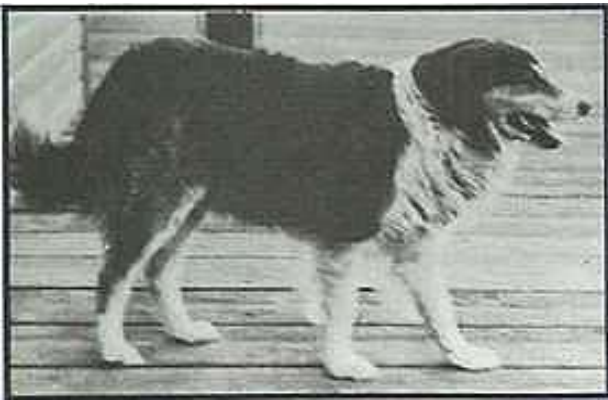


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CREATION CORNER

"Old Shep"

In August 1936, an ill shepherd was hospitalized in Fort Benton, Montana. His faithful working companion, a Border Collie, waited patiently outside the hospital for his friend's recovery ... but it was not to be.

Subsequently, the shepherd's relatives decided to have his body be sent back east for his burial. In the lonely procession that followed from the hospital to the train depot, the identity and relationship of the whining dog that accompanied the casket was lost.

The dog was prevented from boarding the train, and soon thereafter came to be known as "Old Shep." The dog patiently and methodically held a vigil to insure reunion with his beloved friend. For five-and-one-half years, "Old Shep" met each passenger train as it chugged into the station and unboarded its passengers, anticipating his partner's return.

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Old Shep's story exemplifies the devotion and faithfulness of dogs everywhere. Shep's story was carried in newspapers throughout the country and overseas. It appeared in the "London Daily Express," "The New York Times" and in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

Occurring in the shadow of the Great Depression and the advent of World War II, this story took on an added significance for those who mourned the departure of loved ones and hoped for their safe return.

Old Shep became and still remains a patron saint of loyalty, patience and friendship. On January 12, 1942, Shep "rejoined his best friend." Shep was so famous that at the time of his death, the wire services of "Associated Press" and "United Press International" carried his obituary along with the war news. Shep's funeral was two days later. He was laid to rest on the bluff overlooking the train station. = ^ . ^ =

HISTORY

“Old Mortality”

It is interesting that there are many false stories being told as history these days. There is no safety in believing newer sources or CD ROM encyclopaedias, as the stories are told in ways to twist the truth to favour Roman Catholic versions of events.

But it is wonderful that God has seen fit to preserve the older accounts for us and they are available. God makes sure that the voice of those who have died for His truth continues to be heard, in spite of those who have worked untiringly to erase all records of these faithful ones, and destroy the old books. Many original old books are available on the Internet and on CD ROMS including all the series by John Fox who collected thousands of the true stories of martyrs.

There was an interesting way that the stories of some of the Scottish martyrs were kept for us today. There was a stone-cutter, Robert Paterson, in the late 1700s, who was determined to do what he could to preserve the record of those killed for their faith in the right to freedom of conscience. He was a very skilled craftsman and as he saw the way nobody seemed to care about what had happened to these people, he began a project, which he carried out for many years.

He would carve the stories of these martyred ones deeply into their tomb-stones so that the weather and time would not erase their testimony to the generations to come. Sir Walter Scott wrote about this man in one of his books and he called him “Old Mortality”.

