**These Perilous Times**

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**Loyalty to Whom”**

**(Part V)**

“…The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, trample it, and break it in pieces. *The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom* (The rise of the European nations after the fall of Rome, in 476) and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the first ones and subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, and shall persecute the saints of the Most High, *And intend to change times and laws*…”

(Pagan Rome becomes Religious Rome, State & Church Combine)

Dan. 7:23-25 NKJV (Italics supplied)

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**“Constantine the Great”**

 “In 312 Constantine was preparing to go into battle against Maxentius. It has been said that he had a vision of a great flaming cross, and around it was written, ‘By this sign you shall conquer…. The cross is a sign of victory.’ He had his entire army paint crosses on their shields. He won the battle against Maxentius at Milvian Bridge on the Tiber River, which he attributed to the crosses on their shields. From that time forward he became a strong supporter of Christianity. He was supposedly baptized and made Christianity the official religion of the Roman empire. In 321 he made a law commanding people to worship on Sunday as their day of rest. He believed it would be easier for pagans to become Christians because that was the day (Sunday) they worshiped their pagan gods. Some Christians did obey the edit. Others were distressed because the Bible plainly teaches that the seventh day, Saturday (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11 not Sunday the first day of the week) is the Sabbath of the Lord. If you had been a Christian in 321, what would you have done? Would you have been loyal to God’s Word, or Constantine’s edit? [[1]](#footnote-1) Please read Revelation 12:12; 13:1-18, Satan is working OT because he knows he has but a short time!

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1. Dorthy Eaton Watts. Adapted from, Stepping Stones, “Constantine The Great,” p. 77. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)