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Introduction

Welcome again to the Time-of-the-End Prophecy Series. Today's study is entitled, "Armageddon, Part 3: The Final Battle." This study is better suited to being read, because there are many places where you will need to look up Bible texts, to verify that what has been said is true, according to God's Word.

NOTE: As you read, please notice the hyperlinks to the GLOSSARY. The hyperlinks look like this [g1], which means [glossary, item#1]. The GLOSSARY is located at the very end of this document, but it is fully linked, so you can click the [BACK] button to return to where you were reading. To use the hyperlinks, just left-click on your mouse.

Armageddon, Part 3: The Final Battle

Armageddon. Do you believe the end of the world is coming? "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation 16:16) The problem is, nobody seems to agree about the nature of this conflict, how it will be fought, or even why. Most often we hear the idea that Armageddon will be a conventional war fought between many nations in the Middle East. But, is this correct? More than ever, we need to let the Bible be its own interpreter.

Jesus warned us that great upheavals of end-time proportions will be occurring all over earth; "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against
kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

(Matthew 24:7) And then He added, in Matthew 24:8, that these frightening events would only be "the beginning of sorrows;" but, what did He mean? Perhaps this: That a moral conflict was coming that would envelope the entire earth...an internal struggle, fought between a man's sinful nature and his loyalty to God. This moral struggle, in fact, is Armageddon, and only those upon whom God places His SEAL, will have any hope of passing through the terrifying time of trouble, and entering the kingdom of heaven.

**Armageddon has three phases:**

**The Hour of Temptation** takes place during the Laodicean church period—which is the last church of the seven listed in the book of Revelation. The Laodicean church period is our time, meaning that The Hour of Temptation is going on right now, over the entire planet; it is the final test of mankind's loyalty to God. During this time, all those who are proved faithful to God are SEALED by His angels.

**The Time-of-Trouble** takes place after God's angels have finished the SEALING of God's servants; with the sealing completed, probation closes for mankind, and the time of trouble begins: God releases the seven plagues upon all who rejected God's SEAL. Also, during the time of trouble, Satan will appear on earth and impersonate the return of Jesus.

**The Time-of-Jacob's-Trouble** takes place near the end of the seven plagues, when a death decree is
pronounced against Christians who have the \textit{SEAL} of God.

As we go along, each of these three phases of Armageddon will be expanded upon.

\textbf{Review of Armageddon Sermons 1 & 2}

Satan's preparations for the spiritual battle of Armageddon really began in earnest in the early 1840's, when Charles Darwin presented the Theory of Evolution. Darwin gave the world just the excuse it was looking for, so that it could throw God away and make science its new God, its new source of truth. This first volley \textit{against} God's TRUTH, illustrates well that Armageddon is shaping up to be a spiritual war, fought between the Word of God and the god of this world, Satan.

The first sermon, Armageddon Part 1, exposed the fallen structure of \textit{Babylon the great}, made up of the \textit{dragon} (Spiritualism), the \textit{beast} (Catholicism) and the \textit{false prophet} (apostate Protestantism)...which distribute false doctrines, (called \textit{three unclean spirits}) for the purpose of gathering the world to the final spiritual conflict, known as Armageddon. The Bible says to test the spirits (Isaiah 8:20), “whether they be of God:” (1 John 4:1); When these \textit{three unclean spirits} (or messages) are tested by the Bible, their many flaws become evident. According to 2 Thess. 2:3,4, three false systems of worship, under the name of \textit{Babylon the great}, were constructed by Satan so that he would be worshiped in place of God. As time draws to a close, \textit{Babylon the great}
will be manipulated by Satan for a second purpose...to persecute God's genuine worshipers, while making it appear that God's will is being carried out.

The second sermon, Armageddon-Part 2, dealt with *God's counter-measures*. . . three angels, or messages, are sent to warn earth about the false church system of Babylon, its false doctrines (called unclean spirits), and its deceptive miracles. God's three messages of warning in Revelation 14: 6-12 were that mankind should . . .

(Synopsis)

1) believe the everlasting gospel and reject evolution, by accepting and honoring God as the Creator of heaven, earth, and man...

2) reject fallen Babylon, because of her false doctrines, which is the wine of the wrath of her fornication, spoken of in Rev. 14:8 and 18:3 . . .

3) and, finally, all worshipers are asked to refuse the Mark of the Beast, which is Sunday worship—the MARK of Papal authority. Instead, God's followers are persuaded to receive the SEAL of God (the Saturday Sabbath), by making a *conscious decision* to do so, sealing them in their *foreheads*. Revelation says that a 144,000 were sealed, plus an additional un-numbered group who had lived during all the ages of earth.
The Identity of the “Remnant”

In the war of Armageddon, a faithful "remnant" of God's followers, will stand in opposition to modern Babylon: They enlist all of the counter-measures suggested by the three angels in Revelation 14: 6-12. The “remnant” and their church may be identified by the following special characteristics:

1) The “remnant” will have faith in Jesus. (Galatians 2:16, 3:22, 3:26, Romans 3:28, Rev. 12:17, and Rev. 14:12)

2) God's followers will honor all of God's commandments. (See Rev. 14:12, John 14:15, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matt.5:18)

3) They follow the Lord's testimony, which is the spirit of prophecy. (2 Peter 1:19, Rev.12:17, and Rev.19:10)

4) God's followers keep the Lord's new-testament covenant, by writing the commandments in their hearts and minds. (See Hebrews 8:10, and 2 Corinthians 3:3)

5) They hold, as sacred, the original Saturday sabbath, because it is God's SEAL, which identifies the authentic Christian. God's SEAL is the 4th commandment, and contains three critical facts about God that his followers actually believe.

1-His TITLE: “the Lord thy God.” (Exodus 20:2,5,7,12)

2-His AUTHORITY: He is the Creator. He “made heaven and earth...” and mankind. (Exodus 20:11, Genesis 1:27)

3-His DOMAIN, where He rules: “Heaven and earth.” (See Exodus 20:11, and Revelation 14:7)
**God's Final Warning to the Churches of Fallen Babylon**

Satan has a nemesis on earth, a spiritual enemy...a thorn in his side: it is the *remnant* of Rev.12:17, the worshipers who hold to God's highest standard, because they keep the original ten commandments, have faith in Jesus, are led by the Testimony of Jesus (which is the spirit of prophecy)...and they are God's chosen, having His special identifying SEAL, the Saturday sabbath. It is this end-time group of worshipers who mortify the entire world by delivering God's final, disturbing warning to the fallen churches of modern Babylon...and that warning is found in Revelation 18:4 and John 10:16...

"4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

[The plagues mentioned are the seven last plagues; here God's voice is speaking to the planet, telling all worshipers, if you belong to any of the churches of fallen Babylon, then GET OUT NOW, before you are destroyed by the plagues which are soon to arrive.]

