# "And As It Was In The Days Of Noe. ... "

A Comparison Of Events Leading To The Close Of Probation – Then And Now July 22, 2024

Hello Friends,

As we continue to study, more pieces of the puzzle are falling into place, and I would like you to consider 7 questions and I want to share with you 7 answers from Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy which clarify them:

- 1. At the time of Noah, probation closed, and the world was destroyed by water in 40 days. Now, probation is about to close, and the world will be destroyed by fire. Mrs. White saw that it only "took a number of days," from the time probation closes and the plagues commence, until we see a small black cloud which was the sign of Jesus. Why the short duration for both events?
- 2. At the time of Noah, probation closed "unnoticed" by the world standing outside the ark. Of this second close of probation we are told: "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." -The Great Controversy, 491. Why is the element of surprise necessary in both events?
- 3. Jesus, the Angel in Revelation 8:3-5, throws down the censer and probation closes (*Early Writings*, 279, 280; *The Great Controversy*, 613.) Note that He is standing in front of the "golden altar" in the holy place! But how can probation close in the "holy place?" Mrs. White wrote: "Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until *every case was decided*. ... Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath *must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place* of the heavenly sanctuary." *–Early Writings*, 36, 48.
- 4. Why is Jesus, in Rev. 8:3, 4, offering incense, "with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar," which is in the holy place, if probation closes in the most holy place? Could there be two intercessions after 1844? Why is "intercessions" in plural in the following statement? "'Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh ... What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but to His return *from His ministration in the most holy place* of the heavenly sanctuary, when He *lays off* His priestly attire and *clothes Himself* with garments of vengeance, and when the mandate goes forth: 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still'. ... Probation closes; Christ's *intercessions* cease in heaven. This time finally comes suddenly upon all." *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, pp. 190, 191.
- 5. Why did John write in Rev. 4:1: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven?" Note that John was surrounded by the 24 elders in the "holy place." This event takes place after Revelation 3:7, when Jesus, as He was entering the most holy place in 1844, said of Himself: "He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." He "opened" the door of the most holy place, and no man could shut it, and He "shut" the door of the holy place, and no man could open it. But if the door of the "holy

- place" remains shut, how can Jesus exit the "most holy place," to <u>confess</u> the sins of Israel upon Satan at the door of the first apartment (the holy place) in Lev. 16:21?
- 6. We have always believed that probation closes with the enforcement of the "Mark of the Beast." But Inspiration tells us: "The Lord has shown me clearly that the IMAGE of the beast will be formed BEFORE probation closes; for it is to be the great 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." —Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 976. [Cap emphasis supplied.] As Seventh-day Adventists we have confused "the Image of the Beast" with the "Mark of the Beast." Do you know the difference? We will dissect the difference between the two in this study!
- 7. Jesus said: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation. ... *let him which is on the house top not come down to take any thing out of his house."* -Matthew 24:15-22. When is this applicable?

### ANSWER 1

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." –*Luke 17:26.* Every case for every person alive had already been decided by Jesus before the angel closed the ark's door. Then, probation closed, and people had no idea of the decision made in heaven; *the world was destroyed by water in just 40 days!* Why such little time? The plagues at the time of Egypt lasted "for months. ... The Lord gave a respite after every plague, in which abundant opportunity was given for *repentance*" –*The Youth's Instructor*, April 8 and 15, 1897. After the ark's door closed, repentance was no longer an option!

Why is this important? Because probation for the world is about to close, except this time the world will be destroyed by fire (2 Pet. 3:12.) Mrs. White <u>saw</u> that it only <u>"took a number of days,"</u> from the time probation closes and the plagues commence, until the saints on earth see a small black cloud which was the sign Jesus. Please take a few minutes to compare the events then and now.

God is love and the destruction of the wicked is "his strange work ... his strange act." *–Isa. 28:21.* "As it was in the days of Noe," repentance will no longer be an option after Jesus, the Angel in Revelation 8:3-5, throws down the censer and probation closes (*Early Writings, 279, 280; The Great Controversy, 613.*) Thus, the plagues and the destruction of the wicked will only take "a number of days."

