

“The Coming Sunday Law Dilemma Featuring Jon Paulien” was streamed live on YouTube on 10/31/20 by the Central California Conference of SDA. I only became aware of this on 6/29/21 since that wasn’t a channel I had subscribed to. John Paulien, PhD is the dean of Loma Linda University’s school of religion. As you read this, keep in mind that Dr. Paulien teaches future Seventh-day Adventist Ministers and that occasional church offerings are collected for Loma Linda University.

This was part of a three part series. Two of the men listed as contributors to this series in the introduction, were the principal contributor to past Sabbath School Bible Study Guides; Ranko Stefanovic to the one titled “Revelation” for the first quarter of 2019 and Roy Gane to the one titled “Isaiah” for the first quarter of 2021. I may do reviews on them as well which, if I do that, you will be able to read them on AdventistsToday.com.

In the introduction at 5:25 it says, “We’re about to discover the last deception of earth’s history.” You need to remember this.

At 7:25, Pastor Ramiro Cano, President of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists says, “In other words, in this virtual assembly here on earth, angels and unfallen beings from heaven have joined us in the combined praise and rejoicing has reverberated throughout the heavenly courts.” I believe he is mistaken about the praise and rejoicing.

At 8:07 Ramiro says, “Additionally I take this opportunity to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all the speakers who shared the deep and inspired elements of the biblical prophetic map with us this week. It has been our desire to motivate our Adventist church family to continue to hold fast to the faithful word of the Bible and to continue their preparation for the second coming of our Lord in a consistent and balanced way.” Notice that “the Bible” is singular meaning ONE Bible.

At 8:45 Ramiro talks about “the clear light illuminating God’s prophetic path.” He then says, “We are keenly aware of the many voices that are heard today rallying the people to excitement and sensationalism creating fear, anxiety and fanaticism.” He goes on to say that “as sentinels on the walls of Zion, we have a divinely bestowed responsibility to present the flock of God with the plain, unaltered and clear truth, to navigate safely through the perils of these last days.”

At 9:37 Ramiro says, “Only a careful, sincere and diligent searching of God’s word and inspired writings can safeguard us from the overwhelming deceptions especially prepared for the elect.” True.

At 12:56 Dr. Pierre Steenberg, Ministerial Director of the Central California Conference, suggests that grateful listeners might want to consider a donation since producing something like this costs a lot of money. Directions are given on how to donate as if no one knows how. The money plea ends about 13:47.

According to Pierre, the main speaker, Dr. Paulien is “a legend in the Adventist Church when it comes to the book of Revelation” and is a “big name scholar.” Dr. Paulien is also called “a blessing.”

Jon Paulien starts talking and at 15:33 says Revelation 13 is the “key text for many people on the ideas of Sunday laws in the future.” He then says the key statements of Ellen G. White pertaining to the subject will be discussed. He says “This has become a really popular topic among Seventh-day Adventists, and I think that’s the case because it’s, uh, how shall we put it, a clear, measurable sign. I mean we would know that the American Congress would pass a national Sunday law. We would know that the President signs it and if something that clear and that measurable takes place, I think most Adventists would say, wow, this has got to be final events, uh, time to get ready if we’re not ready already, and so forth. Very attractive idea but is it accurate?” He then wonders “will things in fact happen exactly in that way?”

Keep in mind that Ramiro spoke of “God’s word and inspired writings.” I would take “inspired writings” to mean the writings of Ellen G. White. It would appear that Jon the “legend” and “big name scholar” and the “blessing” might have doubts about the passing of a national Sunday law. Are Ramiro and Jon on the same page? In writing about “the Sabbath” and “the false sabbath” Sister White wrote:

“While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.” *The Great Controversy* page 605.

I think it’s pretty clear. There will be laws by “earthly powers” commanding veneration of the false sabbath, i.e., the Sunday. In the United States of America such a law would be made by Congress and ratified by the signature of the President of the United States of America.

At 16:34 Jon says, “God is not predictable.” Really???

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” 2 Peter 1:19 from the real Protestant Bible, the King James Version (KJV).

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7 from the KJV.

At 16:58 Jon posts “Prophetic Principles.”

1. God is consistent
2. God is not predictable
3. God is creative
4. God meets people where they are

5. God spiritualizes history
6. God uses the language of the past and the present
7. Clear afterward
8. Classical vs. apocalyptic

Jon missed one. God said prophecy was “sure” and like “a light that shineth in a dark place” and that He would do “nothing” without revealing His secret to His prophets. If prophecies inspired by God are “not predictable” and if God hasn’t revealed His plans to His prophets, God must also be a liar.

