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TERRORISM IN PARIS, PROTESTS FOR EQUALITY & RAISING MINIMUM WAGE, GOD DECLARES ICHABOD IN CHURCH

1. Let us read Daniel 2:1-45.
2. What are the details of Nebuchadnezzar's dream that Daniel interpreted? Daniel 2:31-35_____
3. What does the stone represent that hits the image on its feet and breaks it in pieces? Daniel 2:44,45; 1 Peter 2:6-8; Ephesians 2:20._____
4. What elements are revealed in the image's feet and toes? Daniel 2:41_____
5. The iron in the image's feet and toes represents the second phase of Rome, which is Papal Rome.
6. The Papacy ruled the world from A.D. 538 to A.D. 1798. However, just before the stone hits the image on its feet, the Papacy will be re-emerging as a world ruler.
7. Who does the clay represent? Answer: There are two principal applications of the clay. In the first sense, the clay represents the nations of the world. See Isaiah 40:15. Compare Genesis 2:7 with Job 33:4,6 and discover that the nations are likened unto dust or clay.
8. Note: Just before the second coming of Christ, the iron will be mingling with the clay; the Papacy will be mingling with the leaders of the world. Consider the fact that all the metals of the image represent world rulers. Therefore the clay must represent world rulers.
9. Note: In a secondary sense, the clay represents God's professed people. To confirm, read Jeremiah 18:1-6 and note that God's professed people are likened unto clay that needs to be reformed.
10. Note: A careful reading of Daniel 2:41 shows that the iron kingdom of Rome was divided into ten kingdoms (the ten toes).
11. What was one of the primary reasons for the division of the Roman Empire into ten kingdoms?_____
- "Judgment came to Rome when these barbarians overran the empire with fire and sword, and the kingdom was divided into ten parts."** {1901 SNH, SDP 94.1}
- "Here we find the fourth and last universal empire, Rome, the legs of iron. The clay of the feet and toes denotes the degeneracy which came into the kingdom, **and the ten kingdoms into which the Roman empire was finally divided by the incursions of the northern barbarians.**" {1878 UrS, TBI 35.3}
12. Note: The Roman Empire was divided into ten parts due to the attacking and the sacking of the barbarians. In other words, the Roman Empire was divided into ten nations due to the attacks of terrorists. The words "barbarians" and "terrorists" are synonymous.
13. What is one of the main issues that Pope Francis is using to unite all nations? Answer: Terrorism.
14. Note: It was the attacks from barbarians that caused the division of the Roman Empire. Now it is the issue of terrorism that Pope Francis is using to unite all nations.
15. **"Paris attacks: Suicide bomber identified; ISIS claims responsibility for 129 dead"** <http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/14/world/paris-attacks/>
http://790talknow.com/foxfeedspro/details/item_267151/deadly-paris-terror-attacks-more-than-150-are-believed-to-be-dead-after-ter/
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/11/14/french-police-report-shootout-and-explosion-in-paris/>
<http://www.cnn.com/2015/01/11/world/charlie-hebdo-paris-march/>
<http://news.yahoo.com/al-gore-hosting-climate-telethon-paris-eiffel-tower-163634484.html>
16. Let us read Isaiah 59:17,18 and consider that these words signify the close of human probation and Jesus executing judgment upon unrepentant sinners.
17. What signs does the prophet Isaiah say will precede the close of human probation and the second coming of Jesus? Isaiah 59:14,15_____
18. Note: In today's world we see inequality and oppression in the context of race, class, finance, education, and religion.
19. Note: The following news report shows that racism and prejudice are still prevalent in today's society.
 "The coalition said they applauded the efforts of Mizzou activists who protested ongoing racial tensions on campus. The demonstrations at Mizzou, which included both faculty and football players, led to the resignation of the university's president Tim Wolfe and chancellor R. Bowen Loftin earlier this week."
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/college-students-across-the-country-stand-in-solidarity-with-mizzou_5644dc52e4b08cda3487e1a1
20. How does Jesus feel that there is no judgment? Isaiah 59:15_____
21. What is Jesus wondering as He sees inequality and injustice? Isaiah 59:16_____
22. Note: Jesus is looking to His people to be intercessors for the oppressed and downtrodden.
23. Note: The following shows that Seventh-day Adventists are standing in solidarity with the students and parents who are marching and protesting against racism.
"Oakwood students participate in blackout to respond to Mizzou unrest" <http://whnt.com/2015/11/12/oakwood-students-participate-in-blackout-to-respond-to-mizzou-unrest/>
24. Note: There is a biblical model that one must follow in order to mediate on behalf of the oppressed. That model is Jesus. He stands for the oppressed.

