

## 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 America 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

1. 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. <sup>11</sup>And I beheld another \_\_\_\_\_ coming up out of the \_\_\_\_\_; and he had two horns like a \_\_\_\_\_, and he spake as a \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 13:11.

Ans: b. And I beheld another beast. <sup>23</sup>Thus 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 \_\_\_\_\_ wound in \_\_\_\_\_. 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 and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 citizens. "Daniel and Revelation," by Uriah Smith, pages 573, 574. See note below.

Ans: d. Coming up out of the earth. <sup>20</sup>When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the \_\_\_\_\_, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not \_\_\_\_\_; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; Ezek 26:20.

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<sup>29</sup>The next day John seeth \_\_\_\_\_ coming unto him, and saith, Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Jn 1:29.

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### **2. How did this new beast act and relate with respect to the Leopard-like beast or the Papacy? Rev 13:12.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>12</sup>And he \_\_\_\_\_ all the power of the first \_\_\_\_\_ before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast, whose \_\_\_\_\_ wound was \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 13:12.

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*Section Eight – War of Worship in the Time of Judgment*  
*Lesson 24 - The Leopard Like Beast's Counterfeit Worship System Part IV*

On January 10, 1984, upon the orders of the United States President Ronald Reagan 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ then turned its attention to cooperative ventures with the Protestants of America in working to defeat the common enemy of moral \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.

It was in an atmosphere of common cause that leading American \_\_\_\_\_ and Evangelicals (\_\_\_\_\_) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 York's Central Park.

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The Christian Coalition gave the document front page coverage in their 'Christian American' publication. Their report states: "After nearly \_\_\_\_\_ centuries of division and \_\_\_\_\_, Protestants and Catholics have taken an important step toward \_\_\_\_\_. Forty key Evangelical and Catholic leaders signed a statement at the Institute on Religion and Public Life in New York City, on March 29, 1994, urging their followers to accept each other as Christians, put aside differences and contend for common civil causes.

" 'This is the wave of the future. It is as significant a coalition to the future American \_\_\_\_\_ as the unification of the blacks and Jews during the civil rights struggle,' Dr Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, told the "Wall Street Journal."

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**Ans: i. Ellen G. White in her book the "Great Controversy"** made a prediction about Protestant America, over a century ago, that is proving to be correct in every detail. "In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, \_\_\_\_\_ are following in the steps of \_\_\_\_\_. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the \_\_\_\_\_ to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the \_\_\_\_\_ World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of \_\_\_\_\_ observance--a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her \_\_\_\_\_. It is the spirit of the papacy--the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God--that is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of \_\_\_\_\_ exaltation which the papacy has done before them." p. 573.

Pat \_\_\_\_\_, 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 (\_\_\_\_\_ laws known as \_\_\_\_\_ laws) that mandated a day of rest from incessant commerce have been nullified as a violation of church and state... What \_\_\_\_\_ our society has indulged in by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the wisdom of God.

Since exaltation and promised rewards came from one day of rest and worship. I determine to remake my \_\_\_\_\_ according to the biblical model" (Pat Robertson, *The New World Order*, pp. 236, 237). See note below.

**Ans: j. Another indication of the way that American Protestants are joining with Catholic thinking in regards to Sunday** \_\_\_\_\_ laws is recorded in the papers written for the Massachusetts Council of Churches that was printed in Boston, January 1993. The articles were written under the title “ Sunday Closing Laws Revisited, a Biblical, Ethical, and Sociological Study of a Common Day of Rest”. Bradley Googins, Ph.D., of Boston University writes in this article: “It seems to me that it is up to the clergy and others among us concerned with the quality of life to speak out strongly for the value of the system which is supportive of our families and communities. We must articulate a vision of life which values family time, reflective time and communities built on caring and mutual support. Only by framing the \_\_\_\_\_ closing laws in this manner do we have a chance for insuring a basic quality of life for our families and communities.”

In the same set of papers Dr Barbara Darling-Smith wrote the article “The Meaning of Sabbath Rest in the World of Commerce” for the series. She wrote that “ The benefits of Sabbath for humans and our environment are too precious to be left to the vagaries of the marketplace, to the luck of where one find employment, or to the good intentions of one’s employer. Like the question of family leave, a basic human need of this sort needs \_\_\_\_\_ support; otherwise workers will be exploited.”

