

PARALLEL CHARACTERISTICS
TYPOLOGY OF PANDEMIC AND SL

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INTRODUCTION:

Rom. 15:4: And whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope.

1 Cor. 10:11: Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples, (margin, or types) and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time. GC 343.1 (Great Controversy)

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS:

Webster's Dictionary: **Parallel**, (noun): a comparison to show **resemblance**; a tracing of **similarity**; Synonyms: **counterpart, analogue, analogy, correlate, correlation, comparable, comparison, similarity**

Parallel, (verb): to indicate ***analogy** of, **compare**; to **correspond** to

***Analogy**: **resemblance** in some particulars between things otherwise unlike; **similarity**

Counterpart: one **remarkably similar** to another

Characteristic: a **distinguishing trait, quality, or property**

Type: Origin: From Latin, "typus" meaning: **image**; and Greek, "typos" meaning: **model, impression**

Type: (noun): a person or thing (as in the Old Testament) believed to ***foreshadow** another (as in the New Testament); a distinctive mark or **sign**

Type: (verb): to represent **beforehand** as a type: ***prefigure**; to represent in terms of typical **characteristics**: to ***typify**

***Typify**: (**Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary, [F&W]**), to **represent by a type**, signify as by an image or token; to constitute a type, or serve as a **characteristic example of**.

***Foreshadow**: to **represent** or typify **beforehand**, ***prefigure**

Typology: a doctrine of theological **types**; study of or analysis or classification based on types.

***Prefigure**: to show, suggest, or announce by an ***antecedent type**, image, or likeness; to picture or imagine **beforehand**: **foresee**

***Antecedent**: **prior** in time or order, **preceding**; a **preceding event**: a predecessor in a series, a **model** or stimulus **for later developments**

KEY BIBLE TEXT:

ISAIAH 10:1: WOE UNTO THEM THAT **DECREE UNRIGHTEOUS DECREES**, AND THAT **WRITE GRIEVOUSNESS** WHICH THEY HAVE **PRESCRIBED**.

ISAIAH 10:1: Woe unto them that **decree iniquitous decrees**, and to the writers that **prescribe oppression**. (Darby Bible)

ISAIAH 10:1: Woe to those **decreeing decrees of iniquity**, and writers who have **prescribed perverseness**. (YLT, Young's Literal Translation)

Strong's Concordance: **Decree: (verb)**, H2710: to mark out, inscribe, chisel, engrave; to be decreed or written, appointed.

Decrees: (noun), H2711: decree, statute, **prescription**

Write: H3789: to write, engrave, inscribe, listed, recorded, **prescribe**, describe, subscribe

Prescribed: H3789: (the same as above, see "Write")

Grievousness: H5999: **trouble**, work, labor, toil; **Translated as**: **mischief, misery**, travail, **trouble, sorrow**, grievance, grievousness, **iniquity**, miserable, pain, painful, **perverseness**, toil, wearisome, **wickedness**. From H5998: labor, toil, pour forth effort. (E-Sword Strong's: wearing effort, **worry**)

Webster's Dictionary: **Decree (verb)**: to **command**, to order judicially; **F&W Dictionary**: to appoint by law

Decree (noun): an order usually having the force of law, **F&W Dictionary:** a law or ordinance

Grievousness, (Grievous): oppressive, onerous (see below); causing or characterized by severe pain, suffering, or sorrow

Oppressive: unreasonably burdensome or severe; tyrannical

Oppression: unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power

Onerous: burdensome, troublesome, imposing hardship

Perverseness, (Perverse): turned away from what is right or good, corruption;

Mischief: (Origin: ME [Middle English] meaning: calamity), a cause or source of harm, evil, irritation, or trouble

Calamity: deep distress, misery, or affliction

Iniquity: gross injustice, wickedness

Prescribe: Origin: From Latin, “prea” meaning: in front of, before, prior to, preparatory, in advance. From Latin, “praescribere” meaning: to write at the beginning, dictate, order

Prescribe: to lay down a rule, dictate; to lay down as a guide, direction, or rule of action, ordain; to specify with authority.

Q: CAN WE IDENTIFY DISTINGUISHING TRAITS OR CHARACTERISTICS IN EACH OF THESE END-TIME OR SUNDAY LAW QUOTES, THAT PARALLEL OR RESEMBLE THE CURRENT PANDEMIC??