Notice in Rev. 8 that the censer is in the hand of Jesus as He is standing in front of the "golden altar" which is in the holy place, and not the most holy. In Lev. 16:18, the high priest exited the most holy place, never to return, and went "out unto the altar that is before the LORD." The "altar that is before the LORD" (Leviticus 16:12) is also known as the "altar of incense" (Exodus 30:27), and "the golden altar ... before the vail" (Exodus 40:26), and it is found in the holy place! It is from this golden altar (Revelation 8:3)

in the holy place, that the censer is "cast into the earth," and probation closes.

"There is no command for any one to search the Scripture in order to ascertain, if possible, when probation will close." –*The Review and Herald*, October 9, 1894. Why? Because the close of probation comes "silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief." (*The Great Controversy*, 491.) As we shall see below, we do not know when probation will close, but "after" it closes, an event takes place on earth which marks its closing!

After probation closes, no one will know whether we are saved or lost. Why must probation close in secret? To avoid a repetition of 1844 when thousands of "nominal" Adventists suddenly changed their lives expecting Jesus to come on October 22, 1844, and on October 23 they went back to business as usual!

"The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth's history. All claim to be Christians. All have a call, a name, a lamp, and all profess to be doing God's service. All apparently wait for Christ's appearing. But *five are unready. Five will be found surprised, dismayed, outside the banquet hall."* –Christ's Object Lessons, 412.

"God is sifting His people. He will have a clean and holy church ... A corrupt people has arisen who could not live with the people of God. They despised reproof, and would not be corrected ... They had time to repent of their wrongs; but self was too dear to die. They nourished it, and it grew strong, and they separated from the trusting people of God ... As we near the judgment, all will manifest their true character, and it will be made plain to what company they belong. The sieve is moving. Let us not say: Stay Thy hand, O God. The church must be purged, and it will be." –Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, pp. 99, 100.

Although we do not know when probation closes, we know that "it was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary" (Early Writings, 280.) "And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were *put* on his head." – Spalding and Magan Collection, pages 1, 2, October 23, 1850. Note that the plagues do not commence until Jesus puts on the "garments of vengeance," and "takes His place upon the great white cloud."

Note on Spalding and Magan above: On the <u>day of Atonement</u> on October 22, 1844, Jesus entered the most holy place to offer "the sin offering, that is <u>for the people."</u>—Leviticus 16:15-17. In Lev. 16:18, Jesus leaves the most holy place on a <u>day of Atonement</u> as the high priest did in the typical service, to <u>confess</u> the sins of Israel upon Satan at the door of the first apartment (the holy place)

in fulfillment of Lev. 16:21, and this event also takes place on a <u>day of Atonement</u> (The Great Controversy, 658.) <u>Then</u>, "while the plagues are falling, Satan is being led away. Mrs. White says: "I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat." Why? Because the plagues are falling! <u>Then</u>, in Lev. 16:23, Jesus comes back into the holy place and <u>"takes off"</u> the linen garments. <u>Then</u>, in Lev. 16:24, while in the "holy place," Jesus washes His "flesh with water," <u>puts on</u> His "garments of vengeance," and "takes His place upon the great white cloud." Finally, on another day of Atonement, "the sins of God's people will be <u>placed</u> upon Satan ... so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth" (The Great Controversy, 658.)

Now, look at this vision which reveals the short duration of the plagues! "And *I saw a flaming cloud* come where Jesus' stood. Then Jesus laid off his priestly garment and put on his *Kingly robe*, and took his place on the cloud which carried him to the East, where it first appeared to the saints on earth—a small black cloud which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the East, *which took a number of days*, the synagogue of Satan worshipped at the saint's feet." –Ellen G. Harmon, *Broadside*, April 6, 1846, par. 8. *Note:* His "Kingly robe," is the "garments of vengeance" in Lev. 16:24.

### **ANSWER 2**

# In Noah's Day – Probation Closed Unnoticed & History Will Be Repeated!

"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, <u>all unconscious</u> 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. <u>Silently, unnoticed as the midnight thief,</u> will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to guilty men." –The Great Controversy, 491.

### **ANSWER 3**

# In Noah's Day – Every Case Was Decided Before The Ark's Door Closed & History Will Be Repeated!

"Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until <u>every case was decided.</u> ... Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath <u>must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place</u> of the heavenly sanctuary." –Early Writings, 36, 48.