And what does it mean to spiritualize history? Could it mean God didn’t really create the world in six days or maybe the red sea didn’t really part like Moses said it did? Maybe Jonah wasn’t really swallowed by a whale like Jesus said he was?

And prophecy is “clear afterward?” How does being “clear afterward” helps us, as Ramiro said, “to navigate safely through the perils of these last days?”

Then there is the “classical vs. apocalyptic” prophecy and Jon says Ellen White’s style is “classical.” Is classical prophecy less dependable or less valuable than apocalyptic prophecy?

At 17:42 Jon says, “Ah, we concluded the previous session by noting that the biblical evidence does not speak of Sunday as such. But it speaks about a counterfeit of the Sabbath being critical to the mark of the beast at the end of time. And we noted there’s four possibilities, four options, for a counterfeit. One would be a different day than the Sabbath and Sunday would be an example of that. Ah, a second option is that every day is the Sabbath, ah, which would mean that no day would have special significance. The third is that no day is the Sabbath, Sabbath was simply abolished by Jesus and therefore we can worship on any day that we choose. And finally, ah, some sort of legislation to forbid Sabbath keeping would be option number four. So within exegesis of the biblical text you do have options for understanding what the mark of the beast will actually, uh, turn out to be.”

At 19:35 Jon says, regarding Sister White, “that classical prophets are speaking to an immediate situation” and that “there were things going on in the United States at the time she wrote.” That means you can’t rely on what Sister White wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. It also means the writings of Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and John are very outdated because those were recorded over 2,000 years ago.

At 19:54 Jon quotes *The Great Controversy*.

“And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance—a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority.” *The Great Controversy* page 573.

Following this Jon, like other blowhards who wish to change what God said, says what Sister White was really saying even though the above quotation is crystal clear as it is. He says, “So

Ellen White said that the the object of the events taking place in her day was the enforcement of Sunday observance.” I would say that the object of what Jon is saying is to make one think it's different now and the Holy Ghost that inspired Sister White would inspire her differently now. He then says that her understanding was that the mark of the beast would be the enforcement of Sunday observance. Please note that Jon KNOWS what Sister White meant but doesn't agree with it.

Starting at 20:42 *The Great Controversy* is quoted again.

“It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with the lamblike horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgement of her supremacy.” *The Great Controversy* page 579.

“In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, students of prophecy in the United States have presented this testimony to the world.” *The Great Controversy* page 579.

At 21:27 Jon says, “So Ellen White here suggests that not just the United States would enforce Sunday observance but that this would also take place in the Old World, as she called it, ah, which is, Europe.”

The Great Controversy is quoted again.

“Since the middle of the nineteenth century, students of prophecy in the United States have presented this testimony to the world. In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction.” *The Great Controversy* page 579.

At 22:08 Jon says, “Now remember in our principals of prophecy, that classical prophecy is always a natural extension of the prophet's time and place. The language here fits that perfectly.”

Yet another time *The Great Controversy* is quoted.

“The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict...” *The Great Controversy* page 592.

At 24:46 an Ellen G. White statement found in the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary is quoted.

“The decree enforcing the worship of this day to go forth to all the world. In a limited degree it has already gone forth. In several places the civil power is speaking with the voice of a dragon, just as the heathen king spoke to the Hebrew captives.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volume 7 page 976

This quotation can also be found in a *Signs of the Times* article in the May 6, 1897 issue.

At 25:48 there is a quotation from what Sister White wrote for the December 18, 1888 issue of the *Review & Herald*. You can also find this in the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*.

“When our nation, in its legislative councils shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land;” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* volume 7 page 977.

This is followed by another quotation from the same article found in the December 18, 1888 issue of the *Review & Herald* and not found in volume 7 of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*. Since I don’t have that *Review & Herald* article, I can’t validate this quotation.

“If, in our land of boasted freedom, a Protestant government should sacrifice every principle which enters into its Constitution, and propagate papal falsehood and delusion, well may we plead, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law.’”

These are very nice Spirit of Prophecy quotations and Ramiro said, “angels and unfallen beings from heaven have joined us in the combined praise and rejoicing has reverberated throughout the heavenly courts.” What could go wrong?

