Thundering Event #5

Papal Power Acknowledged Universal Sunday Law <u>Enforced</u>

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In a Few Words—

The seven thunders (last-day events) are *based* on *Daniel's fulfilled prophetic events* of the past. In the order of Daniel's literal <u>time</u> prophecies, the <u>first event</u> would be:

The Fifth Thunder —This is the *enforcement* phase of the *abomination of desolation*; a Universal Sunday Law is set up. *The sign* which the Papacy has from early ages claimed to prove her authority is Sunday worship. This law will require of every nation and every person, no matter what rank, nationality, status, allegiance, or citizenship; not only to acknowledge the authority of the law, but to honor the worship of the law. This act of image worship is illustrated in <u>Daniel 3</u> and will be repeated in every detail, in every nation, for every person alive on the planet. This is the final and last great test to fall upon man! The coming storm will be a controversy over <u>who, how</u>, and <u>when to worship</u>. There will be many other issues, but the main subject of the thundering storm will be the Law of God, focused on worship on the seventh-day Sabbath or on Sunday, which is based in paganism.

Everything that was fulfilled in prophetic history will be repeated in the last-day events, even more explicitly than before. The horrific pictures written in *Fox's Book of Martyrs* do not adequately describe what will happen during this last rule of the anti-Christ through the Papacy and the United States. The spiritual and physical meaning of "666" will be clearly identifiable at this time.

This anti-Christ power will rule the world for 3 1/2 years or 1260 *literal days*. Its goals will not be apparent at first, but it will place itself against the *daily ministration of Christ* in the Heavenly

Sanctuary, deceiving many regarding the last saving truth, "and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." Dan 12:7.

It's hard for us, at this time, to understand that the U.S. would do anything the Papacy wishes, for our prejudices block our view. But this prophecy will be fulfilled in every detail! Unfortunately, the United States started down this one-way road back when she passed the *transgression of desolation*, a National Sunday Law, at the beginning of the 2300 *literal days*.

What is the Abomination of Desolation?—

When Jesus warned the disciples of the destruction of the Temple He quoted the book of Daniel. He told the disciples, "When ye therefore shall see the *abomination of desolation*, <u>spoken of by Daniel the prophet</u>, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.)" <u>Matthew 24:15</u>. (Note Thunders 4 & 5 on the <u>bottom half</u> of the *Mirror Chart*.)

The two places we find the words abomination of desolation in Daniel are,

"For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and <u>have indignation against</u> the *holy covenant*: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that <u>forsake the holy covenant</u>. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the *sanctuary* of strength, and shall take away the *daily* sacrifice, and they shall <u>place</u> the *abomination that maketh desolate*." <u>Dan 11:30, 31</u>.

"And from the time that the *daily* sacrifice shall be taken away, and the *abomination that maketh desolate* <u>set up</u>, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." <u>Dan 12:11</u>.

The <u>daily</u>, the <u>covenant</u>, the <u>sanctuary</u>, and <u>the</u> <u>host</u> are associated with both the *transgression* in <u>Dan 8:13</u> and the *abomination* of <u>Dan 11:31</u> & <u>12:11</u>. The prophetic picture we see concerning the issue of Sunday laws is that they become more severe, intense, and injurious toward the saints (the host) as the times and events of Daniel are fulfilled as last-day events. The *Strong's Hebrew* number <u>H8251</u> for *abomination* reflects this meaning.

*** Whereas the <u>transgression</u> of Daniel 8 (the 1st Thunder) —is a U.S.A. National Sunday Law and has the meaning of <u>a revolt</u> against God's law;

*** The *abomination* of Daniel 11 & 12 (the



4th & 5th Thunder) is still the same issue —but is now *standing before the whole world as a universal law*— and talks boastfully of standing in the *holy place* of God (Matt 24:15), and is described in *Strong's* as *a disgustingly filthy idolatrous idol*.

This is exactly what is described by John, "saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an *image* to the beast," "and he had power to give *life* unto the *image* of the beast, that the *image* of the beast should both speak [make laws], and cause that as many as would not *worship*

<u>the image</u> of the beast <u>should be killed</u>" (Rev 13:14, 15) The *last great test* is over who will worship the beast by bowing down to its Sunday image. The choice for many will be simple. Those who worship on Sunday will be allowed to buy and sell what they need to stay alive. Penalties will continue to become more demanding until homes and land are taken away. Finally, showing what hatred can do, there will be a great deal of martyrdom during the second rule of the Papacy, so much so that the *saints cry out* (figuratively), "*How long*, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Rev 6:10 "Woe, woe, woe, to the *inhabiters of the earth,*" "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev 8:13; 6:17. "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, *till we have <u>sealed the servants of our God</u> in their foreheads." Rev 7:3.*

The Hebrew word for *abomination*, *shik-koots'*, shows the unyielding force used to secure worship from "all ("on the earth"), both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" (Rev 13:16, 12, 13) We need make no mistake about this Sunday law controversy; *it will become a test* for the whole world. That is why the event that <u>starts</u> the 2300 <u>days</u> is a *transgression*, a U.S. National Sunday Law, and as time and events progress further into the great Day of Judgment (Rev 11:1, 2) for the church and the world, these laws <u>will grow progressively</u> into the *abomination*, *a Universal* (New World Order) *Sunday Law*, <u>fulfilling prophecy</u> by setting up the Papacy at the <u>beginning</u> of the 1290 and 1260 <u>days</u> for the second and final time.