“In visiting these graves it is impossible not to feel how much their present condition is due to a man whom the creative genius of Sir Walter Scott has immortalized—“Old Mortality.” All over the south-west of Scotland his work is seen in the deeply graven letters, cut evidently by no hireling hand, but by a workman determined, that, so far as deep lettering would perpetuate the names of the witnesses for Christ’s Crown and Covenant, until a generation should arise that would reverence their memory, it should be done by him. And he has succeeded. The indifference characteristic of the end of last century, [1700s] and the beginning of this, to the memory of the martyrs in Scotland has passed away.” Cloud of Witnesses, pg 9

“(In the parish of Glencairn,) is a monument to the memory of a man, who, in his time, did so much to repair and deepen the inscriptions on the stones over the remains of the martyrs. The inscription reads “To the memory of Robert Paterson, stone engraver, well-known as ‘Old Mortality,’ who died at Bankend of Carlaverock, 14th February 1800, aged 88. Balmaclellan was the place where the wife and family of “Old Mortality” lived. A monument was also erected in 1869 in Carlaverock Churchyard over his remains, with the following inscription;“Erected to the memory of Robert Paterson, the ‘Old Mortality’ of Sir Walter Scott, who was buried here February 1800.” Ibid. pg 707

“Why seeks he with unwearied toil,
Through Death’s dim walks to urge his way;
Reclaim his long-asserted spoil,
And lead oblivion into day!”

These days, in spite of the faithful work of men like John Fox and ‘Old Mortality’, the stories of the martyrs and the terrible persecutions of Roman and State churches against those who’s only crime was to seek to obey God according to their own consciences, are largely unknown. But it is not so much because they cannot be known, but people don’t seem to care about such things as they used to. Many just don’t want to know and will not listen if one tries to tell them.

They are so caught up in pleasure seeking that they don’t want to know about the dangers of having Church and State combined. They are marching eagerly back into the arms of the Papal rule, and those who seek to warn them by showing what happened in the past are ridiculed and called ‘hate promoters’. And yet those who rewrite history to cast false accusations on the faithful martyrs, and make it look as if their deaths were their own fault, or that they were violent and wicked, are considered loving and helpful.

Those who will not learn from history—will have to repeat it. But one thing we do know, God has a record of every faithful soul who suffered for His name. And no Jesuits or false teachers can ever erase these records. The story may be gone from earth’s annals or hidden in the dark vaults of the Vatican where no outsider is ever permitted to go; but not one of them will be forgotten before our Heavenly Father! = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Guest at Our House

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer, and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later.

As I grew up I never questioned his place in our family. Mom taught me to love the Word of God, and Dad taught me to obey it. But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventures, mysteries, and comedies were daily conversations. He could hold our whole family spellbound for hours each evening. He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill, and me to our first major league baseball game.

He was always encouraging us to see the movies and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars.

The stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind, but sometimes Mom would quietly get up, while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places and go to her room, read her Bible, and pray. I wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave. You see, my dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions. But this stranger never felt an obligation to honor them.

Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house, not from us, from our friends, or adults. Our long-time visitor, however, used occasional four-letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted.

My Dad was a teetotaler who didn't permit alcohol in his home—not even for cooking. But the stranger felt like we needed exposure and enlightened us to other ways of life. He offered us beer and other alcoholic beverages often. He made cigarettes look tasty, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

He talked freely (too much too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that my early concepts of the man/woman relationships were influenced by the stranger. As I look back, I believe it was the grace of God that the stranger did not influence us more.

Time after time he opposed the values of my

parents, yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave.

More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive. But if I were to walk into my parents' den today, you would still see him sitting over in a corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?... We always just called him.... TV.

The 23rd Channel

The TV is my shepherd; my spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for his name's sake, because it requireth all my leisure time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's Word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend church and doing nothing for the kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sounds and pictures, they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas, which differ from those in the Word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come of my life because of so many wasted hours, and I shall dwell in my remorse and bitter memories forever.
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STORY LESSON

YOUR AMAZING SKIN: 2

The inner skin, the dermis, like the inner bark of a tree, is much thicker than the outer skin. It is much more important, and for this reason is sometimes called the true skin. It contains nerves and blood vessels.

If you look at the palm of your hand, you will see many coarse lines. It is completely covered with very fine ridges and furrows. Now, if you examine these ridges with a magnifying glass, you will see along each ridge a number of little dark spots. Each of these is the mouth of a very small tube. This is called a pore or sweat duct. These ducts run down through both the outer and inner layers of the skin. At the underside of the true skin, the end of the

tube is rolled up in a coil. The coiled parts are called sweat glands, because they separate from the blood the fluid that we call sweat, or perspiration.

