

*Seventh*, it finally achieves superpower status enabling it to affect the global economy and to enforce the dreaded mark of the first beast upon “all” (13:16, 17) during earth’s last crisis.

Think soberly. How many nations today fit every detail of this prophecy? Only one. *The United States of America*.

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4 See <http://www.biblelight.net/h-wound.htm>.

Thus the sea beast (13:1) symbolizes the globally-powerful Roman Catholic Church centered in the Vatican which, historically, yielding to temptation to seek earthly power, *took control of the state*; whereas the earth beast (13:11) symbolizes the freedom-defending United States of America, whose governmental structure, Constitution, and Bill of Rights *separate church and state*.

Shockingly, prophecy predicts that the earth beast (America) will eventually set up an “image” (or replica), of the sea beast (the Roman Church). This would occur if American churches, during a crisis, were to influence the U.S. government to enforce *their version of Christianity on U.S. citizens*—which is exactly what the Vatican did to Europeans for over 1,000 years.

Prophecy predicts that during an apocalyptic crisis an “image” (copy) of the Vatican *will* be formed in America (13:14, 15), that America *will* finally “speak like a dragon” (13:11), and that America *will* ultimately deny its constitutional freedoms by enforcing the mysterious “mark” of the sea beast upon its citizens in a misguided attempt to solve American woes (13:16, 17).

It's time to explain that deadly mark.

## THE MARK OF THE BEAST

If you examine church history carefully, you will discover that the Roman Catholic Church led the charge away from the original seventh-day Sabbath of Jesus Christ specified in the Fourth

Commandment (Exodus 20:8–11; Matthew 12:8, 12; 24:20; Luke 23:56; Acts 16:13), and changed the weekly day of rest to Sunday—a day anciently dedicated to pagan sun worship. The Roman Church did this to avoid the stigma of being like Jews, and to please sun-worshiping pagans. Then it cunningly rationalized the switch by saying that a new day of worship was needed to honor our Savior's resurrection. Rome admits this openly. A popular Roman Catholic Catechism declares,

*Question: Which is the Sabbath day?*

*Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.*

*Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?*

*Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.<sup>5</sup>*

Another Roman Catholic publication declared:

*The Catholic Church ... by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.<sup>6</sup>*

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5 Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1946), p. 50.

6 *The Catholic Mirror*, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893

Again,

*The Bible says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The Catholic Church says: "No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week." And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in a reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church."*<sup>7</sup>

Statements like these could be multiplied.<sup>8</sup> But here's the worst part: The Roman Catholic Church even claims that the switch from the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday is a "mark" of her authority:

*Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [from Sabbath to Sunday] was her act... And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.*<sup>9</sup>

Whether people realize it or not, the popularity of "Sunday" as a weekly worship day is actually a "mark" of the Roman Catholic beast's global influence and authority "over every tribe, tongue, and nation" (Revelation 13:7)!

Just to clarify: No one has the mark of the beast now. Not yet...

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7 T. Enright, C.S.S.R., in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884

8 See <http://www.biblesabbath.org/confessions.html>

9 Letter from C.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, dated October 28, 1895



## UNIVERSAL SUNDAY LAWS PREDICTED

Amazingly, Revelation chapter 13 predicts that Rome's "mark" of authority (Sunday) will eventually be legislated upon "all" (13:16, 17). Believe it or not, that time is coming. As society descends into gross "lawlessness" (Matthew 24:12) and chaos, already the Roman Catholic Church (the sea beast), religious leaders in America (the earth beast), and even mainstream media are promoting the bizarre, anti-religious liberty notion that "returning to Sunday," "keeping Sunday," and "enforcing Sunday" can help solve humanity's social and environmental ills. Notice these recent headlines:

**Keeping stores open on Sunday is not beneficial for society, [says] Pope Francis (Associated Press)<sup>10</sup>**

**Slow Sunday: The simple solution to global warming (The Guardian)<sup>11</sup>**

**Let's make Sunday a day of rest, for God's sake (Fox News)<sup>12</sup>**

**Sunday work is a danger to our health and safety (The Parliament)<sup>13</sup>**

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10 See <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/pope-francis-sundays-article-1.1856433>

11 See <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/cif-green/2009/sep/17/low-carbon-sunday>

12 See <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/04/22/let-make-sunday-day-rest-for-gods-sake.html>

13 See <https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/articles/opinion/sunday-work-danger-our-health-and-safety>

German court enforces  
day of rest (ABC News)<sup>14</sup>

N. Dakota Senate Rejects Blue Law Repeal  
Because Citizens Should “Use That Time  
To Go To Worship” (Patheos)<sup>15</sup>

Sunday should be a day  
for rest (The National)<sup>16</sup>

What does the future hold? Bible prophecy predicts that this scenario *will* happen someday. As killer earthquakes, storms, floods and fires (Jeremiah 6:19; Luke 21:11, 25, 26; Acts 2:19, 20) keep pounding planet Earth, and as anti-God mayhem steadily rises (Matthew 24:12), an hour of utter desperation will finally arrive (Revelation 3:10; 7:14).