In concluding a Council of Churches session Dr. Ruy Costa stated, “Only with a renewed vision, with a statewide grassroots effort, and, with the will to be \_\_\_\_\_ in defense of the \_\_\_\_\_ laws, will common day of rest advocates in this Commonwealth be able to persevere against the tremendous odds faced in defense of the Sunday Closing laws.” See note below

**Ans: k. Whose deadly wound was healed.** The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1798. After this, says the prophet, "his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states plainly that the "man of sin" will continue until the \_\_\_\_\_ Advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." Revelation 13:8. In both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ World, the \_\_\_\_\_ will receive homage in the honor paid to the \_\_\_\_\_ institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church. The world is fast moving in both the Old and especially in the New world to bring about the completion of the healing of this \_\_\_\_\_ wound which has been continuing steadily since \_\_\_\_\_ when the Papacy regained for the first time some of it’s political power back after \_\_\_\_\_. The enforcement of \_\_\_\_\_ worship initiated by the United States of \_\_\_\_\_ will bring back the full power that the Papacy lost in the time of its deadly wound in 1798. See note below.

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**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.

The Christian Coalition gave the document front page coverage in their 'Christian American' publication. Their report states: "After nearly four centuries of division and hostility, Protestants and Catholics have taken an important step toward unity. Forty key Evangelical and Catholic leaders signed a statement at the Institute on Religion and Public Life in New York City, on March 29, 1994, urging their followers to accept each other as Christians, put aside differences and contend for common civil causes.

" 'This is the wave of the future. It is as significant a coalition to the future American politics as the unification of the blacks and Jews during the civil rights struggle,' Dr Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, told the "Wall Street Journal." G. Edward Reid, "Sunday's Coming," pages 13-15.

**Ellen G. White in her book the "Great Controversy"** made a prediction about Protestant America, over a century ago, that is proving to be correct in every detail. "In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance--a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority. It is the spirit of the papacy--the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God--that is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them." p. 573.

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.

Since exaltation and promised rewards came from one day of rest and worship. I determine to remake my Sundays according to the biblical model" (Pat Robertson, *The New World Order*, pp. 236, 237).

**Another indication of the way that American Protestants are joining with Catholic thinking in regards to Sunday** blue laws is recorded in the papers written for the Massachusetts Council of Churches that was printed in Boston, January 1993. The articles were written under the title " Sunday Closing Laws Revisited, a Biblical, Ethical, and Sociological Study of a Common Day of Rest". Bradley Googins, Ph.D., of Boston University writes in this article: "It seems to me that it is up to the clergy and others among us concerned with the quality of life to speak out strongly for the value of the system which is supportive of our families and communities. We must articulate a vision of life which values family time, reflective time and communities built on caring and mutual support. Only by framing the Sunday closing laws in this manner do we have a chance for insuring a basic quality of life for our families and communities."

In the same set of papers Dr Barbara Darling-Smith wrote the article "The Meaning of Sabbath Rest in the World of Commerce" for the series. She wrote that " The benefits of Sabbath for humans and our environment are too precious to be left to the vagaries of the marketplace, to the luck of where one find employment, or to the good intentions of one's employer. Like the question of family leave, a basic human need of this sort needs legislative support; otherwise workers will be exploited."

In concluding a Council of Churches session Dr. Ruy Costa stated, "Only with a renewed vision, with a statewide grassroots effort, and, with the will to be political in defense of the Sunday laws, will common day of rest advocates in this Commonwealth be able to persevere against the tremendous odds faced in defense of the Sunday Closing laws."

**Whose deadly wound was healed.** The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, "his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states plainly that the "man of sin" will continue until the Second Advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." Revelation 13:8. In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church. The world is fast moving in both the Old and especially in the New world to bring about the completion of the healing of this deadly wound which has been continuing steadily since 1929 when the Papacy regained for the first time some of its political power back after 1798. The enforcement of Sunday worship initiated by the United States of America will bring back the full power that the Papacy lost in the time of its deadly wound in 1798.

### **3. What does Protestant America do to deceive the world and what do they say to them that dwell on the earth? Rev 13:13,14.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>13</sup>And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh \_\_\_\_\_ come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,  
<sup>14</sup>And \_\_\_\_\_ them that dwell on the earth by *the means* of those \_\_\_\_\_ which he had power to do



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in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an \_\_\_\_\_ to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. Rev 13:13,14.