This same call to come out of Babylon is mentioned earlier in the Lord's own words, using slightly different phrasing: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold [not of the Jews]: them also [all the religions of earth] I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16) This text indicates that the
Lord's believers (His sheep) are scattered in many folds, and must be brought back into one fold. The Lord's salvation was meant to include all the peoples of earth, in a single fold, under one Shepherd. No one was to be excluded.

Unfortunately, Satan has other plans. Since he was the one who divided the churches, he was not about to allow Jesus to bring them back together again.

**Satan's Battle Plan for Armageddon**

In this study, God's holy Word will reveal that Satan intends to seat himself as the potentate of all religions on earth, *through forced obedience.*

Satan's intention in the spiritual battle of Armageddon is to gather an army of false worshipers, made up of fallen Babylon (the *Dragon*, the *Beast* and the *False Prophet*), to make war against God's worshipers who keep God's commandments, have faith in Jesus, and keep His testimony, which is the *spirit of prophecy* (see Rev. 12:17, 14:12, 19:10). This is the **real** war of Armageddon, irrespective of any of the wars which are continually breaking out on earth.

Armageddon will be a spiritual battle that takes place between your two ears... a battle for your loyalty, your heart, and your mind... and, since Jesus has already defeated Satan at the cross, you only have one decision to make: To be on the side that loses or the side that wins. For each of us, the stakes of the battle are very high:
1) To win eternal life and a place in God's kingdom of righteousness: (See Rev. 22:14, Matthew 10:22, John 10:9, and Rev. 3:5.)

2) Or, to receive the plagues, and the second (final) death, in the Lake of Fire: (See Rev. 15:1, Rev. 2:11, Rev. 20:6, Rev. 20:14.

How the battle turns out for you, personally, is entirely in your hands. God says to us all, "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 18:31)

**Satan's Obsession to Take God's Throne**

The word *Armageddon* only appears one place in the Bible...in Revelation 16:16, and is believed to be derived from two old testament Hebrew words...*har*, which means *mountain* or *mount*, and *moed*, which means *congregation* or *assembly*. When the two words are put together as *har*moed*, they mean *mount of the congregation*.

But, to discover why the phrase *mount of the congregation* refers to a battle between good and evil, turn to Isaiah 14:13, 14. In these verses we hear Satan's confession that his greatest desire is to take God's place, by ruling over the "mount of the congregation." Listen...

13*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of*
God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [har'moed], in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

A paraphrase of these two verses would sound something like this: 'For you, Satan, have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the angels of God and rule them: my throne will also be exalted on earth, on the mount of the congregation, where the king's palace and God's temple are located, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like God, the most High.'

Let's dig deeper: In ancient Jerusalem, there were two hills that formed a ridge together; Mt. Moriah made up the northern part of the ridge, and Zion Hill made up the southern part of the ridge. Mt. Moriah, to the north, became the construction site where God's temple and the Palace were built. The phrase "sides of the north" denoted that the northern hill, Mt. Moriah, was the place of government of the Israelites, because the hill contained both the king's palace and the temple of Solomon. After a while, the ridge of two hills became known simply as Zion, a universally recognized symbol for God's church, people, and government.

**Armageddon is not a physical location**

There is no place on earth today with the name "Armageddon," therefore, we must assume that "Armageddon" is only a symbolic reference to Satan's stated objective to dominate and control the temple and the
palace (*the worship and laws) of God's church, Zion.

Satan's agenda for Armageddon also includes something most of us never think about; he wants to keep his own followers (in the fallen churches of Babylon) in darkness (See 2 Corinthians 4:4). Satan's ministers filter the light of the gospel before fallen Babylon receives it, so that, when the time comes, these spiritually-weak church members will become willing participants in whichever scheme Satan proposes.

Heaven's War Comes to Earth

In heaven, first through sophistry, then later through warfare, Satan tried and failed to become the new magistrate and to exalt his throne above the angels of God and above Christ. He only succeeded in convincing one third of the angels to follow him (see Rev. 12:4). But, now, on earth, Satan has redoubled his effort; in Isaiah 14:13, 14, we hear his intentions to again be exalted as magistrate over both men and angels.....to be worshiped as God on earth...to be like the most High. In our modern world today, Satan has nearly succeeded in securing these goals of godhood for himself...to sit as god over the mount of the congregation, to control the temple (God's law) and the palace (civil law) in the sides of the north (the location of God's government on Mount Moriah).

But, this is the modern world; Satan's goal is no longer centered only in Israel, but has expanded to encompass control over all forms of worship, and control of the civil laws that pertain to worship. As you will soon see, Satan's
efforts to control governments and to enforce worship-related laws will ignite the spiritual warfare of Armageddon and bring the final *Time of Trouble* and the *Time of Jacob's Trouble* upon the people of God.

Now that we understand how Armageddon will begin, the spiritual nature of the war becomes very evident; Satan demands our worship and will soon try to force the world into compliance.

But, on the opposite side, Jesus, His Father, and the Holy Ghost are drawing us to the foot of the cross, not with force, but with unassuming love, an offer of complete forgiveness, and a baptism into a new and rewarding life as a son or daughter in God's family.

*Satan Creates Three Church Systems*

In old Jerusalem, the government was centered in Mt. Moriah, *to the north* of the city, the hill that held the King's palace and Solomon's temple. But, in the modern world, the seat of power for Satan's kingdom, has become centralized in the triumviate of power, known in the Bible as the dragon, the beast and the false prophet (Rev.16:3) . . . . presented under the symbol of *fallen Babylon*. Of these three church entities, only the beast [the Roman Catholic Church] declares herself to be the original Christian church established long before the time of Christ, around the 5th century B.C.. Of the other two church systems, Spiritualism [the dragon], has occult roots as far back as the kingdom of Babylon. And apostate Protestantism [the false prophet] came late on the scene and began as an off-shoot of the
Roman Church, when reformers noticed a wide variance between the Bible and the practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

Although God prophecied that this diverse three-fold union of modern Babylon (the dragon, the beast and the false prophet) will eventually fail (Rev. 16:19), it has succeeded, beyond Satan's most ardent desire, in its mission to corrupt the purity of God's churches; and later, because of the light that has been kept from them, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, along with ten unknown kings, will become complicit in religious genocide, by forcing all churches to either comply to a "Sunday Law," or face a penalty of death. As unthinkable as it sound, it is the two-horned beast of America (Rev.13:11,12) that is prophecied to facilitate this travesty, by supporting the "first beast," Roman Catholicism, who gives the "ten kings" their power "in one hour with the beast"...(see Rev. 17:12). (Don't worry; soon we will show you a chart that is suppose to help untangle these complicated alliances you just read about.)