At 26:54 Jon says, regarding Sister White, “So she understands that it will be a Protestant government that would sacrifice every principle and and put forth this Sunday legislation. So there’s a series of very specific, ah, very measurable kinds of things as to when these particular statements would be fulfilled. Now a word of caution, these are my words, and I put them on the screen ah not because they have ah Divine authority of any kind but out of careful study of fulfilled prophecy, out of careful study of the book of Revelation, and reading these statements, with the biblical principles in mind, we should be careful not to assume that the end-time will be identical to *Great Controversy* in every detail. For example, the idea of a World-wide Sunday law already in action made a lot of sense in the eighteen eighties because at the time, ah, the entire world was ruled by Christians. It’s the Colonial Period and European nations, ah, controlled Africa, ah, South America, ah, large parts of Asia, etc. And so the idea of a World-wide Sunday law made a lot of sense back then. The World is quite different today. So we should not assume that after the passage of more than a hundred and fifty years or about a hundred and fifty years, that every detail would necessarily be fulfilled. Remember Isaiah eleven. Considering both the Bible and world history, were Ellen White alive today there’s at least a chance that her depiction of the end would be different than it was in the 1880s. Now remember the scholar and the believer. OK, this is the scholar speaking. Not in any way calling into question, ah, the gift that God gave to Ellen White or the accuracy of what God would have

shown her back when she wrote. But just noting that on the basis of fulfilled prophecy, in the Bible, there is reason to say God is not always predictable.”

Read that through two or three times if you have to because the Serpent is subtle. Here is what the Serpent is saying.

1. The scholar the Serpent is speaking through has done “careful study of the book of Revelation” so you should believe him. Remember that Jon is “a legend in the Adventist Church when it comes to the book of Revelation” and is a “big name scholar.”
2. The idea of a World-wide Sunday law made a lot of sense about a hundred and fifty years ago but probably not now. That’s because either the Holy Ghost didn’t know exactly what was going to happen a hundred and fifty years later or Ellen White was flying by seat of her pants and wasn’t inspired by the Holy Ghost when she wrote those things.
3. God made a mistake in Isaiah 11.
4. Jon is allegedly “not in any way calling into question, ah, the gift that God gave to Ellen White or the accuracy of what God would have shown her back when she wrote” when, in fact, Jon is doing BOTH of those things.
5. Once again Jon says, “God is not always predictable” when God has said He IS predictable. Jon is calling God a liar.

“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.” Revelation 13:3 (KJV).

The “whole world” would include Europe, what is now the United States of America, China, etc. Yes, I know. That was written about 2,000 years ago and the Holy Ghost wasn’t sure exactly how things would transpire in the last days even though He spoke of the “sure word of prophecy.”

At 29:22 Jon says, “not every detail of a classical prophecy will necessarily be fulfilled exactly as stated.” The plot has thickened. If you believe, as he previously stated, that Sister White’s prophecies were “classical” prophecies, NONE of them are necessarily dependable so you don’t really have to believe them all that much.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” 1 Timothy 4:1-2 from the KJV.

At 30:25 Jon once again says God isn’t always predictable. He explains that “the natural extension meaning that things have changed in the World” and that “if God were, uh, giving a prophecy today it wouldn’t sound like what was given back then because we’re in a different world, different language, different circumstances, different time.” Apparently, God didn’t know

things would change in the World and is having problems communicating in English even though he made man's mouth.

At 30:49 Jon once again calls Sister White a "classical prophet" and says "Ellen White's predictions should be understood also as conditional. That as circumstances change the fulfillment of Revelation thirteen could take other forms than the ones that seemed so clear in eighteen eighty-eight." Now in addition to calling into question the veracity of the prophecies of the Lord's messenger, who was more than a prophet, this blowhard is implying there may also be a problem with her understanding of Revelation 13. Of course, because Jon is "a legend in the Adventist Church when it comes to the book of Revelation" and is a "big name scholar" you should believe him instead of the Lord's messenger who wasn't a "big name scholar" having never finished grade school. Surely the angels in the heavenly courts must be rejoicing (I hope you can understand sarcasm).

At 32:30 Jon starts to discuss Catholicism. I can hardly wait.

At 33:55 Jon mentions Spiritualism. Remember point number six in Jon's "Prophetic Principles" where he said "God spiritualizes history?"

