

A wonderful Study of End Time Prophecy

from many different references. Most notably the bible KJV of Daniel and Revelation among other books. Ellen G. White, believed to be a modern day prophetess born in the 1800's is also referenced in some areas. This study took years to create by a woman who lived a simple life on a farm.

Note that this version is a photographic copy taken directly from the original book which was hand written and illustrated. There were no computers when this was done and the time required to do this study and write this book was considerable. And it shows an intelligence far above most peoples understanding of the prophecy as written in the bible, but is written in a way that is easy to follow and understand.

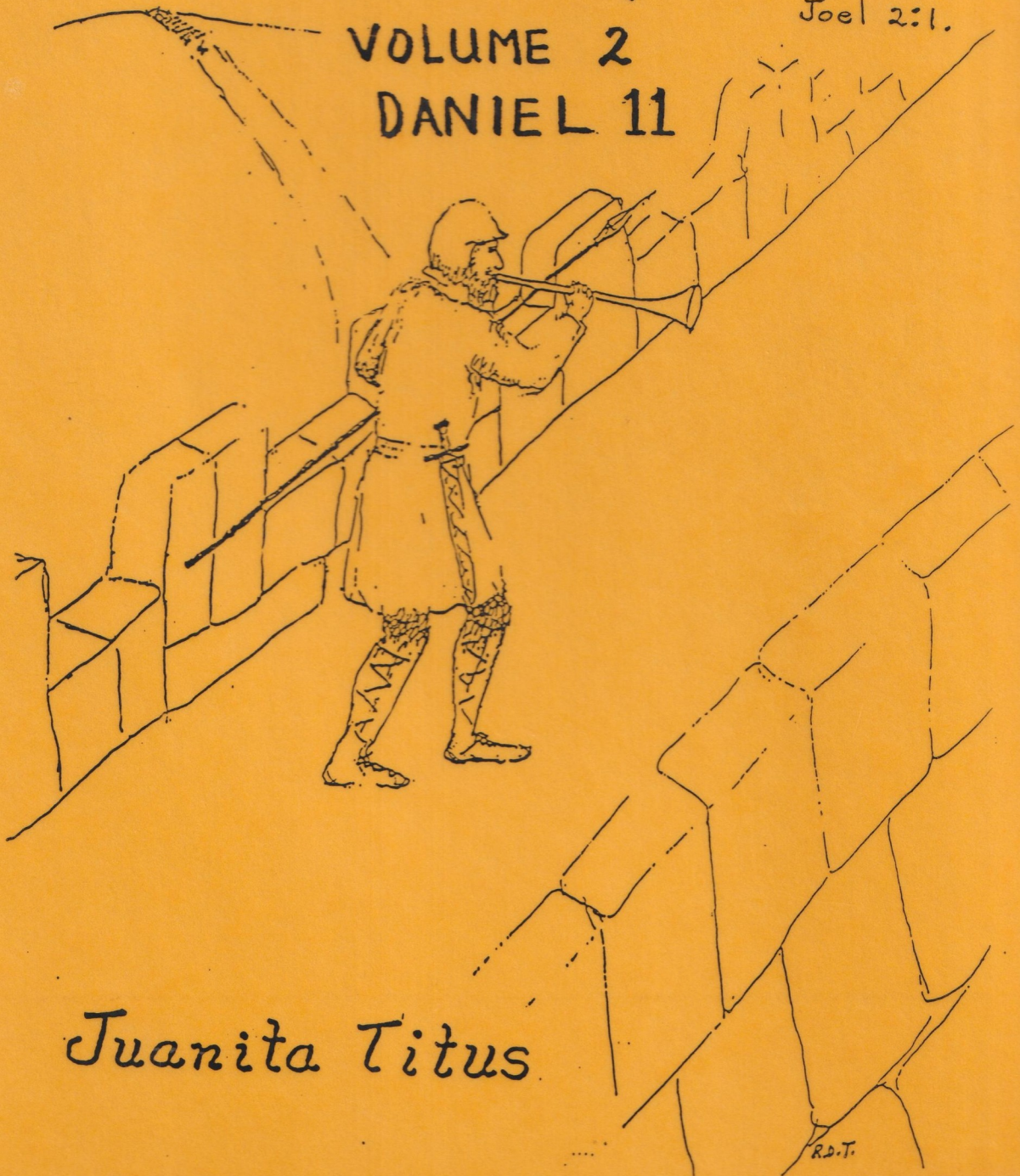
It is hoped that this writing along with the bible and other books will be a blessing to those who wish to gain a better understanding of how the bible is written and tells of future events.

The Bible has Never been proven wrong, nor can it be as it was written by inspiration of the Almighty Creator... (in whom we all owe honor and respect above all others)

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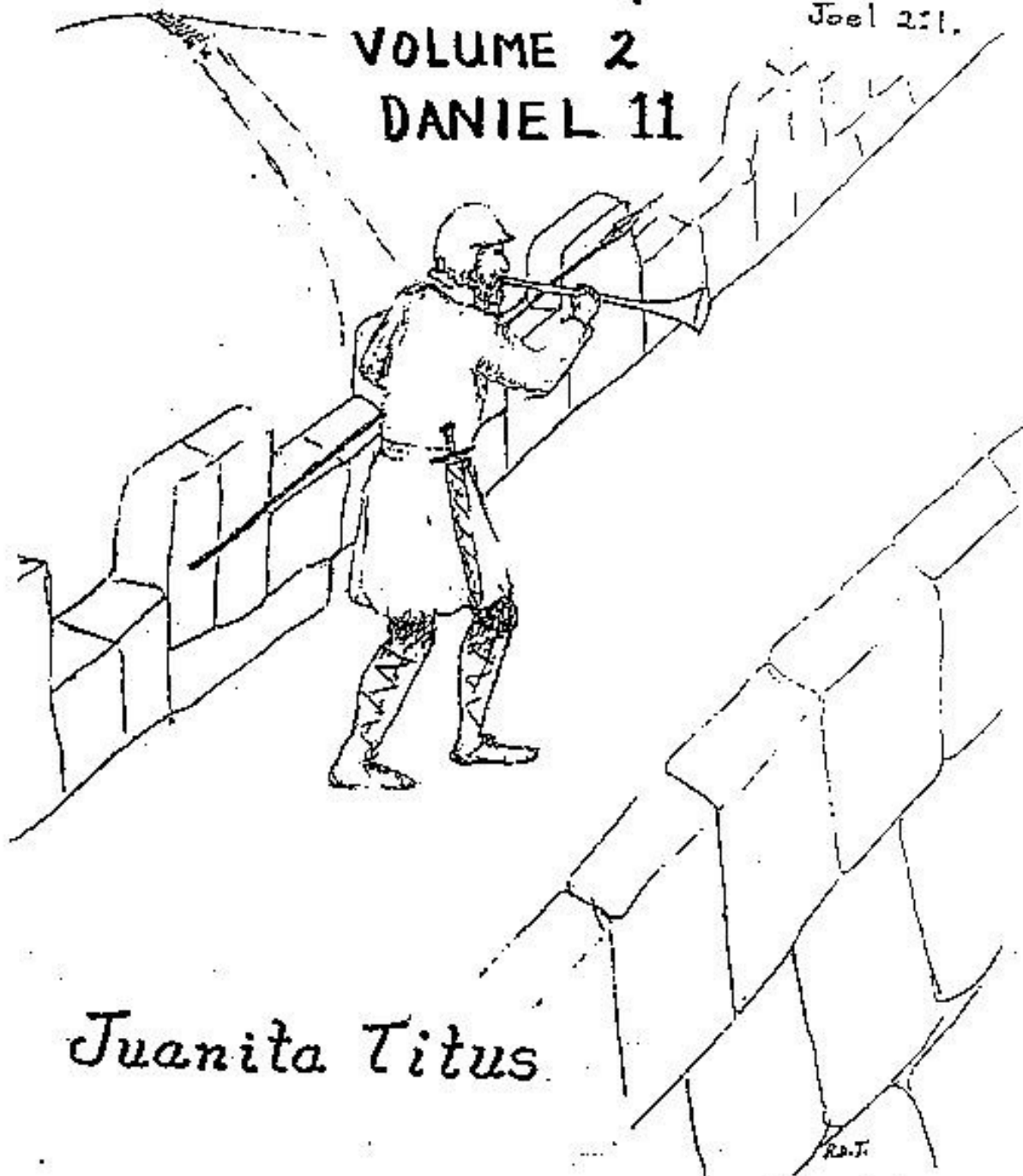
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DAN. 11:6 "in the end of years" (1260 yrs.) through Chapter 12 contains a sequence of end time events from 1798 to the voice of God deliverance of the saints.

THIS includes:

- ① An understanding of the events which explain the time line of Dan. 12:
- ② The Summit Conferences of the two Kings.
- ③ Four Sunday Laws and how they originate.
- ④ Judgments of God at the "appointed" times.
- ⑤ World War III
- ⑥ Many details about the experience of God's people in the Time of Trouble.
- ⑦ Satan's appearance as Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

THE interpretation of Daniel 11: has challenged many people over the years and still does. THERE have been a number of interpretations especially for the last few verses. (DAN. 11: 40-45.) SINCE the vision of Dan. 11-12, is part of the little book (REV. 10:2) that was sealed (DAN. 12:4.) and was not opened until the time of the end, beginning in 1798; the best understanding of Dan. 11-12, should be an understanding derived since 1798.

THE methods of study used to arrive at this interpretation have been described in the book "HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE" by the author. THE ONLY methods of study used are those taught by the Bible itself and by the Spirit of Prophecy. FIRST and foremost is a dependence on God and the Holy Spirit for wisdom (James 1:5), MUCH time has been spent in prayer over many points before they were understood.

SECOND - a complete WORD STUDY, Jer. 15:16. John 6:52-54, 63.

THIRD - CROSS REFERENCE STUDY, Isa. 28:9-10. I Cor. 2:13.

FOURTH - SPIRIT OF PROPHECY STUDY.

THE most important method of Bible Study is Cross Referencing. THIS is a process of going back to the original language and studying each passage of scripture that uses the same Hebrew or Greek word as the verse uses in the passage under study. BY doing this the meaning of the word and the application can be determined.

AT this point, many times in this study of Dan. 11: the meaning was still not clear and two or three more days of constant prayer were necessary before the application in Dan. 11: became understood. IN this way the most accurate interpretation can be arrived at.

THIS interpretation was not entirely originated by the author. THE study was begun by another Bible student approximately thirty-five years ago. Many ideas have also been contributed by others who have studied this interpretation since that time. THE primary methods of study used by these other students was also ① a dependence on the Holy Spirit ② Cross Referencing and ③ Word meanings from the original language.

BUT this author has not written anything nor do I teach any idea which I have not carefully researched and established for myself. WHILE writing this prophecy during the last one and a-half years and doing a much more detailed study of it, much more has been revealed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit than was previously known. I can only praise the Lord and thank Him for each new thought He brings as I study. I believe that all correct understanding of the Bible comes from God and we should PRAISE and THANK HIM for every bit of truth He gives US.

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them: and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: ..." Jer. 15:16.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Rev. 2:7.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, ..." Rev. 2:17.

May the Holy Spirit and the angels of God be by your side as you daily study God's Word is my prayer.

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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

HOW often should we study the Bible?
WHAT was God's original plan for man?

Gen. 3:8

WHY was God walking in the garden in the 'cool of the day'? Why did He choose the cool of the day?

Was this perhaps their habitual time for morning OR evening worship together? Education p 20-22.

The Eden School

"HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT
FINDETH WISDOM."

THE system of education instituted at the beginning of the world was to be a family for man throughout all aftertime. As an illustration of its principles a model school was established in Eden, the home of our first parents. The Garden of Eden was the schoolroom, nature was the lesson book, the Creator Himself was the instructor, and the parents of the human family were the students.

Here, amidst the beautiful scenes of nature unobscured by sun, our first parents were to receive their education.

In His interest for His children, our heavenly Father personally directed their education. Often they were visited by His messengers, the holy angels, and from them received counsel and instruction. (Often) as they walked in the garden in the cool of the day they heard the voice of God, and face to face held communion with the Eternal. His thoughts toward them were "thoughts of peace, and not of evil." Jeremiah 29:11. His every purpose was their highest good.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN: DAILY communion with God in the "cool of the day." Suggestion: cool of the day = morning and evening

WHAT was God's plan after sin?

THE morning and evening sacrifice was the morning & evening worship and communion with God. Patriarchs and Prophets p. 353-4.

As the priests morning and evening entered the holy place at the time of incense, the daily sacrifice was ready to be offered upon the altar in the court without. This was a time of intense

THE MORNING and EVENING SACRIFICE was PART OF THE OLD COVENANT

interest to the worshipers who assembled at the tabernacle. Before entering into the presence of God through the ministrations of the priest, they were to engage in earnest searching of heart and confession of sin. They united in silent prayer, with their faces toward the holy place. Thus their petitions ascended with the cloud of incense, while faith laid hold upon the merits of the promised Saviour prefigured by the atoning sacrifice. The hours appointed for the morning and the evening sacrifice

WHAT does this mean for us?

were regarded as sacred, and they came to be observed as the set time for worship throughout the Jewish nation. And when in later times the Jews were scattered as captives in distant lands, they still at the appointed hour turned their faces toward Jerusalem and offered up their petitions to the God of Israel. In this custom Christians have an example for morning and evening prayer. While God condemns a mere round of ceremonies, without the spirit of worship, He looks with great pleasure upon those who love Him, bowing morning and evening to seek pardon for sins committed and to present their requests for needed blessings.

COULD it be possible that our daily Bible Study and prayer, our morning and evening worship, is a part of the NEW COVENANT just as the morning and evening sacrifice was part of the OLD COVENANT?

Heb. 10:16-17.

HOW does God write His laws into our hearts and mind?

As we study daily and pray, the Holy Spirit teaches us!! (John 14:26)

WHAT are the results?

Heb. 10:17. our sins and iniquities will be remembered no more WHY? because they are blotted out

WHEN are our sins blotted out?

Acts 3:19. ("Repent... that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing are come"...) Sealing - latter rain
THE NEW COVENANT is completed in us when our sins are blotted out; when we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

OUR DAILY BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER IS OUR PART OF THE NEW COVENANT; OUR PART IN THE PLAN OF SALVATION!!

John 6: 53-4, 63. Read Jer. 15:16. "Thy words were found and I did eat them..."

WE are to eat God's Word like we eat our physical food, on a regular daily basis.

TO DIGEST God's Word means to put it into use; to practice it. IT means OBEDIENCE.

WHAT does it mean to be called by God's name, to have God's name in our forehead? (Jer. 15:16. Rev. 7:2-3)

Ex. 34:5-7. God's name is His character

WHEN we are called by God's name, we will have God's character within us. WE will be sealed in our foreheads with His seal. THIS is the results of daily communion with God. WALKING with Jesus in the "cool of the day".

THIS is
RIGHTEOUSNESS by FAITH.

Give to God the most precious offering that it is possible for you to make; give Him your heart. He speaks to you saying, "My son, My daughter, give Me thine heart. Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow; for I will cleanse you with My own blood. I will make you members of My family—children of the heavenly King. Take My forgiveness, My peace which I freely give you. I will clothe you with My own righteousness,—the wedding garment,—and make you fit for the marriage supper of the Lamb. When clothed in My righteousness, through prayer, through watchfulness, through diligent study of My Word, you will be able to reach a high standard. You will understand the truth, and your character will be molded by a divine influence.

Sons and Daughters of God p. 98.

THIS IS OUR PART OF THE NEW COVENANT

Read Prov. 8:17. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

(Strong's Concordance - Hebrew for "early" - early in the morning, with the implication of earnestness, to search for with painstaking, enquire early, seek diligently early in the morning.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD, SEEK HIM EARLY!!

HOW MUCH STUDY DO WE NEED FOR OUR SALVATION?

IS just reading the Bible enough or do we have to do word studies, cross references studies, etc. etc. I Peter 2:1-3,

WHO are the "newborn babes"? Baby Christians just converted need the easy things of God's Word which are easy to digest before eating the "meat" of the Word.

WHAT should be the result of drinking the "milk of the Word"?

① (v.1) lay aside all sin ③ (v.2) "that ye may grow".

WHAT is this growth?

I Pet. 2:3. "taste" (eat, digest, experience) "that the Lord is gracious."

II Pet. 3:18. "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

TO GROW IN GRACE IS TO GROW IN ALL THE FRUIT
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!! (8)

Gal. 5:22-3. NOTICE: The word fruit is not plural. There needs to be a semicolon after the word love. ALL the fruit is part of love. (II Peter 1:2-10.)