Satan will stop at nothing to gain control of the mount of the congregation, which is to say, he wants to rule Zion, God's church, in the modern world; Satan already has control of his own three church systems (the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet), but they are not as important to him as seizing full control of God's church, Zion. God's true church has escaped Satan's grasp over and over, by the watchcare and special protection of the angels, the Holy Ghost, Jesus, and His Father. Seizing God's church is the one victory Satan covets above all others; this means he
wants to have **full control over all worship**, so that he can direct that worship to himself...and he wants **control of the civil laws that govern worship**, so that he can punish those who refuse to worship him. He has declared his intentions to control both *the temple* and *the palace*, and that means *the religious institutions and governments of earth* (Isaiah 14:13, 14; Ephesians 6:12). To make this control a reality, he will send out *three unclean spirits*, [g4] like frogs, from the mouth of his churches, the *dragon*, the *beast*, and the *false prophet*, to lead earth's inhabitants into one final apostasy against their Creator, Jesus. This apostasy is in the form of a Sunday Law, which requires all Christians to either break the 4th commandment, or face the death penalty.

**Satan wants to remove the obstacles that prevent his complete control of the religious world**...he wants to destroy *God's Church, Zion* and put to death all who keep God's commandments, have faith in Jesus, and are guided by the Testimony of Jesus, which is *the spirit of prophecy*.

Remember back, for a moment, how Satan used Herod, to take the lives of all the infants two years of age and under, just because one of them might have been the promised Messiah? Again, in our time, *Satan will seek to eradicate the followers of Jesus*, because they are all that prevents the world from giving Satan their total worship.

*This eradication process is Armageddon.* And, it is the "remnant," (those who keep the faith of Jesus, the commandments, and the Lord's testimony) who become the object of this *eradication*. Satan's hatred of Jesus is the
longest running feud in history, lasting more than 6000 years, and that same hatred extends to the Lord's followers. 1Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

**When does Armageddon begin?**

We will reveal the answer shortly; but, first, realize this; Armageddon seems almost an afterthought, considering what Satan has already accomplished. Just look at this list!

**The Short-list of Satan's Accomplishments**

- the theory of evolution,
- the creation of alternative religions,
- alteration of the ten commandments,
- the misinterpretation of God's Word and prophecies,
- presenting truth as relative,
- breaking down the family unit,
- advancing the philosophy of humanism,
- destruction of the global environment,
- the enslavement of children and adults to their sexuality,
- cancerizing earth's inhabitants through chemical pollution,
- and, the despoiling of earth's food supply through genetic engineering.

These (and many, many more) are all victories that
Satan has already won in the war of Armageddon. So, what you really want to ask is this: **when does the final spiritual battle for control of Zion, God's church, take place?** When will Satan lead the world into this great apostasy against its Savior, Jesus? When will civil law be used to bring a death penalty against Christians who keep the commandments?

We don't have to guess; first, the Time-of-Trouble begins *after* the close of mankind's probation, when Jesus removes his priestly robes and no longer hears mankind's petitions in the heavenly sanctuary. He then embarks on the first punishment phase of sinners, by sending seven angels to earth with the seven last plagues.

And, yet, these plagues are not the start of Armageddon, because they come from God. Armageddon is a spiritual war, between the enemies of God and the Saints of God. (Refer to the chart that's up ahead.)

**Armageddon takes place during the 6th plague,** but how do we know this? Because Revelation Ch. 16 lists the seven plagues as they occur in order of time...and it is during the description of the 6th plague that we read "...he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Rev. 16:16)

Armageddon is set off by two identifiable flashpoints:
1) The first flashpoint takes place when the three *unclean spirits* of fallen Babylon are sent to gather the kings of the earth to Armageddon... (Revelation 16:13, 14).
2) The second flashpoint occurs when a *death decree* is legislated against all the churches that refuse Sunday worship (which is the **MARK** of the Papacy's authority).
The description of Armageddon begins with these strange symbols in Revelation 16:13, 14.

13. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
14. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

“Ten-kings” respond to the unclean messages, and “in one hour with the beast [the Papacy]” these kings are given power of some sort; we believe it is the power to apprehend, imprison, and later put to death all Christians and non-Christians who violate the Papacy's Sunday Law.

To make Armageddon as plain as possible, the list on the left reveals the BAD GUYS, and the list on the right is, well, you know...

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<td><strong>Roman Catholicism</strong> (the “first beast” whose “wound was healed.”)</td>
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<td><strong>Ten kings</strong> (who are given power &quot;in one hour with the beast&quot;); their identity is unknown, as is the nature of the power which the <em>beast</em> [the Papacy] gives to them; the power could be ecclesiastical, civil, or both. All we really know about the ten kings is that they make war with the Lamb and His followers, and the ten kings lose the confrontation. (See Revelation 17:12-14)</td>
<td>The Saints follow &quot;the <strong>testimony of Jesus,</strong>&quot; which is &quot;the spirit of prophecy:&quot; God's spirit, the Holy Ghost, has, in times past, spoken to mankind through the use of prophets. In our time, this means of direct communication took place through a prophetess, Mrs. Ellen G. White; <em>her writings were to help all of the churches on earth to prepare for the Lord's return.</em> (See Rev. 12:17, and Rev.19:10)</td>
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<td><strong>America,</strong> the two-horned Beast, who bolsters and supports the power of the first Beast by means of miracles. (See Rev.13:11,12)</td>
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God's Wrath: The Seven Last Plagues

The seven plagues will be released on earth shortly after the close of mankind's probation. They strike global terror in the heart of mankind, because there seems to be no human solution for them...no way to deal with them; but there is an antidote, a protection of a spiritual kind: Only God can provide the supernatural shield that will allow men to live through the plagues...and only those who are sealed by the angels will be unaffected by God's Wrath.

The result of the seven plagues is that civilization on earth will come to an end, along with the end of all the organized nations of earth. This utter destruction was seen hundreds of years earlier, by the prophet Daniel: God showed Daniel the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream statue...a statue that represented all the nations of earth from Daniel's time to the end of the world, including the modern nations of our time. What Daniel saw was a stone (Jesus) that struck the feet of the statue, and the entire statue (a symbol of all earthly kingdoms) crumbled into dust. The stone (Jesus) then grew to the size of a mountain that filled the entire earth; this meant, symbolically, that God would both destroy and replace all earthly nations with the kingdom of God.

What Daniel was not shown was that it was the seven last plagues that would be used to destroy all the modern nations that were part of Nebuchadnezzar's dream statue.

The book of Revelation had not yet been written in Daniel's time (5th century BC). But, our thoughtful
Savior revealed the prophecy of the seven last plagues in ch. 16 of the book of Revelation, giving modern man every opportunity to prepare ourselves to face the end of the world with “a more sure word of prophecy.” (2 Peter 1:19)

**Plague One**

Plague one is a “noisome and grievous sore” that afflicts the people who have the mark of the beast or worshiped his image. No cure is available against these “sores,” although mankind's medicine will try desperately to find one.

**Plague Two**

In the second plague, earth's oceans die, along with all the life in them. Seashores and beaches all over earth close down, choked by the rotting flesh of dead whales, sea mammals, fish, turtles, and sea birds who no longer have a food supply.

In response to the global disaster, scientists comment that the oceans have died because of the rise in water temperature and the dying off of plankton. They further warn that, because of the death of the plankton, earth's normal levels of atmospheric oxygen will soon plummet as much as 50%.