**Ans: b. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast.**

Many endeavor to account for spiritual manifestations by attributing them wholly to fraud and sleight of hand on the part of the medium. But while it is true that the results of trickery have often been palmed off as genuine manifestations, there have been, also, marked exhibitions of supernatural power. The mysterious rapping with which modern spiritualism began was not the result of human trickery or cunning, but was the direct work of evil angels, who thus introduced one of the most successful of soul-destroying delusions. \_\_\_\_\_ will be ensnared through the belief that \_\_\_\_\_ is a merely \_\_\_\_\_ imposture; when brought face to face with manifestations which they cannot but regard as \_\_\_\_\_, they will be deceived, and will be led to accept them as the great power of \_\_\_\_\_.

These persons overlook the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the wonders wrought by Satan and his agents. It was by satanic aid that Pharaoh's magicians were enabled to counterfeit the work of God. Paul testifies that before the Second Advent of Christ there will be similar manifestations of satanic power. The coming of the Lord is to be preceded by "the working of \_\_\_\_\_ with all power and signs and \_\_\_\_\_ wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9,10. And the apostle John, describing the miracle-working power that will be manifested in the last days, declares: "He doeth great \_\_\_\_\_, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and \_\_\_\_\_ them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do." Revelation 13:13, 14. No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do. See note below.

**Ans: c. Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the \_\_\_\_\_ power rests with the \_\_\_\_\_; a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy.

But what is the "image to the beast"? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image to the first \_\_\_\_\_. It is also called an image of the beast. Then to learn what the \_\_\_\_\_ is like, and how it is to be formed, we must study the characteristics of the beast itself, --the \_\_\_\_\_. When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel, and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the consciences of the people she sought the support of the \_\_\_\_\_ power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the State, and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "\_\_\_\_\_." In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the \_\_\_\_\_ power must so control the \_\_\_\_\_ government that the authority of the State will also be employed by the church to accomplish her \_\_\_\_\_ ends. See note below.

**And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast.**

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These persons overlook the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the wonders wrought by Satan and his agents. It was by satanic aid that Pharaoh's magicians were enabled to counterfeit the work of God. Paul testifies that before the Second Advent of Christ there will be similar manifestations of satanic power. The coming of the Lord is to be preceded by "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9,10. And the apostle John, describing the miracle-working power that will be manifested in the last days, declares: "He doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do." Revelation 13:13, 14. No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do.

**Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people; a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy.

But what is the "image to the beast"? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image to the first beast. It is also called an image of the beast. Then to learn what the image is like, and how it is to be formed, we must study the characteristics of the beast itself, --the papacy. When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel, and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the State, and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy." In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the State will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.

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

**Ans: a.** <sup>15</sup>And \_\_\_\_\_ had power to give life unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 13:15.

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**Ans: b. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast.** The “he” spoken of in Rev 13:13-15 is the United States of \_\_\_\_\_ especially the \_\_\_\_\_. The Image of the beast is talking of the \_\_\_\_\_ world in America that is the \_\_\_\_\_ who uses the State to enforce \_\_\_\_\_ worship. See note below.

**Ans: c. Nations will be stirred to their very center.** Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the \_\_\_\_\_ instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of \_\_\_\_\_ alone, but of the \_\_\_\_\_ world, the image of the beast. See note below.

**Ans: d. Romanists declare that "the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church."**[2 "PLAIN TALK ABOUT PROTESTANTISM," P. 213.] The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sunday-keeping on the part of \_\_\_\_\_ churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy--of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath; are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an \_\_\_\_\_ to the beast; hence the enforcement of \_\_\_\_\_-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_. See note below.

**Ans: e. In this our day, many of God's servants, though innocent of wrongdoing,** will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment; and at last a \_\_\_\_\_ decree will denounce these as deserving of death. The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of \_\_\_\_\_ itself, can induce them to make the least concession to \_\_\_\_\_ worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or \_\_\_\_\_. See note below.

**And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast.** The “he” spoken of in Rev 13:13-15 is the United States of America especially the State. The Image of the beast is talking of the Protestant world in America that is the Church who uses the State to enforce Sunday worship.

**Nations will be stirred to their very center.** Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

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**5. Would you like to be among those that will stay faithful to God by worshipping on His Seventh Day Sabbath no matter what persecution comes to you through your family, church, work, friends, or state? \_\_\_\_\_**