THE LAST GREAT ENEMY OF THE LAMB JOINS WITH THE BEAST TO PERSECUTE GOD'S PEOPLE

"Through paganism, and then through the Papacy, Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to blot from the earth God's faithful witnesses. Pagans and papists were actuated by the same dragon spirit. They differed only in that the Papacy, making a pretense of serving God, was the more dangerous and cruel foe. Through the agency of Romanism, Satan took the world captive. The professed church of God was swept into the ranks of this delusion, and for more than a thousand years the people of God suffered under the dragon's ire. And when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea, but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which is symbolized. The "two horns like a lamb" well represent the character of the United States Government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Those who first found an asylum on the shores of American rejoiced that they had reached a country free from the arrogant claims of popery and the tyranny of kingly rule. They determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARISES AS THE BEAST WITH TWO HORNS THAT SPEAKS AS A DRAGON AROUND THE TIME OF THE DEADLY WOUND OF THE PAPACY IN 1798

What new power did John see in vision and what do these symbols mean? Rev 13:11; Dan 7:23; Ezek 26:20; Hab 3:4; Jn 1:29; Rev 12:9. Ans: a. 11 And I beheld another ____ coming up out of the _____; and he had two horns like a as a . Rev 13:11. , and he spake as a Ans: b. And I beheld another beast. ²³Thus he said, The fourth shall be the fourth upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. Dan 7:23. As a beast is a symbol of a kingdom that has power over the earth we need to be looking for a world wide power arising about the time that the received its . The only worldwide power to arise at this time was the United States of America. See note below. Ans: c. The struggle of the American colonies for independence began in 1775. In , they declared themselves a free nation. In _____, delegates from the thirteen original states - New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia - in congress assembled, adopted Articles of _____ _. In _____, the of the Revolution closed with a treaty of peace with Great Britain, whereby the of the United States was acknowledged, and territory ceded to the extent of 815, 615 square miles (1,312,324.5350 square kilometers). In ______, the _______ was framed, and by July 26, 1788, it was ratified by eleven of the thirteen original States; and on the 1st of March, _____, it went into effect. The United States thus began with less than one million square miles (1,609,000 square kilometers) of territory, and less than four million miles (1,312,324.5350 square kilometers). In _____ citizens. "Daniel and Revelation," by Uriah Smith, pages 573, 574. See note below. Ans: d. 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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ABANDON THE PRINCIPLES OF ITS GOVERNMENT TO ENACT A SUNDAY LAW, THUS FOLLOWING IN THE STEPS OF THE PAPACY. AMERICA BOTH JOINS HANDS WITH THE PAPACY, AND GIVES HER THE CHANCE TO REGAIN HER FORMER POWER

