

**Babylon is... falling**  
**Calendar**  
**Counterfeit Unmasked**

**“He who rules over the  
calendar  
Rules over the nations.”**

**Key 9**

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**AD 325 - Nicaean Decree**

“From the time of the Nicaean decree until the present day, it has been passed on from generation to generation that the Jewish Passover ‘was at the first full moon after the equinox of spring.’ The tables of the **modern Jewish calendar** follow this plan....

# Babylon is... Falling In Christ's days

....Many **historians**, both ancient and modern, have taken it for granted that the Jews had always kept their Passover at this time, and that such was therefore the case in the days of Christ....

## Babylon is... Falling **Karaites Opposition**

....The Karaites who closely adhered to the Sadducean literature, and represent a **pre-rabbinical view** of the Mosaic law, apparently have been the chief opponents to this ruling....

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### **Karaites Influence**

....Their prolonged polemic with the Rabbanites in the **eighth and ninth centuries**, is an evidence that such regulation of the Jewish Passover was not the original precept of Moses. This far-reaching influence of the Karaite teaching made itself felt upon the... [Advent Movement] in 1844....

## Babylon is... Falling **Original Mosaic Law**

....Since the original Mosaic law -- not the Mishnaic or Talmudic reflection of it -- involved a barley harvest paschal moon instead of an equinoctial moon, the question naturally arises as to **when** this change was made, and **how** it came about?....

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## **Jewish Calendar Not Yet Fixed**

....In the Jewish period following the destruction of Jerusalem, the Sanhedrin at Jamnia ‘became the heart of the Jewish nation.’ The Jewish calendar had not yet been ‘permanently fixed’, and had to be **regulated** from time to time.”

The Grace Amadon Collection, Crucifixion Date, Part V, excerpts, (slides 3–8) (emphasis supplied).



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## Jamnia School: Source of the Mishna

“At Jamnia, prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai founded a school of Jewish law, which became a major source for the later Mishna. His school is often understood as a wellspring of **Rabbinic** Judaism.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yohanan\\_ben\\_Zakkai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yohanan_ben_Zakkai)

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## **Moon, Sun and Barley Harvest**

....At that time, “the festivals were still dependent ‘upon the course of the **moon**, and upon the influence of the **sun** on the **harvests**.’ ....

## Babylon is... Falling **Leap Year of 13 Months**

....Every two or three years the solar year exceeded the lunar by about a month, and a month was inserted, making a **leap year** of thirteen months. This ‘intercalary month was announced by the Patriarch in a circular letter to the community.’ ....

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## **The Maturity of the Barley**

....About fifty days before the Passover, witnesses examined the state of the **barley** to determine if it would be ripe in time for the feast. Since the days of Moses, the maturity of the barley had been a determining factor in regulating the [Hebrew] year....

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## **Early Christians Celebrated Pascha**

....Up **until** the **Council of Nicaea**, the Christian... [Pascha], especially in the East, had been celebrated for the most part at the time of the Jewish Passover, and ‘indeed upon the days calculated and fixed by the Sanhedrin in Judaea for its celebration’....

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# Europe and Passover

....On the contrary, in **Europe**, ‘some earlier, some later, were intercalating the months... the Europeans were placing their cycle at the equinox, and were celebrating the Passover on the next full moon after the equinox’....

## Babylon is... Falling **A Time of Persecution**

....These contentions had agitated the church since the time of the Roman bishop Victor who had persecuted the church of Asia for following the ‘**14<sup>th</sup> day heresy,**’ as they called it, in reference to the Passover....

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## Judaism and Christianity Separation

....But at the Council of Nicaea, ‘the last thread was snapped which connected Christianity with its parent stock.’ [Judaism]. The **future Easter** observance was to be rendered independent of Jewish calculation according to the words attributed to Emperor Constantine...



## Babylon is... Falling **Constantine's Declaration**

...‘Henceforward let us have nothing in common with this odious people; our Saviour has shown us the path. It would indeed be absurd if the Jews were able to boast that we are not in a position to celebrate the **Passover** without the aid of their rules’....

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## **Iron and Fire**

....In the subsequent years, the Jews went through ‘iron and fire.’ The Christian emperors forbade the **Jewish computation** of the calendar, and did not allow the announcement of the feast days....

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## **Utter Doubt For Centuries**

....Graetz says, “The Jewish communities were left in **utter doubt** concerning the most important religious decisions as pertaining to their festivals.”....

