

**End-Time Prep Series**  
**Lesson 5: The Rumbblings of The Sunday Law**  
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**The current mandates are a setting up the Mark of the Beast crisis.**

**The rumbblings of the enforcement of a national and universal Sunday Law are getting louder and louder. Are you ready for the mark of the beast crisis? It is coming quicker than any one of us can image.**

**Sunday Rest is Promoted by the 23-Million-Strong European Evangelical Alliance, and Adventists Raise No Objections, Claiming this does not Conflict with the Seventh-day Sabbath,** Andy Roman, Advent Messenger, January 6, 2022

“The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is an interdenominational organization of Evangelical Christians, with over 600 million members. The WEA owns regional associations in Europe, Africa, Australia, Latin America, North America, Asia and every corner of the world. The General Secretary of the WEA is Thomas Schirmmacher, and he calls himself the ‘Pope’s dearest Protestant’ friend in a book he wrote called ‘Coffee Breaks with the Pope,’ which chronicles his ‘frequent encounters’ with Pope Francis at the Vatican.”

“Thomas Schirmmacher’s World Evangelical Alliance is also the parent organization of many regional branches, such as the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA). The EEA is a 23-million-strong association of Protestant Christians that oversees the work of Evangelicals in 36 countries throughout Europe. **And the European Evangelical Alliance has just announced that it will be promoting Sunday rest through a special Week of Prayer dedicated to the “Sabbath” for all of its national member alliances...**”

“The Sunday rest celebration will mark the 176th International Alliance Week of Prayer Week and will run from January 9–16, 2022. This year’s theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is called “The Sabbath – Living According to God’s Rhythm.” During the week-long celebration, there will be a so-called ‘biblical devotion’ that will focus on ‘restoring’ the Sabbath (Sunday). The following itinerary will focus on the different aspects of the Sabbath (Sunday).”

“On an international, regional, and national member association level, Seventh-day Adventists have enjoyed interfaith partnerships with the World Evangelical Alliance for many years. What has been the reaction of Seventh-day Adventists to all the planning and discussion about “reintroducing” the Sabbath (Sunday) during the 2022 Week of Prayer?”

“The Evangelical Alliance in Germany (EAD), a German division of the European Evangelical Association, received an official response from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Seventh-day Adventist response was not only accepted, but it was also included in the resource materials for the European Evangelical Alliance’s Week of Prayer in 2022. The Adventist response is listed as number 13 on the list of materials for the Alliance Week of Prayer on the Evangelical Alliance in Germany’s (EAD) official website for members to download.:

“The Adventist document is called “Sabbath, God’s Despised Gift – The Sabbath from an Adventist Perspective” by Dr. Rafael Schäffer. Dr. Rafael Schäffer has a PhD in geosciences, works as a research assistant at the Technical University of Darmstadt and leads the Bensheim Adventist Church in Germany. In his response to the Sunday/Sabbath question, Dr. Schäffer surrendered to Rome in his opening two paragraphs. Dr. Schäffer wrote:

“As an Adventist, I am part of a small Christian minority for whom Friday evenings and Saturday are holy because we celebrate the Sabbath during this time. Isn’t the rest of Christendom doing the same thing on Sunday? A question that you may be able to clarify in more detail after reading this article.”

“In my opinion, the Sabbath is an undiscovered treasure for many Christians – an unknown gift from God. This motivates me to show how I celebrate the Sabbath as an Adventist, what significance it has for me and how I perceive this time anew as God’s blessing. The keeping of the Sabbath – on Saturday – and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord – on Sunday – are not a contradiction for me. One can do one without leaving the other. For Christians who hold their services on Sunday, the Sabbath is free for encounters with themselves, with God, with family and friends.”

“Dr. Schäffer goes on to explain why Seventh-day Adventists keep Saturday holy in another 24 paragraphs, but he never mentions Sunday again. But it makes no difference what he says after this horrific introduction. Anything he says after this introduction means absolutely nothing. In these first two paragraphs, he destroyed our Sabbath message in the eyes of the Evangelical world. The truth was already dead on arrival.”

Here is a statement concerning the false Sabbath that is on their program materials entitled “Sabbath.”