BIBLE and EGW REFERENCES for EACH CHARACTERISTIC:

Q: IS THE WHOLE WORLD INVOLVED AND ACCEPTING OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE VACCINE IN CORRELATION TO THE WORLD-WIDE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUNDAY LAW??

1. ACCEPTANCE (by whole world):

Rev. 13:3, 7, 16: (last part) ...and all the world wondered after the beast. **7)** And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **16)** And he 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 whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law, and this little feeble people stood out in defiance of the laws of the land and the law of God, and claimed to be the only ones right on the earth. 4LtMs, Lt 6, 1884 par.3 (Letter)

The decree enforcing the worship of this day (Sunday) is to go forth to all the world. ST May 6, 1897, par.15 (Signs of the Times)

Those who trample upon God's law make human laws which they will force the people to accept. Men will devise and counsel and plan what they will do. The whole world keeps Sunday, they say, and why should not this people, who are so few in number, do according to the laws of the land? Manuscript 163, 1897 par.24

The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict, in which all the world will act a part. ST Mar.22, 1910 par.13 (Signs of the Times)

We heed not the words that are reiterated in the pulpits throughout the land, that Sunday is the Sabbath. We accept not the authority of men's councils; but we go further back, even to the councils of heaven. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." [Psalms 119:89.] We

take a "Thus saith the Lord." Here we stand. A doctrine that has not a "Thus saith the Lord" may be accepted by the whole world, but that does not make it truth. We want truth, and we refuse to run any risk in accepting anything else. Manuscript 39, 1893 par. 13

Q: CAN WE SEE A SIMILARITY OF THE ISSUE OF ACCUSATIONS AND BLAMING DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WITH WHAT HAPPENS TO GOD'S PEOPLE DURING THE SUNDAY LAW CRISIS??

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE NON-VACCINATED??

2. ACCUSE/ BLAME:

Rev. 12: 9, 10: And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **10)** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

1 Pet. 3: 14-16: But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; **15)** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: **16)** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Dan. 3:8: Wherefore at that time, certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. GC 592.1 (Great Controversy)

There are calamities on sea and land and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday. RH Mar. 18, 1884 par.8 (Review and Herald)

And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be (falsely) declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. GC 590.1 (Great Controversy)

They (God's people) will be brought before kings and rulers, and before councils to meet the false, absurd, and lying accusations brought against them, but they must stand firm as a rock to principle, and the promise is, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." (Deuteronomy 33:25) Manuscript 6, 1889 par. 40

Under the rule of Rome, those who suffered death for their fidelity to the gospel were denounced as evildoers; they were (falsely) declared to be in league with Satan; and every possible means was employed to cover them with reproach, to cause them to appear in the eyes of the people and even to themselves as the vilest of criminals. So it will be now. While Satan seeks to destroy those who honor God's law, he will cause them to be accused as lawbreakers, as men who are dishonoring God and bringing judgments upon the world. GC 591.1 (Great Controversy)

All who in that evil day would fearlessly serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and His word; for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be *impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil. AA 431.1 (Acts of the Apostles)

Webster's Dictionary: ***impugned:** contradicted, disputed, opposed, resisted.

Accusers of the brethren are not few, and they are always active when God is at work and His servants are rendering Him true homage. They will put a false coloring upon the words and acts of those who love and obey the truth. They will represent the most earnest, zealous, self-

denying servants of Christ as deceived or deceivers. It is their work to misrepresent the motives of every true and noble deed, to circulate insinuations, and arouse suspicion in the minds of the inexperienced. In every conceivable manner they will seek to cause that which is pure and righteous to be regarded as foul and deceptive.

But none need be deceived concerning them. It may be readily seen whose children they are, whose example they follow, and whose work they do. "Ye shall know them by their fruits," Matthew 7:16. Their course resembles that of Satan, the envenomed slanderer, "the accuser of our brethren," Revelation 12:10. GC 519.2,3 (Great Controversy)

Q: IS THE ISSUE OF REWARDS AND BRIBERY IN TODAY'S CRISIS, A PARALLEL TO THE TIME OF THE SUNDAY LAW??

Q: WHAT REWARDS HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO GET THE VACCINE??