Then, heeding strategic counsel from a globally-popular Pope (the sea beast), American religious leaders (the earth beast) will mistakenly cross an apocalyptic line *by influencing the state to enforce Sunday*—forming an “image” of the Papal beast and enforcing its “mark” of authority (Revelation 13:15–17)—in a misguided attempt to rescue humanity from rampant ungodliness.

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14 See <http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/court-rules-shopping-sunday-germany/story?id=9236076>

15 See <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/friendlyatheist/2017/03/15/n-dakota-senate-rejects-blue-law-repeal-because-citizens-should-use-that-time-to-go-to-worship/>

16 See <https://www.thenational.com.pg/sunday-day-rest/>

Universal Sunday laws will undoubtedly be enforced under the deceptive guise of initiating a “Back to God” revival. In that crisis hour, prophecy warns that counterfeit, demon-inspired “miracles” will kick in to support this seductive movement (Revelation 13:14; 16:14; 19:20). Yet make no mistake about it: Sunday legislation is *wrong* for four reasons:

1. Sunday is *not* the true Bible Sabbath of Jesus Christ.
2. God never *forces* anyone to obey Him (see Revelation 22:17).
3. Sunday laws violate the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution separating church and state.
4. Sunday is Papal Rome’s “mark” of authority.

Such delusions will not go unchallenged. Amidst mass confusion and satanic trickery, God Almighty will speak one last time with a “loud voice” through Angel Three, warning humanity:

*If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God... (Revelation 14:9, 10, KJV).*

Angel Three concludes with:

*Here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus* (Revelation 14:12).

Essentially, “the mark of the beast” is an invisible mark (God alone can see it) etched into the inner recesses of one’s “forehead” (symbolizing a person’s mind) or “hand” (representing a person’s actions) indicating that they have permanently chosen (during earth’s final crisis) to honor the self-exalting ways of *Satan*, working through the beast (the Roman Church) above God Almighty. It means they have chosen sin, which is breaking the Ten Commandments (1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7)—especially the one about the seventh-day Sabbath, our Creator’s memorial (Exodus 20:8–11). *It means obeying a creature, Lucifer, above our Creator, Jesus Christ.* Those who persist in rebellion will finally “drink of the wine of the wrath of God” without any “mixture” of mercy during the seven last plagues (Revelation 14:10, 11; 16:1, 2).

## LOVE’S LAST CALL

The living, apocalyptic heart of the third angels’ message is that nearly 2,000 years ago, our Creator—who made our world in six days, and rested on the seventh day (see Genesis 2:1–3)—became a Man, and in an olive garden called Gethsemane, and on a splintery cross, He Himself drank, without a drop of mercy, the full cup of divine justice

against the world's sins of breaking His law (see John 1:1–3, 14; Matthew 26:36–39; 27:1–50). Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was separated from His eternal Father (see Matthew 27:46), and died an awful, incomprehensible death.

Oh, why did He do it?

Because He loves us *that* much.

Today our Savior calls, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15), which is a direct quote from the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:6). If, after reading this booklet, someone mistakenly tells you that keeping the seventh-day Sabbath is legalism, don't be fooled. It's not legalism, but love for our Creator who shed His blood to wash our sins away, who alone can clothe us with “white robes” of His own righteousness (see Revelation 3:18; 7:9–14), and who alone can save us by His grace.

The Bible clarifies that those who avoid Satan's mark “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). *Here is God's truth.* Just like a swimming pool became John and Jan Pascoe's safety zone from that fierce Tubbs Fire, even so does Revelation 14:12 reveal our safety zone from the papal beast, its American image, and the evil mark of enforced Sunday-keeping during earth's final crisis—*which will be Satan's last attempt to establish his law-breaking authority over the entire world.*

After John and Jan spent six hours hiding from flames inside the frigid waters of that pool, *The L.A. Times* reported:

*Their faces were sooty. Their blondish gray hair was blackened and matted from all the soot and ash. It was about 55 degrees. They were wet, cold and barefoot. But they were alive.*

*"We held hands," John said, "and walked out."*<sup>17</sup>

Seventh-day Sabbath keepers who love Jesus during earth's last crisis will have a similar experience. Saying "No!" to the beast and rejecting its mark won't be easy, or popular. But God will be with them. When the seven last plagues descend, they will survive (read Psalm 91). By faith, they will grasp the hand of their crucified, risen, and returning King, who won't let them perish. They will survive earth's apocalyptic meltdown because they have chosen to respond to *God's final warning* before the end of the world, to yield to His love, to trust Jesus fully, and to obey His law.

What about you? What about me?

If this is all new to you, don't panic.

God will help you, step by step.

Let's choose Jesus Christ, not the beast!

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17 *LA Times*, Oct. 12, 2017

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