**Plague Three**

In the third plague, the rivers and drinking waters of earth are turned into blood. Just as Jesus turned the water into wine, He now turns it into blood, to represent the shed blood of saints and prophets. This plague is retribution for the martyrs under the altar, who were killed
for their testimony, in behalf of Jesus. (See Rev. 6:9,10)

**Plague Four**

In the fourth plague, men are afflicted with great heat. Drought consumes large portions of the earth, as the stifling plague of heat browns the crops and destroys the pastures (Joel 1:19,20). The herbivores of earth, which rely on grass and plants for their food, die off in staggering numbers. Fires rage out of control throughout earth, with no one to extinguish them.

It is during the plague of heat that God reveals a terrible fact...that mankind could have turned the plagues aside by repenting of their sins and giving God the glory He deserves as Creator.

**Plague Five**

The fifth plague falls upon the seat of the beast, bringing a thick darkness that can be felt, like the plague of darkness that struck Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23). Added to this darkness is an inability to feel pain. However, it is the spiritual aspect of this plague that is the most disturbing; the light of God's Spirit is completely extinguished in this church system, and it has no more light to give its followers. Instead, it is beginning to suffer the consequences of its bold assertions against God...that it has the power to change the day of worship, and to forgive sin...and the boldest assertion of all, that the Vicar of Christ is equal in authority to Christ, Himself.
Plague Six

Please notice the <> chevrons that are used to separate each new event that take place during the sixth plague.

We have tried to piece these events together in a loose chronological order. Also included are related items that should help explain and flesh out the startling events of the sixth plague.

In terms of end-time events, the sixth plague is the most active, and represents (so to speak) mankind’s last gasp of air, before the utter destruction of the seventh plague hits.

The first event of the sixth plague is that the Euphrates is symbolically “dried up.” But, what does this mean?

<> The Drying Up of the Euphrates: Revelation 16:12 sets the stage and presents the sixth plague as the preparation for the final battle: "...the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water therof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

A little history is needed to understand Rev. 16:12. The Euphrates River flowed through ancient Babylon and it was the lifeblood of that magnificent city. Its waters quenched the hanging gardens, and provided potable water. The river sustained the life of that city. However, Cyrus, King of the Medes, was able to conquer Babylon by diverting the Euphrates river, causing its waters to dry up. He then led his army down the dry river bed, UNDER the gates of Babylon, and to victory. Thus, the drying up of the
Euphrates became a symbol that means the defeat of Babylon.

So, in Revelation 16:12, God applies this same symbol of defeat (the drying up of the Euphrates) to modern Babylon, which tells us that the dragon, the beast, the false prophet, the "ten kings" and the "two-horned beast" of modern Babylon are about to be defeated...by the arrival of the kings of the east, as mentioned in Revelation 16:12. Who are these kings of the east? They are Jesus and his angels, making preparations to rescue the Lord's followers from the death decree, to resurrect the saints, and to free Christ's followers who have been thrown into prisons. But, keep in mind, this is only the preparation for the Lord's return; the actual return of Jesus does not take place until all seven plagues have completed.

<> The "three unclean spirits:" These are unclean messages, sent from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet, to gather the kings of the earth to the war of Armageddon, to be fought against those who keep God's commandments, have the faith of Jesus, and keep the Lord's Testimony, which is the Spirit of Prophecy.

What kind of unclean messages are sent from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet? The messages are spiritually scurrilous, aimed to place blame on a small faction of Christians who are believed to be the cause for God's release of the seven plagues.

The first five plagues made all of Christendom ask themselves the question, "what have we done to displease
God? What part of our worship has caused God to bring these plagues upon us?” In answer, one of the unclean spirits lies to one of the kings of the earth, and says, “The plagues have been released because a small minority of Saturday worshipers has failed to honor god's day of rest, Sunday.”

<> **Ten kings** answer the call to Armageddon that is made by the three unclean spirits. These “ten kings” are granted power “in one hour with the beast” [the Papacy]. In prophetic time, “one hour” would be about 2 weeks. It is possible that the power these ten kings are given by the Papacy is that of Marshalls or Inquisitors, with the task of capturing all those who have refused to comply to the Mark of the Beast [which is Sunday worship]. We are not told the identity of the “ten-kings” or of the precise role they will play, we are only told of their close involvement with the Papacy.

Revelation 17:14 says that “these” [the ten kings] “shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” This verse names Jesus and His called-chosen-faithful followers as VICTORS in the spiritual war of Armageddon. Revelation 19:11-20 also confirms the victory of the Lord's army, as they ride white horses into the battle, carrying their weapons of choice, the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. The symbolic language used in Rev.19:11-20 provides some of the strongest evidence that the war of Armageddon is not one of
conventional warfare, with tanks, airplanes, and ships.

<> A Sunday Law is Enforced: While this Sunday Law does not exist now, it will be created and enforced during the extraordinary social pressures brought to bare because of the plagues. This law will require all churches to adhere to Sunday worship. But, there are many churches that will refuse Sunday observance, because they obey God's 4th commandment to worship on the 7th day, Saturday. To those who refuse compliance, the Sunday law will exact the harshest penalty imaginable and cause Christians all around the world to be hunted down, thrown into prison, and, later, sentenced to death...just because they "remember" the 4th commandment.

As a preamble, in other sermons, we have already explored the importance of God's Holy Saturday sabbath as His all-important SEAL upon His "called, chosen, and faithful" followers. Unfortunately, today, there are already LAWS, called SUNDAY LAWS, in the law-books of America, that attempt to legislate various activities that can or can not be performed on SUNDAY. Such laws are a foretaste of what is to come...and represent a disturing trend by our government to ignore our constitutional guarantees of RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. This is one of the areas where Satan has already had success, in his bid to control the Civil Laws that dictate worship. You might spend a day on the internet researching the phrase "Sunday Laws," and you will discover something alarming about America; that our Constitution seems to be quite maleable when it comes to freedom of

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religion.

The founding forefathers of our nation certainly intended that freedom of religion should be a basic, protected human right; and yet, Satan, as we have just discovered, has plans to force mankind to worship him, or to kill those who refuse.

Since it is the Papacy that tried to change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, in the 3rd century, it will likely be the Papacy that, in the near future, writes the civil law that will make it illegal to worship on any day other than Sunday. Which churches would support such a universal Sunday Law? Virtually all of them. Because they already keep the Papal Sunday as their holy day.

Oops...hold on! The Jews don't honor Sunday as their Sabbath. The Seventh-day Adventists, the Seventh-day Baptists, and the Seventh-day Church of God all still keep and honor the Bible's Saturday Sabbath. Obviously, there is a religious war festering on the horizon...and it's not far off.

How much damage will the war against God's Law do to our freedom of religion? The terrible answer is found in the prophecy of Revelation chapter 13:11-18. To expedite the interpretation, we will provide the meaning of certain phrases and place that meaning within [block-parenthesis].

