

Sunday law enforcement
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Agitated 1880's and 90 Sunday Law

3SM 11 lasts day events Pg. 383 lessons from meeting the Sunday laws

Great things are before us, and we want to call the people from their indifference to get ready. . . . We are not now to cast away our confidence, but to have firm assurance, firmer than ever before. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and He will help us to the end. We will look to the monumental pillars, reminders of what the Lord hath done for us, to comfort and to save us from the hand of the destroyer. . . {3SM 383.1}

We can but look onward to new perplexities in the coming conflict, but we may well look on what is past as well as what is to come, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12). "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25). The trial will not exceed the strength which shall be given us to bear it. Then, let us take up our work just where we find it, without one word of repining, imagining nothing can come, but that strength will come proportionate to the trials. . . . {3SM 383.2}

Our present peace must not be disturbed by anticipated trials, for God will never leave nor forsake one soul who trusts in Him. God is better unto us than our fears. . . . {3SM 383.3}

Don't Borrow Trouble for a Future Crisis. -- Many will look away from present duties, present comfort and blessings, and be borrowing trouble in regard to the future crisis. This will be making a time of trouble beforehand, and we will receive no grace for any such anticipated troubles. . . . When the scene of sore conflict comes, we have learned the lesson of holy confidence, of blessed trust, and we place our hands in the hands of Christ, our feet on the Rock of Ages, and we are secure from storm, from tempest. We are to wait on our Lord. Jesus will be an ever-present help in every time of need.--Letter 11a, 1884. {3SM 383.4}

Our inquire in regard to the course which **should be pursued to secure the rights of our people to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience**. This has been a burden on my soul for some time, whether it would be a denial of our faith, and an evidence that our trust was not fully in God. But I call to mind many things God has shown me in the past in regard to things of a similar character, as the draft [during the American Civil War] and other things. I can speak in the fear of God, it is right we should use every power we can to avert pressure that is being brought to bear upon our people. . . . {3SM 384.1}

[We are] not to provoke those who have accepted the spurious sabbath, an institution of the Papacy, in the place of God's holy Sabbath. Their not having the Bible arguments in their favor makes them all the more angry and determined to supply the place of arguments that are wanting in the Word of God by the power of their might. The force of persecution follows the steps of the dragon. **Therefore great care should be exercised to give no provocation. 1**

And again, let us as a people, as far as possible, cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravating sins. . . . {3SM 384.2}

All the policy in the world cannot save us from a terrible sifting, and all the efforts made with high authorities will not lift from us the scourging of God, just because sin is cherished. If as a people we do not keep ourselves in the faith and not only advocate with pen and voice the commandments of God, but keep them every one, not violating a single precept knowingly, then weakness and ruin will come upon us. . . .

Blue Law Adventist chain gangs

At the time this manuscript was written, not a few Seventh-day Adventists were suffering persecution for their faith, especially in the Southern states. In 1895 and 1896 "no less than 76 Seventh-day Adventists were prosecuted in the United States and Canada under existing Sunday laws. Of these, 28 served terms of various lengths in jails, chain gangs, etc., aggregating 1,144 days." American State Papers, p. 562. For additional details see Warren L. Johns, Dateline Sunday, U. S. A., pp. 43-57. {14MR 98.1}

WITH THE FOCUS OF ADVENTISM ON THE RETURN OF CHRIST, THE CLIMACTIC LAST-DAY EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH HIS SECOND COMING HAVE EVER BEEN A THEME OF MAJOR INTEREST TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. IT COULD NOT BE OTHERWISE, FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM SPRANG FROM A RELIGIOUS MILIEU, THE MILLERITE MOVEMENT, WHICH STRESSED ESCHATOLOGICAL EVENTS--THE RESURRECTION, THE LAST JUDGMENT, THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN AND SINNERS. {3SM 380.1}

THE VISIONS GIVEN TO ELLEN WHITE AT THE OUTSET OF HER MISSION BROUGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH PROMINENTLY INTO VIEW AS THE TESTING TRUTH, WHICH IN THE LAST DAYS WOULD DIVIDE THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH INTO TWO CLASSES--THOSE WHO OBEY GOD AND WILL BE ETERNALLY SAVED AND THOSE WHO REJECT HIS LAW AND WILL BE ETERNALLY LOST. THE ATTITUDE OF THE INDIVIDUAL TOWARD THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH WOULD BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR. {3SM 380.2}

THE CLOSING EVENTS OF THIS EARTH'S HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED THE LITTLE 219-PAGE GREAT CONTROVERSY PUBLISHED IN 1858, AND WERE THE CRUCIAL, CLIMATIC ISSUE OF THE GREAT CONTROVERSY DEPICTIONS IN THE BOOKS BEARING THAT TITLE ISSUED IN 1884, 1888, AND 1911. {3SM 380.3} HOW CAREFULLY ADVENTISTS HAVE STUDIED THE CLOSING CHAPTERS OF THIS BOOK, AND HAVE THRILLED AT THE INSPIRED PICTURE OF WHAT IS BEFORE THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD! WITH NO ABATING OF INTEREST THEY HAVE SCRUTINIZED ALL THE PUBLISHED ELLEN G. WHITE WRITINGS FOR KINDRED STATEMENTS THAT MIGHT THROW SOME ADDED LIGHT ON COMING EVENTS. IN THIS SECTION WE PRESENT FOR THE FIRST TIME A NUMBER OF HERETOFORE UNPUBLISHED ESCHATOLOGICAL STATEMENTS, WHICH HELP TO ROUND OUT THE PICTURE OF THE FINAL EVENTS OF EARTH'S HISTORY. {3SM 380.4}