3. ADVANTAGES/REWARDS/BRIBERY/ATTRACTIONS:

Ex. 23: 7, 8: Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. **8)** And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

Ps. 26: 9, 10: Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: **10)** In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

Isa. 33:15: He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

They (commandment keepers) will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. GC 607.1 (Great Controversy)

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. GC 592.3 (Great Controversy)

In the place of the bribes he offered Christ, Satan comes to God's people in this age of the world with the laws of nations in his hands, declaring: "I now have matters arranged. You must worship me, or else your rights of protection from the world will be withdrawn from you." Ms. 24, 1891 par. 19 (Manuscript)

Trial and persecution will come to all who, in obedience to the Word of God, refuse to worship this false sabbath. Force is the last resort of every false religion. At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. So it will be now. ST May 6, 1897 par. 16 (Signs of the Times)

Q: DURING THIS PANDEMIC, HAVE WE SEEN PEOPLE ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO COURT FOR THEIR FAITH AND CONSCIENTIOUS CONVICTIONS??

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT BEING TAKEN TO COURT FOR OUR CONVICTIONS DURING THIS PANDEMIC, RESEMBLES OR TYPIFIES WHAT WE WILL SEE DURING THE SUNDAY LAW CRISIS??

Q: DOES GOD HAVE A SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN ALLOWING HIS PEOPLE TO BE BROUGHT TO COURT FOR THEIR FAITH??

4. BEFORE COURTS/COUNCILS/RULERS:

Luke 21:12-15: But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. **13)** And it shall turn to you for a testimony. **14)** Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: **15)** For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Mat. 10:17-20: But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; **18)** And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. **19)** But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. **20)** For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths. GC 607.1 (Great Controversy)

“The wrath of man shall praise Thee,” says the psalmist; “the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.” God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front, and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry, and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber.

Thus it has been in the past history of God's people. For refusing to worship the great golden image which Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the three Hebrews were cast into the fiery furnace. But God preserved his servants in the midst of the flames, and the attempt to enforce idolatry resulted in bringing the knowledge of the true God before the assembled princes and great men of the vast kingdom of Babylon. ... So the imprisonment of Paul brought the gospel before kings, princes, and rulers, who otherwise would not have had this light. The efforts made to retard the progress of truth will serve to extend it. The excellence of truth is more clearly seen from every successive point from which it may be viewed. ... RH Dec. 11, 1888 par. 9-11 (Review and Herald)

In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment-keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives. GC 592.1 (Great Controversy)

May the Lord help His messengers who bear the last note of warning to our world, to speak from the very depth of wisdom. Guard every word, control every emotion, giving no occasion for Satan to triumph over the believers. The time will come when we shall be called to stand before kings and rulers, magistrates and powers, in vindication of the truth. Then it will be a surprise to those witnesses to learn that their positions, their words, the very expressions made in a careless manner or thoughtless way, when attacking error or advancing truth, expressions that they had not thought would be remembered, will be reproduced, and they will be confronted with them, and their enemies will have the advantage, putting their own construction on these words that were spoken unadvisedly. Letter 66, 1894 par.10

The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth. Many will be called to speak before councils and in courts of justice, perhaps separately and alone. The experience which would have helped them in this emergency they have neglected to obtain, and their souls are burdened with remorse for wasted opportunities and neglected privileges. 5T 463.2 (Testimonies, Vol.5)

Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth, and they must know, that they do know what is truth. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by his Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. RH Feb.18, 1890 par.23 (Review and Herald)

There is to be no dread of anyone being borne down even in a wide spread apostasy, who has a living experience in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If Jesus be formed within, the hope of glory, the illiterate as well as the educated can bear the testimony of our faith, saying, “I know in whom I have believed.” [2 Tim. 1:12.] Some will not, in argument, be able to show wherein their adversary is wrong, having never had any advantages that others have had, yet these are not overborne by the apostasy because they have the evidence in their own heart that they have the truth. The most subtle reasoning and assaults of Satan cannot move them from their knowledge of the truth, and they have not a doubt or fear that they are themselves in error. Manuscript 6, 1889 par.75

Q: ARE MOST PEOPLE AWARE OR BLINDED TO THE LONGER TERM RESULTS OF THE ISSUES CONCERNING THE PANDEMIC??