The transgression and abomination of Daniel —Sunday versus seventh-day Sabbath issue answers our question, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt 24:3. Jesus explains in Matthew 24 that these laws will come with such speed that a person should <u>not</u> go back for the coat laid down in the heat of the day. Judgment will fall so fast, that people will not have time to move their belongings out of the cities! (Matt 24:16-18) Jesus goes on to say that those days will be so filled with judgments and persecution, that a mother will find it impossible to raise her child (outside of God's direct protection and guidance)(Matt 24:19). Jesus says the <u>Sabbath</u> will be the <u>issue</u> and that even in our flight we are to keep His Sabbath holy! (Matt 24:20) It is also written that the abomination is the cause for the great tribulation (Matt 24:21) and that the abomination is set-up at the <u>beginning</u> of the great tribulation periods: the 1260, the 1290, and the 1335 <u>days</u>. (This would be a reference by Jesus to <u>Daniel 12:6-7</u>, 11-12 and the prophetic history type shows that this was the time of Papal supremacy during the Dark Ages.)

These times and events also include <u>the repeated prophecies of Revelation 11</u>; the burning in the streets "of the earth" the "two witnesses" (<u>Rev 11:3</u>), —the Old and New Testament, but <u>more</u> <u>specifically</u> the two witnesses are "two prophets" (<u>Rev 11:10</u>), —the books of Daniel and Revelation which "shall prophesy <u>a thousand two hundred and threescore days</u>, clothed in sackcloth." <u>Rev 11:3</u> Daniel and Revelation are the only two prophetic witnesses of the 1260 <u>days</u>.

-<u>All</u> these events will be repeated specifically as last day events!-

The Times of Daniel 12 and the Abomination—

1260 <u>days</u>— "It shall be for a <u>time, times, and an half</u>; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished" <u>Dan 12:7</u> (See also <u>Dan 7:25</u>; and in Rev <u>12:14</u>; <u>12:6</u>; <u>11:2</u>, <u>3</u>; <u>13:5</u>.)

1290 <u>days</u>— "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall *pollute the sanctuary of strength*, and shall take away the *daily sacrifice*, and they shall place the *abomination that maketh*

desolate. And such as do wickedly against the [*holy*] *covenant* shall he corrupt by flatteries." <u>Dan</u> <u>11:30-32</u>. "And from the time that the *daily sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the *abomination that maketh desolate set up*, there shall be <u>a thousand two hundred and ninety *days*." <u>Dan 12:11</u>.</u>

1335 <u>days</u>— "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to <u>the thousand three hundred and five</u> and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the *days*." <u>Dan 12:12, 13</u>.

490 days— This section is on the times of Daniel 12, but there is one more commentary by Daniel on these abominations which is found in Daniel 9:24-27, which seriously concerns the last generation of saints. Yes, there is no doubt that these events are inclusive of the seventy weeks, the spotlight being on the event in the *midst* of the last week. But if we look closely at these verses we find that their events are part of the whole abomination issue. God's side of the issue is shown in the seven-fold covenant made with His people. Dan 9:24. This covenant is directly and indirectly explained throughout the entire book of Daniel. Dan 9:3-21; 11:28, 30, 32. Daniel is very concerned about this covenant and we see him praying for his people that they will accept God's covenant provisions. Daniel points out that the issues of the seventy weeks for the church are an extension of the transgression/abomination issue as mentioned in the other parts of "the vision and prophecy." Dan 9:24. Daniel continues explaining this desolating problem stating that "for the overspreading of abominations he [the destroyer of the city and the sanctuary; vrs 26] shall make it desolate, even until the consummation [Strong's H3617: a completion; complete destruction; utterly to consume], and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." This prophecy extends further than the immediate judgment concerning the seventy weeks allotted to the church, and points out that this *abomination issue* will continue to spread and grow until the completion of the judgments [Judgment; Dan 7:9-10, 13], -to the desolation of the earth.

There was <u>not</u> a full and complete fulfillment of these prophecies (Matthew 24 and Daniel 7-12), either for the disciples or during the Dark Ages. (FS egw) The disciples' fulfillment in 70 AD is completely removed from the abomination of <u>Dan 11:31</u> and <u>12:11-13</u> which was fulfilled in the Dark Ages. BUT, these events are <u>not</u> removed from each other when the *same events* of Daniel *are repeated within a short time period for the last generation*. It is then that *the antitype* will have its "more complete fulfillment". This is exactly why we see a <u>progression</u> from the *transgression* of <u>Dan 8:13</u> to the full-blown *abomination* of <u>Dan 11:31</u> (and its time, 1290 <u>days</u>, in <u>Dan 12:11</u>).