There are other little glands in the skin that make oil, to keep the skin soft and smooth.

There are also little pockets in the skin, called follicles that hairs grow from. On some body parts, the hairs are coarse and long; on others, they are fine and short.

Many of the ducts leading from the oil glands open into the pockets or pouches from which the hairs grow. The oil makes the hair soft and glossy. Our Creator has provided this excellent means for oiling the hair. The hair is a protection and also an ornament.

The nails of the fingers and the toes grow out of little pockets in the skin just as the hairs do. Both the hair and the nails are really parts of the outer skin, which is changed and hardened. The nails lie upon the surface of the true skin and grow from the underside, as well as from the little fold of skin at the root of the nail. They give firmness and protection to the ends of fingers and toes. Our fingernails help us in picking up small objects.

The skin does several tasks: It removes waste: The sweat glands and ducts are constantly at work removing toxins from the blood. When we get very warm, or run or work very hard, the skin becomes wet with sweat. In a little while, if we stop to rest, the sweat is all gone. It has evaporated, passed off into the air.

Sweating is going on all the time, but we do not sweat so much when we are quiet and not too warm, so the sweat evaporates as fast as it is made. This is one of the marvelous ways that God designed to keep our body temperature cooler while doing hard work on a hot day. We make nearly a quart of sweat daily. What does this tell you about how much water we need to drink and how important it is to wash?

We breathe a little bit through our skin. There are some lower animals like frogs that breathe with their skin very well. Breathing is an important work of the skin, and we should keep it clean and healthy, to give it a chance to breathe all that it can.

The skin absorbs some things that get on it, so we should keep it clean. If toxins that come out in sweat remain upon the skin, they may go back in and do us harm.

When anything touches our skin, we know it by the feeling. We learn much about things by feeling them. If we stick a pin into the skin, we feel pain.

We can tell the difference between hot and cold. Our sense of feeling is very useful to us.

The skin acts as natural clothing to protect us much better than any other kind of clothing could. It is so soft and pliable that it cannot hurt the most delicate part that it covers; yet it is very strong and tough. = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

The Money by Post

Out of the war-stricken regions of Eastern Europe, in the days following the war, came stories of many a struggle of Protestant believers to keep going in the midst of universal distress, and with the hostility of feeling against Protestants in some sections.

One such family had run out of food. Work had seemed unobtainable. The parents and children were actually in extremity of need. The story was told by President L. H. Christian, of the European Division:

“The father was praying one morning, with his wife and children. They were suffering the pangs of starvation, and they turned to God in prayer as their only hope,

“As the father prayed this morning, he seemed to hear a voice saying, ‘If you have faith, you will be saved.’

“He took it as an assurance of deliverance, and the family thanked God that He had heard their cry.

“Just a little later the mail carrier came to their door with a letter. The letter was opened, and it was found that only money was enclosed. Who it was from they knew not. But there was money for their immediate need. It saved them from threatened starvation, and tided them over until they were able to find ways of earning a livelihood again amidst the desolations that the war had left in its wake, I know the facts, for I saw the family only a few weeks ago,

“Some time later the father attended a meeting held near his home, He there told of his experience, to the glory of God, and added, ‘I should like to meet the one who sent me that money,’

“There was a man present who then stood up and said, ‘I sent that letter. I sent it before I became an Adventist believer. One night in a dream an envelope, addressed with name and place, was held before me, and a voice commanded. “Put so much money in this envelope, and send it to that

man!“ I did not know who the man was,’ he continued, ‘and I never had heard of the place. But it was so clear and commanding an experience that next morning, as I awoke, I felt I must obey. I addressed an envelope as I had seen it in the dream, I put the money in it, and dropped it into the post. After I had done it, it seemed so unreasonable a thing for me to do that I feared I might really be losing my mind. But it was done, and I could not recall it.’ “

Soon afterward the man who sent the money was visited by a colporteur who sold him a book that led him into the light.

