

# SUNDAY LAW SCENARIO

## **Loud Cry Goes Forth Before Sunday Law**

–4SP 424-425: Loud cry is preached, angers opposition which eventually leads to the Sunday law being passed.

## **Major Calamities Fill the Land**

–LDE 129, par 4: People are led to believe that the calamities which fill the land are the result of Sunday breaking.

## **Outcry for Sunday Laws**

–RH 12-11-88, par 8 (5T 452): Movement behind Sunday laws is much kept in secret, and real reason is not made plain.

–RH 1-1-89 par 4: Satan is behind push for Sunday laws, but many are blind to this and to the end results.

–RH 12-24-89, par 2: If truth of the real spirit and result of proposed Sunday legislation were known, many would refuse to have anything to do in moving forward such a law.

–20MR 14, par 2: Any fallacy is likely to be received by those eager to make void God's law, and a crisis will take place if Sunday laws are passed by rulers placing themselves above God, which will lead to a national apostasy.

–FCE 475, par 2: Cannot safely vote for candidate of any political office, because if they win office those who voted for them will be made responsible for their sins while in office, especially if they participate in exalting Sunday above God's Sabbath.

–3SM 386, par 3 (see also 5T 716): Must raise voice in protest against proposed Sunday law, and God forbid that His people remain silent.

–RH 1-1-89, par 18: God's people need to get the truth out and arouse all to study regarding Sabbath vs Sunday, and not rest in ease or be inactive or indifferent to the controversy, or will be like the faithless servant who hid his Lord's money and will be left in darkness.

–CWE 98, par 1 (RH 3-9-11): God's people must put forth best effort to keep law from being passed, and at same time uplift the Sabbath.

–LDELM 97, par 2: If God's people do not get the Sabbath truth out, and Sunday laws are passed, then God holds them responsible.

–CM 123, par 1: Getting out SOP books (such as GC and PP) will help to dampen movement towards Sunday law.

–Ev 232, par 3: Give tracts on Sabbath truth to those urging for Sunday laws.

–CWE 97, par 1: Make tracts or pamphlets to pass out that uplift Sabbath and make it plain that those who frame laws to compel Sunday observance are really disloyal to the God of heaven.

–SpM 24, par 4: When passing out tracts and spreading truth, even to governmental rulers, try to avoid opposition and do not speak disrespectful of religious leaders, because you will be spoken against as being those who do not regard laws or decrees, and thus legislators will work extra hard to make life miserable for non-Sunday-keepers.

–12MR 74-75: It is God’s great plan that the Sabbath-Sunday issue be agitated so that the lacking foundation for Sunday observance upon Biblical grounds, as well as the strong scriptural support for Sabbath worship, shall be seen by many.

–LDELM 131, par 5: The small work and even delay in getting the Sabbath truth out now have actually encouraged Sunday observance by allowing it to easily get to the front with little opposition.

–PK 187-188: Loud cry goes forth calling all of God’s people to separate from all Babylonian churches and come to Christ, then the Sunday Sabbath will be urged upon all to keep, which is the test to God’s people.

–RH 6-4-01, par 10: Populace cry that calamities are because Sunday is not being kept.

–5T 450-451 (PK 605-606): Sunday is exalted by custom and tradition, Sabbath-keepers are ridiculed, threatened and persecuted in varying degrees by pen, voice and angry appeals to concede their faith. Finally the populace demand Sunday laws and the legislators give in to secure popularity and patronage.

–1888 Mat 502-503: Determine not to disregard God’s Sabbath and reverence Sunday, or will place yourself on side of Satan.

**Secular Sunday Laws Passed or Enforced in Various Countries, States, Districts and Cities** (Note: the following Countries have Sunday laws: Austria, Australia, Canada, England [with SDA support], Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Fiji, Slovenia, etc., already have passed Sunday laws. In the USA, local, State and Federal Governmental offices and agencies are all closed on Sunday, and the following States have Sunday (Blue) Laws Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and West Virginia!)

–Mar 178, par 4: Sunday laws are the production of apostate Christendom.

–SOT 3-12-96, par 4: Those compelling men to keep Sunday laws are really exalting Sunday and casting dishonor upon God’s Sabbath.

–20MR 14, par 2: Sunday will be accepted by the rulers and people of America and made law.

–RH 2-16-05, par 4: “Sunday laws will be passed”.