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Whosoever shall profane the Lord's day (Sunday), or any part of it, either by sinful servile , recreation, or otherwise, whether wilfully or in careless neglect, shall be duly punished by fine, , or corporally, according to nature, and the measure of the sin, and offense. But if the court upon examination, by clear and satisfying evidence find that the sin was proudly, presumtuously, and with a high hand committed against the known command and authority of the blessed God, such a person therein despising and reproaching the Lord, shall be put to _____, that all others mat feare and shun such provoking rebellious courses. "Present Truth" article Sunday laws, February 1, 1930. See note below. _ in American history to date was the Ans: e. One of the most interesting and significant Sunday introduction in 1888 by Senator H. W. Blair of New Hampshire of a proposed Sunday law. This proposed law was different to the State blue laws that went before it in that it would have national force throughout all the territory of the United States of America. The following account of the Blair bill was written as an account of A. T. Jones of his presentation before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on December 3, 1888. See note below. THE BLAIR BILL " 50TH CONGRESS} 1st SESSION "In the Senate of the United States, May 21, 1888, Mr. Blair introduced the following bill, which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor: "A bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day (Sunday), as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That no person, or corporation, or the agent, servant, or employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed any secular , labor, or business to the disturbance of others, works of necessity, mercy and humanity excepted; nor shall _, game or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, or during any part thereof, in any territory, district, vessel or place subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States; nor shall it be lawful for any person or corporation to receive service performed or rendered in violation of this section. "SEC. 2. That no or mail matter shall hereafter be transported in time of peace over any land postal route, nor shall any mail matter be collected, assorted handled, or delivered during any part of the first day of the week ... "SEC. 3. That the prosecution of between the States and Indian tribes, the same not being work of necessity, mercy, of humanity, by the transportation of persons or property by land or water in such way as to interfere with or disturb the people in the enjoyment of the first day of the week, or any portion thereof, as a day of rest from labor, the same not being labor of necessity, mercy, or humanity, or its observance as a day of religious worship, is hereby prohibited... ____, not in time of active service or immediate "SEC. 4. That all military and naval drills, musters, and _, sailors, marines, or cadets of the United States, on the first day of the preparation thereof, of week, except assemblies for the due and orderly observance of religious worship, are hereby shall any unnecessary labor be performed or permitted in the military or naval service of the United States on the Lord's day. "SEC. 5. That it shall be unlawful to pay or receive or wages in any manner for service rendered, or for labor performed, or for the transportation of persons or of property in violation of the provisions of this act, nor shall any action lie for recovery thereof, and when so paid, whether in advance or otherwise, the same may be recovered back by whoever shall first sue for the same. See note below. Ans: f. But the question that is of real interest to us is: "Does the United States have powerful religious and political groups today laws known as _____ that are wanting to bring back into affect these following information will help us determine the answer to this vital question. The answer to this question is first powerful group in America we will investigate is "The Christian Coalition." Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is Christian theological center of the organization. The cover story of the "Atlantic Monthly" magazine for November 1995 featured a report by liberal Protestant theologian and Harvard professor Harvey Cox of his visit to Regent. Cox says that Regent has been called the Harvard of the Religious Right. He observed that the stated goal of the Regent University to society with Christian is similar to that of the Order of the sixteenth century. Cox states, "This is just what gives many people the jitters. Pat Robertson is both founder and chancellor of Regent, and both founder and president of the 1.7 member Christian Coalition; so it is understandable that the idea of a university designed to dispatch waves of ardent young graduates into all professional spheres might sound ominous to those who harbor reservations about the coalition's potent mixture of old-time religion and up-to-date conservative politics. G. Edward Reid, "Sunday's Coming," pages 7,8. See note below. Ans: g. How is the United States of America joining now with the Papacy so that it can cause the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed? Ellen G. White in her book 'Great Controversy," page 588 "Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul (Gen 3:4) and 7:25), Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond

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On January 10, 1984, upon the orders of the United States President Ronald Reagen and the "Holy See," the central government of the Roman Catholic Church, represented by "the Holy Father," Pope John Paul II, full diplomatic relations were established between these two entities.
"This cordial and cooperative framework did not always exist. In fact it took
What brought these two powers together is the "common enemy strategy." In essence, Pope John Paul told former U. S. president Ronald Reagan: "Though we may not have a lot in common between us, we do have a common enemy in Let's work together for its downfall. And so what "Time" Magazine called the "Holy Alliance" was born (See "Time" February 24, 1992).
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Catholics together." In essence these two groups agreed to work together to defeat a common enemy. Evangelical author Dave Hunt in his recent book, "A Woman Rides the Beast," states that the signing of this document "was the
most significant event in nearly years of church history The document in effect overturned the and will unquestionably have far reaching repercussions throughout the Christian
world for years to come (p.5).
We see further evidence that America and the Papacy are cooperating, as predicted in Revelation 13, in the activity of the Christian headed by Pat In early October 1995 on the occasion of the papal visit to the United
States, Robertson and other Evangelical (Protestant) leaders had a private meeting with Paul II at the residence of Cardinal John O' Connor in New York. At the meeting Robertson presented the pope with a three-page letter pledging
his support for the unity of Christians. Robertson later joined the pope on the platform for the mass in New Vork? Control Park
The Christian Coalition recently announced the formation of the Catholic, its Catholic branch, already with over 250,000 members. Prominent Catholic leaders have just concluded the first national conference of the Catholic
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There have been serious Sunday laws in the United States before. Sunday blue laws, as they are called, existed in America from Colonial days. But it was not until the late 1880s and early 1890s that Sunday laws became a widespread issue in the United States. During that period 17 of the 48 states with Sunday laws were actually using them to prosecute Sabbath keepers. Arkansas and Tennessee were the worst. In fact, in the two years of 1895 and 1896 "no less than 76 Seventh-day Adventists were prosecuted in the United States and Canada under the existing Sunday laws. Of these, 28 served terms of varying lengths in jails, chain gangs etc., aggregating 1,144 days" (American State papers, p. 562; see also, Warren L. Johns, Dateline Sunday, U. S. A., PP 43-57).