WHAT does it mean to taste (OR experience) that the Lord is gracious? (gracious - ^{O.T. 2603} to stoop in kindness to an inferior, to favor, bestow, show mercy, have pity.)

But if a baby does not have solid food at the right time what happens? He becomes malnourished.

Ex. 33:18-20. God's character

(Ex. 34:5-7)

NOTICE: use of the word gracious. IT is part of the character of God. WE are to experience God's character - bring God's character into our own life's experience. EXPERIENCING God's character means to have the fruits of the Holy Spirit. IT means to obey all God's commands. THIS should come as a result of drinking the milk of the WORD.

Read I Cor. 3:1-3.

IN the same way we must have the "meat" of the word at the right time to have continuous growth OR we become Laodcean

WHY did Paul still feed the Corinthians with the "milk" - easy things of God's Word?
WHY could they not bear the "meat" - solid food of God's Word?

① Because they were still babes in Christ - choosing to sin - "carnal" - not walking with Christ.

WE must have spiritual growth before we can understand OR appreciate the "meat" - THE deep things of God's Word. THIS is like a baby that must have growth from drinking milk before he is ready to eat solid food.

WHEN ARE WE ready for the meat of the Word?

Heb. 5:12-14. "1st. principles of oracles (Word) of God" = "milk" (v. 14.) by use - margin = "habitual use" of the milk to discern good + evil

IF WE WILL BUY "wine" and "milk", WHAT does God promise? Isa. 55:1-3.

(Jn. 7:37-9, Eze. 47:8-1)

Symbols: waters - of life - fountain = Jesus (Zech. 13:1) (River = H.S.)
wine = doctrine (Rev. 18:3, Deut. 32:2, 32.) milk = easy things of God's Word
plan of salvation - faith + love COL. 1:17. buy = go to the Market place
of God's Word to buy COL 1:16-7. - without price = Jesus paid the price His blood on Calvary - Acts 20:28 ... "purchased with His own blood".

IF we buy from Jesus what will He do for us?
(Isa. 55:3)... "make an everlasting covenant with you."

WHEN is the "everlasting Covenant" delivered to us?

(Rev. 16:17... "It is done.")
Great Controversy p. 640.

GOD promises us eternal life as a result of drinking and eating GOD'S WORD.

The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory.

Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it

(Rev. 3:14-22)
v. 18. "buy gold tried in the fire" - (I Pet. 1:7-8. = faith & love)

(Matt. 13:45-6)

The gold (faith & love) is found in the milk of the word - the plan of salvation - the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

WE can all have this gold - WE can all have everlasting life only by understanding our Bibles the way they read - and By giving ourselves to Christ - to live a life of willing obedience.

In the parable, the pearl is not represented as a gift. The merchantman bought it at the price of all that he had. Many question the meaning of this, since Christ is represented in the Scriptures as a gift. He is a gift but only to those who give themselves, soul, body, and spirit, to Him without reserve. We are to give ourselves to Christ, to live a life of willing obedience to all His requirements. All that we are, all the talents and capabilities we possess, are the Lord's, to be consecrated to His service. When we thus give ourselves wholly to Him, Christ, with all the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us. We obtain the pearl of great price. Isa. 55:1.

Salvation is a free gift, and yet it is to be bought and sold. In the market of which divine mercy has the management, the precious pearl is represented as being bought without money and without price. In this market all may

also Matt. 25:1-13.

Christ's Object Lessons p. 116-7.

obtain the goods of heaven. The treasury of the jewels of truth is open to all. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door," the Lord declares, "and no man can shut it." (No sword guards the way through this door. Voices from within and at the door say, Come. The Saviour's voice earnestly and lovingly invites us: "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich." Rev. 3:18.)

The gospel of Christ is a blessing that all may possess. The poorest are as well able as the richest to purchase salvation; for no amount of worldly wealth can secure it. It is obtained by willing obedience, by giving ourselves to Christ as His own purchased possession. Education, even

("jewels of truth" found in God's Word, the market.)

Acts 20:28 →

Acts 20:28.

WHAT is clear to everyone?
(1 S.M. 18)

- ① comfort
- ② guidance
- ③ council
- ④ plan of salvation

Isa. 28:9.

WHOM does God teach
greater knowledge and
understanding to?

Ans. to those who already
understand the "milk" of
God's Word.

HOW do we obtain
more knowledge and
understanding of God's
Word?

Isa. 28:10.

"precept upon precept"

- ① Heb. law, commands.
- ② one concept built upon
another

Notice:

"line upon line" <sup>"patience, thought,
prayer"</sup>

- ① a measuring line (Hebrew)

(Isa. 28:17) judgment-

(Zech. 2:1) "

- ② context-in order

"here a little, there a little"

- ① studying by subjects
- ② comparing one text with
another on the same subject
- ③ Cross Reference study

I Cor. 2:13.

Selected Messages Vol. 1, p. 18. ⑩

Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads, and stop your criticisms in regard to its validity, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost. The ingenuity of men has been exercised for ages to measure the Word of God by their finite minds and limited comprehension. If the Lord, the Author of the living oracles, would throw back the curtain and reveal His wisdom and His glory before them, they would shrink into nothingness and exclaim as did Isaiah, "I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (Isa. 6:5).

Simplicity and plain utterance are comprehended by the illiterate, by the peasant, and the child as well as by the full-grown man or the giant in intellect. If the individual is possessed of large talents of mental powers, he will find in the oracles of God treasures of truth, beautiful and valuable, which he can appropriate. He will also find difficulties, and secrets and wonders which will give him the highest satisfaction to study during a long lifetime, and yet there is an infinity beyond.

Men of humble acquirements, possessing but limited capabilities and opportunities to become conversant in the Scriptures, find in the living oracles comfort, guidance, counsel, and the plan of salvation as clear as a sunbeam. No one need be lost for want of knowledge, unless he is willfully blind.

We thank God that the Bible is prepared for the poor man as well as for the learned man. It is fitted for all ages and all classes.—Manuscript 16, 1888 (written at Minneapolis, Minn., in autumn of 1888).

Selected Messages Vol. 1, p. 20.

There is not always perfect order or apparent unity in the Scriptures. The miracles of Christ are not given in exact order, but are given just as the circumstances occurred, which called for this divine revealing of the power of Christ. The truths of the Bible are as pearls hidden. They must be searched (dug out) by painstaking effort. Those who take only a surface view of the Scriptures will, with their superficial knowledge, which they think is very deep, talk of the contradictions of the Bible, and question the authority of the Scriptures. But those whose hearts are in harmony with truth and duty will search the Scriptures with a heart prepared to receive divine impressions. The illuminated soul sees a spiritual unity, one grand golden thread running through the whole, but it requires patience, thought, and prayer to trace out the precious golden thread. Sharp contentions over the Bible have led to investigation and revealed the precious jewels of truth. Many tears have been shed, many prayers offered, that the Lord would open the understanding to His Word.

The Bible is not given to us in grand superhuman language. Jesus, in order to reach man where he is, took humanity. The Bible must be given in the language of men. Everything that is human is imperfect. Different meanings are expressed by the same word; there is not one word for each distinct idea. The Bible was given for practical purposes.

The stamps of minds are different. All do not understand expressions and statements alike. Some understand the statements of the Scriptures to suit their own particular minds and cases. Prepossessions, prejudices, and passions have a strong influence to darken the understanding and confuse the mind even in reading the words of Holy Writ.

The disciples traveling to Emmaus needed to be disentangled in their interpretation of the Scriptures. Jesus

CAN one word have
more than one meaning? ←
(1 S.M. 20.)

HOW much does God expect

of U.S. - (M.Y.P. 96.)

vessels =
people

WHAT if -

① you have had very little education -

② you barely know how to read -

③ OR you may have a college degree OR more -

HOW much effort does God want us to make to learn how to study the Bible?

Testimonies Vol. 5 p. 524.

The days will come when the righteous will be stirred to zeal for God because of the abounding iniquity. None but divine power can stay the arrogance of Satan united with evil men; but in the hour of the church's greatest danger most fervent prayer will be offered in her behalf by the faithful remnant, and God will hear and answer at the very time when the guilt of the transgressor has reached its height. He will "avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them." They will be jealous for the honor of God. They will be zealous in prayer, and their faith will grow strong.

There is too little zeal among the students. They should make more earnest efforts. It requires much study to know how to study. Each student must cultivate the habit of industry. He should see that no second-class work comes forth from his hand. He should take to himself the words Paul addressed to Timothy: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

Councils on S. S. Work p 42-3.

Observe system in the study of the Scriptures in your families. Neglect anything of a temporal nature; dispense with all unnecessary sewing and with needless provision for the table, but be sure that the soul is fed with the bread of life. It is impossible to estimate the good results of one hour or even half an hour each day devoted in a cheerful, social manner to the word of God. Make the Bible its own expositor bringing together all that is said concerning a given

Messages To Young People, 96 ⑪

God Not Unreasonable

The church of God is made up of vessels large and small. The Lord does not ask for anything unreasonable. He does not expect the smaller vessels to hold the contents of the larger ones. He looks for returns according to what a man has, not according to what he has not. Do your best, and God will accept your efforts. Take up the duty lying nearest you, and perform it with fidelity, and your work will be wholly acceptable to the Master. Do not, in your desire to do something great, overlook the smaller tasks awaiting you.

Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's word. These are your weapons against him who is striving to hinder your progress heavenward. The first neglect of prayer and Bible study makes easier the second neglect. The first resistance to the Spirit's pleading prepares the way for the second resistance. Thus the heart is hardened, and the conscience seared.

On the other hand, every resistance of temptation makes resistance more easy. Every denial of self makes self-denial easier. Every victory gained prepares the way for a fresh victory. Each resistance

HOW deep are we to go in our study of the Bible? (to the bottom)

Councils on Sabbath School Work p 31.

If you are called to be a teacher in any branch of the work of God, you are called also to be a learner in the school of Christ. If you take upon you the sacred responsibility of teaching others, you take upon you the duty of going to the bottom of every subject you seek to teach. If you present a subject from the word of God to your pupils in the Sabbath school, you should make the reasons for your faith so plain that your scholars shall be convinced of its truth. You should diligently search and compare the evidences of the word of God on messages that He sends to the church, that you may know what is truth, and be able to direct those who look to you into the way of righteousness.

(subject) at different times and under varied circumstances. Do not break up your home class for callers or visitors. If they come in during the exercise, invite them to take part in it. Let it be seen that you consider it more important to obtain a knowledge of God's word than to secure the gains or pleasures of the world.—TSS 10, 11.

Many call this method of study - Cross Referencing.

CAN we have help with our Bible study? John 14:26.

Christ Object Lessons p. 113.

We need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit in order to discern the truths in God's word. The lovely things of the natural world are not seen until the sun, dispelling the darkness, floods them with its light. So the treasures in the word of God are not appreciated until they are revealed by the (bright) beams of the Sun of Righteousness.

The Holy Spirit, sent from heaven by the benevolence of infinite love, takes the things of God, and reveals them to every soul that has an implicit faith in Christ. By His power the vital truths upon which the salvation of the soul depends are impressed upon the mind, and the way of life is made so plain that none need err therein. As we study the Scriptures, we should pray for the light of God's Holy Spirit to shine upon the word, that we may see and appreciate its treasures.

... "the Comforter ... shall teach you all things" ...

Councils on Sabbath School Work p. 22:

Compare Scripture With Scripture

"Search the Scriptures," was the injunction of the Master. Many have lost much because they have neglected this duty. When we search the word of God, angels are by our side, reflecting bright beams of light upon its sacred pages. The Scriptures appeal to man as having power to choose between right and wrong; they speak to him in warning, in reproof, in

HOW did Daniel pray to have the answers to prayer that he did?

Dan. 6: 10.

- ① "Kneeled upon his knees" -
- ② "three times a day" -

God's answer: v. 22. "God shut the lions mouths" -

WHAT does kneeling on our knees show? (S.L. 46.)

- ① humility
- ② reverence ③ submission

Sanctified Life p. 46.

Daniel does not proclaim his own fidelity before the Lord. Instead of claiming to be pure and holy, this honored prophet humbly identifies himself with the really sinful of Israel. The wisdom which God had imparted to him was as far superior to the wisdom of the great men of the world as the light of the sun shining in the heavens at noonday is brighter than the

feeblest star. Yet ponder the prayer from the lips of this man so highly favored of Heaven. With deep humiliation with tears and rending of heart, he pleads for himself and for his people. He lays his soul open before God, confessing his own unworthiness and acknowledging the Lord's greatness and majesty.

Earnestness and Fervor (S.L. 46)

What earnestness and fervor characterize his supplications! The hand of faith is reached upward to grasp the never-failing promises of the Most High. His soul is wrestling in agony. And he has the evidence that his prayer is heard. He knows that victory is his. If we as a people would pray as Daniel prayed, and wrestle as he wrestled, humbling our souls before God, we should realize as marked answers to our petitions as were granted to Daniel.

Read Dan. 9: 3-5.

- ① prayer
- ② fasting
- ③ sackcloth & ashes = ^{humility}
- ④ v. 5, 16. "we have sinned"

Daniel identified Himself with the really sinful in Israel -
God's answer: (To v. 16.)

Dan. 9: 21-23. (Gabriel came)

Read Dan. 10: 2-3.

God's answer: v. 4-6.
(Jesus came)

IF WE PRAY LIKE DANIEL PRAYED - HOW WILL GOD ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

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WHY DID JESUS HIMSELF COME TO ANSWER DANIEL'S PRAYERS ?

Read Dan. 10:1-3. HOW did Daniel pray in v. 2-3.?

- ① fasting (not complete abstinence from food)
- ② for 3 weeks - persistence -
- ③ did not anoint himself - (oil etc. that was used after bathing)

(Ruth 3:3 - II Sam. 14:2)

WHAT answer did Daniel receive? v. 4-6 (Jesus came)

WHO else saw this same heavenly being?

Rev. 1: 9-18,

v. 13-15 description

v. 18. identification.

WHO else came with Jesus to both John & Daniel?

Rev. 1:1.

D.A. 99.

The words of the angel, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God," show that he holds a position of high honor in the heavenly courts. When he came with a message to Daniel, he said, "There is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael [Christ] your Prince."

Dan. 10:21. Of Gabriel the Saviour speaks in the Revelation, saying that "He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John." Rev. 1:1. And to John the angel declared, "I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets." Rev. 22:9, R. V. Wonderful thought—that the angel who stands next in honor to the Son of God is the one chosen to open the purposes of God to sinful men.

WHY did Jesus himself come to Daniel in Ch. 10: to answer his prayers?

COULD it be that this last vision is of special importance?

COULD it be that it is possibly more important than any of the other visions that Daniel had?

WHY do you think that Jesus also came to John to show him the entire book of Revelation?

IS God maybe trying to tell us there is a connection between the entire book of Rev. and the vision of Dan. 10-12: ?

ALL OF REVELATION EXPLAINS
Selected Messages Vol. 2. p.109.

DAN. 12:4.

(14)

All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God's prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment. (1896.)

2S.M. 105.

The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. The Scripture says, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, "Time shall be no longer." (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.

Acts of the Apostles p.585.

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." Daniel 12:4.

Prophets & Kings p. 547-8.

Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that "at the end of the days"—in the closing period of this world's history—he would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place. It was not given him to understand all that God had revealed of the divine purpose. "Shut up the words, and seal the book," he was directed concerning his prophetic writings; these were to be sealed "even to the time of the end." "Go thy way, Daniel," the angel once more directed the faithful

messenger of Jehovah; "for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. . . . Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Daniel 12:4, 9, 13.

Notice: ① Revelation explains
the sealed portion of Daniel.

(2S.M. 109)

② The portion that was sealed is not all the prophecy of Daniel.

(2S.M. 105)

③ The portion that was sealed is the part of the prophecy which related to the last days.

(2S.M. 105)

④ The portions of Dan. 7-12 that was for the last days was sealed until 1798. (P.K. 547.)

Dan. 12:4.

⑤ How much of Dan. 7-12 was understood? Dan. 2:28.

① Babylon ② Medo-Persia ③ Greece
④ Rome ⑤ 10 Kingdoms ⑥ Coming of Christ (at least)

(NOTICE: "...VISIONS OF DANIEL".)
plural (P.K. 547)

THEREFORE: DAN. 11: 1-4 ^{was also} UNDERSTOOD

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. Satan has led many to believe that the prophetic portions of the writings of Daniel and of John the revelator cannot be understood. But the promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. "The wise shall understand" (verse 10), was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God's people all through the centuries, the promise is, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." Revelation 1:3.