Hearing of the meeting to be held, he had come to thank God for the light that the open Bible had brought into his life; and there he heard the story of the man to whom he had sent the money, not knowing what he was doing, save that God called him to do it. It was a happy meeting between the two men. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 1st Quarter:

“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 10:

“2 BEASTS AND AN IMAGE”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Fear thou not; ___; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; ___; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; ___; yea, I will help thee; ___; yea, I will uphold thee, ___; with the right hand of my righteousness.” **Isaiah 41:10.**

(Put your own name in the blanks and learn it like that.)

Revelation 13

Sunday

Text: Revelation 13:1, 2 “**And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”**

Here comes a beast up out of the water! Remember when Daniel saw beasts coming out of the water? We are continuing on from Daniel's prophecies here in the book of Revelation.

Look at this beast; he has parts of all the other beasts! ‘Like a leopard’—Greece; ‘Feet as a bear’—Medo-Persia; ‘Mouth of a lion’—Babylon; ‘Dragon gave him seat, power, and authority’—Pagan Rome and also Satan. Rome has beliefs and practices that come from each of these Pagan powers.

This beast is coming up out of the ‘sea’, which means it comes to power in a well-populated area. It has 10 horns and 10 crowns, so we know it is in the area that once was ruled by the Roman Empire—which was broken up into ten parts. And it has seven heads.

On these heads we see the name of blasphemy; by claiming to be God on earth; by claiming to have power to forgive sins; by claiming to change God's law; and many other ways, this Papal Roman beast is a blasphemous beast and the heads, (rulers and nations) by accepting and honouring this power, also bring blasphemy on themselves.

3. “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.”

The deadly wound to this Papal beast was given to it in 1798, when Napoleon sent his general, Berthier, into Rome to remove the pope from power and throw him into prison. He died in captivity and it seemed for a brief time that the papacy was dead forever. The original wording for ‘wounded’ actual means ‘killed’—it was ‘killed to death’.

It is very interesting that Napoleon gave the order to remove the pope more than a year before 1798, but, somehow, it didn't get done until 1798. We know why, don't we? Because the prophecies said he would rule for 1260 years, not 1259! God's word never fails!

As soon as another pope was placed on the throne, this power began to work to 'heal its deadly wound'. The text says it Will be healed. What has to happen before the wound is healed? Well, first we have to look at what ended at the end of the 1260 years. The Roman church did not cease to exist, and shortly a new pope was elected; was the wound healed then?

No, it wasn't; you see, the Beast power is a combination of church and government. It is when the church has full control to use the government to force people to obey it. After 1798 the Roman church continued as a church, but it no longer had power to rule the governments and force them to work for it. It is trying to get this power back and it is getting very close to it!

Thought - All the world will wonder after the Beast! Do you see people all excited whenever the Pope comes to visit? Do you see people, even non-Catholics, admiring him? When we try to show the world what the Pope is intending to do, people get mad at us; the world is 'wondering after him'.

Monday

Text: Revelation 13:4-6 "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

Prophecies are like a puzzle, God gives us clues, that when we put them together, carefully following what the Bible says the clues mean; we can see what He is telling us. These verses give more 'clues'.

They worshipped the 'dragon'; Pagan Roman leaders were worshipped as gods, and also Satan, who is also the Dragon, is worshipped either directly or indirectly by all Pagan religions. So we see a power that had been worshipped, giving authority to another power, which is also worshipped, that is Papal Rome.

'Who is like unto the beast'? The kings of Europe during the dark ages well knew the power of the Papacy, they were afraid to oppose her. In fact, once, when a king had offended the pope, the poor king stood barefoot and hatless for days outside the pope's palace in winter, so he could beg

forgiveness from the proud pope.