5. BLINDED (to results):

Prov. 14:12, (also Prov. 16:25): There is a way which seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Eph. 4:18: Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. 5T 711.4 (Testimonies, Vol.5)

Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. GC 581.2 (Great Controversy)

There is a satanic force propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed. Even the men who are engaged in the work, are themselves blinded to the results which will follow their movement. Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we gracefully accepted the situation. RH Jan.1, 1889 par.4 (Review and Herald)

As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath. GC 592.2 (Great Controversy)

The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whether the undercurrent is tending.... They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution principles that will propagate papal falsehood and papal delusion, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages. RH Dec. 11, 1888 par. 8, 13 (Review and Herald)

Many who are working for Sunday enforcement have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath, and the false foundation on which the Sunday institution rests. And they are blinded to the results of Sunday legislation. They do not see that it would be a blow against religious liberty. But any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession to the Papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warred against liberty of conscience. ST Nov. 28, 1900 par. 2 (Signs of the Times)

Q: CAN WE SEE A RESEMBLANCE OF THE ISSUE OF SUPPRESSION OF TRUTH AND CENSORSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC AND THAT WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUNDAY LAW CRISIS??

Q: WHY ARE PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF MANY PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WITNESSING CORRUPTION AND TESTIFYING TO THE TRUTH REGARDING THE PANDEMIC, BEING REMOVED OFF THE INTERNET??

6. CENSORSHIP/SUPPRESSION/DEFAMATION:

Ecc. 3:7: ... a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Ps. 31:18: Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

Dan. 8:12: And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God's downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. GC 607.1 (Great Controversy)

The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring the commandment-keeping people to notice. There is a daily suppression of God's truth for the theories and false doctrines of human origin. There are plans and movements being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. Letter 65, 1886 par.6

Under the rule of Rome, those who suffered death for their fidelity to the gospel were denounced as evildoers; they were (falsely) declared to be in league with Satan; and every possible means was employed to cover them with reproach, to cause them to appear in the eyes of the people and even to themselves as the vilest of criminals. So it will be now. While Satan seeks to destroy those who honor God's law, he will

cause them to be **accused as lawbreakers**, as men who are dishonoring God and bringing judgments upon the world. GC 591.1 (Great Controversy)

For the **enemies of God's law have leagued together** to crush out independent judgment in matters of religious faith, and to **control the consciences** of men. They are determined to put an end to the long-continued controversy concerning the Sabbath, **to prohibit all further spread of the truth** upon this point, and to secure the exaltation of Sunday, in the very face of the injunction of the fourth commandment. HM Nov. 1, 1893 par. 18 (Home Missionary [EGW])

Q: DURING THIS PANDEMIC, IN WHAT WAYS HAVE CHURCH AND STATE BEEN UNITING, AS IT WILL BE AT THE SUNDAY LAW CRISIS??

7. CHURCH AND STATE UNITE:

Rev. 13:11, 12, 14, 15: And I beheld another **beast coming up out of the earth**; and he had **two horns like a lamb**, and he **spake** as a dragon. **12)** And he **exerciseth all the power of the first beast** before him, and **causeth** the earth and them which dwell therein **to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed. **14)** 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; 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. **15)** And he had power to **give life unto the image 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 killed.

In the last conflict the Sabbath will be the special point of controversy throughout all Christendom. **Secular rulers and religious leaders will unite to enforce** the observance of the Sunday; and as milder measures fail, the most **oppressive laws** will be enacted. 4SP 444.2 (Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4)

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. GC 443.2 (Great Controversy)

As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and **religious and secular authorities have combined** to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an **institution of the church and a law of the state** ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. GC 615.2 (Great Controversy)

When Protestant **churches shall unite with the secular power** to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of **church and state**. EV 235.1 (Evangelism) (Manuscript 51, 1899)

Let the **principle** once be established in the United States that the **church may employ or control the power of the state**; that **religious observances may be enforced by secular laws**; in short, that the **authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience**, and the **triumph of Rome** in this country is assured. GC 581.1 (Great Controversy)

Q: CAN WE SEE ANY COMPARISON IN BOTH THE PANDEMIC AND THE SUNDAY LAW REGARDING THE PROMOTION OF THE COMMON GOOD??

Q: WHAT INSTITUTIONS PROMOTE "FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF SOCIETY"??