From the rise and fall of nations as made plain in the books of Daniel and the Revelation, we need to learn how worthless is mere outward and worldly glory. Babylon,

HOW did Daniel react to seeing Jesus?

Dan. 10: 7-9. Review + Herald Vol. 3 p. 438.

Lord himself must kindle in our hearts the burning desire, if our prayers are acceptable to him. The Holy Spirit within must make intercessions for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered.

- ① A deep sense of our need, and a great desire for the things for which we ask, must characterize our prayers, else they will not be heard.
- ② But we are not to become weary, and cease our petitions because the answer is not immediately received. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." The violence here meant is a holy earnestness, such as Jacob manifested. We need not try to work ourselves up into an intense feeling; but calmly, persistently, we are to press our petitions at the throne of grace. Our work is to (humble) our souls before God, confessing our sins, and in faith drawing nigh unto God. The Lord answered the prayer of Daniel, not that Daniel might glorify himself, but that the blessing might reflect glory to God. It is the design of God to reveal himself in his providence and in his grace. The object of our prayers must be the glory of God, not the glorification of ourselves.

When we see ourselves weak, ignorant, and helpless, as we really are, we shall come before God as humble suppliants. It is ignorance of God and of Christ that makes any soul proud and self-righteous. The infallible indication that a man knows not God, is found in the fact that he feels that in himself he is great or good. Pride of heart is always associated with ignorance of God. It is the light from God that discovers our darkness and destitution. When the divine glory was revealed to Daniel, he exclaimed, "My comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength." The moment the humble seeker sees God as he is, that moment he will have the same view of himself that Daniel had. There will be no lifting up of the soul unto vanity, but a deep sense of the holiness of God and of the justice of his requirements. The fruit of such an experience will be manifested in a life of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

DAN. 10:8. →

Brethren, the Lord calls for copartnership in his work. He desires us to enlist our interests in his cause, as Daniel did. We should receive great benefits from a study of the book of Daniel in connection with the Revelation. Daniel studied the prophecies. He earnestly sought to know their meaning. He prayed and fasted for heavenly light. And the glory of God was revealed to him in even greater measure than he could endure. We are in equal need of divine illumination. God has called us to give the last message of warning to the world. There will be voices heard on every side to divert the attention of God's people with new theories. We need to give the trumpet a certain sound. We do not half realize what is before us. If the books of Daniel and the Revelation were studied with earnest prayer, we should have a better knowledge of the perils of the last days, and would be better prepared for the work before us — we should be prepared to unite with Christ and to work in his lines.

Dan. 10:2-9.

God has honored us by showing how greatly he values us. We are bought with a price, even the precious blood of the Son of God. When his heritage shall conscientiously follow the word of the Lord, his blessing will rest upon them in answer to their prayers. "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him? . . . Ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."

Joel 2:12-14.

v. 27.

Read Dan. 10:10-11.

WHO talked with Daniel now?
Gabriel (Sanctified Life p. 51.)

Read Dan. 10:12-13. WHY were not Daniel's prayer answered for three weeks?

WHAT is this vision about?
WHEN will this vision be fulfilled?

Daniel 10:14. (latter - 319 - the last or end, hence the future - end time - Remnant)
DOES this verse say that only the last five verses of DAN. 11: are for the latter days?

WHAT was Daniel like during vision?

Dan. 10: 15-17. dumb - could not speak - no strength - no breathing

WHAT did Gabriel now do for Daniel?

Dan. 10: 18-19. strengthened him to speak -

WHO only understood the things in this vision?

Dan. 10: 20-1 (Gabriel and Michael)

which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

NOTICE: IN v. 21. "...I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth..."

PARAPHRASED: "I will show thee what is recorded (noted) in the book (scripture) of God's Word (truth)." Jn. 17: 17. "Thy word is truth." (from Word Study & Cross Reference)

SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION: The information given here can be found in the entire Bible. THERE are many portions of scripture which fit in with and help to explain this one vision of Dan. 11 - 12:

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HOW should the vision of Dan. 10-12 be studied?

Sanctified Life p.50.

These truths in Dan. 11 & 12: are only for those who search for truth as for hid treasures!!

Patmos. No less a personage than the Son of God appeared to Daniel. Our Lord comes with another heavenly messenger to teach Daniel what would take place in the latter days.

The great truths revealed by the world's Redeemer are for those who search for truth as for hid treasures. Daniel was an aged man. His life had been passed amid the fascinations of a heathen court, his mind cumbered with the affairs of a great empire. Yet he turns aside from all these to afflict his soul before God, and seek a knowledge of the purposes of the Most High. And in response to his supplications, light from the heavenly courts was communicated for those who should live in the latter days. With what earnestness, then, should we seek God, that He may open our understanding to comprehend the truths brought to us from heaven.

Promise for wisdom James 1:5,

" IF any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God "...

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NOTICE: "THE prophecy in the eleventh [chapter] of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment."

THIS is obviously speaking of a first fulfillment.

NOTICE: "MUCH of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated."

THIS is speaking of a second fulfillment.

THEN the prophet quotes DAN. 11:30-36, to lay special emphasis on these verses. SINCE the Spirit of Prophecy is the lesser light and the Bible is the greater light — WE must not use the Spirit of Prophecy to limit the Bible and say that these are the only verses that are repeated.

FROM a careful study of these verses, they appear to describe a final rise to power of the Papacy —

PAPAL REIGN No. 2.

SO the Lord especially wants us to be warned of a second rule of the Papacy but this DOES NOT exclude a repeat of most of the rest of the prophecy because;
NOTICE: "MUCH of the history... of this prophecy will be repeated."

MANUSCRIPT RELEASE #23 Pg. 4.

Notice: "Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy..."

WHY is this statement in context with a paragraph about the vision of DAN. 10-12.?

IS IT POSSIBLE that this one vision is so important that the correct understanding of it will cause increased light to shine on all the grand truths of prophecy?

WHY will this happen?

NOTICE: "... because the bright beams of the Son of Righteousness will illuminate the whole."

THE HOLY SPIRIT will teach each one of us what is correct about this vision if:

- ① we will totally submit ourselves to God daily with every opinion and every preconceived idea
- ② we will trust in the Lord completely
- ③ we will spend much time in prayer as we study
- ④ we claim James 1:5 for wisdom from God.

(THE "bright beams of the Son of Righteousness" is the Holy Spirit. See COL. 1:13. CHS. 264. 3RH. 483:3.)

MANUSCRIPT RELEASE #1166, p.2.

NOTICE: IN the second paragraph — "Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end."

WHAT is a warning? ISN'T it always about something future? IN 1903 the prophet placed DAN. 12: in the future.

WHAT is in DAN. 12: that we need to be warned about?

① Jesus coming and ② a time line for the vision of DAN. 11:

THIS TIME LINE WARNS OF THE LAST RULE OF THE PAPACY. PAPAL RULE No. 2.

NOTICE: IN The first paragraph of this page of M.R. #1166 E.G.W. speaks of the apostle Paul and the many things he saw in vision. Paul could not tell the believers what he had seen because they would have misused it. BUT everything Paul saw molded the messages he gave.

WHY IS THIS MESSAGE IN CONTEXT WITH A STATEMENT ABOUT DAN. 12: ?

IS THE PROPHET TRYING TO TELL US THAT SHE HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE?

DID SHE SEE THINGS ABOUT THE VISION OF DAN. 11-12 THAT SHE COULD NOT TELL US ?

FULFILLMENT OF DANIEL 11

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Much of Daniel 11 to be Again Fulfilled--We have no time to lose.

Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war.

Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh [chapter] of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that

"shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for

that that is determined shall be done."

Scenes Similar to Daniel 11:30-36 to Take Place--Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds, who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of:--

"At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

The Spirit of the Lord is being withdrawn from the world. It is no time now for men to exalt themselves.--Letter 103, 1904, pp 5,6 (To Brother Craw, February 24, 1904).

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Increased light will shine upon all the grand truths of prophecy, and they will be seen in freshness and brilliancy, because the bright beams of the Son of Righteousness will illuminate the whole.

The Lord wants to impart to us increased light. He desires that we shall have distinct revealings of His glory, that ministers and people shall become strong in His strength. When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, "Be strong, yea, be strong." We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God's people in these last days, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound. Ms 18, 1888, p. 13. (Manuscript Releases Vol. 1. p. 40; 2 R.H. 354; 2)

Notice: the angel said, "Be strong, yea be strong." (Dan. 10:19) Therefore this information given us by E.G.W. applies to the vision starting with Dan. 10.

- (1) This vision should be intensely interesting.
- (2) It is recorded for us.
- (3) We are to witness its fulfillment.
- (4) We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel.
- (5) This vision is for God's people in these last days, to help us give the trumpet a certain sound.

"Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end." Letter #161 to Daniells and Prescott, July 30, 1903. E.G.White M.R. # 1166.

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I am deeply moved by the unprepared condition of our churches. One thing we must do. We must keep our feet in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life. We must make no missteps now. The first and second chapters of Colossians have been presented to me as an expression of what our churches in every part of the world should be. The great apostle had many visions. The Lord showed him many things that it is not lawful for a man to utter. Why could he not tell the believers what he had seen? Because they would have made a misapplication of the great truths presented. They would not have been able to comprehend these truths. And yet all that was shown to Paul molded the messages that God gave him to bear to the churches.

The people of God need to study what characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days. Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe. Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end. There are ministers claiming to believe the truth who are not sanctified through the truth. Unless a change comes in their lives, they will say, "My Lord delayeth His coming."

Read the 21st chapter of Luke. In it Christ gives the warning, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may

II Cor 12:
1-7.

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Dan. 12:
WARNING
Future

Daniel's Prayers

AS the time approached for the close of the seventy years' captivity, Daniel's mind became greatly exercised upon the prophecies of Jeremiah. He saw that the time was at hand when God would give His chosen people another trial; and with fasting, humiliation, and prayer, he importuned the God of heaven in behalf of Israel, in these words: "O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land" (Dan. 9:4-6).

Daniel does not proclaim his own fidelity before the Lord. Instead of claiming to be pure and holy, this honored prophet humbly identifies himself with the really sinful of Israel. The wisdom which God had imparted to him was as far superior to the wisdom of the great men of the world as the light of the sun shining in the heavens at noonday is brighter than the

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God. He acknowledges that all their misfortunes have come upon them in consequence of their transgressions of that holy law. He says, "We have sinned, we have done wickedly. . . . Because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us" (verses 15, 16). The Jews had lost their peculiar, holy character as God's chosen people. "Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate" (verse 17). Daniel's heart turns with intense longing to the desolate sanctuary of God. He knows that its prosperity can be restored only as Israel shall repent of their transgressions of God's law, and become humble, faithful, and obedient.

The Heavenly Messenger

As Daniel's prayer is going forth, the angel Gabriel comes sweeping down from the heavenly courts to tell him that his petitions are heard and answered. This mighty angel has been commissioned to give him skill and understanding—to open before him the mysteries of

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feeblest star. Yet ponder the prayer from the lips of this man so highly favored of Heaven. With deep humiliation, with tears and rending of heart, he pleads for himself and for his people. He lays his soul open before God, confessing his own unworthiness and acknowledging the Lord's greatness and majesty.

Earnestness and Fervor

What earnestness and fervor characterize his supplications! The hand of faith is reached upward to grasp the never-failing promises of the Most High. His soul is wrestling in agony. And he has the evidence that his prayer is heard. He knows that victory is his. If we as a people would pray as Daniel prayed, and wrestle as he wrestled, humbling our souls before God, we should realize as marked answers to our petitions as were granted to Daniel. Hear how he presses his case at the court of heaven:

"O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name" (verses 18, 19).

The man of God was praying for the blessing of Heaven upon his people and for a clearer knowledge of the divine will. The burden of his heart was for Israel, who were not, in the strictest sense, keeping the law of

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future ages. Thus, while earnestly seeking to know and understand the truth, Daniel was brought into communion with Heaven's delegated messenger.

In answer to his petition, Daniel received not only the light and truth which he and his people most needed, but a view of the great events of the future, even to the advent of the world's Redeemer. Those who claim to be sanctified, while they have no desire to search the

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Scriptures or to wrestle with God in prayer for a clearer understanding of Bible truth, know not what true sanctification is.

Daniel talked with God. Heaven was opened before him. But the high honors granted him were the result of humiliation and earnest seeking. All who believe with the heart the word of God will hunger and thirst for a knowledge of His will. God is the author of truth. He enlightens the darkened understanding and gives to the human mind power to grasp and comprehend the truths which He has revealed.

Upon the occasion just described, the angel Gabriel imparted to Daniel all the instruction which he was then able to receive. A few years afterward, however, the prophet desired to learn more of subjects not yet fully explained, and again set himself to seek light and wisdom from God. "In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all. . . . Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude" (Dan. 10:2-6).

This description is similar to that given by John when Christ was revealed to him upon the Isle of

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Parmos. No less a personage than the Son of God appeared to Daniel. Our Lord comes with another heavenly messenger to teach Daniel what would take place in the latter days.

The great truths revealed by the world's Redeemer are for those who search for truth as for hid treasures. Daniel was an aged man. His life had been passed amid the fascinations of a heathen court, his mind cumbered with the affairs of a great empire. Yet he turns aside from all these to afflict his soul before God, and seek a knowledge of the purposes of the Most High. And in response to his supplications, light from the heavenly courts was communicated for those who should live in the latter days. With what earnestness, then, should we seek God, that He may open our understanding to comprehend the truths brought to us from heaven.

"I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. . . . And there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength" (verses 7, 8). All who are truly sanctified will have a similar experience. The clearer their views of the greatness, glory, and perfection of Christ, the more vividly will they see their own weakness and imperfection. They will have no disposition to claim a sinless character; that which has appeared right and comely in themselves will, in contrast with Christ's purity and glory, appear only as unworthy and corruptible. It is when men are separated from God, when they have

very indistinct views of Christ, that they say, "I am sinless; I am sanctified."

Gabriel now appeared to the prophet, and thus addressed him: "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words" (verses 11, 12).

Royal Honor to Daniel

What great honor is shown to Daniel by the Majesty of heaven! He comforts His trembling servant and assures him that his prayer has been heard in heaven. In answer to that fervent petition the angel Gabriel was sent to affect the heart of the Persian king. The monarch had resisted the impressions of the Spirit of God during the three weeks while Daniel was fasting and praying, but heaven's Prince, the Archangel, Michael, was sent to turn the heart of the stubborn king to take some decided action to answer the prayer of Daniel.

"And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips. . . . And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened

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me" (verses 15-19). So great was the divine glory revealed to Daniel that he could not endure the sight. Then the messenger of heaven veiled the brightness of his presence and appeared to the prophet as "one like the similitude of the sons of men" (verse 16). By his divine power he strengthened this man of integrity and of faith, to hear the message sent to him from God.

Daniel was a devoted servant of the Most High. His long life was filled up with noble deeds of service for his Master. His purity of character and unwavering fidelity are equaled only by his humility of heart and his contrition before God. We repeat, The life of Daniel is an inspired illustration of true sanctification.

SEVEN THUNDERS - SEVEN EVENTS IN DAN. 11:

READ REV. 10:1-4. seven thunders uttered their voices and John was told to seal up those things...

THE seven thunders are contained in the portion of Daniel that was sealed.

7 B.C. 971. "After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book; Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered."

① WHAT does thunder mean in the Bible?
God's voice Job 37:4-5.

WHY does God use His voice?

v. 12-13,
"for correction" -
to cause the world
to obey Him -

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.
13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

AT this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.
2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.
5 God thundereth marvelously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

v. 23. God uses His voice in "judgment" and in "justice"

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

CONCLUSION FROM Job 37:

THUNDER = God's voice speaks in judgments for correction, so that the world may obey His councils and commands.

GOD also uses literal thunder in His judgments. See EX. 9:22-26, as an example.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.
23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground: and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.
24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.
26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

② WHAT is another meaning of thunder?

Job 39: 18-25.

THUNDER is associated with:

- ① the horse and his rider v. 18.
- ② strength v. 19.
- ③ armed men v. 21
quiver spear and sword v. 22-3.
- ④ TRUMPETS v. 24-5.
- ⑤ the THUNDER OF BATTLE v. 25.

"BATTLE" and wars is one of God's weapons. Jer. 50: 22, 25.

22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Baby-

lon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left.

18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.

21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

HOW do these meanings for thunder relate to the seven thunders in Rev. 10: ?

Acts of the Apostles p. 585.

"IN THE REVELATION all the books of the Bible meet and end."

SUGGESTION:

Since Rev. is like a summary of the entire Bible — we should use all the meanings of the word thunder in combination with each other.

