

In the movements **now in progress** in the **United States** to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, **Protestants** are following in the steps of **papists**. **Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World.** [GC 573.1]

1. What is “The Last Act In The Drama”? [Fill in the missing words]

The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of _____ in place of the _____
IS THE LAST ACT IN THE DRAMA. [7T 141.1]

2. What 3 places were referenced where the disciples were warned of a coming event?

a. _____ [Matthew 16:13,21] b. _____ [Matthew 17:22-23] c. _____ [Luke 18:31-34]

Before His crucifixion the Saviour **explained** to His disciples that **He was to be put to death** and to **rise again from the tomb**, and **angels were present to impress His words on minds and hearts**. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and **when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them.** So in the **prophecies** the future is opened before **us** as **plainly** as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The **events connected with the close of probation** and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are **clearly presented**. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. [GC 594.1]

3. What event is connected with the close of probation that is clearly presented?

The Lord has shown me **clearly** that the **image of the beast** will be formed **before probation closes**; for it is to be the **test** for the people of God, by which their **eternal destiny will be decided**... This is the **test** that the people of God **must** have before they are **sealed**. (7BC 976.1)

The **Sabbath** will be the **great test of loyalty**...[GC 605]

Not one of us will ever receive the **seal** of God while our characters have **one spot or stain upon them**. [5T 214.2]

1 Tim 5:24, 1 Pet 4:17

4. Fill in the blank

The time of God's _____ is the time of _____ for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, **while the door is closed to those who would not enter**. [9T 97.2]

Republicanism and **Protestantism** became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the **secret** of its **power** and **prosperity**. [GC 441.1]

Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a national apostasy from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded. The religion of the papacy will be accepted by the rulers, and the law of God will be made void. [LDE 132.1]

As we approach the **last crisis**, it is of **vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities**. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. Yet under **one head—the papal power**—the people will **unite** to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate. **While he seeks to unite his agents in warring against the truth he will work to divide and scatter its advocates.** [7T 182.2]

Note: Based on prophecy the U.S.A. will have a moral and spiritual decline while the Papacy is rising in popularity.

When the **leading churches** of the **United States**, **uniting** upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then **Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result**. The beast with two horns "causeth [commands] 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." Revelation 13:16, 17. [GC 445]

5. SOLUTIONS FOR THE CRISIS - What are the 5 solutions?

i. _____ Prov 22:3, Col 3:3, Psalm 9:9

ii. _____ Psalm 27:5-7, Luke 22:44

In the great **conflict before us**, he who would **keep true to Christ** must penetrate deeper than the opinions and doctrines of men. My message to ministers, young and old, is this: Guard jealously your hours for **prayer, Bible study, and self-examination. Set aside a portion of each day for a study of the Scriptures and communion with God**. Thus you will obtain spiritual strength, and will grow in favor with God. He alone can give you noble aspirations; He alone can fashion the character after the divine similitude. Draw near to Him in **earnest prayer**, and He will fill your hearts with high and holy purposes, and with deep, earnest longings for purity and clearness of thought. - [GW 100.1]

iii. _____ Gen 6:21-22, Gen 41:48-49, Gen 47:15-20

Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their **families** away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own **provisions**; for in the future the problem of **buying and selling will be A VERY SERIOUS ONE**. We should **now** begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again. [CL 9.5]

In **God's plan** for Israel **every family** had a home on the land, with sufficient ground for tilling. Thus were provided both the means and the incentive for a useful, industrious, and **self-supporting life. And no devising of men has ever improved upon that plan**. To the world's departure from it is owing, to a large degree, the **poverty** and wretchedness that exist today. - [MH 183.3]

iv. _____ Matt 4:23 & 9:35