'Given unto him...A mouth speaking blasphemies'; to have a 'mouth' in prophecy means to be able to pass laws. The papal power passed many wicked and blasphemous laws during her time ruling the world. Ordering the Bible to be burned, and anyone who loved it to be burned also, was one of these laws.

'Forty and two months'; this is another 1260-year prophecy.

He 'blasphemes God's name; In Bible, God's Name represents His character—what He is really like; the Papacy through her ideas of purgatory and eternal hell fire, made millions look upon God as a monster instead of the loving Father He really is.

'God's Tabernacle'; By setting up human priests and telling everyone they could only be saved through the church and its ceremonies, Rome spoke against the ministry of Jesus for us in the heavenly sanctuary. The church leaders stood like a wall stopping the people from coming straight to Jesus.

'Them that dwell in heaven'; there are so many weird and wicked stories told to the people by the Roman church that say bad things about angels, Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit and so on. They also tell the people that all these old dead church leaders are now 'saints' in heaven and the people should pray to them.

Thought - To pray to the dead in any form, is to worship demons!

Tuesday

Text: Revelation 13:7-10 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Here again we have more clues, so many in fact, that there just isn't any other power on earth that this can be but Papal Rome! Here again we see it persecuting and killing the true followers of Jesus during the 1260 years of rule.

'Power was given him'; during the 1260 years, this wicked power was allowed to pretty much do what it wanted to do. Satan can never say to God and the universe that his religion would have

worked, but God didn't give him a chance to prove it. No, indeed, for 1260 years that religion ruled and the effects on the world and on people and nations are written in history and in the books of heaven with letters of blood!

Then we are told that all on earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life. This is very solemn; unless you have really given your whole heart to Jesus and serve Him only, you will end up worshipping the Beast! There is no other choice, and it is now that we better decide for the right; the time will come later when we will no longer have the choice.

'Captivity and sword'; Here is a warning from God; too bad the haughty popes did not spend much time reading the Bible, they could have been warned what would happen to them if they kept doing their wicked and cruel deeds.

It is also giving us more clues; for centuries, Rome threw the people of God into prisons, she sent armies with swords to kill them and drove them into hidden places of the earth. Then in 1798, armies were sent against her and a military power sent the pope into prison. In the upheavals during the French Revolution, the Roman priests and leaders were slaughtered by the people, just as formerly the church had slaughtered God's children.

The people of God did read the Bible, during those years of cruel persecution; many were encouraged by God's promise that the persecuting power would have an end. This did give them patience and faith.

Thought - "Satan takes the control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God." Testimonies to Ministers pg 79

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 13:11-13 "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

Here comes another Beast! But this time it comes out of the 'earth'. Now if the 'seas' mean areas where there are lots of people, 'earth' would mean where there was not much people. Did a new power arise near the close of the 1260 years in

areas where there was not many people?

Yes, and the other beasts arose in the 'winds', that is with war and strife, this power just quietly arose and grew into power. It is the United States of America.

'It had 2 horns, like a lamb'; These horns mean that the power of church and state are separate powers; and it is like a lamb, this means it is gentle, not harmful and cruel like the other beasts.

'Like a dragon'; but something happens, this helpful, gentle beast begins to 'speak like a dragon'! To 'speak' means to pass laws, this means this power will eventually pass laws 'like a Dragon Power'.

Did you know that the power that the Dragon represented, besides Satan, was Pagan Rome, and that power, under Constantine, passed the world's first Sunday-law! Yes indeed, in the 300s, before Papal Rome had received the seat and authority from the dragon, Pagan Rome passed 6 Sunday Laws after Constantine declare himself to be a 'Christian'.

Now we see this lamb-beast working to force people to worship the leopard-beast of Rome. It does this by passing laws which honour Rome, such as forcing people to worship on Sunday, which Rome claims is its 'mark' of authority.

This lamb/dragon power does great wonders; the USA has great technology and does wonders in the use of atomic power and so on, also many people are arising that are performing miracles by means of demon spirits, but they think the power is from God!

