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#### WHEN AMERICA ENFORCES THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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What alarming prediction to Abraham Lincoln make about the future of America? America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves. Abraham Lincoln

WORLD EVENTS ARE ALL POINTING TOWARD A FINAL CRISIS OF PROPHETIC PROPORATIONS. Go to bed tonight and wake up tomorrow morning and you may not recognize your country! The final movements in our country and world will be rapid ones. Expect game changing events to happen overnight! Brace yourself for some startling Prophecies for America and the World.

What is the history of the push for Sunday Laws? Is there an interest in this today?

**FRANCE - 2013:** "France Rethinks The Sanctity Of Its Day Of Rest" "There's a fight going on for the soul of rance. Since 1906, Sunday has been deemed a collective day of rest in the country, and French law only allows stores to open on Sundays under very specific conditions — for example, if they're in a high tourist area. Sunday work is also tightly controlled."

"But some people are questioning the sense of such a tradition in a languishing economy and 24/7 world."

"Dozens of trade union members and workers demonstrate in front of an open shopping mall in Paris last year. Labor groups are leading the push to keep the ban on Sunday

work." http://www.npr.org/blogs/parallels/2013/11/08/243952070/france-rethinks-the-sanctity-of-its-day-of-rest



**PHLIDELPHIA BASEBALL:** With a long history, America's favorite past time sport was Baseball. There use to be a law against playing organized Baseball on Sunday! The Fight for Sunday Baseball was front and center in Philadelphia. Major League baseball was played legally in the city on Sunday beginning in April 1934. Baseball men hailed the end of the repressive Blue Laws and expected some financial relief for organized baseball from the worse effects of the depression.

**COLONIAL TIMES:** Sunday closing laws, or Blue Laws, have a long history. In the United States, Blue Laws date back to the colonial times. The colony of Virginia in 1610, and read as follows: "Every man and woman shall repair in the morning to the divine service and sermons preached upon the Sabbath day, and in the afternoon to divine service, and catechising, upon pain for the first fault to lose their provision and the allowance for the whole week following; for the second, to lose the said allowance and also be whipt; and for the third to suffer death."

**ROGER WILLIAMS:** When Roger Williams, the founder of the state of Rhode Island, included a guarantee of religious liberty in the Constitution of that state, it became the first state ever to do so.

Roger Williams had himself been banished from Massachusetts in 1631 because he had declared his opinion that the magistrate might not punish a breach of the Sabbath (Sunday) Winthrop's Journal, Vol. 1, pp. 52,53, cited in American State Papers, Third Edition, p. 57, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1943.

**U.S. SUPREME COURT:** The United States Supreme Court has ruled that Sunday laws are not unconstitutional or discriminatory. This opens the way for all the present confused, contradictory local state laws to be replaced by a national law that will standardize the enforcement of Sunday all over America.

**TIME MAGAZINE** – Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 Will the Recession Doom the Last Sunday Blue Laws? By Paige Bowers

#### **TEXAS SUNDAY BLUE LAWS:**

- Beverages of 20% alcohol content or higher are prohibited from sale on Sunday with the exception of establishments that sell food
- Liquor stores closed statewide on Sundays
- Beer and wine may be purchased at any open store until 1 a.m. Sunday
- You can only buy beer and wine after noon Sunday. The rest of the week it may be purchased as early as 8 a.m.

**1888:** In 1888 Senator Blair of New Hampshire issued a bill in the United States Senate for a National Sunday Law. It did not pass this time...

**JERRY FALWELL:** "All Americans would do well to petition the President and the congress to make a federal law, and amendment to the Constitution if need be, to establish the Sabbath as a National Day of Rest."

**POPE JOHN PAUL – 1998 -** "Christians will naturally strive to ensure that <u>civil legislation</u> respects their duty to keep Sunday holy." -- Section 67, Dies Domini.