25. Let us compare Isaiah 59:14 with Isaiah 42:1 and consider that Jesus received the Spirit of God in order to bring forth judgment and justice in the world, as well as to deliver the captives and to liberate people who are bruised? See also Luke 4:18. Christ's mission of liberating the oppressed was always done in the context of the everlasting gospel. This should also be our work. Isaiah 58:6,12,13.

26. What does the Bible say that Jesus would not do in order to accomplish His mission of delivering the oppressed? Isaiah 42:1,2.

"The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses,--extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Savior attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart. {DA 509.3}

27. The following is one more example for us to imitate. What was John the Baptist called to do, what was he found doing, at a time when the people were severely oppressed by the Roman government?

"When the ministry of John began, the nation was in a state of excitement and discontent verging on revolution...The tyranny and extortion of the Roman governors, and their determined efforts to introduce the heathen symbols and customs, kindled revolt, which had been quenched in the blood of thousands of the bravest of Israel. All this intensified the national hatred against Rome, and increased the longing to be freed from her power. Amid discord and strife, a voice was heard from the wilderness, a voice startling and stern, yet full of hope: 'Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' With a new, strange power it moved the people." {DA 104.3}

28. Note: While the world is marching and protesting, while some are rioting and seeking to get justice from oppression, God's professed people should be found doing the work of John the Baptist.

29. Note: Another issue that shows that inequality and oppression are prevalent in society and that we are living just before the close of probation is income inequality and the grinding down of the poor. The poorer class of men are now marching and protesting, in order to receive an increase of minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. Read the following to confirm.

"Students at more than a hundred colleges and universities are staging marches in support of free tuition, a \$15 minimum wage for campus workers and the cancellation of debt from student loans." <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/campus-marches-over-student-debt-held-around-the-country/>

"Fight for \$15 swells into largest protest by low-wage workers in US history" <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/apr/15/fight-for-15-minimum-wage-protests-new-york-los-angeles-atlanta-boston>

"In a letter to employees, Loma Linda University Health President and CEO, Dr. Richard Hart, announced that the institution "is adopting a living wage to ensure that every employee, working at least 20 hours per week...receives a wage that will help support a family." The move comes amid a push by a California labor union to raise the state minimum wage to \$15 an hour." <http://spectrummagazine.org/article/2015/11/13/loma-linda-university-health-raises-its-minimum-wage-13-hour>

30. Note: One group of people argue that if the minimum wage is not increased to \$15.00, then thousands, yea millions of people will remain in poverty. Another group of people argue that if the minimum wage is raised to \$15.00, then employers will have to layoff and terminate thousands of their current workers, because of insufficient operating costs to keep existing workers on the payroll.

31. Note: The Lord, through Ellen White, prophesied that this would be the condition of society just before the second coming. Read carefully.

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand...The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth...The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous...Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children...Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them." {9T 13.3}

32. Note: As Seventh-day Adventists we should be able to declare from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy the steps to be taken, in order to solve the problems of society, if we were brought before the leaders of the United States and the leaders of the United Nations.

33. Note: The solutions for the world's problems are written out in detail in the book *Ministry of Healing*, specifically on pages 183 to 208; the chapters titled **"Help For The Unemployed And The Homeless" and "The Helpless Poor."**

34. Note: This controversy about raising or not raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 is being used by Satan's agents to destroy the economy of the United States.

35. Note: Pope Francis is leading the call to increase the minimum wage, under the disguise of giving the people a "living wage."

