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US National Emergency vs Freedoms. Trump Echoes Louis XV. SDA Administrator: Ellen White False, GC Erroneous, No Sunday Law. Millennials Doing Country Living for End Times. Carbon Tax a RCC Indulgence to US 2019. Saints in Satan's hand.

1. Let us read Revelation 13:1-10.
2. What does a beast represent in Bible prophecy? Daniel 7:17,23; 1 Kings 18:10 _____
3. What name is written on this beast? Revelation 13:1 _____
4. What are the two primary biblical definitions of blasphemy? John 10:30-33; Mark 2:5-7 _____

5. Note: The only nation that has a man who claims to be God on the earth and men who claim to be able to forgive sins is the Papacy.
6. How long was the Papacy to reign for? Revelation 13:5 _____
7. Note: 42 prophetic months represent 1260 years. See Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6.
8. Note: The Papacy ruled the world from A.D. 538 to 1798.
9. Note: Another characteristic of this beast, the Papacy, is that it persecuted God's saints, it once ruled the world, and it forced people into false worship. See Revelation 13:7,8.
10. Note: Another characteristic of this beast is that it would receive a deadly wound; which means that it would no longer rule the world and have the power to force people to worship falsely under the penalty of death. See Revelation 13:3,10.
11. Note: The Papacy received its deadly wound in 1798.
"The periods here mentioned--'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days'--are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed." {GC 266.3}
12. Note: The Bible foretells that the Papacy will regain world dominance in these last days, before Christ's second coming, and force the world to worship falsely under the penalty of death. See Revelation 13:3,4.
13. What is the composite, the make up of this beast, the Papacy? Revelation 13:2 _____
14. Note: It has the body of a **leopard**; the feet of a **bear**; the mouth of a **lion**; the power, seat, and authority of the **dragon**.
15. Note: We find similar animals that typify various nations in the book of Daniel. Bear in mind that the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation are one complete book, that explain each other.
16. Let us read Daniel 7:3-8.
17. Which nation is the lion beast a symbol of? Daniel 7:4; Jeremiah 50:43-45; Habakkuk 1:6-8; Daniel 1:1,4 _____
18. Let us read Daniel 7:5.
19. Note: The nations that conquered Babylon and became world ruler was Medes and Persians; they are likened unto the bear. See Daniel 5:24-31.
20. Let us read Daniel 7:6.
21. Note: The nation that conquered the Medes and Persians and became world ruler was Greece. Greece is likened unto the leopard. See Daniel 8:5-7, 20,21.
22. Let us read Daniel 7:7.
23. Note: The nation that conquered Greece and became world ruler was the Roman Empire. Rome is likened unto the dreadful and terrible beast. See John 19:19,20; Luke 2:1.
24. Let us read Revelation 13:2 and assign the nations to the animal symbols. The leopard is Greece; the bear is the Medes and Persians; the lion is Babylon; and the dragon is the Roman Empire.
"The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Savior to death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome." {GC 438.2}
25. Note: The Papacy manifested the characteristics of all the four nations when she ruled the world between A.D. 538 and 1798, and will again manifest these traits when she regains control.
26. Let us read Daniel 7:23,24. These verses point to the Roman Empire and the Papacy in sequential order.
27. Describe the work of the Papacy? Daniel 7:25 _____
28. Note: Daniel 7:25 states that the saints will be given into the hand of the Papacy for Time, Times, 1/2 Time, which is 1260 years.
29. Note: On the surface, Daniel 7:25 is troubling that God would allow His Christians to be persecuted by the Papacy for 1260 years.
30. Note: To comprehend Daniel 7:25, we must study a particular incident wherein God allowed His human representative to be placed under Satan's oppression. Once we discover the reason for that incident, then we will better comprehend Daniel 7:25.
31. Note: Let us consider the account of Job. Read Job 1:1,7-12; Job 2:3-6. Write down your thoughts _____

32. Note: In essence, Satan said to the Lord that nobody on earth could vindicate God's character. Secondly, that Job was serving God, Job was perfect, because God was blessing him.