CONCLUSION:

THUNDER is God's voice speaking in judgments and justice through wars (Job 39: 18-25) so that if possible the world may be brought to obey His councils and commands.

SINCE the seven thunders are contained in the portion of Daniel that was sealed (Rev. 10: 1-4, 7 B.C. 971, Dan. 12: 4.) I will suggest that they are the seven wars described in Dan. 11:

NOTICE: IN Job 39: 18-25 THUNDER is associated with HORSES, TRUMPETS and WAR.

QUESTION: HOW do the thunders of Dan. 11: relate to the four horses of Rev. 6: and the seven trumpets of Rev. 8 & 9.

THIS QUESTION will be answered later in this book.

REVELATION 10: SEVEN THUNDERS - PROPHETIC TIME LINES ENDED -

REV. 10:2. "a little book open" - THE book of Daniel was opened in 1798. (Dan. 12: 4, 6-9, 11: 40.)

WHEN the portion of the book of Daniel that was sealed is completely opened the seven thunders are also unsealed.

QUESTION: IS REV. 10: to be repeated? REV. 10:11.

Testimonies Vol. 5 p 454.

(CONTEXT ST. 449-454. National Sun. Law - loud cry)

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

IF the 3- angels messages are repeated in the last days, could the unsealing

of the "little book" of Daniel be repeated? OR

PERHAPS to express it in a better way - COULD the unsealing of the little book be progressive?

furnished us. The last warning is to be proclaimed "before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings;" and the promise is given, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

IS Dan. 11: completely unsealed now to reveal the seven thunders?

IF REV. 10: is repeated OR has a dual application - THEN E. G. White Comments on REV. 10: in 7 B.C. 971. also has a dual application !!

NOTICE: "THE unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time."

DOES this sentence mean that the only information that was unsealed in Daniel was the time message — OR COULD it be that the time message was only the beginning of the information that is to come from the unsealed portion of Daniel?

WHAT is the "time" that was ended in Rev. 10:6?

- ① prophetic time (Col. 2 #2.)
- ② "no definite tracing of the prophetic time." (OR in other words — prophetic time lines) TO TRACE PROPHETIC TIME — THERE MUST BE A TIME LINE OF PROPHETIC TIME. THIS has ended.

THE day for a year as it is used to trace a prophetic time line has ended. Example 2300 Days - Years 1260 Day - Years which was fulfilled in the past and completed in 1844. (see 2S.M. 108. on next page)

THIS does not rule out a limited use of prophetic time used as a point in time but which could not be predicted ahead by following a prophetic time line. For example: Rev. 8:1 a half hour of silence when Jesus comes.

which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.

The angel's position, with one foot on the sea, the other on the land, signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world. The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book. The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls (MS 59, 1900).

7 (ch. 22:10-12). The Last Period of Probation.—The gospel dispensation is the

③ "... the people will not have another message upon definite time."

WHAT does the term "definite time" mean?
Testimonies Vol. 4. 306-8.

Many who have called themselves Adventists have been time setters. Time after time has been set for Christ to come, but repeated failures have been the result. The definite time of our Lord's coming is declared to be beyond the ken of mortals. Even the angels who minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation know not the day nor the hour. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Because the times repeatedly set have passed, the world is in a more decided state of unbelief than before in regard to the near advent of Christ. They look upon the failures of the time setters, with disgust; and because men have been so deceived, they turn from the truth substantiated by the word of God that the end of all things is at hand.

and hour time for Jesus Coming.

THE FACT THAT ALL PROPHETIC TIME LINES HAVE COME TO AN END —

THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOT A DEFINITE DAY AND HOUR TIME FOR JESUS TO COME —

DOES NOT RULE OUT

- ① LITERAL TIME OR ② LITERAL TIME LINES —
③ OR PROPHETIC TIME USED AS A POINT IN TIME.

IF WE DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT ALL TIME PROPHECY HAS ENDED — FROM THE STATEMENT IN 7B.C. 971 AND 2SM.108 AND OTHER LIKE STATEMENTS —

- ① WE MAKE THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY SAY SOMETHING THAT IT REALLY DOES NOT SAY,
② WE MAKE E.G. WHITE CONTRADICT HERSELF. (WHICH SHE DOES NOT DO) (E.G. W. believed in the literal time of DAN. 12: and REV. 13: see Ms R. #11664 78.c.979)
③ WE MAKE HER CONTRADICT THE BIBLE ALSO. (WHICH SHE DOES NOT DO) (Example REV. 8:1. REV. 17:12 AND REV. 18: 8, 10, 11, 19. ARE LAST DAY TIME PROPHECIES)

Selected Messages Vol. 2 p. 108.

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer" (Rev. 10:5, 6). This message announces the end of (the) prophetic periods. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844 was indeed bitter to those who, had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed.

DEFINITE TIME is day and hour time for Jesus to come. TIME SETTERS set definite times for Jesus to come.

WE will never again after 1844 have a message based on "definite time" OR day

WARNING IN REGARD TO TIME SETTING!

THERE IS NO "DEFINITE TIME" FOR:

- ① outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- ② the coming of Christ
- ③ the end of probation

Acts 1:7 "the times OR seasons"

Warned in Regard to Time Setting

Christ gave to His disciples truths whose breadth and depth and value they little appreciated, or even comprehended, and the same condition exists among the people of God today. We too have failed to take in the greatness, to perceive the beauty of the truth which God has entrusted to us today. Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed, but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.

Selected Messages Vol. 1. p. 188.

THE TIME NOT REVEALED

God has not revealed to us the time when this message will close, or when probation will have an end. Those things that are revealed we shall accept for ourselves and for our children; but let us not seek to know that which has been kept secret in the councils of the Almighty. It is our duty to watch and work and wait, to labor every moment for the souls of men that are ready to perish. We are to keep walking continually in the footsteps of Jesus, working in His lines, dispensing His gifts as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Satan will be ready to give to anyone who is not learning every day of Jesus, a special message of his own creating, in order to make of no effect the wonderful truth for this time.

Selected Messages Vol. 1
p. 191.

ARE THERE ANY TIME PROPHECIES LEFT FOR THESE LAST DAYS?

WE have already seen that the Spirit of Prophecy leaves room for:

- ① Literal time
- ② Literal time lines
- ③ Limited prophetic time used as a point in time - NOT as a prophetic time line

HOW are these times used?

Jer. 8:7.

JUDGMENTS OF GOD HAVE APPOINTED TIMES!!

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

WHAT does the Spirit of Prophecy say about 'appointed times'?

9T. 13, 93.

- ① judgments of God come at appointed times
- ② there are appointed times to punish for disregarding His law.

The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: "They are perfectly safe." But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.

I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their disregard of His law and for their selfish ambition.

There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. 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.

The angel that stood at my side then instructed me that but few have any conception of the wickedness existing in our world today, and especially the wickedness in the large cities. He declared that the Lord has appointed a time when He will visit transgressors in wrath for persistent disregard of His law.

Terrible as was the representation that passed before me, that which impressed itself most vividly upon my mind was the instruction given in connection with it. The angel that stood by my side declared that God's supreme rulership and the sacredness of His law must be revealed to those who persistently refused to render obedience to the King of kings. Those who choose to remain disloyal must be visited in mercy with judgments, in order that, if possible, they may be aroused to a realization of the sinfulness of their course.

A LITERAL TIME LINE FOR THE LAST DAYS

IN a careful study of Dan. 10-12: We must draw the conclusion that this vision:

① is for the "latter days" (DAN. 10:14; Manuscript Releases Vol. 1 p. 40)

② that this vision would be understood after 1798 (DAN. 12:4.)

③ that there is a literal time line in Dan. 12: in connection with the events in Chapter 11:

④ The literal time line is stated in DAN. 12:7-13.

⑤ There are also some of the same literal times in Revelation Rev. 13:5; Rev. 11:2

ALL OR MOST ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TIME PROPHECIES HAD A FIRST FULFILLMENT IN PROPHETIC TIME (DAY FOR A YEAR) IN THE PAST RULE OF THE PAPACY -

For example: Most of Rev. 13:1-10. was fulfilled in the past. REV. 13: is also to be entirely fulfilled in the future.

7 B.C. 979. "THIS entire chapter is a revelation of what will surely take place." (E.G.W. Comments on Rev. 13:)

REV. 8:1, REV. 17:12, REV. 18:8, 10, 17, 19, are also last day time prophecies (Literal OR Prophetic)

"APPOINTED TIMES"

FROM Jer. 8:7 and 9T. 13, 93, we draw the conclusion that there are appointed times for the judgments of God.

BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE that there is an appointed time for our United States - National Sunday Law.

REASON: THE National Sunday Law is NOT a judgment of God. IT is the beginning of a period of time for warning the cities and the world of the judgments of God that will soon follow the proclamation of a National Sunday Law.

OUR National Sunday Law would be comparable to:

- ① THE beginning of the warning period before the flood (20)
- ② THE beginning of the warning to Ninevah of judgments to come (40 days - 40 yrs. later)
- ③ THE beginning of the warning that Jerusalem would be destroyed - (Matt. 24:1-3. 40 yrs. later)

THERE was never a date set ahead of time for the beginning of any of these warning periods; THEREFORE I DO NOT CONCLUDE THAT WE CAN SET A TIME FOR THE NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW BEFORE IT COMES.

BUT THERE are appointed times or set times for God's judgments to follow a National Sunday Law. APPOINTED TIMES for God's judgments that follow a N. S. L. would be comparable to the appointed time for:

- ① the flood - at the end of 120 yrs.
- ② the destruction of Ninevah - at the end of 40 days - (happened after 40 yrs. because Ninevah repented first but then went back into a worse apostasy later)
- ③ the destruction of Jerusalem at the end of 40 yrs.

MORE ON THE LITERAL TIME OF DANIEL 12:

THERE are a number of reasons for coming to the conclusion that DAN. 12: is a literal time line for the very last days.

BIBLE REASONS:

REASON No. ① THE WORD "END" appears in Dan. 12: SIX times.

DAN. 12:8. . ."what shall be the END of these things."

STRONGS' CONCORDANCE No. 319. "the last or end; hence the future" . . etc. the same Heb. word is frequently translated latter as in DAN. 10: 14.

DAN. 12: 4, 6, 9, 13. (2 times in v. 13.) PART of this has a dual application but the emphasis is definitely at the last END. "END" - STRONGS - 7093 - "an extremity; after."

No. 7093. "END" - CROSS REFERENCE = THIS Heb. word points to the END of a specific time period and an EVENT that happens at the end of the time period. For more on this See on DAN. 11:27, (END) p. 74.

REASON

No. ② THIS vision is for the latter days. DAN. 10:14. THE last events will be rapid. THERE is NO time left for long periods of prophetic time.

REASON No. ③ PROPHECIC TIME LINES HAVE ENDED. Rev. 10:6. 78.C. 971.

REASON No. ④ CROSS REFERENCE OF THE WORD "DAYS" IN

DAN. 12: 11, 12, 13. (3117)

CONCLUSION:

① PROPHECIC TIME - day for a year - Eze. 4:6. Num. 14:34.

② LITERAL TIME - 1 day = 1 day.

EXAMPLES:

(3117) DAN. 1: 12, 14, 15, 18. pulse to eat and water to drink for 10 DAYS.

(3118) DAN. 6: 7, 12. thirty days - the decree of King Darius -

PROPHECIC TIME AND LITERAL TIME COME FROM THE SAME HEBREW WORDS!

STRONGS' No. 3117, 3118.

Selected Messages Vol. 1. p. 20. " Different meanings are expressed by the same word; there is not one word for each distinct idea."

FOR A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF CROSS REFERENCING
METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY — see Book —
"HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE" by the same author.

Isa. 28; 9-10. ... "whom shall
he teach knowledge? whom shall he make to understand" ...
"line upon line" — CONTEXT. "here a little, there a
little" ... CROSS REFERENCE STUDY (Also I Cor. 2:13)

Councils on Sabbath School Work p. 42-3. "Make the Bible its
own expositor; bringing together all that is said concerning
a given subject at different times and under varied
circumstances."

We have purchased the field of truth because of
the treasure that is hidden therein. The rich
gems of truth do not lie on the surface. You
must dig for them. Take your Bible, and com-
pare passage with passage, and verse with verse,
and you will find the precious jewels of truth.
You should put the precious gems of light in a
beautiful setting, and hang them in memory's
hall. Shall we not arise and work diligently in
the strength of Jesus for the treasure we have so
long neglected? "Arise, shine; for thy light is
come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon
thee."

Review & Herald Vol. 2. p. 297.

saints. We should have a realization that unless
taught by the Holy Spirit, we shall not rightly
comprehend the Bible; for it is a sealed book
even to the learned, who are wise in their own
conceit. Jesus meant just what he said when he
directed his disciples to "search the Scriptures."
Searching means to compare scripture with script-
ure, and spiritual things with spiritual. We
should not be satisfied with a superficial knowl-
edge. We should search for the hidden treasure
concealed beneath the surface, as the merchant-
man seeks for goodly pearls. Light, great light,
will reward the diligent searcher for truth.

Review & Herald Vol. 2 p. 307.

The Bible is its own interpreter.
With beautiful simplicity, one portion
connects itself with the truth of an-
other portion, until the whole Bible
is blended in one harmonious whole.
Light flashes forth from one text to
illuminate some portion of the Word
that has seemed more obscure.

6RH, 526.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY REASONS FOR A LITERAL TIME LINE FOR DANIEL 12:

Ellen G. White believed in literal time for Dan. 12:
REASON No.

① Manuscript Release #1166, places Dan. 12: in the
FUTURE. (of 1903)

REASON No.

② M. R. #489. E. G. W. believed in a repeat of DAN. 11:
THEREFORE DAN. 12: would be repeated since it is a part of the
vision of DAN. 11:

REASON No. ③ E.G. White believed in a dual application of
Rev. 13: 1-10. = 78.C. 979, THIS includes a fulfillment of
the 42 months in the future as well as well as in the past.
(THE 42 months of Rev. 13:5 is the same as the 1260 days of
Dan. 12:)

SEVEN THUNDERS REVEALED

23-12

WHEN are the seven thunders of REV. 10: and DAN. 11: to be revealed?

7 B.C. 971. (Col. 2. P. 2.)

AS we have already seen REV. 10: has at least a partial dual application and also E.G.W. Comments on REV. 10: has at least a partial dual application. THIS paragraph or at least the last portion, applies to both 1844 and to the present time.

THE seven thunders are to be proclaimed after the first and second angel have done their work.

The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

7 B.C. 971.

WHAT is the work of the 1st. and 2nd. angel?

REV. 14: 6-8 is the message. THE work is obedience to the message.

THE work of the 1st. and 2nd. is a heart work, a work of revival and reformation in God's people. THIS must be accomplished before His people are prepared to give the loud cry to the world. THE is to be accomplished before the 3rd. angel begins. THE 7-thunders are to be revealed after this heart work in God's people is accomplished and just prior to the 3rd. angel - National Sunday Law, mark of the beast, and image of the beast begins.

IT appears that this is where we are today OR at least we are very close to that time now.

WHO ARE THE KINGS OF THE NORTH, AND SOUTH?

(24)

History is repeated.

Ecc. 1:9-10.

Ecc. 3:15.

Ecc. 3:15.

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

Ecc. 1:9-10.

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

Manuscript Release # 489.

"Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated." (Dan. 11:2)

All the visions of Dan. begin at a point in history where Dan. was at the time of the vision & continue through to Jesus 2nd. Coming. To be consistent this vision also parallels the other visions. All of the other visions of Dan. are the rise & fall of nations; so to be consistent this vision is also the rise & fall of nations.

Beginning with Dan. 11:1, (Medo-Persia) Dan. 11:1-40 gives an outline of history down to 1798.

Dan. 11:40. "And at the time of the end"...

Dan. 12:4, 7, 9. This phrase refers to the end of the 1260 yrs. in the historical interpretation.

If you go back to Dan. 11:5. & begin again for a 2nd. interpretation, v. 6. is 1798. & the deadly wound. The prophecy then continues up to where we are today in v. 27. (two kings speaking lies at one table, the summit conferences) and on through the end time events ahead of us. Probation closes with Michael standing up in Dan. 12:1.

In this Bible study we will primarily be considering the 2nd. interpretation.

This is a literal prophecy with a few symbols.

woman = a church

Egypt = atheism

Kings of the North + South =

IN order to understand this prophecy, we must first understand the symbols, King of the NORTH, and King of the South. IN the historical view the Kings of the North and South were considered to be countries north and south of Jerusalem. because Jerusalem was where God's people were located. IN the end time view these terms are used as symbols as will be seen.