Starting at 35:12 Jon mentions how Catholic immigration to the United States brought bars, carnivals and parties. I can say amen to that. There are several books by the ex-priest Emmett McLoughlin that would educate you on the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States of America including the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

At 37:06 Jon says, "But there have been many changes in the World since then and this, all of this has got to effect the way that we read ah what was uh projected." Yeah, the Holy Ghost was taken by surprise.

Jon has a problem with Sunday laws. At 40:16 Jon says, "So the question is, if Ellen White were alive today, would she still be talking about Sunday laws?" Apparently he doesn't think so because the Holy Ghost was surprised by how things have changed.

At 37:18 Jon says, "First of all spiritualism rapidly lost its place in the public discourse in the United States. It still exists today, ah, it's, it's in the back rooms and out in the forests and things like that but it doesn't have the credibility of a political voice in the country. That faded rapidly after the 1880s."

"It is true that spiritualism is now changing its form and, veiling some of its more objectionable features, is assuming a Christian guise. But its utterances from the platform and the press have been before the public for many years, and in these its real character stands revealed." *The Great Controversy* 557-558.

"The revelation about Hillary and Eleanor caused quite a stir as Hillary Clinton was ridiculed for 'talking with ghosts' and other New Age-y things. But Mrs. Clinton was not particularly embarrassed; in fact, she herself wrote in 'Talking It Over' her weekly syndicated newspaper column, '[Eleanor Roosevelt] usually responds by telling me to buck up, or at least to grow

skin as thick as a rhinoceros.” This article from the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Foundation can be found at <https://fdrfoundation.org/hillary-roosevelt-clinton/> if you wish to read the whole thing.

It appears that spiritualism isn't just in “back rooms” and “forests” and that it certainly does have “the credibility of a political voice.”

At 37:41 Jon says, “Second of all, Catholicism in the U.S. after the Sunday legislation failed, retreated back to its quiet position.” John must not know about the pope speaking to Congress, the United Nations, etc.

At 40:38 Jon posts “the evidence of Ellen White herself.” Blowhards that are trying to denigrate Sister White love to try to use her own statements to contradict what she wrote. Jon posts “The Evidence of Ellen White as follows:

“Movements now in progress....” GC 573

“In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction...”. GC 579

“The soon-coming conflict...”. GC 592

“The decree....has already gone forth.” 7 BC 976

“A Protestant government....” RH, Dec 18, 1888

Jon says “all of those things made sense eh, around eighteen eighty-eight to eighteen ninety.” Apparently not any more since the Holy Ghost was taken by surprise. Allegedly Ellen White is talking about “the near future.” The Holy Ghost must also have been mistaken when He had Jesus saying “behold, I come quickly” in Revelation 22:12.

Allegedly what Sister White was “describing in *Great Controversy* was about her present.” Yeah, just like when the Holy Ghost told John about 2,000 years ago that Jesus was coming quickly. Isn't it helpful to get this information from this “legend in the Adventist Church when it comes to the book of Revelation?”

At 42:00 Jon makes the stunning revelation that there are seven editions of *Great Controversy*. He says in “the earlier editions you have no mention of a Sunday law.” He doesn't say exactly what editions there were or what made them different.

There have been several editions of The Great Controversy. One (I believe the earliest) was published in 1858 and has 41 chapters and 219 pages. I have a facsimile of that one and there is a statement Jon should review.

“The people turned upon the ministers with bitter hate and reproached them, telling them, You have not warned us.” *The Great Controversy* (1858 edition) page 201.

There is a four volume set of books called *Spirit of Prophecy* but on the title page and at the top of each left hand page they're also called *The Great Controversy*. In total these four volumes contain 1,696 pages authored by Ellen G. White. The first of them was published in 1870 and the last one in 1884. Volume four mentions "Sunday observance" on page 423. There is a quotation from this one Jon should be interested in.

"Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. The prediction that Church and State would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God has been pronounced groundless and absurd." *Spirit of Prophecy* volume four page 423.

Please note that *The Great Controversy* published in 1858 consisting of 219 pages is a different book than a set containing 1,696 pages. The title is kind of the same as what was published in 1870 but there are bound to be differences. The fact that the 1858 edition doesn't mention Sunday by name in no way lessens the truth or authority of that or later editions.

I have two books titled *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan* with identical covers. One has a copyright date of only 1888 and the other has copyright dates of 1888, 1907 and 1911. In the book with a sole copyright date of 1888 "enforcing Sunday observance" is found on page 605 while in the one with copyright dates of 1888, 1907 and 1911 that phrase is found on page 606.