AS SUNDAY LAW ISSUES INTENSIFIED IN THE LATE 1800'S AND AGITATION FOR A NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW IN THE UNITED STATES INCREASED, ELLEN WHITE WROTE PERCEPTIVELY OF "THE IMPENDING CONFLICT" IN TESTIMONIES, VOLUME 5, PAGES 711-718, DISCUSSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ISSUES THEN FACING SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, DECLARING THAT THE CHURCH WAS NOT READY FOR THE ISSUE, AND CONJECTURING THAT GOD MIGHT YET, "IN ANSWER TO THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE, HOLD IN CHECK THE WORKINGS OF THOSE WHO ARE MAKING VOID HIS LAW" (P. 714). {3SM 381.1}

AS THE LAWS CALLING FOR SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IN CERTAIN OF THE SOUTHERN STATES WERE ENFORCED AND ADVENTISTS WERE ARRESTED, IMPRISONED, AND FORCED TO LABOR IN CHAIN GANGS FOR NOT OBSERVING THESE LAWS, THE SABBATH-SUNDAY ISSUE TOOK ON GREATER SIGNIFICANCE AND CAME IN FOR EARNEST STUDY AT THE 1889 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION. CAREFULLY REVIEWING THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED, ELLEN WHITE COUNSELED CAUTION IN ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY THE DELEGATES. {3SM 381.2}

AGITATION FOR SUNDAY LEGISLATION GRADUALLY WANED, BUT IN SUCCEEDING YEARS ELLEN WHITE KEPT THE ISSUES OF THE FINAL CONFLICT BEFORE CHURCH LEADERS. TIMES MIGHT HAVE CHANGED, SO FAR AS ACTUAL PERSECUTION FOR SABBATH OBSERVANCE WAS CONCERNED, BUT THE ISSUES AND THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED REMAINED THE SAME. SINCE ELLEN WHITE'S DEATH FURTHER CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE SAME PRINCIPLES AND THE SAME ISSUES WILL BE REVIVED IN THE COMING CONFLICT, PRESENT APPEARANCES TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING. {3SM 381.3}

THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES ESCHATOLOGICAL STATEMENTS WHICH FREQUENTLY PARALLEL THE PRESENTATION GIVEN IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, BUT WHICH JUST AS OFTEN PROVIDE NEW DETAILS AND NEW INSIGHTS. THESE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN AREAS, NAMELY: {3SM 381.4}

1. LESSONS FROM MEETING THE SUNDAY LAW CRISIS OF THE LATE 1880S AND EARLY 1890S. {3SM 381.5}

2. GENERAL COUNSELS APPROPRIATE FOR A PEOPLE APPROACHING THE END. {3SM 381.6}

3. INVOLVEMENTS OF "THE LAST GREAT STRUGGLE," WITH THE SABBATH-SUNDAY ISSUE AS THE CRUCIAL FACTOR. {3SM 382.1}

THE READER WILL NOTE THAT, WHILE ELLEN WHITE CALLS OUR ATTENTION TO TRYING EXPERIENCES AHEAD, WHICH WILL DOUBTLESS INCLUDE MARTYRDOMS, AND PREDICTS APOSTASIES IN OUR RANKS, SHE ALSO FORECASTS LARGE ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH AND GIVES ENCOURAGING ASSURANCE OF HEAVEN'S SUSTAINING GRACE TO GOD'S LOYAL PEOPLE.--WHITE TRUSTEES. {3SM 382.2}

Events National Sunday law AT Jones Blair Act GI butler and A.G Daniels opposed

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. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. 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}

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}

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. **Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance.**

Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. {GC 592.3}

The fact no secret Sunday law to be passed. Things are moving in darkness but this will be openly voted on by popular vote. A ground swell from the people of America. Politicians have to join hands.

The spirit of the French Revolutions is brewing. Obama and his cabinet disharmony is in process, but a popular demand to keep Sunday will have to arrive to seek after God.

God has been officially removed from the democratic site platform. Human rights are leaned toward on the Republican side. Women's rights are also part of the platform Homosexuality is embodied in the democratic platform God is removed.DNC . (Democratic National Conference) Now is not the time of popular demand something has to happen to buckle our nation to bring us together.

What brings on the Sunday law?