How do we know for sure the power is demonic? Well, the Bible tells us 'if they speak not according to this Word, there is no light in them'. Isaiah 8:20. When these 'miracle workers' tell people to keep the Sunday, they show they are in darkness.

Thought - Remember the 'earth' that helped the pure woman in our last lesson? Part of that 'earth' was the USA and Canada.

Thursday

Text: Revelation 13:14,15 "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should

both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

Many people think that when anything happens that looks like a miracle, it has to be God who is doing it. Sadly they don't read their Bibles, for we are told clearly that in the last days miracles are going to be the sign of the false power that seeks to force all to receive the Mark of the Beast!

The miracles are what will convince many people that this movement is right and they will follow it blindly and hate all who speak against it and try to show from the Bible it is wrong. If you see people all excited about miracles; watch out! There will be true miracles, but when people, who do miracles, tell you that God's law has been changed or doesn't matter, or we can't keep it anyway, we have to keep sinning until Jesus comes, they are doing the devil's work whether they know it or not!

We see this power, now speaking as a Dragon, saying to all the world, 'Let's make a copy of the beast that was wounded; let's make a copy of the Papacy.' What would be a copy, 'image', of the Papal Beast? It would be when the USA starts to use government power and laws to force people to obey religious laws just like Rome did in the 1260 years.

Can USA tell the world what to do? Oh yes, it is starting to do exactly that. Since Sept 11, 2001, USA has been rising up and talking more proudly than ever before, just like the proud Papal Beast, it is exulting itself. It is getting ready to push its weight around, and it has a lot of weight!

It will pass laws to force all people to not only keep Sunday, but also break the 7th day Sabbath of the Lord. And those who won't obey, will not be able to buy or sell. The USA has been using this for many years against countries it doesn't like; it makes 'economic sanctions' and stops them from buying and selling, until they have to 'give in'.

But God's true people won't 'give in'. God helps them and they stand firm for His Sabbath. So then the lamb/dragon says they are all to die. A death decree is passed that on a certain day all the Sabbath keepers are to be killed. Then God closes probation on this earth and the plagues begin to fall on the wicked.

Thought - Always remember, God's obedient people have nothing to fear as He will help them and protect them. Even those who die as martyrs will be given all the courage and help they need. Jesus will hold their hand!

Friday

Text: Revelation 13:16-18 “And he 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. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

What a lot of funny ideas people have about this 'mark' on the hand or forehead. It is no mystery; the Mark of Rome's authority is Sunday-keeping enforced by law. This is the Mark of the beast.

Getting it in the hand means they obey the power, not because they believe in it, but so they can buy and sell. Getting it in the forehead means they believe in it, because of all the miracles Satan is doing to fool them. It isn't a real mark.

Notice the three groups, those who have the 'mark'; that means those who keep Sunday, the Protestants; those who have the 'name of the beast', the Roman Church; and those who have the 'number of his name, 666'. The pagan religions and New-age movement, which have the number 666 somewhere in their devil worship; they join to persecute true Sabbath keepers.

When we see the number 666; many people think that 666 is the 'mark' of the beast, but it is another clue. In Latin, Roman language, letters are also used for numbers, so a person's name can often have a number by adding up the letter-numbers.

Documented Roman Catholic source states “The letters inscribed in the Pope's miter are these **‘VICARIUS FILII DEI’**, which is the Latin for **‘VICAR OF THE SON OF GOD.’** Catholics hold that the church, which is a visible society, must have a visible head...., as head of the church, was given the title, **‘VICAR OF CHRIST’.**” *Our Sunday Visitor*, (Catholic Weekly) “Bureau of information,” Huntington, Ind., April 18, 1915. When you take the letters that are also numbers in this name and add them up it comes to 666.

Thought – A vicar takes another's place; vicar of the Son of God, means he takes Jesus' place. In Greek the word 'Anti' means 'takes the place of'. So 'Antichrist' is not someone who is against Christ, it means someone who claims to 'take the place of' Christ; that is exactly what the Roman power claims to do! = ^ .. ^ =