MORE ON KINGS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

① THE most important method of Bible Study and interpretation is by allowing one text to explain another.

HOW can we know which are the right verses to use to explain another text?

By finding more verses that use the same word in the original language. (Hebrew or Greek)

THE average person can learn how to find these texts by use of a number system in Strong's Concordance. Wigram's Concordance is also very useful. (Book on "How To Study the Bible" - by same author explains in detail.) THIS is called Cross Referencing.

WHEN THE WORD NORTH is Cross Referenced with this method, you find 2 meanings in the O.T.

① LITERAL - directions North and South of Jerusalem.

② SYMBOLIC

Ps. 48:2. God is King of the North
Isa. 14: 12-14. Satan tried to take His place but was not allowed to -

SINCE Satan was not allowed to take God's place in heaven, what position does he take on this earth?

John 12:31. 14:30. 16:11. prince of this world
II Cor. 4:4. god of this world.

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain ^oof his holiness.

² Beautiful ^ofor situation, ^ethe joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, ^oon the sides of the north, the ^ecity of the great King.

Isa. 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, ^oO Lü'cif-er, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, ^eI will ascend into heaven, I ^owill exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides ^oof the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; ^oI will be like the most High.

IN the interpretation of this prophecy, I am using the symbolic meaning.

REASON:

- ① IN the Old Testament Israel was a literal nation.
- ② THE Old Testament was originally written for literal Israel.

③ THE names of nations around Israel were used in a literal sense.

④ NATIONS north and south of Israel were based on Israel's and Jerusalem's position on the map.

TODAY -

- ① Israel has a symbolic meaning - Spiritual Israel - God's people.
- ② Spiritual Israel is located throughout the entire world.

THEREFORE TO BE CONSISTANT:

TODAY.

① SINCE we use Israel as a symbol, the names of all other nations should be used as symbols and NOT in a literal sense.

② TO BE CONSISTANT: THESE symbols should NOT be based on directions North and South of LITERAL Jerusalem, because God's people are not located at Jerusalem more than ^{at} any other place in the world.

③ Old Testament location names should have a world wide application TODAY, if they are in prophecy.

④ THIS principle should also include all of the New Testament.

EXAMPLE:

① Babylon - Papacy and all false religion - Rev. 17.

② Egypt - atheism - G.C. 269.

THESE symbols are correct, but if we say the Papacy is the King of the North OR Atheism is King of the South we are basing our symbols on directions North and South of Jerusalem.

SINCE Spiritual Israel is God's people in the entire world, the symbol for the King of the North and the King of the South should be based on a meaning for the entire world and not on directions north and south of Jerusalem.

IN other words, NORTH and SOUTH as symbols do not need to be based on NORTH and SOUTH as directions on the earth.

Review

God is King of the North. Ps. 48:1-2.

Satan became god of this world II Cor. 4:4, Jn. 12:31.

THEREFORE Satan becomes King of the NORTH on this earth.

APPLICATION TO Dan. 11:

ALL of Daniel's visions include the rise and fall of nations so:

TO be consistent, Dan. 11: should also include the rise and fall of nations.

IN Dan. 11: the Kings of the North are nations that represent Satan.

ARE there any Bible examples of earthly governments representing Satan?

Isa. 14:4. (v. 12-18) King of Babylon

Eze. 28:2. (v. 2-19.) Prince of Tyrus

Rev. 12:4. Satan working through Pagan Rome to destroy Jesus

WHAT characteristics will nations have that represent Satan?

- ① atheism
- ② spiritualism
- ③ (pride) - Eze. 28:2, Isa. 14:12.
- ④ no profession of religion
- ⑤ persecutes all religions
- ⑥ stands on the battle field as opposite the King of the South -

WHAT world powers since 1798 fulfill these characteristics?

- ① France - French Revolution
- ② Germany -
- ③ Communism - Russia - the leader -

WHAT characteristics do the Kings of the South have? (opposite of NORTH)

- ① stands on the battlefield as opposite to the King of the North -
- ② makes a profession of religion -

WHAT world powers are represented as Kings of the South in this prophecy?

- ① the Papacy - v. 5-6.
- ② England
- ③ United States

THE titles King of the North & King of the South are used in Dan. 11: as symbols of different nations in a position of world power.

WHEN each nation falls another nation comes to power to take its place.

EACH King of the North will represent the characteristics of Satan.

Each King of the South will represent an apostate religion.

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CHAPTER 11

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"him" Darius

Persians

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GREECE

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

"mighty king" - Alexander the Great

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

Alexander's Kingdom is soon broken & divided between his 4 generals. "4 winds" = in this case are the 4 directions. (Matt. 24:31.)

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one portion to each, north, south, east and west.
Dan. 8:8, 4 horns on the "he goat"

"not to his posterity" - Alexander's Kingdom was not given to his son or to any other family members or descendents.

ROME "shall be plucked up" - GREECE will pass away,
"even for others besides those" - 4 generals
"others" - THE next Kingdom of Rome, Pagan Rome
Papacy and then Papal Rome.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

THIS verse brings us down through the rule of the Papacy to near 1798.
"his" = the political power of the Papacy.

"King of the South" - Papacy - an Apostate Religion helped to establish the Holy Roman Empire, which was a loose union of European nations. THE Papacy dictated to all the Kings of Europe.
"one of his (Papacy-political power) princes" - Napoleon
Napoleon became stronger than the pope and conquered much of Europe, Napoleon abolished the Holy Roman Empire in 1806.
Napoleon becomes the King of the North but is not mentioned as such until v. 6.

1798 - "DEADLY WOUND" -

- D Attempted Concordat
- ② Deadly Wound
- ③ ENDS ALL PAPAL POWER
- ④ ORIGIN

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

"end of years" - 1798.
"they" - France and allies
"join themselves together" - Napoleon's effort to unite Europe into one nation -
"the King's daughter of the south" - Papacy

The King "the King" = as political head of the Holy Roman Empire
see. v.36 "daughter" - the Papal church in its religious power
"south" - This prophecy begins with the King of the South in the south of the King of the North but does not continue through the prophecy that way because these symbols are not based on directions. SOUTH = professes an Apostate religion.

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"King of the north" - Napoleon - France
"shall come" - Pope sent a Papal emissary to Napoleon
"to make an agreement" - Margin - "rights" or "divine rights" - Strong's Concordance - "concord"

A concord is an agreement. Seems to refer to the Concordant which is an agreement that the papacy signs with a country, in which they each agree to do certain things for each other.

AT this time the pope sent a representative to Napoleon to try to stop his wars and to retain her right to direct the European countries and especially France. THE Papacy claimed she had the "divine right" to tell the kings what to do and they were to obey her explicitly. Napoleon refused to sign the agreement. He responded with some very strong words and sent his general Bertier to take the pope prisoner in 1798, (Feb. 15th.)

ment; but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

"she" - papacy - religious power
"power of the arm" - power over Empire - Holy Roman
"arm" = power - armies

THE "power of the arm" was the power the papacy had over the nations to dictate to them and have them obey her. IN 1798 she lost that power. IN the near future this same religious and political power will be given back to her. - in v. 31, when it says "And arms shall stand on his part..."

"neither shall he stand or his arm" - This refers specifically to the Papacy's loss of all its political power in 1798.

"she shall be given up" - The papacy loses all its religious power in 1798.

"they that brought her" - Christianity -

"he that begat her" - Paganism - old Babylon tradition.

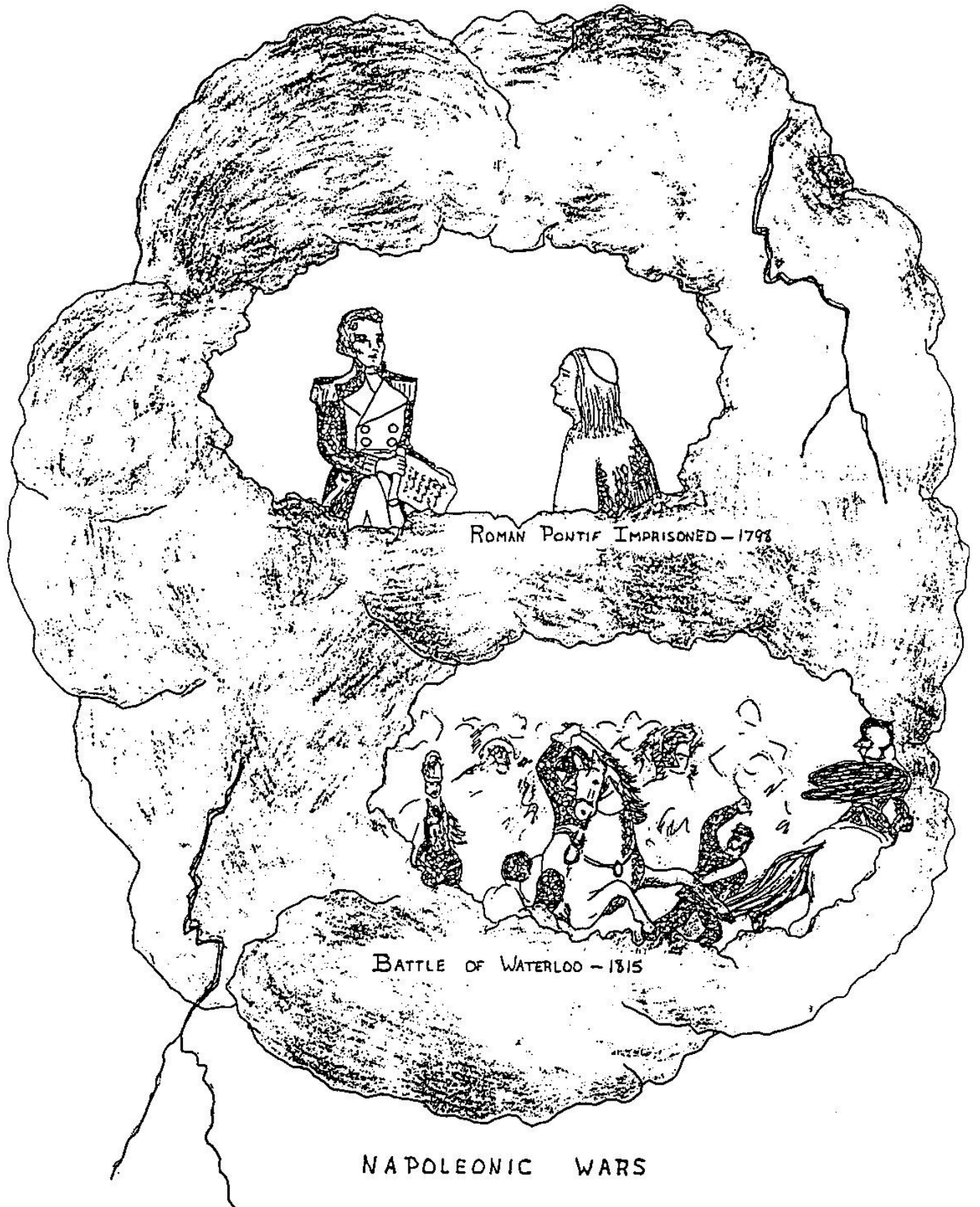
THESE last two phrases show the origin of the Papacy—
 a union of the Apostolic Church, after it became corrupt,
 and paganism.

"and he that strengthened her in these times" - The nations
 and Kings of Europe which had followed her every
 command for 1260 yrs. now refused to continue to
 cooperate with her. "he" - refers specifically to the nations of Europe
 as united together in the Holy Roman Empire.

THE King of the South has now fallen and another nation takes
 its place as King of the South in v. 7.

THE country of FRANCE with Napoleon as its leader is
 still the King of the North.

FIRST THUNDER



ROMAN PONTIFF IMPRISONED - 1798

BATTLE OF WATERLOO - 1815

NAPOLEONIC WARS

ENGLAND vs FRANCE - BATTLE OF WATERLOO (34)

1815. (v. 7-9)

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

"out of a branch of her roots..." The next King of the South comes from a branch of the roots of the Papacy. This next nation will have a religion which has the same foundation principles (roots) as the Papacy. The Church of England (Anglican Church) separated from the Papacy in 1534. It differs very little from the Papacy except for having the King of England as head over the church instead of the Pope.

"... shall one stand up in his estate (place)..." Before 1798 England arose to a position of world power and now takes its place as King of the South in opposition to the King of North. (France)

"... which (Eng.) shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress (or strong hold) of the King of the North..." (France) England goes to France and fights in Europe on France's own soil.

"and shall deal (advance) against them, (France) and prevail (conquer)." England and France fight each other at the Battle of Waterloo near Brussels. France, under the leadership of Napoleon, suffered a disastrous defeat on June 18, 1815.

The King of the North, France, has now fallen so another nation soon arises to take the title - King of the North. Each nation which takes this title has the characteristics of Satan & represents Satan.

"Egypt" = atheism - England combines France's gods of Reason & Evolution with atheism -

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and

The "gods" of France were atheism, Reason, & evolution at this time. England

was instrumental in spreading these philosophies to the entire world through her schools.

As a result of the French Revolution, England "shall also carry captives" (the gods of France - Reason and Evolution) into Egypt (atheism) "their gods" (Reason + Evolution)

Thus we see the ideas of spiritual Egypt being taught in all public schools today. Lamarck, a professor of zoology, in Paris during the French Revolution was one of the first to propose a theory of evolution.

Charles Darwin, in England, popularized the theory + helped to spread it to the world.

"... with their princes, and with their precious vessels of gold and silver;" ...

England also took home with them prisoners of war, including Napoleon, and other booty.

he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

"he" = England

In this prophecy England is shown to be King of the South, or allies with the King of the South to the end of time.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

England conquers France but does not occupy or control it.

PRUSSIAN WARS v. 10.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

"his sons" .. The intermarriage of the ruling families of Europe and England. In this way England was attempting to unite Europe.

"shall be stirred up" .. Prussian wars in late 1800's.

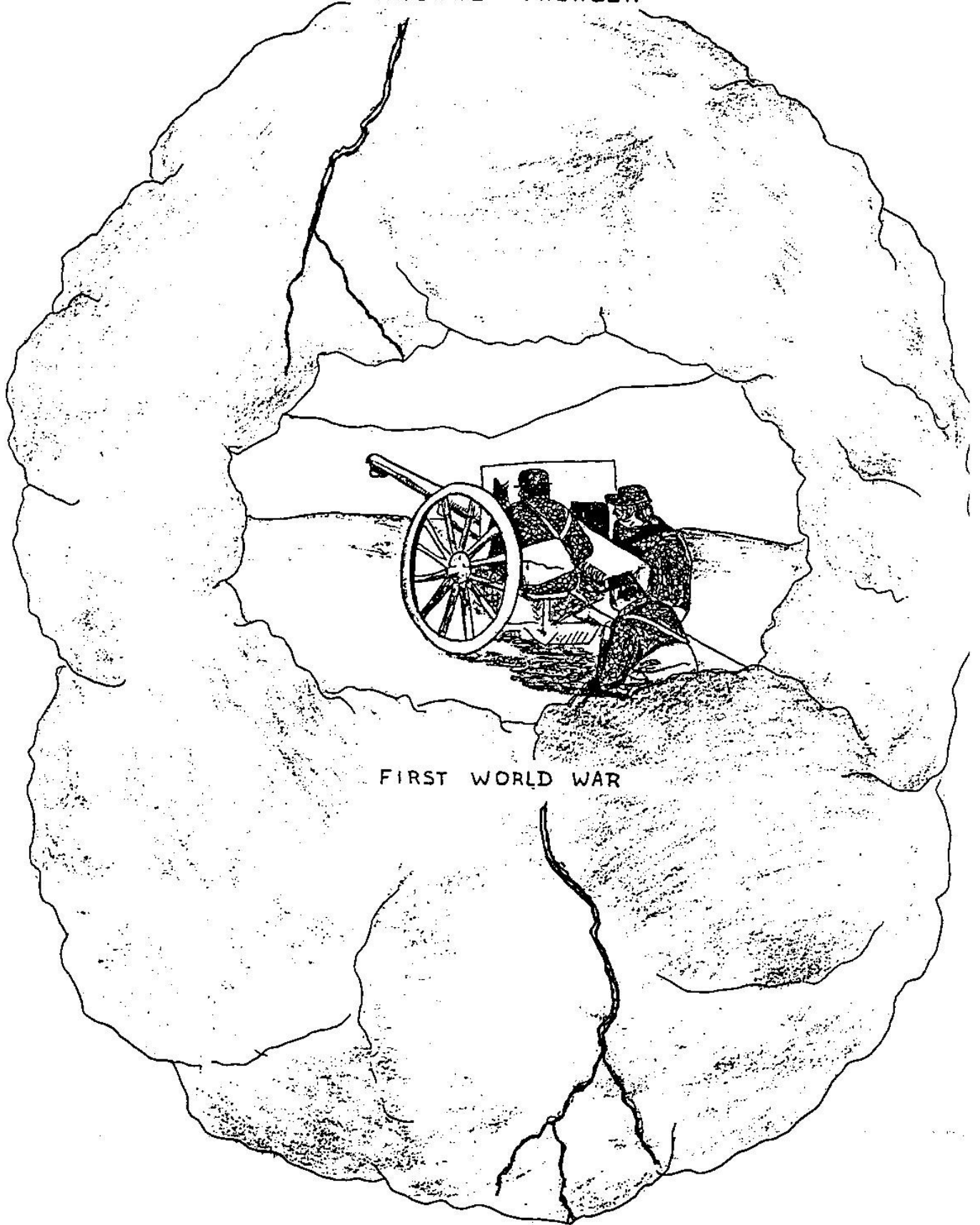
"one shall certainly come," ... As a result of these wars Germany emerges as a strong nation and takes the title as the next King of the North.