–GC 581, par 1: Once the State passes secular laws establishing Sunday observance, and Church and State are united to dominate the conscience, then the triumph of Rome over America is assured.

–7MR 192, par 1 (LDE 132): State Sunday laws will lead to a national apostasy from principles of republicanism upon which America was originally founded, and will make void God’s law.

–4MR 278-279: “Soon the Sunday laws will be enforced”, and men in positions of trust will be embittered against Sabbath-keepers.

–SW 72-73 (1MR 397-398): If State Sunday laws are broken, judges, jurors, lawyers and people will react with determination to make more stringent binding measures to protect it, and surveillance will occur of those people and groups who oppose it – especially in the South.

–3SM 394, par 3: Once laws are passed, God will give light to His people as to what to do to receive the sanction of heaven.

–1888 Mat 502-503: Once law is passed, then it is time for Lord to work, and the controversy will open way for Sabbath truth to be presented.

–13MR 23, par 1: If Sabbath-keepers bow to laws to keep Sunday holy, then they would be laborers together with man of sin.

–9T 235, par 1: Once secular law is passed, “make no demonstration on Sunday in defiance of law”

–LDELM 108-109: If you purposely work on Sunday to show defiance of the law, you give excuse for supporters to persecute you and this will cut your own work short.

–3SM 394-395, 399 (also see RH 4-6-11): Do not keep Sunday holy, but do not give noisy demonstrations against the State laws, or irritate Sunday-law keeping neighbors by deliberately doing work on Sunday to show independent spirit, but only openly break the Sunday laws when forced to for the honor of God and vindication of His law.

–LDELM p 43, par 6-7: Do not become angry when the law forbids you from working on Sunday, and do nothing rashly or that shows defiance to the law, but remain peaceful.

–LDELM p 101, par 4-6: We cannot be neutral when the law is passed, and while we are to avoid hasty and unadvised moves, we should also avoid doing anything that lifts up Sunday observance above the Sabbath. There must be a distinction seen between Sabbath and Sunday keepers.

–1888 materials, p 1799, par 7 (9T 238): Once Sunday laws are passed, instead of defiantly breaking it, do missionary work on that day, hold meetings in different places, or visit neighbors and open the truth to them.

–9T 232-233 (ChS 163-164): One does not receive the mark of the beast by refraining to publically work on Sunday when the laws are passed, and instead using the day to reach out to others with the Bible truth.

–SW p 75, par 1: One does not have to purposely work on Sunday in order to keep the Sabbath.

–LDE 129, par 4: The Sunday law is passed thinking that by it the wrath of God will be appeased and the calamities will end.

–Mar 176, par 4 (10MR 239): Laws made enforcing Sunday sacredness become more and more stringent compelling obedience because lawmakers want to appease the wrath of God and bring an end to calamities.

–FCE 322, par 1: Sunday labor laws will be made more stringent, and we should have our own land away from the cities to cultivate, grow our food, and possibly to sell or trade with it.

–SpM 22, par 4: Various efforts will be brought against Sabbath-keepers to transgress Sabbath, and if opposition and persecution becomes too bad, then flee to another place.

–4SP 338, par 2: Sunday laws most severe and exacting will be passed and enforced, which causes Sabbath-keepers to be driven out of cities and towns and to suffer hunger and privation.

–20MR 395, par 5 (1MR 397): The results of passing Sunday laws will bring about slavery and close door to true Sabbath keeping.

–1888 Mat 477-478: Quite possible that SDA GC leaders will unite with Satan and pass resolutions urging SDA's to comply with State Sunday laws to avoid inconveniences, loss of property, imprisonment and fines, thus making apostasy from God easy among their members.

### **Evil Spirits Appear, Miracles Are performed, and People Are Told to Obey the Sunday Laws and to Keep Sunday Holy**

–GC 592, par 3: Leaders of Church and State will unite and then will use various inducements to get people to keep Sunday holy.

–GC 590-591 (Mar 167; 4SP 409): Evil miracle-working spirits through spiritualism will communicate that Sunday is God's true Sabbath today, that all should obey the laws of the land as the law of God, and that the "degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday".

–5T 716, par 1: God will be dishonored if His people remain silent, because the world needs to know the truth and have a chance to take their stand for God because soon the hand of oppression will be felt.

–GC 607, par 1: Clergy put forth strong efforts to dampen controversy and suppress discussion of Sabbath among their members, but are maddened by the power attending the truth. Finally Protestant and Catholic churches unite and call upon the State to pass a law enforcing Sunday sacredness.

