# Scenario of Events in These Last Days, part 2 quotes

**1** Event #5 — Evil spirits appear, miracles are performed, and people are told to obey the Sunday Laws and to keep Sunday holy.

"The miracle-working power manifested through spiritualism will exert its influence against those who choose to obey God rather than men. **Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God**. They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers **that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday**. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony." Great Controversy, p 590-591.

"...those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day...**refusing to listen to his [Satan's] angels sent to them with light and truth**." Great Controversy, p 624.

"The wicked...declared that they had the truth, that miracles were among them, **that** angels from heaven talked with them and walked with them, that great power and signs and wonders were performed among them, and that this was the temporal millennium that they had been expecting so long. The whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law." Selected Messages, book 3, p 427-428.

# **2** Event #6 — Calamities increase, become more intense, and blame is cast upon Sabbath-keepers.

"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. 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.

"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 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....

"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." Great Controversy, p 589-592.

"These calamities will increase more and more, one disaster will follow close upon the heels of another; and those who make void the law of God will point to the few who are keeping the Sabbath of the fourth commandment as the ones who are bringing wrath upon the world. This falsehood is Satan's device that he may ensnare the unwary." Signs of the Times, January 17, 1884, par 12.

"As men depart further and further from God, Satan is permitted to have power over the children of disobedience. He hurls destruction among men. There is calamity by land and sea. Property and life are destroyed by fire and flood. Satan resolves to charge this upon those who refuse to bow to the idol [Sunday] which he has set up. His agents point to Seventh-day Adventists [and other Sabbath-keepers] as the cause of the trouble. "The se people stand out in defiance of law," they say. "They desecrate Sunday. **Were they compelled to obey the law for Sunday observance, there would be a cessation of these terrible judgments**." Review and Herald, July 16, 1901, par 5. **3** Event #7 — National Law is passed to keep only Sunday holy and is enforced in measure.

"The movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided. The law is invoked against commandment-keepers. They are threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some are offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is, "Show us from the word of God our error,"--the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. 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 is brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths.

"Conscientious obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion. Blinded by Satan, the parent will exercise harshness and severity toward the believing child; the master or mistress will oppress the commandment-keeping servant. Affection will be alienated; children will be disinherited, and driven from home. The words of Paul will be literally fulfilled, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." [2 Timothy 3:12.] **As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-Sabbath, some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves.** To human wisdom, all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments. The heart can be very cruel when God's fear and love are removed." Spirit fo Prophecy, vol 4, p 425-426.

## **4** Event #8 — Satan appears personating Christ.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:13-14.

"Disguised as an angel of light, he [Satan] will walk the earth as a wonderworker. In beautiful language he will present lofty sentiments. Good words will be spoken by him, and good deeds performed. Christ will be personified, but on one point there will be a marked distinction. Satan will turn the people from the law of God. Notwithstanding this, so well will he counterfeit righteousness, that if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. Crowned heads, presidents, rulers in high places, will bow to his false theories." Review and Herald, August 17, 1897, par 14.

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion." Great Controversy, p 624.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:24-27.

This reveals that you not only have evil angels physically appearing as heavenly angels telling people to keep Sunday holy, but you also have Satan himself appearing as Jesus Christ telling people the same thing! This is an overwhelming delusion that gradually sweeps all the wicked into receiving the Mark of the Beast, and also forces the righteous to ultimately choose whether they love the truth and God more than their own welfare!

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed...the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth". 2 Thessalonians 2:8-13.

#### 5 When Lucifer personates Jesus, what are God's people going to have to do?

"He [Satan] will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?---Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man's worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that when Christ shall make his appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when he shall come, we shall know his voice." Review and Herald, December 18, 1888, par 25.

God's people are going to have to choose to stand up for the real Christ and His truth, and tell the others that when Jesus Christ of Nazareth — the Living Son of God — comes the second time, it will be with power and great glory, with ten thousand times ten thousands of angels; and every person around the world will see Him come at the same time (see Matthew 24:30-31; Jude 14-15; Revelation 5:11, 1:7). But in addition to this we will also have to proclaim that this being now claiming to be Jesus Christ on the earth is not the real Christ, but he is Lucifer or Satan or the Devil — the foe of God and man's worst enemy! In doing these two things God's people will risk everything!

Are you prepared to risk it all in order confess God before man? Are you willing to stand for God and His truth and expose Satan and his deceptions even though in doing so you jeopardize your very life, as well as the lives of every one closely connected with you?

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

What will occur when God's people proclaim that this "majestic being of dazzling brightness" whom the majority of the world are worshiping and following as Jesus, is really Satan--the enemy of God and man? A few people will listen, but the majority will become incensed and enraged, and with furious zeal they will hunt down and persecute God's people and seek to rid them from the earth.

But do not worry! Cling to Jesus and stand fast in the faith and be of good courage, because God will never forsake you!

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God [is] with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

# **6** Event #9 — Sunday Laws become universal or world-wide.

"As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, **the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example**." Testimonies, vol 6, p 18.

"Fallen angels upon earth form confederations with evil men. In this age antichrist (Satan) will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world. Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him." Testimonies to Ministers, p 62.

The Beast or Catholicism, the Image of the Beast or apostate Protestantism, all the Governments of all the nations of the world, all the religions and societies of the entire world, and you have supposed angels from heaven and the supposed Christ returned to earth all saying the same thing: that every person on the earth must comply with the command and law to keep Sunday holy, and no one will be allowed to compromise in order to try and avoid the consequences!

# **7** Event #10 — No buying or selling without the Mark of the Beast.

"The civil power is called to the aid of the Church in persecuting those who keep holy the seventh day. The Church and the world are united in trampling upon God's commandments, and those who obey these commandments they threaten with death. John declares, "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." The decree goes forth that no man shall be allowed to buy or sell save he that has the mark or the number of the Beast." Review and Herald, July 16, 1901, par 6.

"And he [Lamb-like Beast or the USA] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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**." Revelation 13:16-17.

"Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with their minds are they to acknowledge Sunday as the Sabbath." Pamphlet #86, p 6-7.

## 8 Event #11 — Death Decree is issued.

"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**." Great Controversy, p 604.

"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. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the land ought not to be tolerated, and a decree will finally be issued denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment, and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death." Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 444-445.

"As Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon issued a decree that all who would not bow down and worship this image should be killed, so **a proclamation will be made that all who will not reverence the Sunday institution will be punished with imprisonment and death**." Manuscript Releases, vol 14, p 91.

"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**." Prophets and Kings, p 512.