**CATHOLIC RECORD – 1923 -** "Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923

Are we racing toward the mark of the beast? REVELATION 13:16,17 BEWARE OF THE MARK OF THE BEAST!

- The final events will catch the world by an overwhelming surprise!
- Should we guess what is the mark of the beast? No it is a life or death contest!
- Cannot afford to guess about this one!
- Revelation 3:10 The global test is coming! The showdown test is coming. Everyone is involved.
- It will be popular! It will be pleasing. It will be deceptive.
- The Mark of the Beast will be made to look acceptable, appealing and even Christian.
- Revelation 13:3 Everyone will follow the beast and get the mark of the beast except the Remnant of Revelation 12:17 who preach Rev. 14:6-12 and Keep the Commandments of God including the fourth one about the Seventh Day Sabbath.

#### **SOUND THE WARNING ALARM! REVELATION 14:9,10**

- The straight warning is painfully clear: Do not worship the beast or you will receive the mark of the beast!
- Everyone will either displease man or displease God. Only two groups, two sides, two choices.
- If you Worship the beast....
- You get the mark of the beast.
- You get the 7 last plagues. Rev. 15:1
- You go to hell fire. Rev. 14:10,11
- If you receive the Seal of God and refuse the Mark of the Beast...
- Cannot buy or sell. Rev. 13:16,17
- Threatened with a death decree. Rev. 13:15

Who are the two primary movers and shakers of end events?

What does a beast symbolize in Bible prophecy? Kingdoms or nations. See Daniel 7:23

"Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth..." Daniel 7:23

FIRST BEAST OF REVELATION 13

## **ALL ROADS LEAD TO ... PAPAL ROME!**

WHO ARE THE TWO BEASTS OF REVELATION 13? The first is the Roman Papal Power, Second is the United States.

**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN:** "I believe that the United States, as the world's only superpower, and the Holy See, as the only worldwide moral-political sovereignty have significant roles to play in the future." "Their actions will impact the lives of people in all parts of the globe." Thomas P. Melady. U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican

WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST? It must be symbolic. Consider this pattern in the book of Revelation...

## Literal or figurative?

- Symbolic Beast.
- Symbolic Image.
- · Symbolic Name.
- Symbolic Number.
- Symbolic Seal.
- Symbolic Mark.

It is the opposite of the Seal of God: and the Seal is in His law.

"Seal the law among my disciples." Isaiah 8:16 "keep the commandments of God" Rev.14:12

## Those who keep the commandments of God do not receive the mark of the beast!

The Seal of God is in His Ten Commandment Law. A seal has three essential elements:

- Name
- Title
- Territory

Which of the Ten Commandments contains all three essential elements? The fourth commandment:

- Name: "The Lord your God."
- Title: "Him that made." Creator
- Territory: "heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them." Exodus 20:8-11

The Sabbath is the SEAL of the Living God! "The Sabbath is a SIGN between Me and you." Ezekiel 20:12,20

# If you receive the SEAL of God, you will not receive the MARK of the Beast!

## NO ONE HAS THE MARK OF THE BEAST UNTIL IT IS ENFORCED!

If the antichrist beast is the Roman Papal Power then the mark of the beast must have something to do with the Roman Papal Power.

- It must be a sign of it's power.
- If the SEAL is a sign of God's authority and power then the MARK of the beast is a sign of the claimed authority and power of the Roman Papacy!
- GOD'S SEAL VS. PAPACY'S MARK

"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall <u>persecute</u> the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and laws ..."

Daniel 7:25 NKJV

The Sabbath Commandment is the only one that relates to time. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8-11

There is a war against the Fourth Commandment of God.

# Sunday observance is based on man made TRADITION and not upon God's TRUTH.

"If you keep your foot from trampling on My Sabbath Day..." Isaiah 58:13

## Who changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday?

- God didn't change them.
- Jesus didn't change them.
- The Apostles didn't change them.
- The Roman Catholic Church changed them.