I have another book titled *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan* with a different cover than the two previous ones with copyright dates of 1888, 1907 and 1911 and a text copyright by The Ellen G. White Publications in 1950. This one has the phrase "enforcing Sunday observance" on page 606.

I have another book titled *The Great Controversy* with a copyright date of 2009. Hopefully you know that Sister White died before 2009. It has the phrase "enforcing Sunday observance" on page 581. In addition to the King James Version (KJV) this *The Great Controversy* has quotations from the New American Standard Bible (NASB), the New King James Version (NKJV), the Revised Version (RV), the Revised Standard Version (RSV) and maybe some others I didn't find. The NASB, the RSV and the NKJV are all fake bibles that were published after Sister White's death and the RSV is a Roman Catholic bible.

If you count all of the above books individually as *The Great Controversy* and call each book an edition, you can come up with eight editions. Since Jon simply said there were seven editions without giving specific years, it's impossible to say it's seven editions, less than that or more than that. He is using the same ploy as that used by those who are attempting to denigrate the KJV by asking which one of the editions you believe. He is attempting to denigrate *The Great Controversy* by pretending there is some issue with some not specifically naming Sunday. And by the way, on page 165 of the 1858 edition it says:

“They see that they have been trampling upon the fourth commandment of the decalogue, and have observed a day handed down by the heathen and papists, instead of the day sanctified by JEHOVAH.”

It is very sad if Jon the “blessing” can’t understand that the day handed down by “papists” is Sunday.

Since Jon brought up the subject of editions of *The Great Controversy*, we’ll look at something interesting in the one published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association in 2009 using fake modern bibles. First we’ll look at a passage from the real Protestant Bible.

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 from the KJV.

You probably recognize that this passage is speaking about Lucifer who became Satan. Here is Ezekiel 28:18 from the fake bibles I found used in this edition.

“By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries ; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” Ezekiel 28:18 from the RV.

“By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought forth fire from the midst of you; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.” Ezekiel 28:18 from the RSV.

“By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you; And I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you.” Ezekiel 28:18 from the NASB.

“You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.” Ezekiel 28:18 from the NKJV.

In the KJV Satan will be turned to ashes which is future tense. In all of the fake bibles Satan has already been turned to ashes (past tense) so Satan is already dead. The interesting thing is that *The Great Controversy* containing the fake bibles quotes Ezekiel 28:18 from the NKJV on page 484 and from the KJV on page 642.

At 42:41 Jon says, “And if you look carefully at the evidence of Ellen White you’ll notice that she does not address the world that we live in today directly.” I guess that’s like Daniel and John not addressing “the world that we live in today directly.” He says, “you will look in vain for a nuclear war or a nuclear power.” He’s right! The prophets John and Daniel also wrote nothing about “a nuclear war or a nuclear power.” Other things John, Daniel, Paul and other prophets were negligent about in that they didn’t write about them were cigarettes and coffee.

At 43:49 in speaking about the “seven editions” of *The Great Controversy* Jon says Sister White “updated many things” and “changed a number of things as circumstances changed.” He still doesn’t give specific edition information nor does he say what was updated. He also claims “the biblical prophets” acted in a similar fashion. He apparently believes he is the one authorized to update what Sister White wrote.

At 44:18 Jon says Sister White “was a classical prophet like Isaiah.” I guess we must also look with skepticism at what Isaiah wrote.

At 44:30 Jon resorts to a fake Roman Catholic bible to buttress his contention that the prophecies of classical prophets are conditional.

“If at any time I declare concerning a nation or kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I had intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.” Jeremiah 18:7-10 from the English Standard Version (ESV).

Allegedly “this is a general statement of Bible prophecy” and Ellen White says it applies in all situations. Jon says “circumstances alter cases” and “circumstances have changed drastically in the last “hundred and twenty-five plus years.” I agree, circumstances have changed drastically. Jon uses a fake bible, the Pacific Press Publishing Association uses fake bibles and the Adventist Book Center sells twelve different books authored by this man who doesn’t believe what Sister White wrote.

At 46:31 Jon posts an Ellen G. White quotation so show she, or maybe the Holy Ghost, changed their minds. Here is what Jon quoted and claimed that Sister White saw.

“Then I saw the mother of harlots... She has had her day and it is past, and her daughters, the Protestant sects, were next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints.” Said to be from Manuscript 15 from 1850 paragraph 5.

