

NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW & JUDGEMENT OF THE LIVING

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As we near the close of this world's history, the **prophecies** relating to the **last days** especially **demand** our study. {COL 133.2}

QUESTION 1 – HOW WILL PROPHECY BE FULFILLED?

All that prophecy has **foretold** as coming to pass, until the **present time**, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be **assured** that **all** which is yet to come will be fulfilled - _____
_____. {PK 536.3}

QUESTION 2 – WHAT IS THE CHART?

He has a **chart** pointing out **every waymark** on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything. {GC 598.1}

The _____ is a _____, showing us the _____ of truth. {FLB 7.4}

"We can know all we need to know and we need to know all we can know" — W.D. Frazee

THE GOSPEL / BIBLE CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN ONE QUESTION...

...Whose is this **image** and **superscription**? – Mark 12:16

Image: eikon (i-kone)

Likeness, representation, resemble, likeness in mind

Superscription: epigraphé (ep-ig-raf-ay')

Inscription, writing, title

Genesis 1:26-27 | Revelation 14:9-12

When does the time of trouble commence?

Revelation 13:15-18 (**Image To The Beast**)

WHAT IS THE IMAGE TO THE BEAST?

When the **leading churches** of the **United States**, **uniting** upon such **points of doctrine** as are held by them in **common**, shall influence the state to **enforce their decrees** and to sustain their institutions, **then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy**, and the **infliction** of **civil** penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. {GC 445.1}

QUESTION 3 – WHEN DID THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD BEGIN?

| Revelation 11:18-19

HIRAM EDSON (1806–1882)

"We (Crosier & Hahn) started, and while passing through a large field I was stopped about midway of the field. Heaven seemed opened to my view, and I saw **distinctly** and **clearly** that instead of our High Priest coming out of the Most Holy of the heavenly sanctuary out of the **Most Holy of the heavenly sanctuary** to

come to this earth on the tenth day of the seventh month, at the end of the 2300 days, He for the first time entered on that day the **second apartment of that sanctuary**; and that He had a work to perform in the **Most Holy Place** before coming to the earth."

F. D. Nichol. The Midnight Cry. p. 458.

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We don't know the **time** but we know the **event**!

QUESTION 4 – WHAT IS THE LAST ACT IN THE DRAMA?

The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of _____ in place of the _____, **is the last act in the drama.** {7T 141.1}

JESUS WAS NEVER TAKEN BY SURPRISE

My **time** is not yet come ... — John 7:6

My **time** is at hand... — Matthew 26:18

Jesus knew that his **hour** was come... — John 13:1

This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ear... — Luke 4:21

It is **finished**... — John 19:30

CHRIST'S BURDEN

The **burden** of Christ's preaching was, "**The time is fulfilled**, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." Thus the gospel message, as given by the Saviour Himself, was based on the **prophecies**. – GC 233.1

QUESTION 5 – WHAT THREE PLACES DID CHRIST WARN THE DISCIPLES?

1. _____ (Matthew 16:13-21)
2. _____ (Matthew 17:22-23)
3. _____ (Matthew 20:17-20)

Conclusion: Luke 18:31-34

Before His **crucifixion** the Saviour **explained** to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again from the tomb, and **angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts**. But the disciples were looking for **temporal deliverance** from the **Roman yoke**, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death... The words which they **needed to remember** were **banished** from their minds; and when the **time of trial came**, it found them **unprepared**. The death of Jesus as fully **destroyed** their hopes as if He had not **forewarned** them. So in the **prophecies** the future is opened before **us** as **plainly** as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The **events** connected with the **close of probation** and the **work of preparation for the time of trouble**, are **clearly presented**. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had **never been revealed**. Satan **watches** to catch away every impression that would make them **wise unto salvation**, and **the time of trouble will find them unready.** {GC 594.1}

QUESTION 6 – WHAT THREE THINGS ARE CLEARLY PRESENTED?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Lord has shown me **clearly** that the **image of the beast** will be formed **before probation closes**; for it is to be the **test** for the people of God, by which their **eternal destiny will be decided**... This is the **test** that the people of God **must** have before they are **sealed**. (7BC 976.1)

The **Sabbath** will be the **great test of loyalty**...{GC 605}

1 Tim 5:24 | 1 Pet 4:17

QUESTION 7 – WHAT EVENT IS CONNECTED TO THE CLOSE OF PROBATION THAT’S CLEARLY PRESENTED?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SEAL OF GOD

Not one of us will ever receive the **seal** of God while our characters have **one spot or stain upon them**. {5T 214.2}

QUESTION 8 – WHAT IS THE SEAL OF GOD?

Just as soon as the people of God are **sealed in their foreheads**,—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a _____, both intellectually and spiritually, so they **cannot be moved**,—just as soon as God's people are **sealed and prepared** for the **shaking**, it will come. {1MR 249.2}

Though no man **knoweth** the **day** nor the **hour** of His coming, we are **instructed** and **required to know** when it is **near**. {GC 370.2}

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When (1)**Protestantism** shall **stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the** (2)**Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with (3)**spiritualism**, when, under the influence of this **threefold union**, ...{5T 451}

QUESTION 9 – WHAT IS THE THREE-FOLD UNION?

1. Dragon _____
2. Beast _____
3. False Prophet _____

| Rev 16:13-14

...our country shall **repudiate every principle of its Constitution** as a (1)**Protestant** and (2)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 451}

| Proverbs 14:34

...in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sunday keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image. {GC 448.3}

WORK OF PREPARATION FOR THE TIME OF TROUBLE

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We have been looking many years for a **Sunday law to be enacted in our land**, and now that the movement is **right upon us**, we ask, **What are our people going to do in the matter? We should especially seek God for grace and power to be given His people now**. {LDE 125.1}

QUESTION 10 – WHAT ARE THE TWO MAIN THINGS THAT PEOPLE WILL NEED TO BUY?

1. _____
2. _____

QUESTION 11 – WHAT ARE TOLD BUYING AND SELLING WILL BE IN THE FUTURE?

Again and **again** the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families **away** from the **cities**, into the **country**, where they can **raise** their own **provisions**; for in the future the problem of **buying** and **selling** will be _____. We should **now** begin to heed the instruction given us **over** and **over** again. {CL 9.5}

Yet it is a hard lesson for men to learn that God means what He says. {1MCP 303.4}

What should we be doing as we see that religious aggression is soon to **subvert** the **liberties** of our nation? As religious aggression **subverts** the **liberties of our nation**, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have opportunity, become **intelligent** in regard to **disease**, its **causes**, **prevention**, and **cure**...{CH 506}

QUESTION 12 – What are the four things we need to understand for Medical Missionary Work?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I wish to tell you that soon there will be **no work done** in ministerial lines **but medical missionary work**. {CH 533.1}

God **desires** his people to **bind** medical missionary work up with the work of the **third angel's message**. **This is the work that will restore the moral image of God in man.** {MM 160}

Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3. GC 490.1

When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12. GC 490.2

The righteous and the wicked will still be living upon the earth in their mortal state—men will be **planting and building, eating and drinking, all unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision has been pronounced in the sanctuary above**. Before the Flood, after Noah entered the ark, God shut him in and shut the ungodly out; but for seven days the people, knowing not that their doom was fixed, continued their careless, pleasure-loving life and mocked the warnings of impending judgment. "So," says the Saviour, "shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:39. Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief, will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men. GC 491.1

"Watch ye therefore: ... lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." Mark 13:35, 36. Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world. While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments—it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5:27. GC 491.2

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, **choose** you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. – Joshua 24:25