... "and overflow" .. (conquer)

... "then shall he (Germany) return, and be stirred up, even to his (Germany's) fortress."

Germany goes home and prepares itself for more war.

SECOND THUNDER



FIRST WORLD WAR

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north:

"And the King of the South (England) shall be moved with cholera, (bitter, angry) and shall come...

England becomes angry at Germany because of Germany's aggression in Europe. England, King of the South, enters World War I against Germany, King of the North. World War I 1914-1918.

and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

"and he (Germany) shall set forth (raise up) a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given

into his (England's) hand. (power)

England and allies, including the U.S., defeat Germany the King of the North. World War I was the most bloody and most costly war in modern history up to that time. Allied casualties - 22+ million.

Central Powers - casualties 15+ million. World War I took the lives of twice as many men as all major wars from 1790 to 1913 put together.

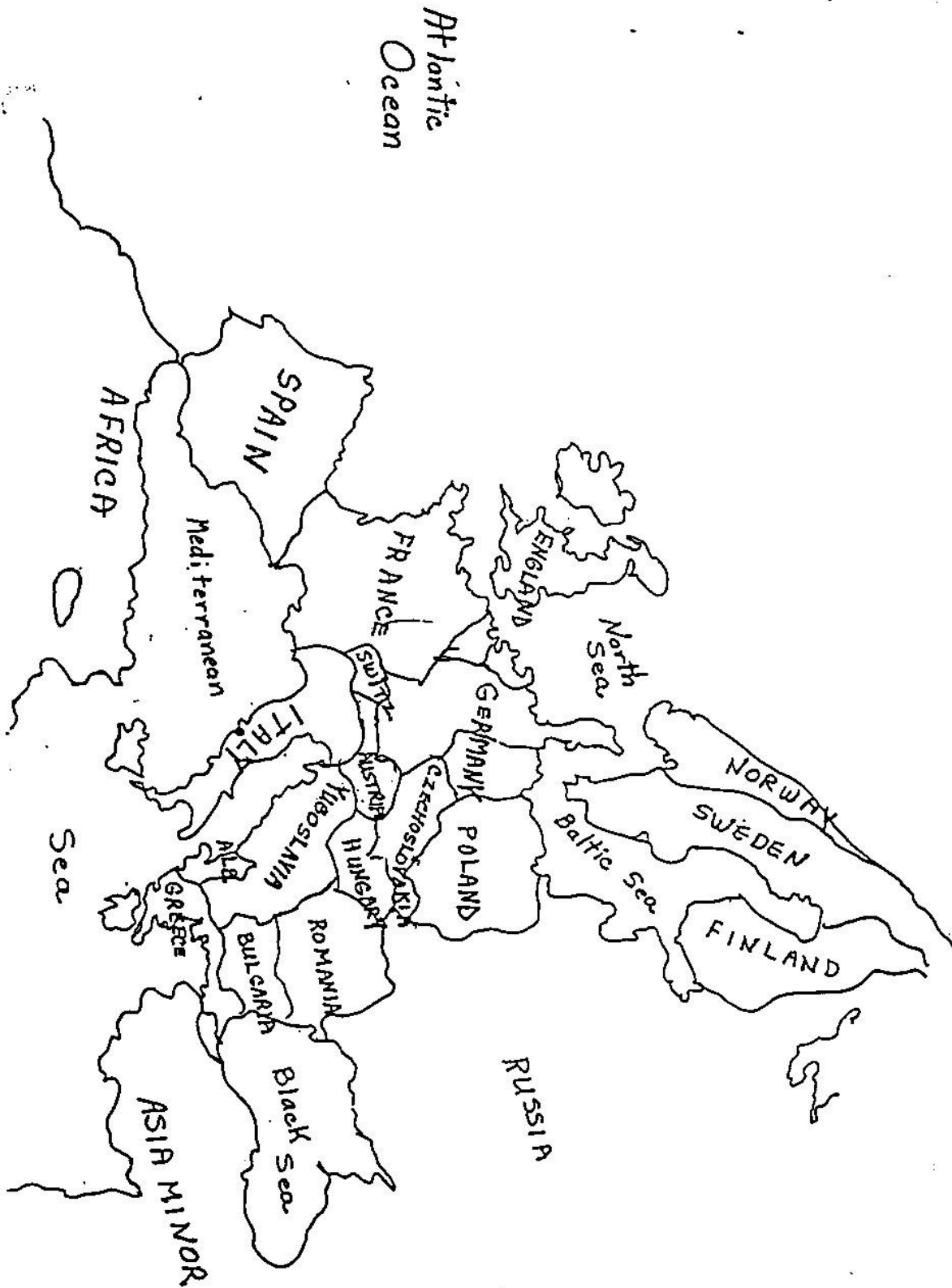
12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands; but he shall not be strengthened by it.

"And when he (the King of the South, England & the United States as allies) hath taken away the multitude, ...

The Treaty of Versailles was especially harsh on Germany. After defeating Germany, England "lifted up" his heart in the treaty of Versailles which stripped Germany of ^{its} power; army, navy, & colonies & exacted taxes of them, but England soon found itself in a depression which put many of its people in bread lines.

... "but he (England) shall not be strengthened by it" (the Treaty of Versailles)

The Treaty of Versailles was not signed by Germany until June 28, 1919, even though an armistice ended the fighting on Nov. 11, 1918.



13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

"For the King of the North shall return"

This statement introduces a new war but with the same nation returning as King of the North.

..."and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former,"...

The number of men and women mobilized in World War II was nearly half again as many as World War I. The Allies (England, U.S. etc.) had 62 million compared with 42 million in W. War I. The Axis powers (Germany & allies) had 30 million in W. War II as compared with 22,800,000 in W. War I.

..."and shall certainly come after certain years"...
(margin - "even years")

World War I officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, June 28, 1919. World War II began Sept 1, 1939, 20 years later ("even yrs") when Germany attacked Poland.

..."a great army with much riches"
"riches" (property as gathered or collected) The riches represent the many implements of war & the cost to produce them. World War II cost more than all previous wars put together. Its cost exceeded \$1,150,000,000,000. (1 trillion, 150 billion) W. War II killed more people, cost more money, damaged more property, affected more people, & probably caused more changes than any other war in history.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

"And in those times) (World War II)
there shall many stand up
against the King of the South (Eng.)

Germany, (King of the North) has many allies, which are all represented by the title, King of the North. They all "stand up against" or fight the King of the South (England & her allies). Italy, under Mussolini, entered the War June 10, 1940, and Japan entered the war on Dec. 7, 1941.

... "also the robbers of thy people"...

This phrase identifies a new nation that enters the war. Notice that they are not represented as being a part with either the King of the North or the King of the South. The title "robbers of thy people" very aptly describes Communism and its treatment of all who believe in God. Russia entered W. War II on June 22, 1941, in an effort to become a world power ("to exalt themselves") and "to establish the vision" of world domination through communism.

... "but they (Russia) shall fall."

This phrase predicts the future down fall of Russia.

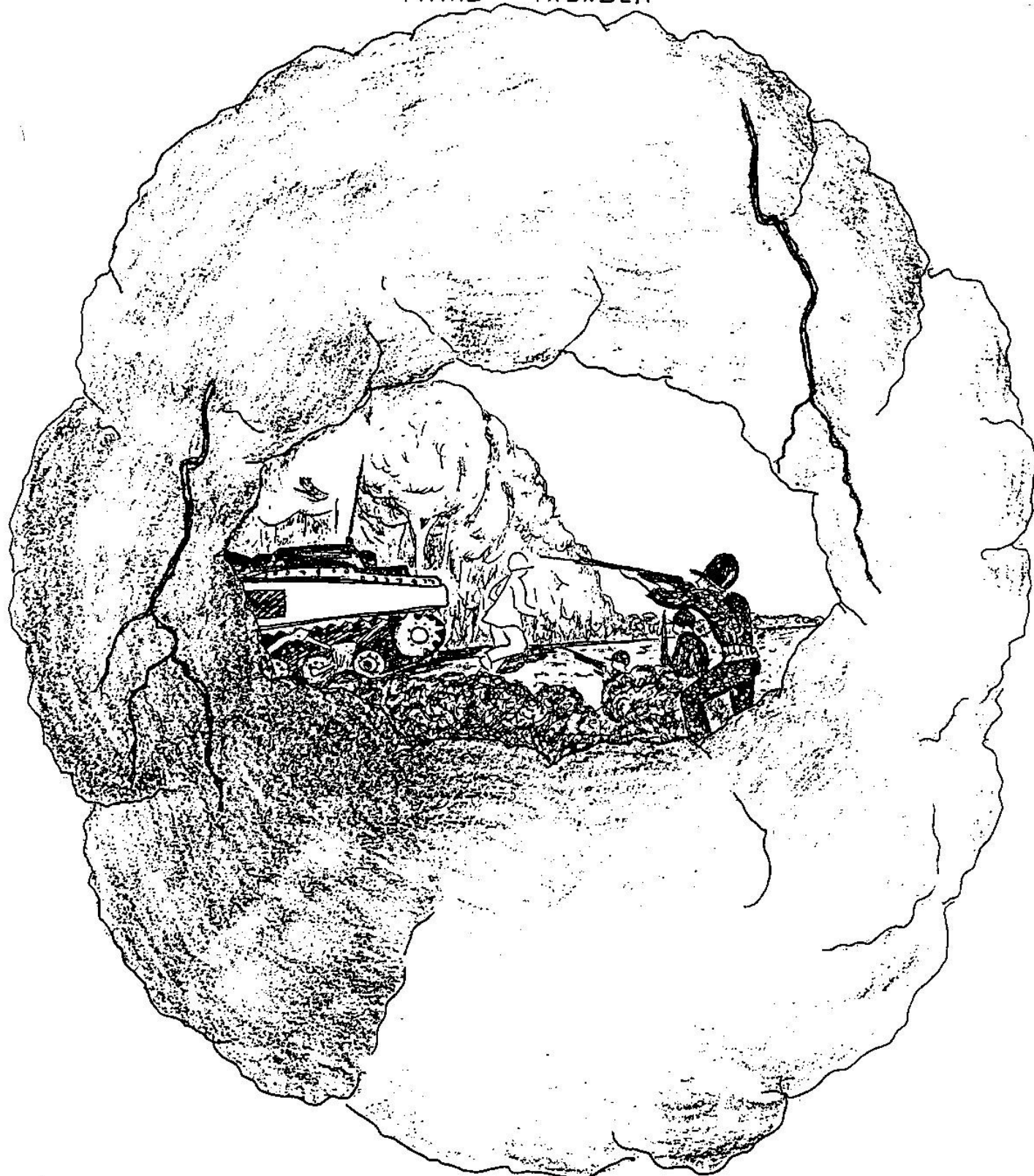
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"So the King of the North (Germany)
shall come, and cast up"
(to mound up) "a mount," (a
military mound, rampart of

besiegers { fortification }), "and take the most fenced cities: "...

In the west, the Germans worked at frantic speed to complete the Siegfried Line fortifications opposite the French Maginot Line.

THIRD THUNDER



SECOND WORLD WAR

The Maginot Line was a fortified line of defense along the eastern border of France facing Germany.

Build after W. War I it contained fox holes, barbed wire etc. Underground chambers provided space for communication systems, hospitals, storerooms, garages, living quarters, and hangars. This line was supposed to keep Germany from invading France. In June, 1940, the Germans invaded France through Belgium, passing north of the Maginot Line. In three weeks they swept past & then behind the line, & captured it from the rear.

... "and take the most fenced cities" ...

France surrendered to Germany on June 22, 1940.

and the arms of the south shall notwithstanding, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

... and the arms (power, armies) of the south (King of the South-England) shall notwithstanding, ...

France's surrender left Great Britain with no allies in western Europe. Germany had crushed six countries in three months, & Hitler boasted that he would march into London in 2 more months. He ordered high command to plan an invasion of the British Isles, but Hitler hoped he could force Britain to surrender without invasion. Italian troops conquered most of Britain's territory in north Africa.

... "neither his chosen people,"

This phrase identifies the Jewish people. Hitler planned to build a super race of perfect people (blue eyed - blond & German). The nation of Germany

was atheist. Hitler had a hatred of all other nationalities & especially of the Jewish people. Over 6 million Jews were killed by Hitler during World War II, of the 10 million Jews in Europe.

This term, "his chosen people," is used here only for identification. The Jews are not now God's special chosen people any more than any other nationality since they rejected Jesus Christ and his followers. Study Romans 11; especially v. 17-23, 26. "All Israel shall be saved." (v. 26) The Gentiles are grafted into the olive tree which is true spiritual Israel. To belong to spiritual Israel, we must belong to Jesus Christ. Then all the promises of the Bible are for us, even though they were originally for the Jewish people.

Gal. 3:29, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

"But he (King of the North, Germany) that cometh against him (King of the South, England) shall do according to his own

will, and none shall stand before him:"
(Germany, King of the North)

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do; and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her:

"He (Germany) shall also set his face to enter (besiege) with the strength of his (Germany) whole kingdom,"

Germany now enters another nation but does not completely conquer the nation. Germany invaded Russia June 22, 1941, and went almost to Moscow. Germany held this much of Russia until Feb. 2, 1943.

CONCORDAT = PAPACY - HITLER - MUSSOLINI

... "and upright ones (margin - much uprightness or equal conditions) with him." (Germany)

This refers to Germany's allies, ones whose past professes to represent uprightness. This is Italy under Mussolini and the Vatican State under Pope Pius XI. Mussolini signed a Concordat with the Papacy and also signed the Lateran Treaty in 1929. This laid the foundation for the healing of the deadly wound of the beast (Rev. 13:3).

The papacy tried to help Germany during the war by influencing Catholics, especially those in Allied government positions, particularly in the U.S. This influence in the U.S. govt. helped to keep us out of the war until the U.S. was attacked at Pearl Harbor.

... "upright ones". "The pope, on Dec. 20, 1926, declared to all nations that 'Mussolini is the man sent by Providence'." - "The Vatican in World Politics" by Avro Manhattan pub. 1949.

Margin - "equal conditions" - Webster Dict. 1828 - equal - 10. Being on the same terms; enjoying the same or similar benefits. (Suggest = THIS refers to the Concordat between Papacy - Italy - Germany)

CROSS REFERENCE - Wigram's Concordance -

Prov. 12:15. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...

Micah 3:9. Hear this, ye heads, ye princes, that abhor judgment, & pervert all equity.

Addition to Book - "Blow The Trumpet..." p. 41.

DAN. 11: 17.

.... "and upright ones (Mussolini + the Papacy) with him (Germany-Hitler); thus shall he (Germany) do. and he (Mussolini - Mussolini had already signed several Concordats with the Papacy) shall give him (Germany - Hitler) the daughter (church - Papacy) of woman (plural showing the dual origin of the Papacy ① Paganism ② Christianity) corrupting (to destroy) her; (the Papacy) but she shall not stand on his (Germany's) side, neither be for him, (Germany - Hitler)

A picture of Mussolini, the Pope and Hitler can be found in the book, Smoke Screens from Chick Publications, along with other information.

GERMANY - ALLIED WITH JAPAN vs. U.S. (42) (1941.)

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many; but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.

"After this (^{after} the last event) shall he (Germany + allies) turn his (Ger.) face, unto the isles; (islands) and shall take many." ...

The attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 plunged the U.S. into war against Japan. Japan's empire at its height stretched from the Netherlands East Indies to parts of the Aleutian Islands, near Alaska.