## If God did not CHANGE the Seventh Day Sabbath to Sunday then we should be willing to CHANGE from not keeping it.

- Make a DECISION to change from keeping Sunday in order to keep that which God did not change!
- "But I am too old to change!"
- Change to keep the day God did not Change!
- Make a decision to honor the true Lord's Day! Even if it requires a change in your life!
- "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." Rev. 1:10
- "The Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:28

#### REMEMBER THESE AMAZING FACTS: Sunday observance is a COUNTERFEIT of the Seventh day Sabbath!

Does the Papal Power boast that they have changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday and thus call Sunday the "Lord's Day"?

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her.

And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical POWER and AUTHORITY in religious matters." H.F. Thomas, Chancellor for the Cardinal, Nov. 11, 1895.

# Sunday is the admitted mark of authority of the Papal power.

Would the Papacy be in favor of a NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW in America?

In this matter, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum spoke of <u>Sunday rest</u> as a worker's right which the State must guarantee." Pope John Paul II, Dies Domini 1998

## What is the future of the United States of America?

- Mothered democracies.
- Modeled freedom.
- Fostered international communications.
- Sole remaining Superpower.
- The most influential nation today.
- The whole world looks to the United States of America today.

How will the United States, the most powerful nation on earth influence the entire world?

## The United States of America will be the first nation to enforce the mark of the beast, a national Sunday law!

Is the United States of America in Bible Prophecy? "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon." Revelation 13:11

#### Four key questions:

- 1. Where does it arise?
- 2. When does it arise?
- 3. How does it arise?
- 4. What does it do?

## 1. Where does it arise?

- It arises from the earth!
- What does the symbol of water represent in Bible Prophecy?
- "The waters which you saw...are people's multitudes, and nations, and tongues."
- Revelation 17:15
- This new beast comes up out of the earth or an unpopulated area.

## 2. When does this power arise?

- "He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity" Revelation 13:10
- When did the Pope go into captivity? 1798
- The church lost its power to the French government in 1798.
- DEADLY WOUND WAS INFLICTED IN: 1798 Exactly 1260 years from 538 A.D.

## Was America rising to prominence and power at the time when the Papacy was losing power?

- 1775 Battle for Independence.
- 1776 Declaration of Independence.
- 1787 Constitution.
- 1789 1<sup>st</sup> President: George Washington.
- 1790 Supreme Court
- 1791 Bill of Rights.

# 3. How does this power arise? Daniel and the Revelation, Uriah Smith. "Emerging...amid the silence of the earth, adding daily to its power and strength."

THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION WAS MIRACULOUS! AMERICA: THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE OF GOD AMERICA: AN AMAZING STORY

"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb..." Revelation 13:11

#### Not a beast of prey.

## TWO HORNS LIKE A LAMB

- It would seek to be harmless and freedom loving.
- There are no crowns on the horns of the second beast.
- The first beast has crowns.
- Crowns indicate kingly authority.
- The lack of crowns indicates freedom.
- Horns are a symbol of power. They indicate that this second beast derives its power from political and religious freedom. FREEDOM OF CHURCH AND STATE

## **LAMB-LIKE BEAST**

- Arising around 1798
- Arise in a relatively unpopulated area.
- It would be a young nation.
- It would have no crowned head, no kingly authority.
- A "Church without a pope, and a state without a king."

## What is the only nation that fits this description? The United States in Bible Prophecy

- A beast = a power or nation.
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- Arises around 1798.
- Lamb = Freedom loving.
- Lamb = Christian nation.
- Two horns = Separation of powers: Civil & Religious. No crowns = Democracy
- <u>Dominant force in end events.</u>
- 1. Arises in a relatively un-populated area.
- 2. Espouses Christ like principles of Gov.
- 3. Has no crown, no king.
- 4. Arises around 1798.
- 5. Grows up quietly like a plant, not through conquering other nations.
- 6. Worldwide power and influence.