33a. What did Job say after the first round of crises? Job 1:20-22 _____

33b. What did Jesus say on the cross when He lost everything, when He was naked, and when darkness surrounded Him? _____

Luke 23:34,44-46 _____

34. What did Job say after the second round of crises? Job 2:7-10 _____

35. Note: Based on the aforementioned points, we can better understand Daniel 7:25 and why the saints were given into the hands of Satan through the Papacy.

36. What was said of the Christians during the time period of 538 to 1798 A.D.? Revelation 13:5,7,10 _____

37. What will said of the Christians in these last days? Revelation 13:15-17; Revelation 14:12 _____

38. Summary: In both time periods (Job and 538 - 1798) the Christians lost everything. Additionally, the question was asked, Who will remain faithful to God during severe trials and persecutions? There was one slight difference during both time periods (Job and 538 - 1798). Job's life was preserved. During 538 - 1798, many Christians were slain by Satan through the Papacy. The incidents within these two time periods will be repeated in these last days.

39. Let us read Daniel 7:20-22. What will the Papacy, the Little/Stout Horn do again before the second coming of Jesus Christ? _____

40. Note: The Papacy will make war with the saints after her deadly wound is healed at the Sunday Law crisis. Revelation 13:3,11-17.

41. When the Sunday Law is enforced, God's people will lose every earthly support, like Job. See the following scripture and quotations. Revelation 13:15-17 and Daniel 3:15-18,29. Modern/Spiritual Babylon is revealed in Daniel 11:40,41 (Daniel 7:25 - keyword is 'hand') as the king of the north.

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off.

Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Revelation 13:11-17. {DA 121.3}

Friday [Jan. 18, 1884] night several heard my voice exclaiming, "Look, Look!" Whether I was dreaming or in vision I cannot tell. I slept alone. {3SM 427.4} The time of trouble was upon us. I saw our people in great distress, weeping and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us mocking us and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep. **They charged us with taking an independent position from all the rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy or sell, and they referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world. We were dependent on the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it.** If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favored, the appearances were awfully against us. {3SM 427.5}

Human laws will be made so stringent that men and women will not dare to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. For fear of wanting food and clothing, they will join with the world in transgressing God's law. {Mar 162.4}

42. When the Sunday Law is enforced, God's people will lose every earthly support, like Job. Additionally, a few of God's Christians will be martyrs. Read the following scriptures and the quotations. Revelation 13:15-17 and Matthew 10:28.

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. **The mark of the beast will be urged upon us.** Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, **rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death.** The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. {5T 81.1}

"The disciples were not endowed with the courage and fortitude of the martyrs until such grace was needed. Then the Saviour's promise was fulfilled." {DA 354.3}

We will not be able to meet the trials of this time without God. We are not to have the courage and fortitude of martyrs of old until brought into the position they were in. . . . We are to receive daily supplies of grace for each daily emergency. Thus we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and if persecution comes upon us, if we must be enclosed in prison walls for the faith of Jesus and the keeping of God's holy law, **"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Should there be a return of persecution there would be grace given to arouse every energy of the soul to show a true heroism....** {OHC 125.4}

"As we were traveling along, we met a company who also were gazing at the glories of the place. I **noticed red as a border on their garments;** their crowns were brilliant; their robes were pure white. As we greeted them, I **asked Jesus who they were. He said they were martyrs that had been slain for Him. With them was an innumerable company of little ones; they also had a hem of red on their garments.**" {EW 18.2}

"There is a picture representing **a bullock standing between a plow and an altar,** with the inscription, **'Ready for either,'** ready to toil in the furrow or to be offered on the altar of sacrifice. **This is the position of the true child of God--willing to go where duty calls, to deny self, to sacrifice for the Redeemer's cause.**" {MH 502.5}

43. What does the Bible say that should encourage us? Deuteronomy 33:25 _____

44. What was Job's experience before the crisis, before the Lord permitted Satan to severely try him? Job 1:1,5 _____

45. What signs show that the Sunday Law crisis is near and that we will be put into Satan's hand to be tested? James 5:1-11 _____

Macron Waves the White Flag on Carbon Taxes in France <https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/12/06/macron-waves-the-white-flag-on-carbon-taxes-in-france/>

There Is No Carbon Tax In The U.S., But The Midterms Could Change That <https://www.forbes.com/sites/patrickgleason/2018/11/05/there-is-no-carbon-tax-in-the-u-s-but-the-midterms-could-change-that/#77c5f8cd6f2b>