8. COMMON GOOD:

A) Jehovah's Eternal Common Good:

Nahum 1: 9: What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: **affliction shall not rise up the second time.**

Even when it was decided that he could no longer remain in heaven, Infinite Wisdom did not destroy Satan. Since the service of love can alone be acceptable to God, the allegiance of His creatures must rest upon a conviction of His justice and benevolence. The inhabitants of heaven and of other worlds, being unprepared to comprehend the nature or consequences of sin, could not then have seen the justice and mercy of God in the destruction of Satan. Had he been immediately blotted from existence, they would have served God from fear rather than from love. The influence of the deceiver would not have been fully destroyed, nor would the spirit of rebellion have been utterly eradicated. Evil must be permitted to come to maturity. For the good of the entire universe through ceaseless ages, Satan must more fully develop his principles, that his charges against the divine government might be seen in their true light by all created beings, that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might forever be placed beyond all question. GC 498.3 (Great Controversy)

God had made every provision that sinful man might overcome through faith in the promised Saviour. The law of God was just what God saw was for the good of the universe, and for the good of mankind. Manuscript 43, 1900 par.6

God's wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created. "All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee." Psalm 145:10. The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. GC 670.3 (Great Controversy)

The principles of kindness, mercy, and love, taught and exemplified by our Saviour, are a transcript of the will and character of God. Christ declared that He taught nothing except that which He had received from His Father. The principles of the divine government are in perfect harmony with the Saviour's precept, "Love your enemies." God executes justice upon the wicked, for the good of the universe, and even for the good of those upon whom His judgments are visited. GC 541.4 (Great Controversy)

B) Satan's Deceptive Common Good:

John 11: 50: Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

Mat. 7: 19-21: Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20) Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Satan had made it appear that he himself was seeking to promote the good of the universe. The true character of the usurper, and his real object, must be understood by all. He must have time to manifest himself by his wicked works. GC 498.1 (Great Controversy)

Human enactments, laws manufactured by satanic agencies under a plea of goodness and restriction of evil, will be exalted, while God's holy commandments are despised and trampled underfoot. RH Dec. 26, 1899, Art. A, par.14 (Review and Herald)

It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the "rulers of the people." "It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50 GC 615.2 (Great Controversy)

There is a prospect before us of a continued struggle, at the risk of imprisonment, loss of property, and even of life itself, to defend the law of God, which is made void by the laws of men. In this situation, worldly policy will urge an outward compliance with the laws of the land, for the sake of peace and harmony. And there are some who will even urge such a course from the Scripture: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.... The powers that be are ordained of God. 5T 712.3 (Testimonies, Vol. 5)

The people of God will recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment and will by precept and example teach obedience to it as a sacred duty so long as its authority is exercised within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must choose to obey God rather than men. HM Nov.1, 1893, Art. B, par.19 (Home Missionary, EGW)

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. GC 587.1 (Great Controversy)

Q: DO WE SEE A PARALLEL OF COMPLIANCE AND CONTROL BEING EXERCISED NOW BY THE AUTHORITIES, SIMILAR TO THE SOON COMING SUNDAY LAW CRISIS??

9. COMPLIANCE/CONFORMITY/CONTROL:

Rev. 13:15-17: And he had power to give life unto the image 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 killed. 16) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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.

Acts 5:29: Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that “all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond” (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. GC 604.2 (Great Controversy)

There is a prospect before us of a continued struggle, at the risk of imprisonment, loss of property, and even of life itself, to defend the law of God, which is made void by the laws of men. In this situation, worldly policy will urge an outward compliance with the laws of the land, for the sake of peace and harmony. 5T 712.3 (Testimonies, Vol. 5)

While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God. GC 605.2 (Great Controversy)

“These have one mind.” There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan’s forces. “And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism. Manuscript 24, 1891 par.16

Two parties are brought into view: one keeping the commandments of God, in distinction from the one breaking His commandments, enforcing the Sunday sabbath, and compelling the people to conform to the Sunday law. Letter 118, 1900 par.11

Earthly authorities will interpose. You will meet tribulations, bruising of the spirit, hard speeches, ridicule,(and) persecutions. Men will require your conformity to laws and customs that would render you disloyal to God. Manuscript 3, 1885 par.20

God never forces the will or the conscience; but Satan's constant resort—to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce—is compulsion by cruelty. GC 591.2 (Great Controversy)

Q: ARE WE SEEING THIS SUNDAY LAW CHARACTERISTIC OF COMPROMISE AND DENIAL OF FAITH BEING PLAYED OUT IN OUR TIME OF THE PANDEMIC??