... "but a prince (^(the U.S.) son of a king) for his own behalf (OR in his own defense [Web. Dict. 1828]) shall cause the reproach (shame, disgrace, object of contempt) (the war) offered by him; (the Axis powers - Germany, Italy, + Japan) to cease; ...

The United States enters the war in self-defense to stop the aggression of the Axis nations. On Dec. 8, 1941, the U.S. declared war on Japan. Germany + Italy declared war on the U.S. on Dec. 11, + U.S. in turn declared war on these two nations.

... "without his (U.S. + allied with England as King of the South) own reproach he (U.S.) shall cause it (the war) to turn upon him." (Germany - King of North)

As a result of the U.S. entering the war, the Axis powers begin to lose, without the war coming into our own country.

"his own reproach" - THE war does not come on our own soil.

GERMANY LOSES

(43)

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

"Then he (Germany - King of the North) shall turn his face toward the fort of his (Germany's) own land:

Germany is driven back into his own country.

... "but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found."

Germany falls as King of the North and never again occupies the position of King of the North.

STALIN

20 Then shall stand up in his estate. ¹⁰a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

"Then shall stand up in his ^(Heb) estate" (place - margin)
"a raiser of taxes" (margin - Heb. "one that causeth an exactor to pass over")

Another nation now arises to take the position of King of the North. This nation has the same characteristics as the last King of the North. Russia is noted for being a Communist dictatorship. Russia is atheistic, persecutes all religions, and on the battlefield Russia stands in opposition to the King of the South, the United States and England. In verses 20 + 21. we see two of the most notorious leaders of Russia described, Stalin + Khrushchev.

... "a raiser of taxes in the glory (honour) of the kingdom"...
Stalin originated a series of 5 yr. plans which at times exacted from the people a total of 90%

or more of their income in taxes. This money was used to build Russia up to a world power. The first Five Year Plans ended all free enterprise & private trade in 1928.

... "a raiser of taxes"... margin Heb. "one that causeth an exactor to pass over".

Webster 1828 Dictionary →

EXACTOR, n. One who exacts; an officer who collects tribute, taxes or customs.

I will make thine officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Isa. lx.

2. An extortioner; one who compels another to pay more than is legal or reasonable; one who demands something without pity or regard to justice. Bacon.

3. He that demands by authority; as an exactor of oaths. Bacon.

4. One who is unreasonably severe in his injunctions or demands. Tillotson.

→ This definition of the word "exactors" certainly describes Russia's methods of dealing with their people.

The definition of the word taxes from the Hebrew also describes Russia's Communistic methods of ruling over the people.

→ "taxes", Heb. from Strong's Concordance - to drive, to tax, harass, tyrannize, distress, oppress, raiser of taxes, taskmaster.

... "but within few days..(years) - a day for a year in Bible prophecy unless shown to be otherwise - See Num. 14:34. Eze. 4:6.

... "he (Stalin) shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle."

Stalin did not die of natural causes as history tells us. His death was secretly planned.

This fact is publicly known in Communist countries

"neither in anger" possibly internal revolution

"nor in battle" battle or war with another nation

Stalin is reported to have been poisoned. (1953)

KHRUSHCHEV REIGNS

(45)

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

"And in his (Stalin's) estate (margin - place) shall stand up a vile person," (Khrushchev)

Stalin died in 1953. Khrushchev became absolute dictator in 1958. A "collective leadership" ruled during the 5 yrs. between.

This phrase shows that v. 21 + v. 20 are both describing a person. Khrushchev now takes Stalin's place as leader of the nation titled the King of the North. Khrushchev demonstrated his vile nature at the United Nations when his speech was so filled with profanity that our newspapers could only print a summary of his speech. Following his speech he pounded his shoe on the desk and on the microphone in an effort to drown out all opposing views.

... "to whom they (Russia) shall not give the honour of the kingdom:"...

After Khrushchev was put out of office as a dictator, they tore down all of the pictures of him from off of all the public buildings in Russia. In this and in other ways Russia did not give Khrushchev any honor for having been their ruler. (This fact was reported on the world news at the time it happened.)

... "but he (Khrushchev) shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." (something very smooth, soft words, kind speeches)

This describes exactly how Khrushchev came to power. He was comparatively unknown when Stalin died in 1953. But he followed Stalin's pattern of first winning control of the Communist party and then using that control to dominate all Russian life.

He eliminated his rivals from top leadership, while he claimed to favor collective leadership and to oppose a one man rule. Khrushchev would say nice things about his rivals, win their friendship and confidence and then eliminate them in one way or another one by one.

COMMUNISM AND

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

HOW IT CAME TO POWER

"And with the arms (forces, power, strength) of a flood (deluge, overflow) shall they (other nations) be overflowed (to inundate, to

conquer) from before him (Russia, King of the North) and shall be broken; yea, also the prince (commander) of the covenant." (God's law.)

Verses 22-24 describe the methods which Russia (and Communism) has used to take over other nations. Russia's army covered the lands of Eastern Europe like a flood and destroyed all freedoms ... "Arms of a flood" ... In the Bible water symbolizes people, (Rev. 17:15) so Russia uses the power of many people, and also the power of propaganda (words from people) to take over many nations of the world.

→ ... "the prince of the covenant." This represents Jesus, who ratified the new covenant on the cross, by dying for our sins so that we may have eternal life. The covenant refers to God's law, the ten commandments. Read Ex. 19:5-8. Read all of Ex. 19: and Ex. 20:1-17. Jesus explained the Old Testament Covenant in these words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, thou

shalt love thy neighbor as thyself... upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matt. 22:37-40.

The first four commandments show us how to love God perfectly; the last six commandments show us how to love others perfectly.

The ten commandments show us God's character of love and how his government is run. We are never saved by keeping the law because since sin entered the world all of our righteousness is as filthy rags. See Isa. 64:6. The law only shows us what sin is. We are saved by grace, (See Rom. 3:23-26.) through Jesus Christ. Being saved by grace

does not give us permission to willfully break the laws of God's govt. any more than the governors pardon ⁱⁿ to a criminal on death row would give him permission to go out of the penitentiary and willfully break the laws of the land we live in.

Rom. 3:31. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

See Heb. 10:16-17.

I Jn. 4:8. "He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love." We keep God's 10 commandment law because we love Him; because we are saved by grace, not in order to be saved. Jesus says in Jn. 14:15. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments."

Keeping the ten commandment law is the Christian's way of showing God that we love Him. All of the 10 commandments are in the New Testament.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- I Matt. 22:37.
- II I John 5:27. I Cor. 10:19-21. John 4:24.
- III Matt. 5: 33-37.

IV Mark 2:27-8. Matt. 24:20, 28:1. Mark 16:1-2. Lu. 4:16, 23:54-6. (48)
 V Matt. 15:4-9. Eph. 6:1-3.
 VI Matt. 5:21-2. I Jn. 3:15. IX Matt. 19:18.
 VII Matt. 5:27-8. 19:9, 18. X Rom. 7:7. Matt. 19:21-2.
 VIII Matt. 19:18. 15:19.

In Dan. 11:22. . . "the prince of the covenant," Jesus, is broken. The Son of God is crucified afresh and put to an open shame (Heb. 6:6.) everytime Christians are persecuted or God's Word is attacked. This is exactly what has happened in Russia and in all other Communist nations of the world. When Communism takes over a country they immediately procede to attack Christianity first by propaganda and then by persecuting all Christians. They destroy God's Word by teaching atheism to all the people from very early childhood on.

23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

"And after the league (to join) made with him (Russia) he (Russia) shall work (advance) deceitfully: . . . (subtilly, treacherously)

The agreement at Yalta made with Russia provided that the conquered territory of World War II should be occupied for a period of time and then each nation should be established as a sovereign nation. Russia worked deceitfully by retaining control of its occupied territory.

League - 1828. Webster Dictionary - An alliance or confederacy between princes or states for mutual aid or defense

V. 23 (cont.) ... "for he (Russia) shall come up, and shall become strong (make powerful or numerous) with a small (a few) people."

Russia became a strong nation with only 3-5 % of its people as members of the Communist party.
According to World Book Encyclopedia ©1961, Russia still had fewer than 4% of its population as members of the Communist party.

24 He shall enter ¹²peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches; yea, and he shall ¹³forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

"He (Russia) shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest (a fertile field) places of the province; "...

important agricultural Poland and Romania.

After World War II Russia retained the two most areas of eastern Europe, Poland grows more rye and potatoes than any other country in the world. (1961)
In Romania the most important industry is agriculture. Romania is third in the world in corn production (1961) and also has many vineyards, fruit orchards, sheep, and cattle. Russia also retained many mining and highly industrialized areas.

... "and he (Russia) shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he (Russia) shall scatter (to disperse) among them (the people) the prey and spoil (booty) and riches;... (property, as gathered)."

This presents the Communists theory of

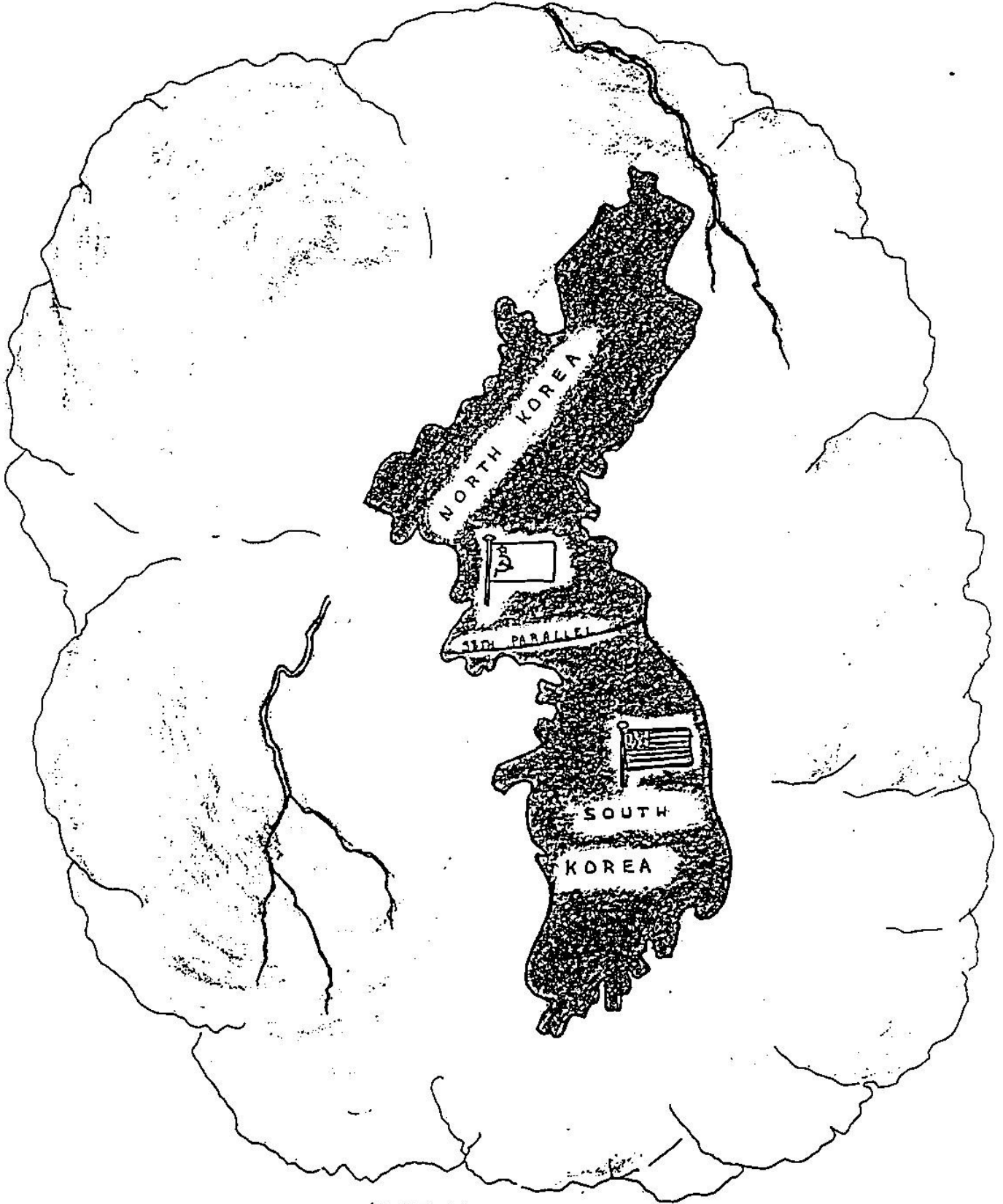
common ownership and control of all property. All persons under Communism are supposed to be of one class and all wealth is to be distributed evenly. The verse says that this has never been done before in Russia. In actual practice this theory does not work. But the promise of always having a job and always having food, and a place to live sounds very attractive in poor countries. Thus Russia has been very successful in using these ideas as part of its propoganda to help in being able to take over many of the poorer nations of the world.

... "yea, (yes) and he (Russia) shall forecast (to fabricate, to plot or contrive [usually in a malicious sense], to think, compute, cunning, invent) his (Russia's) devises (intention, plan) against the strong holds, (most fenced fortress) even for a time."

Propaganda is the main method of aggression used by Russia for some time. The "strong holds" represent the strongest nations on earth other than Russia, especially the United States of America. Russia has used its methods of propoganda on our nation for many years in its plan to eventually take over the United States.

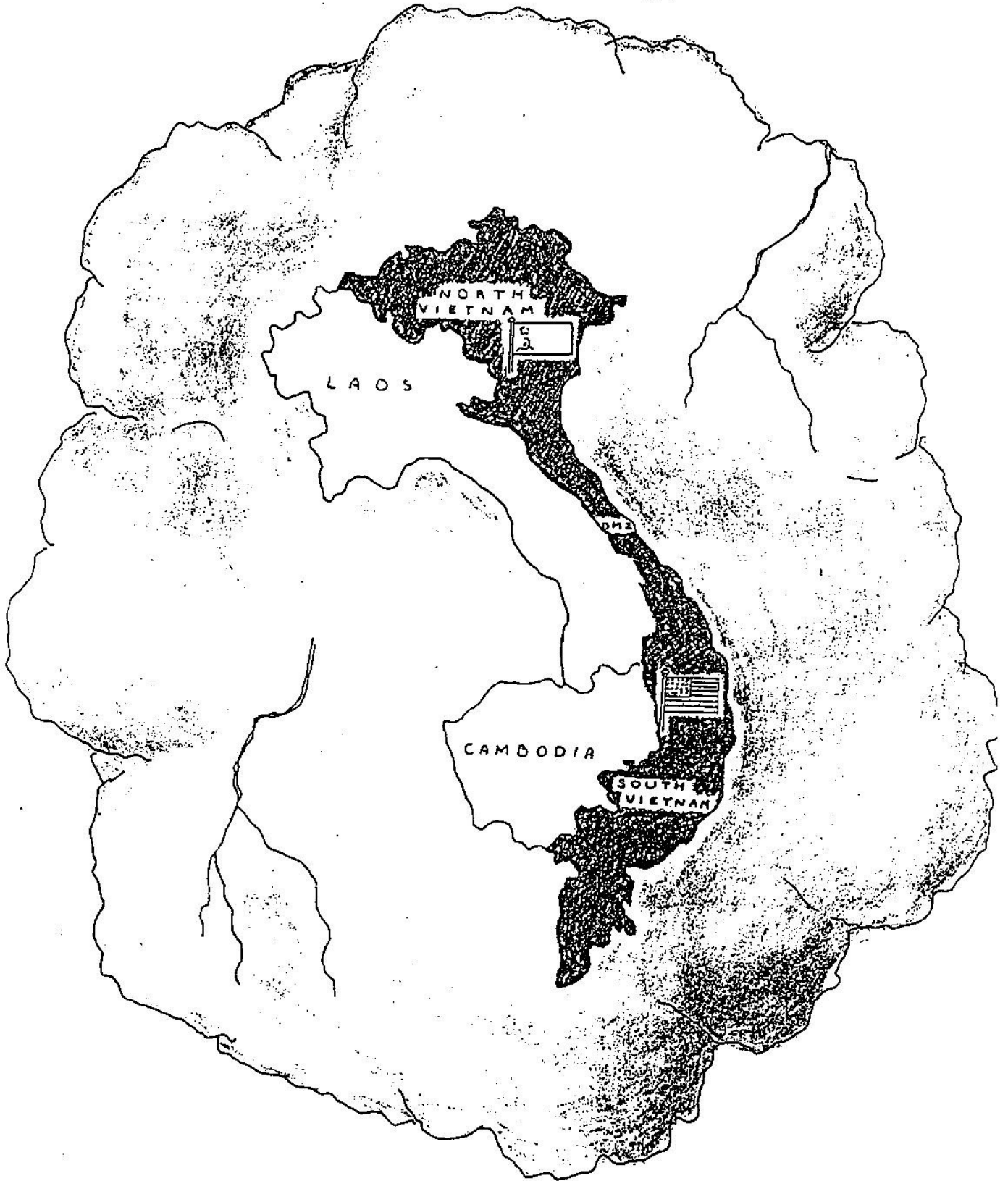
Russia hopefully plans on being able to take over our nation without open war on the U.S. As Khrushchev said when he visited the United Nations during his trip to the United States, "We will bury you."