The Death Penalty for Heretics—Rev. 13:11-18

11. And I beheld another beast [the United States]
coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb [the two horns represent a bicameral form of government: senate and house of representatives], and he spake as a dragon. [The symbol of the dragon is usually reserved for Satan, but here it is used to signify America's change from a lamb-like demeanor to one that is evil and sinister.]
12. And he [America] exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him [the Papacy], and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast [the Papacy], whose deadly wound was healed [by Mussolini's Lateran Treaty of 1929].
13. And he [America] doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
14. And [America] 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 [the Papacy]; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast [by accepting Papal authority], which had the wound by a sword [the Papacy effectively ended in 1798 when the French imprisoned the pope], and did live [the Papacy was restored to power, by Mussolini’s Lateran Treaty of 1929].
15. And he [Protestant America] had power to give life unto the image of the beast [Protestant America reaches across the ocean to emulate and join forces with the Papacy], 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 killed. [A radical Sunday-law is
enforced, requiring the death penalty for all who refuse to worship on the Papal Sunday. All churches that accept Sunday as the Papacy's MARK of AUTHORITY, thereby make an “image” or likeness to that authority, by consenting to the change of God's Saturday sabbath. This consent is referred to as the mark in the “forehead” or the “hand.”

16. And he [America] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [The mark in the forehead is symbolic of mental agreement to the Sunday-law; it is not an actual, physical mark. The mark in the right hand, is symbolic of a hand shake, an agreement to comply with the Sunday Law, so that we can keep our jobs and put food on the table, as seen in the following verse...]

17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. [Only those who comply with the Sunday-law will be able to conduct business (to buy and sell). As part of the Sunday-law, this economic BOYCOTTE effectively forces people to agree to Sunday worship, otherwise they would be unable to open their places of business, use their credit cards, make purchases, or sell merchandise.]

18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. [God has left an undeniable clue here, that identifies the Papacy as the Beast, by the number 666; When the individual
letters of the Pope's official title (Vicarius Philii Dei) are converted into Roman numeral values, and then added, the result will be 666. This is not an accident of chance, or a coincidence. In another section of this CD--Commonly Believed Bible Myths--you will be shown many clues that name the Papacy as “the little horn,” which is another symbol that identifies the Papacy as the dreaded Beast.]

Now to explain the horrific part of the above prophecy: If you consent to worship the beast, and consent to her Sunday Law, then you will receive God’s Wrath, which is the Seven Last Plagues.

On the other hand, if you refuse to worship the beast, and choose to honor God’s Saturday sabbath, then you won’t be allowed to buy or sell...and the death decree of Rev. 13:15 would apply to you...that “as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

<> Another Startling Prophecy: Here is information that is of concern to every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth. You see, many of us just don’t believe the devil is actually real. But, what if he IS? And what if, after six thousand years, he comes out of hiding, right at the end of earth's history, TO IMPERNONATE THE RETURN OF JESUS?

If we had to guess, it seems most likely that Satan would choose the time of the sixth plague to perform such an impersonation. Spiritually, it is earth's darkest moment; the numbing desolation of the first six plagues has crushed
mankind's faith. It would truly be an opportune time for Satan to appear as an angel of light, to hold out hope to the broken planet, then make earth believe he is Jesus, returning to save his followers. What would be the purpose of such a hoax? The answer to that one is easy; First, Satan wants to be openly worshiped as God. Second, he wants to personally supervise the destruction of the “remnant” followers of Jesus.

As the plagues from God rage out of control, the people of earth, at large, will lose confidence in the spiritual solutions offered by Satan's false church system (identified in the Bible as fallen Babylon, the dragon, the beast and the false prophet). None of their spiritual guidance, intercession, prayers, or offerings have managed to convince God to end the plagues.

Then, just as it appears that Satan's false church system might crumble, due to ineffectiveness, an amazing event shocks the world awake...

<> **Satan Impersonates the Return of Jesus:**

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Savior's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15.

The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by
anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Savior uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion."

(Excerpt from "Cosmic Conflict," by Ellen G. White, Pacific Press Publishing Association, copyright 1988, p.547)

What we just read in the above prophecy is that it will be the false accusation of "blasphemy" by this FAKE JESUS which provides the religious world (fallen Babylon) a seemingly legitimate reason to create and enforce a universal Sunday Law; the Law would first restrict Saturday worshipers from having access to money-food-work. Next it would condemn Saturday worshipers to prison; then, if they couldn't be turned to the dark side, the Law would later rid society of them altogether, by putting them to death (Rev. 13:15). Indeed, the character of Satan is aptly described in John 8:44, which says: "He [the
The devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

You've been warned! Not far in the future, a fallen angel, once respected in heaven as Lucifer, son of the morning, is about to present himself to the world as Jesus.

<> **The Two Lies of Satan:** During Satan's masquerade as Jesus, he will again take on his role as Deceiver of mankind, and teach humanity the first lie he used with Eve in the Garden: That our souls are immortal. But, the Word of God states clearly that “the soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20) Therefore, Satan's doctrine of immortality of the soul denies both the Judgment of sinners and their punishment and death in the Lake of Fire. The immortality of the soul is a doctrine held by the churches of Spiritualism.

Satan's second lie will be that the first day of the week, Sunday, should be kept as the world's holy sabbath, in honor of the Lord's resurrection. (But, the Bible is also clear that the Saturday sabbath, not Sunday, will be kept in the earth made new...therefore, Satan's second lie is in profound conflict with God's Word. (See Isaiah 66:22,23)

<> **The Time of Jacob's Trouble:** The Time-of-Trouble begins at the close of mankind's probation, and ends when the last plague has finished.

But, the Time of Jacob’s Trouble will likely begin during the sixth plague...a time when the Sunday Law is strictly
enforced, and those who keep God's Law are branded as criminals, to be relentlessly hunted down, for worshiping on the “Lord's day,” Saturday. In harmony with God, these “saints” refuse to bow to the image of the beast or consent to Sunday worship.

It is the enforcement of the Sunday Law that starts the Time of Jacob's Trouble. This Law will force Sunday worship upon all churches, and provide a death sentence for those who refuse. The blood-curdling death-decree of Rev. 13:15 goes out to Christians and non-Christians alike, that “as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

But, what is the image of the beast?

<> **The Image of the Beast:** Romans 6:16 says, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

If you obey the Papal tradition to worship on Sunday, then you have become a servant to the Papacy and have consented to the Papacy's MARK of AUTHORITY upon you, which is the observance of Sunday worship. It matters not which denomination you belong to... **if you keep Sunday as your traditional worship day, then you have made an image to the beast [the Papacy].** Your acceptance of the Papacy's authority, is proof to God that you are not the least bit interested in obeying His LAW, the ten commandments.