After defeat in West, U.S. carbon tax push looks East... **Washington state voters have turned down what would have been the first U.S. carbon tax - but "carbon pricing" efforts are expected to push on in 2019**, with nearly a dozen largely eastern states considering legislative proposals, experts say. Lawmakers in New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont aim to introduce carbon pricing legislation, including carbon taxes and market-based carbon cap-and-trade measures, said Michael Green with Boston-based carbon pricing think tank Climate XChange. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-carbontax-analysis/after-defeat-in-west-u-s-carbon-tax-push-looks-east-idUSKCN1ND1PT>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2018/12/02/macron-returns-to-a-france-in-turmoil-as-nation-weighs-state-of-emergency.html>
Macron returns to a France in turmoil as nation weighs state of emergency

Time For Climate Action, Holness Tells G20 Leaders... **Prime Minister Andrew Holness has underscored the need for more action and less talk on climate change**, which continues to pose a serious threat to small island states. "The small island states of the Caribbean, whose case I plead at this summit, do not have the luxury of engaging in a philosophical debate on climate change. Holness, who recently accepted an invitation to co-chair an initiative on climate financing with the President of France Emmanuel Macron, nudged the G20 leaders to meet the long-standing commitment to mobilize the agreed US\$100 billion per annum by 2020 to address climate change. "We have a duty to be fiscally responsible, energy smart, and embrasive of technology and innovation in this regard," added Holness. <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20181202/time-climate-action-holness-tells-g20-leaders>

A Parliament of the World's Religions Letter Urging Nations to Reaffirm Climate Commitments to the Leaders of COP24... **The Parliament of the World's Religions understands that human-induced climate change is a scientific reality, and its decisive mitigation is a moral and religious imperative. The damaging impacts of climate change are already extensive. To keep the earth livable, all nations must reduce and then end emissions of greenhouse gases, moving to a post-carbon global economy based on clean, safe, and renewable energy.** <https://parliamentofreligions.org/blog/2018-12-03-1659/parliament-worlds-religions-letter-urging-nations-reaffirm-climate-commitments>

Paragraphs #23 and #26. The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life... There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Now is the time to start a carbon tax... Global warming is caused by increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and this carbon dioxide comes from the burning of fossil fuels. If we want to reduce global warming, we have to cut back on fossil fuels. The scientific consensus on this is overwhelming, as Pope Francis noted in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Economists tell us that the easiest and most effective way to reduce carbon emissions is to make it more expensive to burn fossil fuels. <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/time-carbon-tax>

<https://leadership.ng/2018/12/05/french-opposition-chief-calls-for-state-of-emergency-amid-protests/> French Opposition Chief Calls For State Of Emergency Amid Protests.

Note: The book *The Great Controversy* is due to the world. Chapter 15 is especially needed at this time of crisis.
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Trump On Skyrocketing National Debt: 'I Won't Be Here' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rsqG0O5ozI>

Donald Trump Reportedly Shrugged Off Looming Debt Crisis Because 'I Won't Be Here' https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-debt-crisis-shrugs-off_us_5c08efd3e4b069028dc6a6d7?utm_medium=facebook&ncid=fcblkinkushpmsg00000063&utm_source=main_fb&utm_campaign=hp_fb_pages§ion=politics&fbclid=IwAR13mERmTdzaw3GCLySnkAhdpHbddK9wky5AHqTY5G-KFDRDDUO6ZLmSig

For more than half a century before the time of the Revolution the throne was occupied by Louis XV, who, even in those evil times, was distinguished as an indolent, frivolous, and sensual monarch. With a depraved and cruel aristocracy and an impoverished and ignorant lower class, the state financially embarrassed and the people exasperated, it needed no prophet's eye to foresee a terrible impending outbreak. To the warnings of his counselors the king was accustomed to reply: "Try to make things go on as long as I am likely to live; after my death it may be as it will." It was in vain that the necessity of reform was urged. He saw the evils, but had neither the courage nor the power to meet them. The doom awaiting France was but too truly pictured in his indolent and selfish answer, "After me, the deluge!" {GC 280.1}