## **Calamities Increase, Become More Intense, and Blame is Cast Upon Sabbath-keepers**

- Mar 176, par 4: Sabbath-keepers are thought to be the continuing cause of the increasing calamities.
- SOT 1-17-84, par 12 (ChS 155; SW 6-28-04): One disaster after another will be blamed upon Sabbath-keepers for not keeping Sunday holy.
- GC 592, par 1: Sabbath-keepers will be charged with calling down God’s judgments on the earth, will be denounced as enemies of law and order, obstinate, stubborn and defiant of authority and of the government, breaking down the moral restraints of society, and causing anarchy and corruption.
- RH 7-16-01, par 5 (Mar 176; 10MR 239): Sabbath keepers are “the cause for the trouble” in calamities and judgments from God, and if they were “compelled to obey the law” and keep Sunday holy, all these calamities would cease.
- RH 3-18-84, par 7-8 (SOT 1-17-84; ChS 155; SW 6-28-04): Sunday sacredness will be urged upon church members by Sabbath keeping pastors.

## **National Law Passed to Keep Only Sunday Holy and Enforced in Measures**

- 4SP 424-425: Loud cry goes out calling all of God’s people to separate from all Babylonian churches, the sins of Babylon are exposed, Protestant church leaders try to prevent their flocks from hearing or studying the truth, finally appeal to the government to pass a law against Sabbath-keepers, and Catholicism is only too happy to help, which finally leads to the National Sunday law being passed.
- 5T 137, par 1: Law enforcing Sunday sacredness and trampling upon the Sabbath of God will take place.
- GC 592, par 3: Rulers and legislators will yield to popular demand to pass a law enforcing Sunday observance, no longer respecting liberty of conscience.
- LDELM 115, par 2: Law forbids all from working on Sunday as well as forcing all to acknowledge Sunday as God’s Sabbath or cannot buy or sell anything.
- LDELM 108, par 8: Not only will work on Sunday be forbidden, but will try to force people to work on the Sabbath and no longer to keep it holy, and instead to keep Sunday holy.
- 13MR 71, par 1: Sunday holiness will become a national law, and it will be considered disloyal to keep the Sabbath holy, which is similar to the 3 Hebrews before Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image, and wolves in sheep’s clothing will be seeking to compel the people to obey.
- 4SP 444-445 (Mar 188): Church and State will unite in enforcing Sunday sacredness, starting with mild measures and laws, but then more oppressive, which finally lead to death decree.
- 21MR 88, par 2: To obey this law and keep Sunday holy as the Lord’s Sabbath, will break God’s law, and therefore God’s people cannot obey this law of man.
- LDELM 43-44: When called upon to break the Sabbath, God will give you wisdom to answer correctly.
- GC 607, par 1: Law is against Sabbath-keeping, and Sabbath-keepers will be threatened with fines, imprisonment, offered positions and other inducements to give up Sabbath. Those who refuse will be arrested and made to appear in court to answer for their crime, but this is God’s way of bringing the truth before those who do not know!
- 5MR 47, par 1: If you do not keep Sunday holy you will not be able to buy or sell.
- GC 449, par 1: After law is enforced and light of Sabbath truth seen, then if any reject light and continue to keep Sunday, they will be honoring Rome’s authority above God and will receive mark of the beast.
- SOT 11-28-00, par 2 (5T 711-712; Mar 131): A Sunday law is a “blow against religious liberty” and “an act of concession to the papacy”, and in doing so, Protestantism will “join hands with the papacy” and giving life to tyranny.

–LDELM 209, par 6: Enemies of truth unite to crush out freedom of religion and are determined to end controversy over Sabbath and stop it from being spread. God’s people forced to obey Sunday law or lose their freedom.

–12MR 219, par 2: Laws enforcing Sunday sacredness show that the legislators are sitting in the temple of God trying to show themselves to be God.

–RH 12-18-88, par 6 (7BC 977; Mar 179): Once law is enforced and Sabbath-keepers oppressed, law of God made void by the nation, signaling national apostasy and followed by national ruin, and time to plead for God to work to vindicate His law.

–6T 18, par 2: Once America passes Sunday law then other nations will follow her example.