Did you notice that "every case was decided ... before Jesus leaves the most holy place? And yet, probation closes when Jesus, while standing in front of the golden altar, in the holy place (not the most holy), "took the censer ... and cast it into the earth." – *Revelation 8:3-5.* How can this be?

"<u>'Watch</u> ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh ... lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping' ... What time is here referred to? Not to the revelation of Christ in

the clouds of heaven to find a people asleep. No; but <u>to His</u> <u>return from His ministration in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary</u>, when He lays <u>off</u> His priestly attire <u>and clothes Himself with garments of vengeance</u>, and when the mandate goes forth: 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still'. ... When Jesus ceases to plead for man, the cases of all are forever decided. ... To those who have neglected the preparation of purity and holiness, which fits them to be waiting ones to welcome their Lord, the sun sets in gloom and darkness, and rises not again. Probation closes; Christ's <u>intercessions</u> cease in heaven. <u>This time finally comes suddenly upon all</u>, and those who have neglected to purify their souls by obeying the truth are found sleeping." –Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2, pp. 190, 191.

### **ANSWER 4**

Did you notice above that "intercessions" is in plural? Did you notice that Jesus must "return from His ministration in the most holy place? As Jesus entered the most holy place in 1844, He said to the "wise" virgins "Wait here." Wait where? In the holy place, until He returns from the most holy place, where "every case was decided." The wedding and the reception of His kingdom, take place in the most holy place!

"I saw the Father rise from the throne ... and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne ... Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself." Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat." –Early Writings, 54, 55.

"The proclamation, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,' in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom. 'They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut.' They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to 'wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.' Luke 12:36." -The Great Controversy, 426.

When Jesus leaves the most holy place where does He return to? There is only one entrance and one exit into the most holy place, and it is via the "holy place." Did you notice what He does when He returns? He "lays off" his priestly attire and "clothes Himself with the "garments of vengeance!" Those 2 events take place in the "holy place." *There are 2 intercessions in heaven:* one for the most holy place, and the final one for the holy place. Both commence and end "unnoticed."

"God commanded that an atonement be made <u>for each of the sacred apartments</u>, as for the altar, to 'cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.' Leviticus 16:19." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 355.

"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary." –*Psalm 77:13.* Leviticus 16 is the only chapter in all of Scripture that describes the steps of our High Priest in the sanctuary. Daniel said: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be *cleansed."* –*Daniel 8:14.* Was the sanctuary cleansed in 1844? No. The cleansing "commenced" with the judgment of the dead, but the final cleansing "ends" with the judgment of the living in Lev. 16:33. For 180 years we have been so focused in trying to prove that the "commencement" of the Judgment took place in 1844, that we have forgotten that it was only the "commencement."

On October 22, 1844, in fulfillment of Leviticus 16:15-17, Jesus entered the most holy place. *Then*, in Leviticus 16:18, Jesus leaves the most holy place, "*never to return*," to continue His intercession in the holy place. When Jesus leaves the most holy place in Leviticus 16:18, the "cleansing of the sanctuary" is not completed. There are still 16 more verses in Leviticus 16 before the "final cleansing" takes place.

#### **ANSWER 5**

Why did John write in Rev. 4:1: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven?" Note that John was surrounded by the 24 elders in the "holy place." This event takes place after Revelation 3:7, when Jesus, as He was entering the most holy place in 1844, said of Himself: "He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." He "opened" the door of the most holy place, and no man could shut it, and He "shut" the door of the "holy place, and no man could open it. But if the door of the "holy place" remains shut, how can Jesus exit the "most holy place," to confess the sins of Israel upon Satan at the door of the first apartment (the holy place) in Lev. 16:21?

Revelation 3:7 has to have a "double application." Why? Because as our high Priest, Jesus must transfer to Himself the sins that have been confessed in the most holy place since 1844, and then transfer them to Satan, the scapegoat of Lev. 16:21, and that event takes place at the door of the holy place leading out to the outer court. "Placing his hands upon the head of the scapegoat, he confessed over him all these sins, thus in figure transferring them from himself to the goat." –The Great Controversy, 420.