Q: IN WHAT WAYS HAVE WE SEEN COMPROMISE IN THE CHURCH??

10. COMPROMISE/DENIAL OF FAITH:

Mat. 10:32,33: Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

John 6: 66: From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.

2 Peter 2:1: But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

1 John 2:15: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2 Tim. 2:12: If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

Mat. 26:33-35: Peter answered and said unto Him, Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. **34)** Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. **35)** Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny Thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

It is in a crisis that character is revealed. COL 412.1 (Christ's Object Lessons)

He who would confess Christ must have Christ abiding in him. He cannot communicate that which he has not received. The disciples might speak fluently on doctrines, they might repeat the words of Christ Himself; but unless they possessed Christ-like meekness and love, they were not confessing Him. A spirit contrary to the spirit of Christ would deny Him, whatever the profession. Men may deny Christ by evilspeaking, by foolish talking, by words that are untruthful or unkind. They may deny Him by shunning life's burdens, by the pursuit of sinful pleasure. They may deny Him by conforming to the world, by uncourteous behavior, by the love of their own opinions, by justifying self, by cherishing doubt, borrowing trouble, and dwelling in darkness. In all these ways they declare that Christ is not in them. And "whosoever shall deny Me before men," He says, "him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven." DA 357.2 (Desire of Ages)

The test will come to everyone. People will be urged to observe the false sabbath. The contest will be between the commandments of God and mere human laws. Those who have yielded step by step to worldly demands and customs will yield to the earthly powers rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. At that time the gold will be separated from the dross. The distinction will be clear between true godliness and the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness. Those who are not clothed with Christ's righteousness will appear in the shame of their nakedness. RR 66.6 (Royalty & Ruin, [EGW])

Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity. GC 602.1 (Great Controversy)

And at that time (in a terrible crisis) the superficial, conservative class, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will renounce the faith and take their stand with its avowed enemies, toward whom their sympathies have long been tending. 5T 463.2 (Testimonies, Vol.5)

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. GC 608.2 (Great Controversy)

The determination of antichrist to carry out the rebellion he began in heaven will continue to work in the children of disobedience. Their envy and hatred against those who obey the fourth commandment will wax more and more bitter. But the people of God are not to hide their banner. They are not to ignore the commandments of God, and in order to have an easy time, go with the multitude to do evil. 15LTM, Ms.9, 1900 par.8 (Manuscript)

Q: IS THERE REALLY AN END-TIME, WORLD-WIDE CONFEDERACY OF EVIL FORCES THAT WILL PERSECUTE GOD'S PEOPLE, PREDICTED IN THE BIBLE AND SPIRIT OF PROPHECY??

Q: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS END-TIME CONSPIRACY OF EVIL FORCES MAY ALSO HAVE ITS ANTECEDENT (OR PRECEDING) TYPE IN OUR DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC??

11. CONFEDERACY (OR CONSPIRACY) OF EVIL/ALLIANCE/ONE MIND:

Webster's Dictionary: (Also Funk & Wagnalls): Confederacy=Conspiracy, league, alliance, compact

Rev.16:13, 14: 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.

Rev. 17: 12, 13: And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. **13.)** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Rev. 19:19: And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.

Psalms 83:1-5: Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. **2)** For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate Thee have lifted up the head. **3)** They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. **4)** They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. **5)** For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against Thee.

Satan is represented as walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He desires to embrace the whole world in his confederacy. Manuscript 125, 1901 par.17

The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Rev. 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. GC 604.2 (Great Controversy)

The enemy is working with an increasing intensity, and the powers of darkness are uniting with evil men to form a confederacy against the people of God. Shall we be able to meet every assault of the enemy with the sword of the Spirit? Can we follow the example of our Lord at every step, and when tempted to disloyalty to God, say, "It is written." ST Apr.4, 1892 par.7 (Signs of the Times)

While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. RH Dec.11, 1888 par.8 (Review and Herald)

When the power invested in kings is allied to goodness, it is because the one in responsibility is under the divine dictation. When power is allied with wickedness, it is allied to satanic agencies, and it will work to destroy those who are the Lord's property. The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy. Letter 90, 1897 par. 16

The elements of evil are combining their forces and consolidating for vigorous resistance to God and the truth. The enemy has already determined his course of action. The man of sin in popery is increasing in power. Infidelity is extending, and sectarianism, formalism, and sin are abounding. God is dishonored; Christ rejected. Soul destroying doctrines, specious errors, are intruding themselves everywhere.