### **Satan Appears as Christ**

–GC 614, par 2 (FLB 346): As crowning act of deception, Satan himself personates Jesus Christ come back to earth, works miracles, heals diseases, speaks truths of Christ. Whole world is deceived and believes that Jesus has come back to earth. Satan receives their adoration and worship and then claims that he has changed the Sabbath to Sunday and commands all to keep only Sunday holy. Satan, as Christ, claims that those who persist in Sabbath-keeping are blaspheming his name and also refusing to listen to his messengers already sent to them.

–LDELM 129, par 6: Satan will appear as an angel of light claiming to be the Lord of the whole world. He will declare that as Lord, he has changed his Sabbath day from 7<sup>th</sup> day to Sunday, and that Sunday keeping is a test of loyalty to him.

–TM 62, par 1: After Satan (antichrist) appears as Jesus Christ come again, then Sunday laws spread throughout every nation of the world.

### **Sunday Laws Become Universal**

–ST, Series A1b, p 38, par 2: Sunday observance will be urged and then forced upon all the world through Protestantism uniting with Catholicism.

–4SP 338, par 2 (TM 473; Mar 163): Protestant churches, Catholicism and the world will unite and then universal law is passed against those violating Sunday Sabbath, the severest penalty is death. Then many Sabbath-keepers will give up the Sabbath.

–LDE 136, par 3: Whole world is forced to keep Sunday, so Sunday keepers state that why should small group of Sabbath-keepers be allowed to break the Sunday law?

–3SM p 428, par 1-2 (2MR p 208; 21MR 325-326): Satan’s angels visit earth and walk in the midst of those keeping Sunday, they work mighty miracles, and just a small company are defying the laws of the land by refusing to keep only Sunday holy. Sabbath-keepers were being ridiculed and taunted, could not buy or sell and are in abject poverty, and told what will happen to them if they still remained defiant.

–Mar 164, par 3: All who remain true to God and keep His Sabbath will receive His seal, while any who give up the Sabbath, or those who continue to worship on Sunday after they are aware of truth, will receive mark of beast.

–7T 141, par 1 (ChS 50): Making laws stating that Sunday is God’s holy Sabbath, is last act in Great Controversy drama.

–RH 3-9-86, par 22: Once universal Sunday law is enforced under pain of punishment for breaking sacredness, then the cup of iniquity of all nations will be full.

–7T 141, par 1 (ChS 50): When Sunday enforcement is universal, then God will reveal Himself and shake terribly the earth and punish breakers of His law.

## **Death Decree Issued**

–GC 615-616: After Sunday laws universal, just a small group of people remain true to Sabbath, they disregard the decrees of church and enforcement of governmental laws, and are hated by the world. It will finally be urged that these few should be killed in order to prevent confusion and lawlessness from spreading to others, and a decree is issued giving liberty for any person to kill these few Sabbath-keepers after a specific date and time.

–GC 626, par 1: After death decree issued, all governmental protection is removed from its Sabbath-keeping citizens, they are abandoned to their enemies, they flee from the cities, their homes and go out into the wilderness. Some are caught, imprisoned, bound in chains, sentenced to death and left alone in loathsome dungeons, but God is with them.

–GC 627, par 2: After death decree is issued and God’s people are persecuted, probation closes for whole world, and then God’s wrath and plagues are poured out.

### **KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS OF E.G. WHITE WRITINGS**

1888 Mat	.....	1888 Materials.
1-7BC	.....	SDA Bible Commentary, vol 1-7.
ChS	.....	Christian Service.
CM	.....	Colporteur Ministry.
CWE	.....	Counsels to Writers and Editors.
Ev	.....	Evangelism.
EW	.....	Early Writings.
FCE	.....	Fundamentals of Christian Education.
FLB	.....	Faith I Live By.
GC	.....	Great Controversy.
LDE	.....	Last Day Events (Conference edition).
LDELM	.....	Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White.
Mar	.....	Maranatha.
1-21MR	.....	Manuscript Releases, vol 1-21.
PK	.....	Prophets and Kings.
PP	.....	Patriarch and Prophets.
RH	.....	Review and Herald Articles.
3SM	.....	Selected Messages, book 3.
4SP	.....	Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4.
SOT	.....	Signs of the Times Articles.
SpM	.....	Spalding & Magan Collection.
ST	.....	Special Testimony, Series A or B.
SW	.....	Southern Watchman Articles.
1-9T	.....	Testimonies for the Church, vol 1-9.
TM	.....	Testimonies to Ministers.

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