After all, Trump [or any other president] can do only so much without bumping up against the limits set by the Constitution and Congress and enforced by the courts. The moment the president declares a “national emergency”—a decision that is entirely within his discretion—he is able to set aside many of the legal limits on his authority. For instance, the president can, with the flick of his pen, activate laws allowing him **to shut down many kinds of electronic communications inside the United States or freeze Americans’ bank accounts.** <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/presidential-emergency-powers/576418/>

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 451.1}

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Take a moment to consider that during a declared war or national emergency, the president can unilaterally suspend the law that bars government testing of biological and chemical agents on unwitting human subjects. Under this interpretation, Section 706 could effectively function as a “kill switch” in the U.S.—one that would be available to the president the moment he proclaimed a mere threat of war. **It could also give the president power to assume control over U.S. internet traffic. The president can then order a range of economic actions to address the threat, including freezing assets and blocking financial transactions.** <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/presidential-emergency-powers/576418/>

President George W. Bush took matters a giant step further after 9/11. His Executive Order 13224 prohibited transactions not just with any suspected foreign terrorists, but with any foreigner or any U.S. citizen suspected of providing them with support. **Once a person is “designated” under the order, no American can legally give him a job, rent him an apartment, provide him with medical services, or even sell him a loaf of bread unless the government grants a license to allow the transaction.** The patriot Act gave the order more muscle, allowing the government to trigger these consequences merely by opening an investigation into whether a person or group should be designated. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/presidential-emergency-powers/576418/>

The Insurrection Act of 1807 provides the necessary authority. As amended over the years, it allows the president to deploy troops upon the request of a state’s governor or legislature to help put down an insurrection within that state. It also allows the president to deploy troops unilaterally, either because he determines that rebellious activity has made it “impracticable” to enforce federal law through regular means, or because he deems it necessary to suppress “**insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination, or conspiracy**” (terms not defined in the statute) that hinders the rights of a class of people or “impedes the course of justice.” <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/presidential-emergency-powers/576418/>

Read Luke 23:1,2,19,25; Acts 24:5

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}

Note: The following may cause a ‘national emergency.

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, 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. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils...t 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. {GC 589.3}

Are Sunday Laws Coming?...However the expectation that in the end of time a universal Sunday law will be enforced by the civil authorities, upon the insistence of the public and at the demand of the “apostate” churches, seems to be more and more unrealistic. Adventists must ask themselves: Does the Bible clearly predict a time when merciless Sunday laws will be enforced? We should realize that this Sunday-law scenario is mainly based on the interpretation of the prophecies of the Revelation by Ellen White in her book *The Great Controversy*. For some this means that, against all present appearances, the Sunday laws are coming, because “she says so!” For others it means that Ellen White was wrong and that she is thereby disqualified as a prophetic beacon for the Adventist believers. For me, it means that we must revise our concept of inspiration.

Ellen White wrote her book *The Great Controversy* in the late nineteenth century, against the background of circumstances that prevailed in the United States. Her world was divided between Roman Catholics and Protestants. She belonged to a tiny Adventist sect that was not welcome. She lived in a time when politicians at the state level and the national level were doing all they could to enforce Sunday observance. She experienced how in some states Sabbath keepers were actually put in prison! However, her world no longer exists. Let us not waste energy on trying to push an unrealistic Sunday-law scenario... https://atoday.org/are-sunday-laws-coming/?fbclid=IwAR0C-es733_DQAJaSqO2Gwayj1CXyjdBF1PRbzBhXiGMzpnEh_y0Gdjw2oA

Fearing disaster, millennials are buying land in rural places...Some city-dwelling millennials are investing in property in rural locations for an ominous reason: In case their urban homes are ravaged by climate change-related disasters. They're buying up land in places like Vermont, Oregon, and New York's Catskill Mountains, in hopes of having a refuge if (or rather when, in their view) the coastal cities where they live are overwhelmed by rising sea levels and extreme, destructive weather as a result of climate change, the New York Times reported. These young professionals are building homes to be self-sufficient and sustainable...Mark Dalski, a 33-year-old is building a small home there that will have its own well, power lines, septic system, and vegetable garden. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/real-estate/fearing-disaster-millennials-are-buying-land-in-rural-places/ar-BBQxxjy?ocid=se>