



Section VII  
USA repeating  
the History of  
Rome

*Deceived for 1700 years*

## Conclusion: USA Repeating the History of the Republic of Rome

“ROME, in its different phases, occupies the largest place of any national name in history. Rome, considered with reference to government, is interesting and important. Considered with reference to religion, it is yet more interesting and more important. But when considered with reference to the interrelationship of government and religion, it is most interesting and most important....

The principle of Rome in all its phases is that religion and government are inseparable. The principle of the government of the United States is that religion is essentially distinct and totally separate from civil government, and entirely exempt from its cognizance.

The principle of Rome is the abject slavery of the mind; the principle of the United States of America is the absolute freedom of the mind.

As it Christianity that first and always antagonized this governmental principle of Rome, and established the governmental principle of the United States of America, the fundamental idea, the one thread-thought, was to develop the principles of Christianity with reference to civil government, and to portray the mischievous results of the least departure from those principles....

.... It is said of the early Romans that "they possessed the faculty of self-government beyond any people of whom we have historical knowledge," with the sole exception of the Anglo-Saxons. And by virtue of this, in the very nature of the case they became the most powerful nation of all ancient times. But their extensive conquests filled Rome with gold. With wealth came luxury....and with luxury, vice.”

The Two Republics, Preface, 1, A. T. Jones.

## Conclusion: Past and Present Day Application – Deceived for 1700 Years

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”  
Matthew 24:24.

“The enforcement of Sunday-keeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath; are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sunday-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.

When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of his authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—“the mark of the beast.” And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive “the mark of the beast.”

The Great Controversy, 449.



He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High  
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:  
my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,  
and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers,  
and under his wings shalt thou trust.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High  
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1-4