The Bible itself defines sin as “the transgression of the law” [which means, breaking one of the commandments].
When you choose to replace God's Saturday sabbath with the Papal Sunday, you are willfully sinning, and that sin is recorded in the judgment books of heaven. **This unforgiven and unrepented sin is the Mark of the Beast.**

But, here's something important for you to mull over: The Christian church kept the Saturday sabbath for three centuries *after* the time of Jesus. And, then, in the middle of the 3rd century, at the Council of Laodicea, the Roman Catholic Church transferred the solemnity of the sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. And, so, the change to Sunday worship became a *canonized tradition* of the Roman Catholic Church. However, mankind is not privileged to change that which God has blessed, hallowed, and sanctified; therefore, Saturday is still the appointed day of worship, written in stone by the Lord's own finger (Exodus 31:18).

One thing we know for sure, is that God has warned us in advance not to bow down to this *image of the beast*, or to accept its power over our lives in any way; no church on earth has ever been granted the authority to rewrite the commandments, as the Catholic church has tried to do. If you follow their teachings, and refuse to return to God's Saturday sabbath (which is kept from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday) then you've done four things wrong:

1) You've broken the fourth commandment.
2) Your *unrepented* sin has been recorded in heaven.
3) By rejecting the Saturday commandment, you've placed yourself under the authority of the Papacy instead of the authority of God (Romans 6:16).
4) In the near future, when the Sunday Law is enforced, you will receive the Papacy's MARK of the BEAST...by continuing to worship on Sunday, in disregard of the sabbath commandment.

<> **An Example:** Remember that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego faced a similar situation. They were told to bow down to an idol, Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue. (See Daniel 3:12) The worship of IDOLS breaks one of God's commandments. Except now, in this modern situation YOU will be asked to break a different commandment, the one that concerns your day of worship; you are asked by the Papacy to break the 4th commandment, by keeping Sunday as your holy day. Do you really believe that's acceptable to God?

<> **The “Time-of-Jacob's-Trouble” Explained:**

The old testament provides the story of Jacob and Esau (Gen. 32:22-30) as an allegory of what God's people will experience when the death decree is issued against Saturday worshipers . . .

Mrs. Ellen G. White writes, "Jacob and Esau represent two classes; Jacob the righteous, and Esau the wicked. Jacob’s distress when he learned that Esau was marching against him with four hundred men, represents the trouble of the righteous as the decree goes forth to put them to death, just before the coming of the Lord. As the wicked gather about them they will be filled with anguish, for like Jacob they can see no escape for their lives. The angel
placed himself before Jacob, and he took hold of the angel and held him, and wrestled with him all night. So also will the righteous, in their time of trouble and anguish, wrestle in prayer with God, as Jacob wrestled with the angel. Jacob in his distress prayed all night for deliverance from the hand of Esau. The righteous in their mental anguish will cry to God day and night for deliverance from the hand of the wicked who surround them." {Pr 278.4}

Just as Jacob feared the army of Esau, God's faithful will have great fear of the enemy that Satan brings against them for it is formidable and very large: **The dragon, the Beast, the False Prophet, the two-horned beast, and the “ten kings” (whose identities are unknown).** Against such a large contingency, only Jesus and His angels would have the power to rescue them. The Preparation for the rescue takes place under the symbol of the “drying up of the Euphrates” and the rescue, itself, takes place when Prince Michael (Jesus) **stands up for his people in the time of Jacob's trouble.**

Though many of God's true worshipers are thrown into prison and feel abandoned, when it comes time for the death decree to be enforced, God's mighty angels sweep in to prevent harm to God's chosen who have the Seal of God.

As in the parable of **the sheep and the goats,** the angels separate the saints of God from those who have lost their salvation. (See Matthew 25:31-34)

**<> A Miracle in the Sky:** Near the end of the sixth plague, the commandments of God will be miraculously displayed in the sky to a disbelieving world.
Just as the hand wrote on the wall of Belshazzar's palace (Daniel 5:5-28), the world will see in the sky, the Lord's temple, revealing an open ark, and the two tables of stone, where the ten commandments are written. Every word on those two stone tablets will be easily understood and clearly visible. The prophecy of Revelation 11:19 says, “And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” “His testament” is a reference to the two stone tablets that are inside the ark. They are called “his testament” because Jesus, himself, authored the two tablets.

By this miracle in the sky, the world will instantly realize the mistake it has made in condemning Christians for keeping and honoring all of God's ten commandments.

**The Seventh Plague**

It is during the 7th plague that Babylon, “that great city” (the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet) collapses into its three original parts (see Revelation 16:19); the plague is so troublesome that fallen Babylon is no longer able to continue in a unified warfare against God's people.

The seventh plague (an earthquake and great hail) destroys everything that mankind has built...it puts an end to countries and borders, to principalities and powers, to governments and the governed, to cities, highways, and homes. Entire islands disappear in the ocean, and mountains are leveled, as though struck by a colossal hammer. God selects giant hailstones from his arsenal, weighing more than 50 pounds, to crush the enemies of His
saints, just as He did for the Gibeonites in Joshua 10:11. Yet, through all this destruction, and with the help of their guardian angels, a group of Christians has remained safe...Zion, God's true church. Only with their eyes have they witnessed the final plague of earthquake and hail.

<> The Seal and the Garment: When the plagues have ended, Jesus and His angels suddenly appear in the eastern sky. Of this event, Jesus remarks, in Rev. 16:15, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." When the angels spread out over the earth to gather the saints, they will be looking for those who are wearing the special garment of Christ's Righteousness (which is Christ's blood that imparts the forgiveness of the cross and makes us acceptable to the Father). The second thing the angels are looking for is God's SEAL. Both the GARMENT and the SEAL are God's special gifts to all the saints who have honored the Lord through obedience. The GARMENT must be worn by all who are allowed into the Lord's wedding feast in heaven. (See Matthew 22:11-13)

<> Michael Stands Up: In Psalms 94:16, King David asked the rhetorical question, "Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?"
All during the seven last plagues, God's miraculous protection is provided to those who have the SEAL of God. Unseen angels work around the clock, placing an
impenetrable barrier between the plagues and the heirs of salvation, while fending off marauders who would destroy the faithful saints of God.

When the “death decree” is issued against all who refuse to worship on Sunday, the fulfillment of Daniel 12:1 takes place: Michael (another name for Jesus) stands up for His people and delivers them to safety, every one whose name is found written in the book.

The trumpet of God announces the arrival of King Jesus. Flashes of light appear all through the darkened sky, as angels fly to grave sites and prisons, and to the mountains, where many of the saints are hiding from the authorities of the Inquisition.

In the sky, God's throne is perched high up, resting on clouds, with a rainbow arching over it. As Jesus looks out over the earth, those people who had survived the seven plagues now fall dead, unable to look upon the glory of the Son of God, from whom they had hid their entire lives. To them, the Lord's eyes appeared to be coals of white-hot fire, like the description found in Rev. 1:14. Sinners won't live beneath that burning gaze, for “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1John 5:12) Yet, when the saved of earth look upon that same gaze, the Lord's eyes seem kind and forgiving, with no hint of malevolence.