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## **AD 359 - Fixation of the Calendar**

....The immediate consequence was the **fixation and calculation of the Hebrew calendar** by Hillel II, who (AD 359) placed above the dignity of the Patriarchate, the unity and cohesion of the scattered Jewish communities, to whom he made known the secret of Jewish reckoning....

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### **Destruction of the Temple of the Law**

....The decree of Nicaea, ‘destroyed the Temple of the Law of Judea,’ as it were, and the **ancient regulation of Moses** for harmonizing the course of the moon with that of the sun [through the barley season] was ultimately replaced by calculations involving the vernal equinox....

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**Easter: Roman Catholic Feast**

....From this equinoctial point, the [Roman Catholic] church built up **her** ecclesiastical calendar and its Easter Feast. It is easy to gloss over the real significance of the Council of Nicaea....

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## **Jewish and Roman Catholic Festivals**

....In the end, it turned out that both the Jewish and Roman Catholic festivals came to be computed from the same point of time -- the **vernal equinox.**”....

[Based on the luni-solar cycles and the vernal equinox instead of the barley season]

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## **Passover: the 15<sup>th</sup> Instead of 14<sup>th</sup>**

....After the destruction of Jerusalem, [AD 70] Passover came to be observed on both [Abib] 14 and 15. In the end, the computed calendar of the Jew preferred [Abib] 15 for the feast, and it is a feature of the modern Jewish calendar of today....



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## **Bitter Conflict Over Easter**

....This early controversy in Jewry formed the background of the bitter conflict over **Easter**, which began in the second century among the Christians. The argument was still over the same question, the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of [Abib]....

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## **Easter: Sunday after Passover**

....The Christian feast [Easter] was placed on the **first Sunday** after the Jewish Passover, which was confirmed as ‘Luna 14’ of the first month.”....

The Grace Amadon Collection, Crucifixion Date, part V, pages 16-31, excerpts (slides 10-26), (emphasis supplied).

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## **The Catholic Church Secured Sunday**

....“One of the first aims of the apostate [Roman] church was the exaltation of **Sunday** as the chief **sacred day**. And no sooner had the Catholic Church made herself sure of the recognition of the State, than she secured from the emperor an edict setting apart Sunday especially to the purposes of devotion....

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## **AD 321 - Sunday Law by Constantine**

....Accordingly, on March 7, AD 321  
[**National Sunday Law spring season**],  
Constantine, [Emperor Augustus, as  
Pontifex Maximus] issued his famous  
**Sunday edict**, which read as follows:

“On the venerable day of the sun let the  
magistrates and people residing in cities  
rest, and let all workshops be closed....

[Based on the Julian solar calendar]

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## **Sunday Law: A Religious Law**

....The whole thing was religious... It was the sole prerogative of the Pontifex Maximus to appoint **holy days**....

[It was also at the Council of Nicaea that the bishop of Rome was recognized as the first bishop of the empire: Pope Sylvester, AD 314 – 336.]

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## **Sunday Set Apart In AD 325**

....The Council of Nicaea in AD 325 gave another impetus to the **Sunday movement**. It decided that the Roman customs of celebrating **Easter** on **Sunday only**, should be followed throughout the whole empire ....

[International Sunday Law]

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# Sunday: Day of the Sun

....Constantine wrote: “The rescript commanding the celebration of the **Christian Sabbath** *bears no allusion to its particular sanctity as a Christian institution.* It is the **day of the sun**, which is to be observed by the general veneration.... [italic in original text]

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## **Paganism Mingling with Christianity**

....But the believer in the new paganism, of which the **solar worship** was the characteristic, might acquiesce without scruple in the sanctity of the first day of the week....

According to Schaff, “there is no reference whatever in his [Constantine] law either to the fourth commandment or the resurrection of Christ.”....



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## **Sunday Law and the Civil Power**

....In the Sunday law there was given to the church **control** of the **civil power**...

The history of Constantine's time may be searched through and through, and it will be found that in nothing did he give the church any such power, except in this one thing – **the Sunday law**... 'in this way the **church** received help from the **State** for the furtherance of her ends.' ....

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## **December 25<sup>th</sup>: The Birthday of the Sun**

.....About the middle of the fourth century there was added another form and element of sun worship. Amongst the **pagans** for ages, **December 25<sup>th</sup>** had been celebrated as the **birthday of the sun**....

[The Pagan god **Saturnalia** marked the winter solstice, the return of the sun and honored Saturn, the god of sowing, the Reaper]

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## **December 25<sup>th</sup>: The Birthday of Christ**

....In the reigns of Domitian and Trajan, Rome formally adopted from Persia the feast of the Persian **sun-god**, Mithras, as the birth festival of the unconquered sun – *Natales invicti Solis*. The Church of Rome adopted this festival, and made it the **birth of Christ**....