"Among the many ways the Catholic church strives to be vigilant for the common good is its call for a living wage. Since Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum* ("On Capital and Labor"), popes have called for the right of all workers to receive wages sufficient to provide for their families. 'Additionally,' they note, 'while some minimum wage workers are teenagers, research suggests as much as 25 percent of workers who would benefit from a minimum wage increase are parents. Workers deserve a just wage that allows them to live in dignity, form and support families, and contribute to the common good.'" <http://ncronline.org/blogs/making-difference/raising-minimum-wage-economic-and-moral-necessity>

36. Note: Since Pope Francis is following the policies laid out by Pope Leo XIII, what is the objective-goal behind the movement to increase the minimum wage, well knowing that it will lead to thousands of workers being laid off? Answer: It is the Sunday Law. Read carefully the following paragraph taken from Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "On Capital and Labor" from which Pope Francis takes his cue to call for an increase of the minimum wage.

“41. **From this follows the obligation of the cessation from work and labor on Sundays and certain holy days. The rest from labor is not to be understood as mere giving way to idleness;** much less must it be an occasion for spending money and for vicious indulgence, as many would have it to be; **but it should be rest from labor, hallowed by religion.** Rest (combined with religious observances) disposes man to forget for a while the business of his everyday life, to turn his thoughts to things heavenly, and to the worship which he so strictly owes to the eternal Godhead. **It is this, above all, which is the reason and motive of Sunday rest; a rest sanctioned by God's great law of the Ancient Covenant-**” [Exodus 20:8 and Genesis 2:2,3] **Let the working man be urged and led to the worship of God, to the earnest practice of religion, and, among other things, to the keeping holy of Sundays and holy days.** Let him learn to **revere and love holy Church, the common Mother of us all;** and hence to **obey the precepts of the Church,** and to **frequent the sacraments, since they are the means ordained by God** for obtaining forgiveness of sin and for leading a holy life.
http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html

37. Note: Pope Francis states in his recent encyclical on climate change, *Laudato Si*, that Sunday must be enforced as the law of the land to care for nature and the poor.

“237. **On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath,** is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...**The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day...**(Ex 23:12). **Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest [Sunday], centred on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor.**” http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

38. Read the following and discover that the Lord prophesied, through Ellen White, that this would be the case in the last days.

“**It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced;** and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, **preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.**” {GC 590.1}

39. What else did the Lord prophesy, through Ellen White, would take place in these last days?

“**The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began. The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive.** 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: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.” {CL 9.5} {CL 10.2}

40. Note: The following news report shows a fulfillment of the above statement.

Churches, trade unions and retailers have claimed that changing Sunday trading laws will undermine 'the fabric of society'...“Keeping Sunday special is essential to the fabric of our society,” they write. **“Longer Sunday opening will have a dramatic effect on family life for no economic gain.”** <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/society/11792237/Sunday-trading-law-reform-will-damage-fabric-of-society.html>

41. Note: It is the teachings, policies, and doctrines of Pope Francis that is leading the above movement. Read carefully the following.

“**If you have the right to work, you have the right to rest, Pope says**” <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/if-you-have-the-right-to-work-you-have-the-right-to-rest-pope-says-61287/>

42. Note: The Sunday Law crisis is very near, yet God's professed people are unprepared. They are unready today, as were the ancient Israelites who encountered the Philistines in war. The war between the Israelites and the Philistines is a type of the war that God's people will encounter with Satan's agents, when the Mark of the Beast, the Sunday Law, is enforced. See Revelation 13:15-17; Revelation 12:17.

43. What did the elders of Israel and the priests, Hophni and Phinehas, do, thinking that it would bring them deliverance in the time of crisis. 1 Samuel 4:1-5

44. Note: The ark of the covenant was a symbol of God's presence.

45. But what happened to the elders of Israel, the people, along with Hophni and Phinehas? 1 Samuel 4:10,11

46. Note: The Israelites had gone out to battle without the ark of the covenant. In other words they entered the crisis hour without God's presence. When they stared death in the face, they sent to fetch the ark of the covenant; but God's presence was not with them, because they had already grieved His presence.

47. Note: Hophni, Phinehas, and the people represent God's professed people, who will enter the crisis-hour of the Mark of the Beast without God's presence. They will begin to seek His presence to deliver them, but it will be too late.