“The Sabbath is an ingenious gift from God which follows a different logic. As you go through this week of prayer you will be introduced to various aspects of this. My prayer is that as you pray you will be reintroduced to this day of rest, the Sabbath, which we Christians in Europe have celebrated for just over 1700 years on Sundays, introduced by Constantine, emperor of Rome in 321 AD. I am convinced that having a good day of rest will bring the peace, Shalom, into our lives which we all long for so much. In this regard I wish you Shabbat Shalom.” (2022 Week of Prayer Program Schedule, p. 2).

“We are not to locate ourselves where we will be forced into close relations with those who do not honor God. . . . A crisis is soon to come in regard to the observance of Sunday. . . .

The Sunday party is strengthening itself in its false claims, and this will mean oppression to those who determine to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. We are to place ourselves where we can carry out the Sabbath commandment in its fullness. "Six days shalt thou labor," the Lord declares, "and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it

thou shalt not do any work." And we are to be careful not to place ourselves where it will be hard for ourselves and our children to keep the Sabbath.

If in the providence of God we can secure places away from the cities, the Lord would have us do this. There are troublous times before us." - (Ellen White, Manuscript 99, 1908.)

"When the power invested in kings is allied to goodness, it is because the one in responsibility is under the divine dictation. When power is allied with wickedness, it is allied to Satanic agencies, and it will work to destroy those who are the Lord's property. The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy. For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places,] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis." - Letter 90, 1897.

The decision to put off the preparation for last days events till the National Sunday Law is very delusional and confused thinking. Many believe that the Sunday law legislation will be a long drawn out process that will give them time to get ready for the Mark of the Beast crisis. Here is the reality that all of God's remnant need to think about. Remember, the final movements of the end of the world will be very rapid. The Sunday laws, that will soon sweep over this nation and world, do not have to be called the "National Sunday Law." They will be attached to solutions to "climate change" or "religious liberty." They can be wrapped in weekly holiday legislation or national prayer observance to promote unity in the midst of a great crisis.

**Remember, according to the Supreme court landmark decision in 1961, Sunday laws have already been ruled as constitutional. Chief Justice Earl Warren** declared that "the State seeks to set one day apart from all others as a day of rest, repose, recreation and tranquility--a day which all members of the family and community have the opportunity to spend and enjoy together, a day on which there exists relative quiet and disassociation from the everyday intensity of commercial activities, a day on which people may visit friends and relative who are not available during working days." - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue\\_law#cite\\_note-28](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_law#cite_note-28)

The Supreme Court's landmark decisions views Sundays as a natural common day of rest for the benefit of society as a whole that protects workers, families and guarantees the free exercise of religion. They assert that leaving it up to individuals to choose their own day of rest would be confusing and not benefit society as a whole. More recently, a state statute mandating that employers honor the Sabbath day of the employee's choice was held invalid as having the primary effect of promoting religion by weighing the employee's Sabbath choice over all other interests - Congress.gov, pdf document: First Amendment, Freedom of Religion Expression, p.1111 - <https://www.congress.gov/content/conan/pdf/GPO-CONAN-2017-10-2.pdf>

**The mark of the beast is the enforcement of the false Sabbath, Sunday. It is the mark of Papal Rome. There is no way a person can have ecumenical brotherhood with the beast and not receive the mark of the beast.**

## **What is the fate of those who worship the beast and his image and have the mark of the beast?**

### **Revelation 14:9-10**

- 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,  
10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

### **Revelation 16:2**

- 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshipped his image.

### **Revelation 19:16-21**

- 16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.  
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;  
18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great.  
19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.  
20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.  
21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

The remnant people of God reject the beast, the image of the beast, and the mark of the beast. We receive the seal of the living God instead of the mark of the beast. The remnant people of God are not DJ's. We are not into mixing the doctrines of the beast with the truth. We do not mix and parley with the world. We do not trust the Babylonian system, but only put our trust in God!

Those who are faithful to ALL the commandments of God including the seventh-day Sabbath will receive the seal of the living God!

### **Revelation 7:2-3**

- 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

- 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The seventh-day Sabbath is the official signature of God within the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments is the official document of the everlasting covenant.

The faithful remnant of God will have total victory over sin. As a result, in the end they will have total victory over the beast!

### **Victory over the beast!**

#### **Revelation 15:2**

- 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

#### **1 John 4:4**

- 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

#### **Revelation 14:1. 5**

- 1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
- 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

#### **Revelation 3:12**

- 12 *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

#### **Revelation 20:4**

- 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.