The following are some examples of early Sunday laws in some of the States before America's Constitution and the Bill of rights were established

VIRGINIA

America's first Sunday law

1610

Every man and woman shall repair in the morning to the divine service and sermons preached upon the Sabbath day (Sunday), and in the afternoon to divine service, and catechizing, upon pain for the first fault to lose their provision and their allowance for the week following; for the second, to lose the said allowance and also be whipt; and for the third to suffer death. "Present Truth" article Sunday laws, February 1, 1930.

CONNECTICUT

1656

Whosoever shall profane the Lord's day (Sunday), or any part of it, either by sinful servile work, or by unlawful sport, recreation, or otherwise, whether wilfully or in careless neglect, shall be duly punished by fine, imprisonment, or corporally, according to nature, and the measure of the sin, and offense. But if the court upon examination, by clear and satisfying evidence find that the sin was proudly, presumptuously, and with a high hand committed against the known command and authority of the blessed God, such a person therein despising and reproaching the Lord, shall be put to death, that all others may feare and shun such provoking rebellious courses. "Present Truth" article Sunday laws, February 1, 1930.

One of the most interesting and significant Sunday agitatrions in American history to date was the introduction in 1888 by Senator H. W. Blair of New Hampshire of a proposed national Sunday law. This proposed law was different to the State blue laws that went

before it in that it would have national force throughout all the territory of the United States of America. The following account of the Blair bill was written as an account of A. T. Jones of his presentation before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on December 3, 1888.

THE BLAIR BILL

- "In the Senate of the United States, May 21, 1888, Mr. Blair introduced the following bill, which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor:
- "A bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day (Sunday), as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That no person, or corporation, or the agent, servant, or employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed any secular work, labor, or business to the disturbance of others, works of necessity, mercy and humanity excepted; nor shall any person engage in any play, game or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, or during any part thereof, in any territory, district, vessel or place subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States; nor shall it be lawful for any person or corporation to receive pay for labor or service performed or rendered in violation of this section

- "SEC. 2. That no mails or mail matter shall hereafter be transported in time of peace over any land postal route, nor shall any mail matter be collected, assorted handled, or delivered during any part of the first day of the week ...
- "SEC. 3. That the prosecution of commerce between the States and Indian tribes, the same not being work of necessity, mercy, of humanity, by the transportation of persons or property by land or water in such way as to interfere with or disturb the people in the enjoyment of the first day of the week, or any portion thereof, as a day of rest from labor, the same not being labor of necessity, mercy, or humanity, or its observance as a day of religious worship, is hereby prohibited...
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But the question that is of real interest to us is: "Does the United States have powerful religious and political groups today that are wanting to bring back into affect these Sunday laws known as blue laws." The following information will help us determine the answer to this vital question. The answer to this question is yes! The first powerful group in America we will investigate is "The Christian Coalition." Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is the intellectual and theological center of the Christian Coalition a Protestant organization. The cover story of the "Atlantic Monthly" magazine for November 1995 featured a report by liberal Protestant theologian and Harvard professor Harvey Cox of his visit to Regent. Cox says that Regent has been called the Harvard of the Religious Right. He observed that the stated goal of the Regent University to invade society with Christian professionals is similar to that of the Jesuit Order of the sixteenth century. Cox states, "This is just what gives many people the jitters. Pat Robertson is both founder and chancellor of Regent, and both founder and president of the 1.7 million-member Christian Coalition; so it is understandable that the idea of a university designed to dispatch waves of ardent young graduates into all professional spheres might sound ominous to those who harbor reservations about the coalition's potent mixture of old-time religion and up-to-date conservative politics. G. Edward Reid, "Sunday's Coming," pages 7,8.