As he did for Lazarus, Jesus now calls to the sleeping saints; “Come forth,” Jesus says, and all those who KNOW his voice awaken to eternal life.

Angels re-unite the saints with their loved ones, and they fly upward toward that magnificent cloud of light, made
up of tens-of-millions of angels, and at the center, were the thrones of Jesus and His Father. Around the two thrones were the four beasts, and beyond them was the circle of the twenty-four elders also sitting on thrones and wearing crowns of gold. [Revelation 4:4, 5:14]

The immense cloud moves off with its cargo, gathering greater and greater speed, toward the center of the universe.

Just ahead, a wedding and a special feast was waiting for them, when Jesus, the Bridegroom, would be wed to His bride, the church. *And time would be no more.*

**God's Penalty**

How did Satan's partners in religious mayhem miss the fact that, by condemning innocent commandment-keepers to death, they would be sentencing themselves to the *Lake of Fire*? Revelation 20:10 says, “And the devil [Satan and his Spiritualism churches] that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast [the Papacy] and the false prophet [the apostate Protestant churches] are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” [Our comments in brackets.]

The very real tragedy of Armageddon is that the impure doctrines of the churches of fallen Babylon will cause perhaps *billions of Christians to lose their salvation*. Not only will those with the Mark of the Beast face the affliction of the *seven last plagues*, they will also lose the promise of immortality; and then, at the end of the millenium, they will
be resurrected, only to face a “second death” in the Lake of Fire.

When the dragon the beast and the false prophet enlist the help of the ten kings, to make war with the Lamb, the ten kings will also face the affliction of the plagues, the loss of eternal life, and “the second death” in the Lake of Fire.

**God's Test of Loyalty: The Hour of Temptation**

According to Revelation 3:10, an hour of temptation is to come upon all the world to try (or test) them that live on the earth. The time of the test is during the last church period, known as The Laodicean Church, our day, right now. This test must take place before probation has closed for mankind, and before the seven last plagues are released. With these test results from the hour of temptation in his hands, Jesus will better know how to make up His list of the living saints who will be taken to heaven...for the cases of those who were in their graves had already been decided.

What is this universal test? It involves our response to the messages of the three angels, found in Rev. 14:6-12. And it is basically a test of loyalty to our Creator.

1) Will we receive the "everlasting gospel" of Jesus, that He died for our sins, rose to life on the 3rd day, and has passed into heaven to be our high priest...and is coming back to take us to His home in paradise?

2) Will we accept God as our Creator, and as Creator of
**heaven and earth**?... Or, will we cling to the Theory of Evolution?

3) Will we obtain **God’s SEAL**, by remembering His Holy Saturday sabbath? (Rev. 7:3,4,13,14,15)?... or will we be **lost**, by observing Sunday worship, which is the Mark of the Beast? (Rev. 13:16,17)

4) Will we **keep his covenant**, by writing the commandments into our hearts and minds? (Hebrews 8:10)

5) Will we have **righteousness by means of our faith in Jesus**, trusting that his perfection of character will be imparted to us, and trusting Him as the Author and Finisher of our faith? (Hebrews 5:9 and 12:2)

6) Will we follow the **testimony of Jesus**, which is the **spirit of prophecy**...a knowledge of future events that prepares us for the return of our King and the end of the world? (Revelation 12:17, and 19:10)

7) **Will we have compassion toward our brothers in need?** (See Matthew 25:31-40, the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.)

   This “acid-test” will be added to the information already written about us in the three judgment books of heaven.

   Finally, when Jesus has the results of this universal test, He calls for **the close of mankind's probation**; this
means Jesus will no longer hear our prayers asking for forgiveness of sins. We will no longer have the opportunity to repent of those sins...and they will remain in the books of heaven, to testify against us. There will be no more chances to rectify wrongs or to improve on our character flaws.

When probation closes, our lives, either holy or unholy, will be frozen in whatever state they were in.

It seems likely that the “hour of temptation” (Rev. 3:10) and “the hour of his judgment” (Rev. 14:7) are events that take place concurrently, during the Laodicean church period.

When the “hour of temptation” comes to an end, and the “hour of his [God's] judgment” closes, Jesus removes his priestly robes of mediation in the temple of heaven, and instructs the seven angels to release the seven last plagues upon the earth. From that point on, the time-of-trouble begins, the seven plagues fall, Satan impersonates Jesus, the time-of-Jacob's-trouble commences, then the real Jesus appears. But, here's the shocker; if God's judgment hour came to an end today, the return of Jesus could be less than a year away.

**Summation: What you have learned**

God has revealed a truly frightening mosaic of future events that are so disturbing, it's difficult for the Christian to maintain any semblance of hope: Seven plagues will destroy earth, over the space of about one year. God’s people will be set upon by the enactment of a Sunday Law that is barbarous to the point of a “death decree.” And, Satan will impersonate Jesus, to personally supervise the destruction of
the Lord's “remnant” believers who violate the Sunday Law.

Today Satan has taken control of the law and worship of most of God's people, working through his own ministers to present carefully crafted half-truths about salvation and prophecy, while using the religions he created (Spiritualism, Apostate Protestantism, and Catholicism) to send out a steady stream of his own poisonous doctrines, to lock his followers in darkness (See 2 Corinthians 4:4).

Armageddon involves unlikely bedfellows that, under ordinary circumstances, would never cooperate with each other...But, the plagues force an uncomfortable union between Spiritualism, Catholicism, apostate Protestantism, Ten unknown kings, and America, to try to end the plagues. Fortunately, Rev. 16:9 points out that Satan's confederacy against God's Word is prophesied to collapse.

The members of the confederacy all know the plagues are a spiritual problem...it's right there in the Bible for the entire world to see. But, according to the prophecy, no solution would be found to end the plagues, and mankind's final hour would soon stare them all in the face.

The Lamb and the Sword of the Spirit (God's Word) were prophesied to overcome the confederacy. (Rev. 17:14, Rev. 19:11-20) Against these, there was simply no defense!

God's Church, Zion, would win salvation, pulled through the plagues by angels who had marked them with the seal of the Creator...

And Satan's three church systems would crumble, imploding because there was really no god at their center...just an imposter named Satan.
It would all end exactly as the Lord had described, with the world buckling and heaving beneath their feet, and giant hailstones shrieking through the sky by the thousands. But, none of those stones of ice would touch the saints, because each and every promise of God was a fortress around them.

In earth’s darkest hour, the saints found themselves at the center of a great calm, a feeling of anticipation making their hearts race uncontrollably.

Then they heard it...that long, sweet note of a trumpet, announcing the return of Jesus and His angels.