The next verse to ponder...Revelation 13:12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

America enforcing Worship would result in religious persecution!

It enforces worship that gives homage to the Papacy!

Is there some form of worship that is popular in America that came from the Papacy?

What is the most popular day of WORSHIP for both the United States and the Papacy?

To follow the false Sabbath would be to "worship the first beast." Revelation 13:12

To go along with Sunday worship is to follow the Beast unknowingly or knowingly.

America will enforce or legislate a religious law that conflicts with:

- The U.S. Constitution.
- Heaven's Constitution: The Ten Commandments.

The government cannot legislate or enforce the first four commandments because it relates to worshipping God.

Worship to God must never be enforced by the government.

Question: How will the second beast, America sound like a Dragon?

**Answer: When she enforces Sunday Observance?** 

## "...like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon." Revelation 13:11 NIV

- How will the United States of America begin to speak and sound like a dragon?
- A nation speaks through it's laws and decrees. The official "speaking" of a nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities.

## What dragon like law will be enforced?

#### **WORSHIP OF THE FIRST BEAST/PAPCY!** REVELATION 13:16

Revelation 14:9,10 "Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God,..." Everyone will either worship the beast/Papacy or worship the Creator.

## The United States Constitution guarantees liberty and freedom.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Penned by Thomas Jefferson

Thirteen years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Constitution was ratified. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights.

#1. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

## Will these historic freedoms ever be challenged?

"The enforcement of Sunday keeping on the part of the Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy." GC page 449.

#### **CHAIN REACTION!**

- 1. THE PAPACY CHANGED GOD'S LAW.
- 2. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE IT LAW.
- 3. THE WORLD WILL FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.

#### Religious Persecution? Could it happen in America?

- Have minorities ever been oppressed in America?
- If a minority opposed a National Sunday Law, how would they be treated in America?

## Why did the Pilgrims sacrifice so much to come here to America?

• In their quest for freedom...They desired to worship according to the dictates of their conscience.

What is the central end time issue of the "WAR" against the saints? "And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17

## The Two Beasts of Revelation 13, namely the Papacy and Apostate Protestant America!

Soon it will be against the law to... "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." "but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God." Exodus 20:8,10

## **HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?**

- Could religious leaders and millions of misled Christians join together to enforce religious worship which is contrary to the Commandments of God?
- State bowed to the pressure of religious leaders to put Jesus to death.
- "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service." John 16:2
- "If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you."
   John 15:20

## Could it all happen again in America?

**Pat Robertson:** "The next obligation that a citizen of God's world order owes is to himself. 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,' is a command for the personal benefit of each citizen. Our minds, spirits, and bodies demand a regular time of rest." "Perhaps God's greatest gift to mankind's earthly existence is the ability to be free from their labors, to meditate on God, to consider His way, to dream of a better world can there be progress and genuine human betterment." Laws in America that mandated a day of rest from incessant commerce have been nullified as a violation of the separation of church and state. The New World Order, p. 236

#### **#2 MISGUIDED POLITICIANS**

- Political candidates running for office will be asked: "Do you favor a National Sunday Law?"
- Would Ralph Reed favor a National Sunday Law? In several decisions in 1961, the Court upheld <u>blue laws</u> that
  outlawed conducting business on Sunday, despite the fact that some state codes referred to it as "the Lord's
  day."

Will the United States and the Papal power ever work together to enforce a religious law which will threaten our cherished freedoms?

Will the United States unite with the Papacy in enforcing a national Sunday Law?

## What kind of worship will be enforced? SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

- It will be worship that is a sign or reminder of the claimed power of the Pope.
- "Sunday is our mark of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923

## WHEN AND WHO ISSUED THE FIRST NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW?

In 321 A.D. Constantine..."On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in the cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. "In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits." History of the Christian Church, 1902 edition, volume 3, page 380.