But, it is not all gloom and doom. There will be many hundreds of thousands, even millions, who during the final events will make their decision to worship their Creator and Re-Creator. For the first time in their lives they will honor their Saviour by keeping holy His seventh-day Sabbath, even with the threat of persecution. They will also receive the promised covenant rainbow which is around their Master's head (Dan 9:24, 27; Rev 10:1) and some will give up their lives (Rev 6:9-11). It is only the 144,000 (Rev 7; Rev 3:7-13; 14:1-4) that continue to live after Michael stands up (Dan 12:1), through the seven last plagues (Rev 16), when "the great river Euphrates" dries up announcing the coming of Jesus with the clouds of angels. Dan 10:4; 12:5; Rev 16:12; 1:7. (FS egw)

What is the Desolation?—

The world will be so deceived by the events of the anti-Christ that they won't even see the end coming. The definition of the *Strong's Hebrew* word [H8074] carries with it the meaning: *To stun; grow numb; devastate; stupefy*. Jesus says to the last generation that "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were

eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." <u>Matt 24:37-39</u>. (FS egw)

And the <u>great city</u> was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <u>Revelation 16:19, 20</u> And [the merchants of the world] cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that <u>great city</u>, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! *for in one hour is she <u>made desolate</u>!* Revelation 18:19

Conclusion—

Knowledge is not wisdom, and in and of itself, —<u>knowledge does not save</u>! Some seek to know these prophecies that they might <u>save themselves</u>, and fail to understand the wisdom of the saving power of Christ who gave the prophecies. Knowing these prophecies alone, without having a personal relationship with their Author, <u>will not save one's soul</u>. Belief in Jesus as the slain Lamb of God, —saves! <u>Rev 5:6</u>, 9. Yet, on the other hand, prophecy is given to reveal Jesus and His saving plan of redemption. <u>Rev 1:3</u>. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge when guided by the Holy Spirit! <u>Prov 9:10</u>; James 3:17.



Yes! The book of Daniel foretells in detail the formation of image worship in the United States of America (*the transgression*; Dan 8:13; Rev 13:14), and how it progressively develops into a *world-wide Universal Sunday Law* (*the abomination*; Dan 11:31; 12:11). Daniel shows that it is a destructive sequence of events, which is directed against God's people (the host) and the Truth they teach from the Plan of redemption in the Heavenly Sanctuary. THIS IS THE LAST GREAT TEST! This test is designed to make the last generation, saint or sinner, <u>choose Who he will worship</u>! Seven warning trumpet judgments will get everyone's attention! <u>Rev 8:7–11:17</u>.

All must make the decision, Who will the last generation worship?

<u>The choice is simple</u>. Will we pay homage to the god who set up the **Sun**-day as his worship day (the image and mark of the beast; <u>Rev 13</u>)? **OR** Will we worship the Creator who made the seventh-day Sabbath for us (<u>Rev 4:11</u>; <u>10:6</u>; <u>14:7</u>; <u>7:14</u>)? God foresaw that after sin, we would need to receive His Sabbath's <u>sanctifying blessing (Gen 2:1-3</u>; <u>Ex 20:8-11</u>; <u>Lev 23</u>), and thus receive the *seal* of His salvation. (<u>Eze 20:12</u>, <u>20</u>; <u>Rev 7:1-3</u>; <u>9:4</u>, <u>5</u>.)

"And 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." Revelation 12:17 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12 "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10

disgusting, i.e. filthy
(especially) idolatrous
(concretely) an idol
[from H8262]
KJV: abominable filth (idol, -ation), detestable (thing).
Root(s): H8262

H8262 shaqats (shaw-kats') v.

1. to be filthy, i.e. (intensively) to loathe, pollute

[a primitive root]

KJV: abhor, make abominable, have in abomination, detest, X utterly.

Desolation(s); Desolate— The following is from Strong's Hebrew Concordance.

H8074 shamem (shaw-mame') v.

1. to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense)

[a primitive root]

KJV: make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish(-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate(-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

"O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our *desolations*, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies." Dan 9:18.

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war *desolations* are determined." Dan 9:26

Time Appointed— The following is from *Strong's Hebrew Concordance*.

- 1. (properly) an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season
- 2. (specifically) a festival
- **3.** (conventionally) a year
- 4. (by implication) an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose)
- **5.** (technically) the congregation
- **6.** (by extension) the place of meeting
- 7. (also) a signal (as appointed beforehand)

[from H3259]

KJV: appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed). **Root(s):** H3259

H3259 ya`ad (yaw-ad') v.

- **1.** to fix upon (by agreement or appointment)
- **2.** (by implication) to meet (at a stated time)
- **3.** (of court) to summon
- 4. to direct (in a certain quarter or position)
- **5.** (of marriage) to engage, betroth

[a primitive root]

KJV: agree, (make an) appoint(-ment, a time), assemble (selves), betroth, gather (selves, together), meet (together), set (a time).



Mirror Event:

Historical Event #5, Papal Power Enforced, 538 AD

Further Study:

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