**Armageddon Continues in the New Earth**

According to prophecy, Armageddon (the spiritual conflict between good and evil) does not end at the return of Jesus. Although the saints will spend a thousand years of peace in heaven with the Lord, at the conclusion of the millennium, the holy city, New Jerusalem, returns to earth, along with the Father, the Son, the saints, and all the holy angels (Rev. 21:2,3). Armageddon then flares up a second time, when Satan’s followers are resurrected and gather a vast array of munitions against the City of God, in an attempt to gain access to the Tree of Life. (Rev. 20:7-10)

This attack on the City of God, will be directed by warlords, chieftains and generals resurrected from every age of earths history. Sophisticated armaments, rockets and cannons will attempt to breach the walls of the holy city, New Jerusalem...but, they are exploded without any effect...and Satan sees his last and final hope of defeating Jesus come to an end.
As the Devil looks up, blistering shards of glowing rock fall like rain, and the ground beneath his feet turns molten. The last thing he hears are the pleading cries of his followers.

**Final Comments**

_We must be sealed!_ Remember, before probation closes for mankind, and before the seven last plagues are released, _those who purpose in their hearts to be true servants of God must receive God's SEAL_, by keeping the Saturday sabbath to honor the Lord as their Creator (Revelation 14:6,7, Ecclesiastes 12:13). In mercy, God holds the time of sealing open for as long as He can (see Revelation 7:2-3) and delays the destruction of the global environment (the earth, the sea and the trees) until the servants of God are sealed. But, when the _sealing_ is completed, the four angels loose the four winds from the four corners of the earth...and _the time of trouble_ comes upon us in a flash!

**But, when did the time of trouble REALLY begin?**

Did it start when Darwin gave mankind the excuse it needed to throw God away? Or, did it begin when prayer was removed from schools and public meetings, and from the dinner table of America? Did the time of trouble start when two world wars were fought, or when Nagisaki and Hiroshima were evidence of a world gone mad? Did our flight from God begin when life became so meaningless that_
it became "legal" to cut the living fetus out of a woman and toss it into the trashcan? All of these events herald that we are extremely close to the time of trouble, because we have forsaken the Creator-God of our progenitors.

**A Prophecy of Hope**

Satan's war against the righteous was prophesied long ago to fail (Daniel 12:1, Rev.19:11-21, Rev. 20:14,15). All of the Dragon's efforts come to an end in the Lake of Fire, along with his followers, the fallen angels, the Beast, and the False Prophet...for the Bible says sin will not rise a second time:  "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again." (Isaiah 24:20) "What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." (Nahum 1:9)

Now, that you have a true picture of the War of Armageddon, will you decide, today, to receive God's SEAL? Restoring Saturday as your day of worship, may cause you to face ridicule and rejection from family members, but it will remove from your life a far greater threat: The Mark of the Beast, the loss of your place in God's eternal kingdom, and your right to the Tree of Life. Weigh all that against the advantages of God's SEAL and you will see that you really have nothing to lose, and all of heaven to gain.

In conclusion, Isaiah 14:13,14, 2 Thess. 2:3,4, 2,
Corinthians 11:13-15, Ephesians 6:12, and Rev. 12:17, all indicate that the war of Armageddon is spiritual, fought to determine our loyalty to Satan or God.

How will God know if you’re loyal to Him? He has a special test that He's giving mankind right now, in *the hour of temptation* that has come upon all the world. **It is a test of loyalty to God's Word and to the teachings of Jesus**, to discover who is worthy to receive God's SEAL.

Thanks for your close attention. Until next time, this has been the Time-of-the-End Prophecy Series.  

**Glossary**

1-*The Remnant* of Revelation 12:17...”And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [God's church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed [the last true believers of the Lord's church], which keep the commandments of God [the ten commandments], and have the testimony of Jesus Christ [which is the spirit of prophecy, God's special messages given to His end-time church, to prepare it for the end of the world and the return of Jesus.]  

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2-*The Spirit of Prophecy* is a supernatural gift that allows direct communication between God and one of His prophets, usually by means of waking-visions, dreams or impressions. The prophet then writes down this dream, vision, or impression on paper. An example of this would be the writings of John the Revelator, who, under the influence of  

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the Holy Ghost, was given supernatural visions describing earth's future, all the way up to the end of the world, and even further, to a new heaven and a new earth. The “testimony of Jesus” is also defined by the Bible to be “the spirit of prophecy.” (See Revelation 12:17, 14:12, 19:10) [BACK]

3-Remember: Exodus 20:8-10 (the 4th commandment)... “8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:” NOTE: The holy hours of the sabbath begin at sundown on Friday, and continue until sundown on Saturday. [BACK]

4-The meaning of unclean spirits
The use of the term "unclean spirits" in Rev 16:13 is the same as when Jesus said that his words are spirit (in John 6:63). So an unclean spirit is here interpreted to mean unclean words, false doctrines or false teachings. These false doctrines are the wine of the wrath of Babylon's fornication (Rev. 14:8), and they represent a grossly distasteful wine that not only makes the Sunday churches of earth drunk and disoriented...this vile wine leads earth's churches into apostasy against God and renunciation of some or all of the ten commandments. [BACK]

------------------------End of Glossary------------------------
Fictitious Headlines During Satan's Impersonation

“Plague of Soars Baffles Reputed Immunologist”
“6000 Eye Witnesses See UFO the Size of 2 Football Fields”
“Science Group says, NO WAY TO RESTORE OCEANS”
"Mary, Sacred Mother of Jesus, Astonishes White House with Message: Prepare to Welcome my Son."
“Greeted by Pope, Glowing Alien Disembarks UFO at Vatican”
“Analysis CONFIRMS: Red Substance in Drinking Water and Rivers IS NOT Algae Bloom, IT'S BLOOD!"
"Jesus Calls Fire Down from Heaven for Vatican Skeptics."
"Guards Trampled at Vatican as Tens of Thousands Seek Healing from Jesus."
"Jesus to Appear on Televised Satellite Linkup."
"Jesus Multiplies the Loaves and Fishes, Feeds millions in Africa."
"Ailing Pope Healed of Cancer, Declares, THIS IS JESUS."
"Jesus Commands Earth to Keep His Sunday Sabbath."
“Jesus Gives Sermon at St.Paul's Cathedral: ‘The leavening of Saturday worship has brought disease and death to Christ's children.'”
"Citizenship of Seventh-day Worshipers Revoked by Courts."
"Seventh-day Churches Padlocked by National Guard."
"Empowered by New Sunday Law, Federal Court Voids Credit Card Accounts of Sunday Law Violators."
"Millions of Cease and Desist Warrants Issued to Sunday Law Violators."
News Commentator: “Today an Appeal to the Supreme Court, delivered by a coalition of Church Lawyers, failed to Block the Death Penalty Clause in the Federal Sunday Law."

"Pope Urges Acceptance of Space Jesus as Earth’s Spiritual King."
"World Summit Set to Consider Coronation Proposal."

"Miracle after Miracle...Jesus Proves Faith is Real."
"Jesus says, the plagues are necessary to purge sin from the earth...they can not be stopped."

“Grandma in Tears Says: Little Children Don’t Seem to LIKE This Jesus. They Cry and Run from Him.”

Will the News of the future contain such incredulous headlines? MMMMMMMMMM...?...head-scratch...?????

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