Satan is a master-worker and he is laying his plans, disguised under a pretense of godliness, to take the world captive. His agents are numerous and disguised, subtle and persevering and untiring, resisting every restraining influence and employing every instrumentality and working with a promptitude and energy that are marvelous. ... Letter 15, 1889 par. 9, 10

Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience, after the example of the papacy. Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved. Of this time John the Revelator declares: "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These 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" (Revelation 17:13, 14). "These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. ...

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare, the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue, for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. ... 3SM 392.1, 3-5 (Selected Messages, Vol. 3) (Manuscript 24, 1891 par. 13, 15-17)

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. 9T 11.2 (Testimonies, Vol. 9)

The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to

cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. ... By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. 5T 450.2, 451.1 (Testimonies, Vol. 5)

Satan is also mustering his forces of evil, going forth "unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world," to gather them under his banner, to be trained for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." [Revelation 16:14.] Satan is to make most powerful efforts for the mastery in the last great conflict. 6LtMs, Ms. 1a, 1890 par. 8 (Manuscript)

An apostate church will unite with the powers of earth and hell to place upon the forehead or in the hand, the mark of the beast, and prevail upon the children of God to worship the beast and his image. They will seek to compel them to renounce their allegiance to God's law, and yield homage to the papacy. Then will come the times which will try men's souls, for the confederacy of apostasy will demand that the loyal subjects of God shall renounce the law of Jehovah, and repudiate the truth of His Word. RH Nov. 8, 1892 par.7 (Review and Herald)

There are plans and movements being set on foot to enslave the consciences of those who would be loyal to God. The law-making powers will be against God's commandment-keeping people. Every soul will be tested. Letter 65, 1886 par. 6

In vision, John beheld the trials which God's people would endure for the truth's sake. He saw their unyielding firmness in obeying the commandments of God, in the face of the oppressive powers that sought to force them into disobedience, and he saw their final triumph over the beast and his image.

Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamb-like horns, the earthly governments, which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people were presented to John.(the apostle) ST Nov.1, 1899 par. 1 & 2 (Signs of the Times)

The strong, corrupting sentiments of Satan are cherished, and they exert a masterly compelling power. Under the influence of these sentiments, men bind up with one another in confederacies, in trade unions, and in secret societies. Letter 114, 1903 par. 5

Satan is moving with his power from beneath to inspire men to form alliances and confederacies of evil against light and against the Word of God. Infidelity, papacy and semi-papacy are coming in close and powerful companionship with professed Christianity. 2MR 164.1 (Manuscript Releases, Vol. 2)

The Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliances with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. ... Persecution always follows a restriction of religious liberty on the part of secular governments. ST Nov. 8, 1899 par. 6 (Signs of the Times)

The dragon is represented as persecuting those who keep God's commandments. Evil angels conspire with evil men against God and his people. Persons of influence are stirred with a power from beneath; the energies of apostasy are united to deceive or to destroy the champions of truth. ST Apr. 22, 1889 par.8 (Signs of the Times)

All the vast, complicated machinery of evil agencies is put into action in these last days. Through generation after generation, from age to age Satan has gathered human agencies through whom to work his diabolical purposes, and to bring about the enforcements of his plans and devices in the earth. 7MR 215.1 (Manuscript Releases, Vol. 7)

For the enemies of God's law have leagued together to crush out independent judgment in matters of religious faith, and to control the consciences of men. HM Nov. 1, 1893 par.18 (Home Missionary,EGW)

For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy (Satan) has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed. ... Christ's followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations (schemes, or plottings) against the government of God. GC 670.1 (Great Controversy)

Q: IS THE PANDEMIC CONSIDERED A CRISIS OR EMERGENCY, JUST LIKE THE SUNDAY LAW IS AN EMERGENCY??

12. CRISIS/EMERGENCY: (these words not used in the KJV, but similarly: adversity, affliction, calamity, distress, straitness)

Webster's Dictionary: **Crisis:** (from Greek, "krisis", meaning: decision); an unstable or crucial time, or state of affairs whose outcome will make a decisive difference for better or worse.

Emergency: an unforeseen combination of circumstances, or the resulting state that calls for immediate action; a pressing need

Jer. 46:20, 21: Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north. 21) Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.