John the Revelator <u>saw</u> this when he said: <u>"After this</u> I looked, and, behold, <u>a door was opened in heaven:</u> and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and <u>I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."</u> -Revelation 4:1.

John says: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven." After what? After Revelation 3:7 when the door to the holy place had been shut. He then heard Jesus say to him: "I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Hereafter what? All the events that take place after Revelation 4:1.

Leviticus 16 has 34 verses. <u>Every activity that Jesus performs</u> <u>from Leviticus 16:18</u> until the end of the chapter, <u>and every activity from Revelation 4:1</u>, until the end of the book, <u>takes</u> <u>place in the holy place</u>, <u>not in the most holy!</u>

#### ANSWER 6

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of <u>God:</u> and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" –1 Peter 4:17.

The great majority of us have confused "the Image of the Beast" with the "Mark of the Beast." "The Lord has shown me clearly that *the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes;* for it is to be the *great 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.*" –*SDA Bible Commentary,* Vol. 7, p. 976.

We have been expecting a *National Sunday Law* in America for 135 years; that law will be a complete surprise to the world, but not to us. Thus, we are held to a higher standard, and probation closes for us when the Image is formed.

"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them <u>in common</u>, shall influence the state to <u>enforce their decrees</u> and <u>to sustain their institutions</u>, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy." –The Great Controversy, 445.1. In this paragraph, the "Image of the Beast is still not formed, since none of the churches are guilty of the phrase "to enforce their decrees."

"The 'image to the beast' represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the *enforcement* of their dogmas." –The Great Controversy, 445.2.

"But in the very act of <u>enforcing</u> a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the <u>enforcement</u> of Sundaykeeping <u>in the United</u> <u>States</u> would be an <u>enforcement</u> of the worship of the beast and his image." –The Great Controversy, 448.3.

Did you notice "in the United States?" In *The Great Controversy*, 448.3 above, *the Image has been formed and* probation is closed for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, because the *National Sunday Law* will have been enacted! When this happens, *Seals* #1-4 are in progress, but the *Trumpets* and the *Plagues* are still a future event since probation for the world does not take place until the censer "is cast into the earth" in Rev. 8:5, and the first Trumpet sounds in Rev. 8:7!

"The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth.

Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter." — Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 97.2.

"But ... there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. <u>God accepts</u> their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him." –The Great Controversy, 449.1. Up to here, the Mark is still future since the world has not been "enlightened" regarding the true Sabbath.

"But when <u>Sunday observance shall be enforced by law</u>, and the <u>world</u> shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, <u>then</u> whoever shall transgress the command of God ... will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—<u>'the mark of the beast.'</u> "-The Great Controversy, 449.1. Now, the <u>"world"</u> is enlightened, the <u>Universal</u> Sunday Law is enforced, "and those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast." -Ibid, 449.1.

To understand the "event" on earth that will allow us to know that the censer in Rev. 8:3-5 has been "cast into the earth" and probation has closed, we must go back to Matthew 25.

"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 unlookedfor calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God ... 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." —Christ's Object Lessons, page 412.

What is the great final test? "The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty," for it is the point of truth especially controverted." —The Great Controversy, 605. When does the "great final test" take place? "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."—Christ's Object Lessons, page 412.

<u>Then</u>, Jesus will take the censer "and cast it into the earth." – Revelation 8:5. <u>Then</u>, probation closes for the world and the <u>Time of Jacob's Trouble</u> commences. <u>Then</u>, "the seven angels which had the seven Trumpets <u>prepared</u> themselves to sound." – Revelation 8:6. "<u>Then</u> He will put on the garments of vengeance. <u>Then</u> the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, <u>and</u> takes His place upon the great white cloud. <u>Then</u> while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away." – Spalding and Magan Collection, pages 1, 2,

## ANSWER 7

Now that we understand the "Image" and the "Mark" of the Beast, what changes in our understanding of Present Truth? When the *National Sunday Law* is enacted in America, will God's people know if they have been saved? No. Will we stop following Jesus if we know probation has closed after the *Universal Sunday Law*? No. What changes is the "procrastination" of our spiritual and physical preparation!

"The assumption of power on the part of <u>our nation</u> in the <u>decree</u> <u>enforcing the papal sabbath</u> will be a warning to us. <u>It will then</u> <u>be time to leave the large cities</u>, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains." -Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 464.