[Based on the Roman Julian solar calendar]

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## **The Birthday of the Saints**

....The martyrs, whether real or imaginary, were now honored in the place of the heathen heroes. The **day** of their **martyrdom** was celebrated as their birthday,... [and kept the same way as the pagan ceremonial].” ....

[Based on the Roman Julian solar calendar]

A. T. Jones, *The Two Republics*, pages 311 – 328; 507, 508; excerpts, (slides 21-30) (emphasis supplied).

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## **Worship of Virgin Mary**

....“What, however, had never been done before, was done in December 1854... in Rome; ...it was decreed that **Mary**, the mother of God, who died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven should henceforth be **worshipped** as the Immaculate Virgin, ‘conceived and born without sin.’” [**Feast of Immaculate Conception, Feast of Assumption.**].....

The Two Babylons, Alexander Hislop, p. 267, (emphasis supplied).

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## **Lucifer's Rebellion Against the Law**

*“I [Lucifer] will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”*

Isaiah 14:14.

*“And think to change times [calendar] and laws.”* Daniel 7:25.

“From the beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to **overthrow** the **law of God....**

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## **Lucifer's Rebellion Against the Law**

....It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven he has continued the same **warfare** upon the earth.”

The Great Controversy, E.G. White, p. 582, excerpts, (emphasis supplied).

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## **The Mystery of Babylon: Worship**

*“The dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat [holy see] and great authority.... And they worshipped the dragon.... And they worshipped the **beast**”* Revelation 13:2, 4.

....“The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause “the earth and them that dwell therein” to **worship the papacy**....



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**Sunday Observance: Rome Supremacy**

...And that this prophecy will be fulfilled when... [the lamblike beast] shall enforce **Sunday observance**, which **Rome** claims as the special acknowledgment of her **supremacy.**”

The Great Controversy, E.G. White, p. 578, 579, excerpts, (emphasis supplied).

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## **Worship Based on God the Creator**

....“By the first angel, [Revelation 14:6, 7] men are called upon to “fear God, and give glory to Him” and to **worship Him as the Creator** of the heavens and the earth....

The **duty to worship God** is based upon the fact that He is the **Creator** and that to Him all other beings owe their existence....

## Babylon is... Falling **Evidence of His Creative Power**

....And wherever, in the Bible, His claim to reverence and worship, above the gods of the heathen [**Sun-day and counterfeit calendars**], is presented, there is **cited the evidence of His creative power.**”

The Great Controversy, E.G. White, p. 436, 437, excerpts, (emphasis supplied).

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## **He is the Creator**

‘The importance of the Sabbath as the memorial of creation is that it keeps ever present the **true reason why worship is due to God**’ - because **He is the Creator, and we are His creatures....**

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**Foundation of Divine Worship**

....‘The **Sabbath** therefore lies at the **very foundation of divine worship**, for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this....

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## **Distinction: Creator and Creatures**

....The true ground of divine worship, not of that on the seventh day merely, but of all worship, is found in the **distinction** between the **Creator and His creatures**. This great fact can never become obsolete, and must never be forgotten.’— J.N. Andrews, *History of the Sabbath*, chapter 27....

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## **Sabbath in Eden: Sign and Memorial**

....It was to keep this truth before the minds of men, that God instituted the **Sabbath in Eden**; and so long as the fact that He is our **Creator** continues to be a reason why we should **worship Him**, so long the **Sabbath** will continue as its **sign and memorial.**”

The Great Controversy, E.G. White, p. 437, 438, excerpts, (emphasis supplied).

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## **The Last Great Conflict**

....“In seeking to cast contempt upon the **divine statutes**, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The **last great conflict** between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long standing controversy concerning the law of God....



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## **A Religion of Fable and Tradition**

....Upon this **battle** we are now entering - a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the **religion of the Bible** and the **religion of fable and tradition.**”

The Great Controversy, E.G. White, p. 582, excerpts, (emphasis supplied).

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## **Radical Research**

All of this evidence needs to be re-examined in the light of this radical research for it is so bold, so utterly non-conventional, and so potentially upsetting, radically altering the central aspects of the Biblical, Astronomical Chronological, Historical, Cultural, Economical and Political understanding of most people, it should not be ignored.

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## Last Great Conflict Has Begun

We hope this will begin a most interesting debate and critical discussion of all relevant issues, for *the last great conflict has begun.*”

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*“Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve [worship].”*

**Joshua 24:15**