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, **in great conflagrations,(fires) in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes**, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power 4

Wipe away large cities: Now in Montana 19 fires burning currently.
Tornados happened more in one year than all the history of the USA 293 tornados
Hailstorms falling out of the sky with no clouds football size hail with no clouds

Future predictions because of leaders yielding to popular demand

*He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow.
Drought ½ of the USA is proclaiming this Food crunch spring of next year.*

He imparts to the air a **deadly taint**, and thousands perish by the **pestilence**.(Incurable disease)

Chemical warfare:

These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away," "the haughty people . . . do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isaiah 24:4, 5. {GC 589.3}

And then the great deceiver **will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils.**

After the national disasters then persuaded men will charge their troubles to those who are loyal to Gods commandments

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 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**.(your money) A crash in the USA economy. {GC 590.1}

The perfect economic storm is brewing set for a collapse. A global economy is set to crash. Doctor doomsday. No bailout a 60 trillion debt. Economics will start a revolt Civil war in America is inevitable.

In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. **The monied men, because they have the power, control the market.** They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. **This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war.**

There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. . . .

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."--Ms 114, 1899. (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.) {5MR 305.4}

Decision in America are getting worse and worse. Labor and Capitol degenerates into revolution. A police state is coming Obama executive orders are being put into place. An economic catastrophe coming

America will appeal for a Sunday Law

Stages of the Sunday law:

Catastrophe, national disasters terrorist attacks increasing food prices gas increases etc...

First Sunday law image of the Beast test since 1984 America begins to from this image the ambassador William Casey ---to 1989 Ronald Reagan since this time of 1989 we are the armies of Rome again Islam. The image is in process now Nebuchadnezzar statute took time to put in place The people saw this happening in our church is aiding the statue building just as the Jews did character was a process of development Character that was displayed at the image of the beast was completed and set in place. The character of the people was demonstrated before the whole world. At the blowing of the trumpet when all had to bow down.

Stage of the Sunday Law

Short stage Adventist thrown into confusion The 3 angels will swell into a loud cry.

Stage 2 Character is give the loud cry swell more to cause religious leaders strictly to enforced Sabbath is outlawed Close of probation happens for the SDA Fines and inducements Now the loud Cry goes without measure martyred prison and starvation occurs.

Global war occurs for the time the gospel of the 3rd angel has passed over SDAs and the final movements of Dan 11 Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon begin to come out of the fallen churches

Rapid movement s and the blood will flow. Opening of the gospel will bring thousands in Satan now comes to create a delusion. The appearance mimics the coming of Christ. This the Elijah Carmel experience. This is the battle of Armageddon. Satan will say he changed the Sabbath

Stage 3 death decree Jacobs time of trouble the people flee from the city No more martyrs .The 144,000 are shown. The wicked try to kill the praying companies angels who excel ion strength will protect the people Plagues continue to fall now the 10 commandments appear and the small black cloud arrives.

Conclusion a huge difficulty is arising 9/11 we should have had a depression but the merciful God is saying hold back the calamities until

9t 92- 95 Major city will be shaken to the ground. LA.

God is graciously giving us the oil to put this in our lamps to guide our feet in the more sure word of prophecy.

Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

While at Loma Linda, California, April 16, 1906, there passed before me a most wonderful representation. During a vision of the night, I stood on an eminence,(hill) from which I could see houses shaken like a reed in the wind. Buildings, great and small, were falling to the ground. **Pleasure resorts, theaters, hotels, and the homes of the wealthy were shaken and shattered.** Many lives were blotted out of existence, and the air was filled with the shrieks of the injured and the terrified.

The destroying angels of God were at work. One touch, and buildings, so thoroughly constructed that men regarded them as secure against every danger, quickly became heaps of rubbish. There was no assurance of safety in any place. I did not feel in any special peril, but the awfulness of the scenes that passed before me I cannot find words to describe. It seemed that the forbearance of God was exhausted and that the Judgment day had come. The angel that stood at my side then instructed me that but few have any conception of the wickedness existing in our world today, and especially the wickedness in the large cities. He declared that the Lord has appointed a time when He will visit transgressors in wrath for persistent disregard of His law.

Terrible as was the representation that passed before me, that which impressed itself most vividly upon my mind was the instruction given in connection with it. The angel that stood by my side declared that God's supreme ruler-ship and the sacredness of His law must be revealed to those who persistently refused to render obedience to the King of kings. Those who choose to remain disloyal must be visited in mercy with judgments, in order that, if possible, they may be aroused to a realization of the sinfulness of their course.

Throughout the following day I pondered the scenes that had passed before me and the instruction that had been given. During the afternoon we journeyed to Glendale, near Los Angeles; and the following night I was again instructed regarding the holiness and binding claims of the Ten Commandments and the supremacy of God above all earthly rulers.

I seemed to be in an assembly, setting before the people the requirements of God's law. I read the scriptures regarding the institution of the Sabbath in Eden at the close of the creation week, and regarding the giving of the law at Sinai; and then declared that the Sabbath is to be observed "for a perpetual covenant" as a sign between God and His people forever, that they may know that they are sanctified by the Lord, their Creator. {9T 94.1}

Through His prophet Zephaniah the Lord specifies the judgments that He will bring upon evildoers: {9T 95.1}

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"I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord." {9T 95.2}

"And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed **with strange apparel.** In the same day also will I

punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. . . . {9T 95.3}

"And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. {9T 95.4}

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." Zephaniah 1:2, 3, 8-18. {9T 95.5}