We were told to leave the large cities 122 years ago. "The cities are to be worked from *outposts*. Said the messenger of God,

'Shall not the cities be warned? Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by their visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth.'"—*Maranatha*, 184 (Letter 182, 1902.)

The great majority of Seventh-day Adventists have been waiting for the enactment of the *National Sunday Law* to put away our <u>"cherished sins,"</u> and <u>begin</u> our search for property outside the large cities, <u>learn</u> how to garden, <u>dig</u> a well and <u>buy</u> a woodstove!

"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 ... *and the time of trouble will find them unready.*" —Maranatha, 263.

The reference in 5T 464 above, is applicable to Matthew 24:15-22: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation. ... then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains: <u>let him which is on the house top not come down to take any thing out of his house.</u> ... for then shall be great tribulation. ... but for the elect's sake <u>those days shall be shortened.</u>" "The last great conflict will be <u>short, but terrible.</u>" –Selected Messages, Book 3, p. 419. "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because <u>a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.</u>" –Romans 9:28.

Why should this "last generation" be given a "second chance" to obey by providing a *National Sunday Law Test?* For 6000 years no other generation has had this privilege! How were they judged? By overcoming sin. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, *to him it is sin.*" –*James 4:17.* 

"Like the angels, the dwellers in Eden had been placed upon probation ... <u>They could obey and live, or disobey and perish."</u>

—Patriarchs and Prophets, 53. "Many cases have been presented before me, and I have been let into their inner lives. My soul has been sick and disgusted with the rotten-heartedness of human beings who profess godliness, and talk of translation to Heaven. I have asked myself frequently, <u>whom can I trust? Who is free from iniquity?</u>—Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3, p. 349.

"Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory ... there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble. *It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us.*" –The Great Controversy, 623.

"If when the Lord reveals your errors you do not repent or make confession, his providence will bring you over the ground again and again ... and will <u>call sin righteousness</u>, and righteousness <u>sin</u>. The multitude of deceptions that will prevail in these last days will encircle you, <u>and you will change leaders</u>, and not know that you have done so."—The Review and Herald, December 16, 1890.

So, what is the purpose of the *Trumpets*, and the *Plagues?* Except for the Exodus from Egypt, all the wicked from the time of Adam never endured anything like the plagues. Most of the people before this last generation had 60-70 years to perfect their character by God's grace. Now, it is necessary to give a 17-yr

old, seeing this message for the first time, a *Sunday Law Test*, and if he is faithful "unto death," he will be safe to take to heaven.

It is God who is on trial and the universe had to see the true character of Satan and God's people. "The whole universe will have become witnesses to the nature and results of sin. And its utter extermination, which in the beginning would have brought fear to angels and dishonor to God, will now vindicate His love and establish His honor before the universe of beings who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law ... A tested and proved creation will never again be turned from allegiance to Him whose character has been fully manifested before them as fathomless love and infinite wisdom." -The Great Controversy, 504.

Friends, it is later than we think! Europe is ready for a *Universal Sunday Law*, but it waits for America. "Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world." —Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 395. Please Google the European Sunday Alliance. With the worldwide Climate Change crisis and the present condition in America, the U.S. President can enact a National Sunday Law with the stroke of his pen. That law may then be debated in the U.S. Congress, but how long with that take when this happens?

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ ... he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed ... This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion."—The Great Controversy, 624.

Can you defend God's Sabbath before kings and rulers (Luke 21:12)? "The teachings of Christ must previously have been stored in the mind in order for the Spirit of God to bring them to our remembrance." –The Great Controversy 600. I will upload to my website a "Bible Study On God's Sabbath," that has helped me memorize 13 Scriptures to prove the truth. You can use the "Voice Memos" App on your iPhone, record the study, and listen to it when you're exercising, reading, etc.

For an exhaustive verse by verse study of Leviticus 16, and to better understand the two intercessions of Jesus, the Close of Probation, and what He expects from us right now in order to be the holy people He has called us to be, I urge you to watch my 2-part YouTube series entitled: "Behold, The Bridegroom Cometh."

May our heavenly Father prepare us for what is soon to break upon the world and His church as an overwhelming surprise, is my prayer.

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