Allegedly Sister White “is basically saying that Catholicism has had its day when it was in charge of things that day is now in the past. Now that’s not what she’s saying forty years later.” This is why you need to confirm EVERYTHING said by ANYONE with what the real Bible and Sister White says and not accept the allegations of ANYONE without checking the whole context. Thanks to the Ellen G. White Estate web site I was able to get the whole of Manuscript

15 from 1850 and you can too. This manuscript is based on a vision given by the Holy Ghost on October 23, 1850.

“I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw the mother of harlots, that the mother was not the daughters, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and her daughters, Protestant sects, were next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints. I saw that as the mother has been declining in power the daughters have been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once manifested by the mother.” From Manuscript 15, paragraph 5, 1850.

“Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh shall be slain, and the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast and then Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decrees bring forth or bear fruit, the saints will be delivered by the voice of God.” From Manuscript 15, paragraph 7, 1850.

If “the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward” and if the “Catholics will give their power to the image” and if the numbers of the Catholics “are large” does it then follow that things changed? If Jon left you with the impression that the Roman Catholic Church has changed or that Sister White and the Holy Ghost were mistaken, hopefully you see things differently now.

At 47:36 Jon says, “Catholicism is not gonna be central if the Sunday law or any of that were to happen in the next few years. It is a Protestant government that she said her daughters, the Protestant sects, were next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints, past tense.” Amazing! Jon understands “past tense!” I wonder if Jon has ever read Ezekiel 28:18 in his fake ESV “Bible” that says Satan has already, past tense, been turned to ashes?

At 48:31 Jon posts a quotation from the March 9, 1886 issue of the Review & Herald that is supposed to buttress his allegation that Sister White would have been inspired differently by the Holy Ghost and would have changed what she said if she were alive today. It’s posted as follows:

“...the Christian world has sanctioned (Satan’s) efforts by adopting this child of the papacy—the Sunday institution. They have nourished it and continue to nourish it, until Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power. Then there will be a law against the Sabbath of God’s creation...”

NOTHING changed but Jon says, “See, that’s different from 1850; the idea of Protestantism working together ah, with the Roman power. But notice this. Then there will be a law against the Sabbath of God’s creation.” Jon must not have read paragraph 7 of Manuscript 15 from 1850.

At 49:07 Jon says, “And it’s interesting, if you look at the later statements. Ellen White did not fear Sunday legislation itself, she said, ‘aa, if they say you can’t work on Sunday, fine, we’ll do missionary work.’” Ellen White did say if common work on Sunday was forbidden by law to do missionary work but nowhere did she ever say anything that should lead anyone to believe Sunday legislation shouldn’t be feared.

More wisdom from Jon follows. “So you see that, ih, if you want to take seriously what Ellen White says, you want to take seriously the entire body of her work, the entire context, and in the light of Scripture.” Yes Jon, you should do that and you shouldn’t be using a fake bible.

At 49:44 Jon says, “What the Bible is saying is that the mark of the beast is a counterfeit of the Sabbath but that can take a number of forms as we see even in her own, uh, writing about this text.” Sorry Jon, I haven’t seen that the mark of the beast can take “a number of forms” in her writings. John says regarding the mark of the beast, “Four options, another day, every day, no day, forbidding of Sabbath keeping.” Incredible. This man is paid to teach future Seventh-day Adventist ministers in a Seventh-day Adventist seminary.

Jon says “there are two ways to undermine prophecy.” Jon should know.

Jon says there were whole books written about the coming Messiah and he names some of them; 1 Enoch, 4 Ezra, 2 Baruch. This is supposed to mean that we can be mistaken if we take the Bible and Sister White’s writings to mean just what they say.

At 53:59 Jon says, “The end could come and we’re not ready ‘cause we’re looking for that Sunday law in Congress.” There is nothing in the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy that says or implies that we should wait for a Sunday law in Congress to get ready.

At 56:20 Jon mentions Clifford Goldstein. Clifford Goldstein is the long time editor of the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide (SSBSG). You can look at SabbathSchoolGuide.com for examples of the gross errors that get past Clifford. Jon says Clifford suggested a way in which a world wide Sunday law could occur. Actually, given his history, I couldn’t care less what Clifford suggests.

Pierre returns and again asks for money.

“If God abhors one sin above another, of which His people are guilty, it is doing nothing in case of an emergency. Indifference and neutrality in a religious crisis is regarded of God as a grievous crime and equal to the very worst type of hostility against God.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 3 page 281.

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