How is the United States of America joining now with the Papacy so that it can cause the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed? Ellen G. White in her book 'Great Controversy," page 588 predicted:

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul (Gen 3:4) and Sunday sacredness (Dan 7:25), Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

On January 10, 1984, upon the orders of the United States President Ronald Reagen and the "Holy See," the central government of the Roman Catholic Church, represented by "the Holy Father," Pope John Paul II, full diplomatic relations were established between these two entities.

"This cordial and cooperative framework did not always exist. In fact it took 208 years for the United States to enter into full diplomatic relations with the oldest international personality in the community of nations." (Thomas P. Melady, The Ambassador's Story – The United States and the Vatican in World Affairs, p. 41).

What brought these two powers together is the "common enemy strategy."

In essence, Pope John Paul told former U. S. president Ronald Reagan: "Though we may not have a lot in common between us, we do have a common enemy in Communism. Let's work together for its downfall. And so what "Time" Magazine called the "Holy Alliance" was born (See "Time" February 24, 1992).

With the success of that endeavor the papacy then turned its attention to cooperative ventures with the Protestants of America in working to defeat the common enemy of moral corruption in the United States.

It was in an atmosphere of common cause that leading American Catholics and Evangelicals (Protestants) prepared and signed on March 29, 1994, the historical document entitled "Evangelicals and Catholics together." In essence these two groups agreed to work together to defeat a common enemy.

Evangelical author Dave Hunt in his recent book, "A Woman Rides the Beast," states that the signing of this document "was the most significant event in nearly 500 years of church history ... The document in effect overturned the Reformation and will unquestionably have far reaching repercussions throughout the Christian world for years to come (p.5).

We see further evidence that America and the Papacy are cooperating as predicted in Revelation 13 in the activity of the Christian Coalition, headed by Pat Robertson. In early October 1995 on the occasion of the papal visit to the United States, Robertson and other Evangelical (Protestant) leaders had a private meeting with John Paul II at the residence of Cardinal John O' Connor in New York. At the meeting Robertson presented the pope with a three- page letter pledging his support for the unity of Christians. Robertson later joined the pope on the platform for the papal mass in New York's Central Park.

The Christian Coalition recently announced the formation of the Catholic Alliance, its Catholic branch, already with over 250,000 members. Prominent Catholic leaders have just concluded the first national conference of the Catholic Campaign for America. As stated in their printed materials, "The mission of the Catholic Campaign for America is to activate Catholic citizens, to increase the Catholic electorate's influence in forming public policy, and to focus the public's attention on the beauty and richness of Catholic teaching." G. Edward Reid, "Sunday's Coming," pages 13-15.

Ecumenism is a fairly new term, used since 1948 to describe the tendency of modern Christian groups or bodies to cooperate and unify. Two recent documents on ecumenism and the unity of Christians have major significance. One was written in Rome – at the Vatican – and the other was written in the United States. The first is "Evangelicals and Catholics together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium." This 25-page document was developed by Protestant Chuck Colson and former Protestant Richard John Neuhaus and signed by 40 well-known Evangelical and Catholic leaders. The document was signed on March 29, 1994. Among the Catholic signatories are John Cardinal O'Conner, Richard John Neuhaus, Kieth Fournier, Nathan Hatch, and Matthew Lamb. The Protestant signatories included Pat Robertson, Bill Bright, Chuck Colson, Mark Noll, and Richard Mouw.

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Pat Robertson, founder and president of the Christian Coalition, authored a book titled "The New World Order." In it he states: "Galley slaves and coolies forced to work seven days a week became no better than beasts of burden. Higher civilizations rise when people can rest, think, and draw inspiration from God. Laws in America (Sunday laws known as blue laws) that mandated a day of rest from incessant commerce have been nullified as a violation of church and state... What idiocy our society has indulged in by refusing to acknowledge the wisdom of God.

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4. What else did the Bible predict that Protestant America would do to those who will not wors Rev 13:15.	ship the image of the beast?
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