Jer. 49:30, 32: Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. 32) And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

Webster's Dictionary: **Calamity:** a state of deep distress or misery caused by major misfortune or loss; an extraordinarily grave event marked by great loss and lasting distress and affliction, disaster

Jer. 19:9: And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

Deut. 28: 53,(also vs. 55, 57): ... in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

Strong's Concordance: **Siege:** H4692: From H6696; something hemming in, that is, (objectively) a mound (of besiegers), (abstractly) a siege, (figuratively) distress; or (subjectively) a fastness: - besieged, bulwark, defence, fenced, fortress, siege, strong (hold), tower.

Straitness: H4689: From H6693; a narrow place, that is, (abstractly and figuratively) confinement or disability: - anguish, distress, straitness.

Straiten: H6693: A primitive root; to compress, that is, (figuratively) oppress, distress: - constrain, distress, lie sore, (op-) press (-or), straiten.

Webster's Dictionary: **Distress** (noun): anguish of body or mind, trouble; a painful situation, misfortune; a state of danger or desperate need; (verb): to subject to great strain or difficulties; to cause worry or be troubled; to force or overcome by inflicting pain

Prov. 17:3: The *fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

Strong's Concordance: ***Fining pot:** H4715: *crucible, melting pot for metal; from H6884: to smelt or refine metals; tried, purge away, refine

Webster's Dictionary: ***Crucible:** (a melting pot or vessel); a severe test

Isa. 48:10: Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

Mark 13:19: For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Afflict: to distress so severely as to cause persistent suffering or anguish; to trouble or injure

Affliction: the cause of persistent pain or distress; great suffering

Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing scenes of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will then be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. PK 587.2 (Prophets and Kings)

Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance, little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us. But God's servants are not to trust to themselves in this great emergency. 5T 753.2, 3 (Testimonies, Vol. 5)

It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied. COL 412.1 (Christ's Object Lessons)

It is a time now, when God calls for brave men having on the whole armor of God, presenting a united front to the foe. And as we meet the emergency, the law of God become more precious, more sacred, and as it is more manifestly made void and set aside, in proportion should arise our respect and reverence for that law. David said, "They have made void Thy law; therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." (Psalm 119:126, 127) ... The Lord will be constantly leading and guiding His people to meet this emergency, if they ask the help of God. Manuscript 6, 1889, par. 25, 26

We are to fix the eye of faith steadfastly upon Jesus. When the days come, as they surely will, in which the law of God is made void, the zeal of the true and loyal should rise with the emergency, and should be the more warm and decided, and their testimony should be the more positive and unflinching. ... 3SM 405.1 (Selected Messages, Vol. 3)

The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy. For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places,] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis. Letter 90, 1897 par.16

God was the strength of Judah in this crisis, and He is the strength of His people today. We are not to trust in princes, or to set men in the place of God. We are to remember that human beings are fallible and erring, and that He who has all power is our strong tower of defense. In every emergency we are to feel that the battle is His. His resources are limitless, and apparent impossibilities will make the victory all the greater. PK 202.4 (Prophets and Kings)

In the name of the Lord, I advise all His people to have trust in God and not begin now to prepare to find an easy position for any emergency in the future, but to let God prepare for the emergency. We have altogether too little faith. Manuscript 6, 1889 par.52

Q: HOW CAN WE SEE THIS PARALLEL TRAIT OF THE SUNDAY LAW—THE DEATH DECREE, BEING EXEMPLIFIED IN PRINCIPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC??

13. DEATH DECREE:

Rev. 13:15: And he had power to give life unto the image 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 killed.

Isa. 10:1: Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and they that write grievousness which they have prescribed.

Psalms 94: 20-22: Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? **21)** They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. **22)** But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

Mat. 24:9: Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Psalms 119:126: It is time for Thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void Thy law.

"**Thou shalt not kill.**" All acts of injustice that tend to shorten life; the spirit of hatred and revenge, or the indulgence of any passion that leads to injurious acts toward others, or causes us even to wish them harm (for "whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer"); a selfish neglect of caring for the needy or suffering; all self-indulgence or unnecessary deprivation or excessive labor that tends to injure health—all these are, to a greater or less degree, violations of the sixth commandment. PP 308.4, 5 (Patriarchs and Prophets)

Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. GC 604.2 (Great Controversy)

Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and at last a universal decree will denounce these as deserving of death. PK 512.1 (Prophets and Kings)