48. What did the wife of Phinehas say on her death-bed? 1 Samuel 4:19-22

49. As the Israelites had the symbols in the ark of the covenant, they had the golden censer, they had the golden pot of manna, they had Aaron's rod that budded, they had the two tables of the covenant, they had the writings of Moses, but not the reality in their lives; so God's professed people will magnify the symbols of Christianity, yet they will lack the true experience of Christianity.

50. What happened to Eli? 1 Samuel 4:18

51. Let us study carefully the things that led to the proclamation of Ichabod, God's glory being departed from Israel. The war against the Philistines manifested that Israel had rejected God and His character.

52. How were Eli's sons described? 1 Samuel 2:12

53. Note: The first application is that Eli represents the parents of today. Read carefully the following.

“But although he had been appointed to govern the people, he did not rule his own household. **Eli was an indulgent father. Loving peace and ease, he did not exercise his authority to correct the evil habits and passions of his children. Rather than contend with them or punish them, he would submit to their will and give them their own way.** Instead of regarding the education of his sons as one of the most important of his responsibilities, he treated the matter as of little consequence.” {PP 575.1}

54. Note: The second application is that Eli represents church administrators who knowingly allow apostate pastors to oversee the churches.

55. The children of Belial were known to drink wine. See 1 Samuel 1:13-16. The application is pastors are drinking Babylon's wine of false doctrines and serving it to the people.

56. What did Eli's sons do, what did they lead the people to do? 1 Samuel 2:22-24 _____

57. Note: Eli's sons were described as sons of Belial. The sons of Belial were also known to be homosexuals. See Judges 19:16-22.

58. How did the few sincere people react to the sins of Hophni and Phinehas? 1 Samuel 2:17 _____

“This irreverence on the part of the priests soon robbed the service of its holy and solemn significance, and the people **“abhorred the offering of the Lord.”** These unfaithful priests also transgressed God's law and dishonored their sacred office by their vile and degrading practices; yet they continued to pollute by their presence the tabernacle of God. **Many of the people, filled with indignation at the corrupt course of Hophni and Phinehas, ceased to come up to the appointed place of worship.** Thus the service which God had ordained was despised and neglected because associated with the sins of wicked men, while those whose hearts were inclined to evil were emboldened in sin. Ungodliness, profligacy, and even idolatry prevailed to a fearful extent.” {PP 576.4}

59. Who did the Lord send to warn Eli and what was said to Eli? 1 Samuel 2:27-29 _____

60. Note: The sacrifices and the offerings were given to point to the Jesus, His ministry, and truth. Eli allowed his sons to continue to preach false doctrines, misinterpreting and misapplying God's system of truth and the plan of salvation.

61. What did the man of God say to Eli? 1 Samuel 2:30-36 _____

62. While the leaders were in apostasy and God was about to cut them down, who did the Lord begin to raise up and speak through? 1 Samuel 3:1-14 _____

63. Note: The Lord is looking to use the youth and those newly come to faith, while the leaders of the church are going further in apostasy.

64. What was the condition of Eli? What happened in the temple when the Lord began to use Samuel? 1 Samuel 3:1-4 _____

65. Note: Through Samuel, the Lord gave the second message of judgment, because Eli did not heed the first warning message.

66. How did Eli respond to the message of the Lord, through Samuel to him? 1 Samuel 3:16-18 _____

The youth obeyed, and the aged man bowed in humble submission to the appalling sentence. "It is the Lord," he said: "let Him do what seemeth Him good." **Yet Eli did not manifest the fruits of true repentance. He confessed his guilt, but failed to renounce the sin. Year after year the Lord delayed His threatened judgments.** Much might have been done in those years to redeem the failures of the past, but the aged priest took no effective measures to correct the evils that were polluting the sanctuary of the Lord and leading thousands in Israel to ruin. The forbearance of God caused Hophni and Phinehas to harden their hearts and to become still bolder in transgression. The messages of warning and reproof to his house were made known by Eli to the whole nation.” {PP 582.3}

67. Note: Since the account of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas was repeated in the days of Jeremiah, be certain that it will be repeated again in these last days. See Jeremiah 7:1-20.