FOURTH THUNDER



KOREAN WAR

FIFTH THUNDER



VIETNAM WAR

THE KOREAN

AND VIETNAMESE

(51)

25 And ¹⁴he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

WARS Verses 25-26.

"And he (Russia - King of the North) shall stir up his (Russia's) power (force) and his courage against the king of the south (United States & allies - England) with a great army; and the king of the south (United States) shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty (powerful, numerous) army; but he (King of the South - United States) shall not stand: for they (Russia & allies) shall forecast (to plot or contrive) devices (plan) (a scheme) against him." (King of South - United States)

This verse describes the first war Russia has with the United States; the Korean War (1950-1953). The war was supposedly between Communist North Korea & the Republic of So. Korea. Since Russia aided the North Koreans and the United States & allies (of the United Nations) backed South Korea it was actually a war between Russia and the United States. NOTICE: King of the North on the North on the battlefield & King of the South is on the south on the battlefield ... "but he (U.S. & allies) shall not stand: "...

This appears to prophesy that South Korea will ultimately go with Communist North Korea. As the situation stands at present neither side has actually won.

... "for (because) they (N. Korea - Russia) shall forecast devices against him." (So. Korea - U.S. - King of the South)

This phrase and the first half of v. 26 show 2 reasons why the U.S. with So. Korea lose the war. This is the same devices spoken of in the last part of v. 24; propaganda put out by Russia.

Russia's propaganda had an influence in this nation to prevent us from winning the Korean War, even though the United States had superior weapons and supplies.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

"Yea, (yes) they that feed (consume, devour) of the portion of his meat (provision) shall destroy him, (King of the South - U.S.)"

This verse points to the second cause of our failure in the Korean War. It was because of the way the war was managed and directed by our government.

... "they that feed"... government leaders
 ... "of the portion of his (U.S.) meat"... politicians living off of our taxes. This also may include our allies who we supported by our foreign aid.

The next two phrases show the results of this mismanagement.

... "and his (Russia - N. Korea - King of the North) army shall overflow: (conquer) and many shall fall down slain"

As a result of the "See-Saw" war many more were killed than necessary.

THE SUMMIT CONFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO KINGS

27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

speaks lies at one

"And both these kings' (King of the North & King of the South - Russia & the U.S.) hearts (mind, OR understanding) shall be to do mischief, (wickedness) and they (Russia & U.S.) shall table;"

CAN you find a better description of the United Nations and especially of the Summit Conferences that have been going on for several years? THE first half of this verse is exactly where we are today. God tells us that these methods will not be successful in solving the world's problems. ... "for yet the end" ... of this kind of diplomacy will be sometime in the near future. THE end of these methods "shall be at the time appointed."

CROSS REFERENCE OF DAN. 11:27. AND WORD STUDY

"mischief" - 4827 - Strong's - wickedness, evil

only word with this number - checked definitions and used all numbers except # 611 - o.t.

THESE verses chosen from a complete Cross Reference on mischief.

① Ps. 28:3. ... "workers of iniquity... speak peace to their neighbors but mischief is in their hearts."
(Job. 15:34-35)

(Prov. 6:12-15.)

② Ps. 36:1-4, v.4. ... "he deviseth mischief upon his bed."

Early Writings p.123-4. (EG.W. Comments on Ps. 36:4)

CONTEXT: OPPOSITION against the 7th. Day Sabbath.

I saw that many of these shepherds had denied the past teachings of God; they had denied and rejected the glorious truths which they once zealously advocated and had covered themselves with mesmerism and all kinds of delusions. I saw that they were drunken with error and were leading on their flock to death. Many of the opposers of God's truth devise mischief in their heads upon their beds, and in the day they carry out their wicked devices to put down the truth and to

get something new to interest the people and divert their minds from the precious, all-important truth.

"Devise" - To plot, contrive, plan, scheme, invent. (from Strong's & 1828 Webster)

THE TWO KINGS MAKE MISCHIEF

(54)

③ Ps. 94: 20-23.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence: and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

WHAT kind of mischief will the two Kings do at one of the future Summit Conferences? v. 20 "the throne of iniquity...frameth mischief by a law."

WHAT kind of a law? v. 21. a law against the righteous - They condemn persons who are innocent.

THE LAWS against the righteous in the last days will be laws against the 7th. Day Sabbath. THEY will be LAWS against God's TEN COMMANDMENT LAW. THE one big thing that some of God's people do that the world is very much against is that they keep the 7th. Day Sabbath as a day of worship.

HOW far do the TWO KINGS go in making a law to require all to worship on Sunday the 1st. day of the week - a LAW against the righteous who choose to obey all of God's Commandments and worship God on the 7th. Day Sabbath?

THE word "frameth" (Ps. 94: 20) will show us how far they go in making a Sunday Law in a last Summit Conference before going home in Dan. 11: 28.

FRAMETH - Strong's No. 3335 - WORD STUDY

3335 - squeezing into shape, mould into a form, esp. as a potter; fig. to determine, example - to form a resolution, fashion, form, frame, make, potter, purpose.

(FRAMETH - 3335)

1828 Webster Dictionary - PURPOSE - To intend, to design, to resolve, to determine on some end OR object to be accomplished.

(FRAMETH 3335) DETERMINE - (1828 Webster) To resolve, to conclude, to come to a decision.

FRAME - (1828 Webster) ② To make, to compose; as, to frame a law.
⑥ To contrive, to plan, to devise; as, to frame a project or design.

"FRAMETH" from Strong's Concordance 3335 - "to form a resolution"
RESOLUTION - 1828 Webster's Dict.

- ⑨ The determination or decision of a legislative body, or a formal proposition offered for legislative determination. We call that a resolution, which is reduced to form and offered to a legislative house for consideration, and we call it a resolution when adopted. We say, a member moved certain resolutions; the house proceeded to consider the resolutions offered; they adopted or rejected the resolutions.
- ⑩ The formal determination of any corporate body, or of any association of individuals; as the resolutions of a town or other meeting.

FRAMETH - CROSS REFERENCE
Isa. 29:16. "frameth" means to shape.
Jer. 18:11. "frame" means to plan.

Gen. 2:7-8. "formed" - 3335.
(same as frameth in Ps. 94:20.)

7 And the LORD God ⁵formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
8 ¹And the LORD God planted a ²garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

WHAT does "formed" mean in Gen. 2:7-8?
God planned, created, shaped, and formed man.

THE last Summit Conference between the Two Kings will do far more than just discuss the possibilities of a Sunday Law!! THEY will plan, create, shape and form a law against God's LAW and against God's people; and they will have this LAW or "resolution" ready to offer to our congress.
WHICH Sunday Law will this be?

SUGGESTION: Since it is written by the heads of the two leading nations of the world this may include all of the Sun. Laws that follow our N.S.L. that are planned at this time.

WHEN will the United States put our National Sunday Law into force? immediately after our King returns from the Summit Conference in v. 28. ... and his heart shall be against the holy covenant...

WHEN does Russia put a Sunday Law in force?
v. 30 - middle ... and have indignation against the holy covenant...

AND SPEAK LIES

DAN. 11:27. CROSS REFERENCE (cont.)

"speak" = a law OR laws Great Controversy p.442. (Rev. 13:)

"speak lies" - (3576 - lies) Dan. 11:27 →

MORE than one law which God calls "lies" will come out of this Summit Conference.

The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The speaking of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the (lie) to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.

WHAT will ultimately happen to the liars?

Rev. 21:8. "all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire."

Jer. 50:36. "a sword is upon the liars".

... "at one Table" ... Dan. 11:27. unity

... but it shall not prosper ...

THESE Sunday Laws will not bring prosperity as it is thought, PROSPERITY will come to an end at the appointed time.

Great Controversy p. 590.

Dan. 11:27.

... "but it shall not prosper,"

NOTICE:

... "until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced" →

... "preventing their restoration to ... temporal prosperity" →

And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. 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. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated and upon grounds equally well established: "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." 1 Kings 18:17, 18. As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges, they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah.

DAN. 11:27. ... "it shall not prosper",,

WHO does the Bible say will not prosper? ..

Prov. 28:13. "he that covereth his sins".

Deut. 28:15, 29. those who profess to believe God but do not obey Him-

Dan. 8:24-5. the Papacy prospers for a time but shall be broken-

DAN. 11:27. ... "they shall speak lies",, ... "it shall not prosper",,

... "the end (of a period of time when men shall attempt to bring back prosperity by a National Sunday Law - "mark of the beast") shall be at the time appointed".

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE APPOINTED TIME?

National Sunday Law = National Apostasy 7B.C. 977.

National Ruin follows 7B.C. 977.

9T. 13, 93. THEREFORE: National Ruin comes at the APPOINTED TIME.

THE appointed time is NOT a time for the National Sun. Law but it is an exact time for the national ruin which follows.

SUGGESTION: THESE two times are separate but so close together that many Spirit of Prophecy statements lump them together into one event. THERE are also other lesser events preceding the appointed time event which are no doubt included in the national ruin which follows the N.S.L. in some of the E.G.W. statements on this subject.

The Law of God Made Void.—A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin (RH Dec. 18, 1888).

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7B.C. 977.

NOTICE: ① "by legislative enactments, enforce the Sun. Law"

② "enforcing Sunday observance" .. "against.. the 7th. Day Sabbath

THIS INFERS that there has already been a lesser N.S.L. which has not been strictly enforced. (only a Sun. Closing Law - NOT against the Sabbath) BUT THE SUNDAY LAW IN DAN. 11:27-8 IS THE 1st. "MARK OF THE BEAST" N.S.L. ... NATIONAL RUIN FOLLOWS THIS SUNDAY LAW !!

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

I Thess. 5:2-3. TELLS us the same thing as Dan. 11:27-28, G.C. 590, and 7B.C. 977.

"THE DAY OF THE LORD" (begins at N.S.L. 2 R.H. 276, Joel 2:1-2, and many other references) also has a second application - 1844. G.C. 310)

DAY OF LORD

"THE DAY OF THE LORD" comes as a thief. (NO DATE for it ahead of time but we are to watch. I Thess. 5: 4-6. BUT "THE DAY OF THE LORD" is marked by an event: I Thess. 5:3. "WHEN they shall say, PEACE AND SAFETY," (PROCLAMATION of a National Sun. Law to bring back PROSPERITY. G.C. 590, DAN. 11:27, "prosper")

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? "then sudden destruction cometh"... (later in this book an entire Chapter will be devoted to "the Day of the Lord.") (7,095 References in the Spirit of Prophecy on Day of the Lord.)

DAN. 11:28. WORD STUDY (Words in parenthesis from either Strong's Concordance, 1828 Webster's Dict. or an identification of the nation involved.)

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

"Then shall he (U.S. - King of the South) return (to turn back) into his (U.S.) land with great riches; (property)

and his (U.S.) heart (mind) shall be against the holy covenant; (a compact, an agreement, a contract between parties) and he (Russia, King of the North) shall do (to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application as follows: - accomplish, advance, etc. etc.) exploits, and return to his (Russia's) own land." (supplied)

Verse 28 describes the return home of both Russia and the United States from one final Summit Conference after they have finally achieved a goal of at least partial disarmament and the planning and writing of Future Sunday Laws to bring in world peace. THE U.S. returns with "great riches". THEY feel they have accomplished much at this last Summit Conference, RUSSIA does "exploits" as they return home. (Even though the word "exploits" is a supplied word in the K.J.V. the meaning from the Hebrew for the word "do" seems to justify the use of "exploits".)

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SUN. LAWS THERE appears to be four different Sunday Laws OR at least four different stages of enforcement of Sunday Laws in DAN. 11; and one more is inferred in the Spirit of Prophecy which is previous to the "speaking lies" at one table" in v. 27. WHEN the 2 Kings "do mischief and.. speak lies at one table" (v. 27) it appears that this may be the planning and

writing stage of all of the following Sun. Laws OR all of them at least up to the INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY LAW which comes out of a PEACE CONFERENCE in v. 30 (last part) and v. 31.

THE HOLY COVENANT - THE SIGN - THE SEAL.

WHICH Sunday Law is this that is first mentioned in DAN, 11:27-28 and is to be put into force in the United States?

WHAT is the "holy covenant" that the United States sets their mind against?

To answer, first we refer back to v. 22. "the prince of the covenant which is Jesus. The "holy covenant" is God's 10 Commandment law which are the laws of God's government for the entire universe.

WHEN the United States sets its mind against God's "holy covenant", they will pass a law against God's 10 Commandment Law. THIS LAW will be a law against the

KEEP MY COVENANT THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

I →
II →

EX. 19:5-6.
5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then I will be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:
6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 20
AND God spake all these words, saying:
1 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
2 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
3 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
4 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:
5 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

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7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

EXODUS 20
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
13 Thou shalt not kill.
14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
15 Thou shalt not steal.
16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

4th, commandment because that is the only commandment which the entire world has made an effort to do away with. THE 4th, COMMANDMENT is God's SEAL or MARK of His Authority. ANY seal contains the:

- ① NAME
 - ② TITLE
 - ③ AREA OF AUTHORITY
- ① name - Lord thy God
② Title - Creator - made in 6 days -
③ Authority - heaven & earth

Ex. 31:16-17.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.
17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever, for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

"sign" →
"SEAL" →

THE
SABBATH
IS
A
SIGN
BECAUSE!

Eze. 20:20.

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gal. 3:29.

Gal. 3:29 says that if we accept Christ we are Abraham's seed or in other words we are the children of Israel. AS the children of Israel all of the promises of the Bible are ours, and they will be fulfilled in God's last day remnant church.

GOD'S PEOPLE, spiritual Israel, (Gal. 3:29) are to keep the Sabbath for a "perpetual covenant". IT is a sign OR SEAL.
① NAME - the Lord ② TITLE - creator - in 6 days made heaven & earth ③ AREA OF AUTHORITY - heaven & earth.

WHAT IS THE SABBATH A SIGN OF? OUR personal relationship to God.

① A sign, "between Me and you", ② "that ye may know your God".

WE do not really KNOW GOD until we are keeping His 7th. Day Sabbath as a day of worship.

DAN. 11:27. EVEN though the Papacy does not appear to be actively involved in this Summit Conference and the planning of the Sunday Laws at this stage we know from the book Great Controversy p. 563-581. Chapter - "The Aims of the Papacy" - that it is working quietly behind the scenes to accomplish its goal of universal control. ALSO it is working secretly with the U.S. cooperation with the other powers of the world.

DAN. 11:28. "his heart shall be against the holy covenant..."

THE National Sunday Law that is made into law in v. 28 will FORBID anyone from worshipping on the 7th. Day Sabbath. THIS law will also require all to worship on the 1st. day of the week.

AT this time the United States makes an image (an idol Sabbath which is a likeness of God's true Sabbath) to the beast. (Papacy). THIS is explained in detail in Rev. 13: 11-17. MORE will be said about Rev. 13: later.

MORE ON THE "HOLY COVENANT"!! WHICH LAW HAS BEEN DONE ⁽⁶⁾
"If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs ^{AWAY} according to the promise." (See v. 15. "his chosen people.") ^{WITH?}

Only by Jesus Christ's death on the cross for our sins are we as followers of Jesus enabled to keep His law.

Heb. 10:16-17. Jesus will put His law into our hearts & forgive all of our sins. In John 14:15. Jesus says, "If ye love Me keep My commandments."

I Jn. 1:8-10. I Jn. 2:3-6. The love of God is perfected in us as we keep His commandments. (v. 5.) This is the only way we can show our love to Jesus; by keeping His commandments. If we say we know Jesus and do not keep His commandments, God says we are liars. (v. 4.)

Many Christians commonly keep nine out of ten commandments but there is one commandment which is not kept in most of the Christian world. It is the 4th. Commandment.

God created the weekly cycle with a 7th. day for rest at the very beginning of the world. Gen. 2:1-3. This 7th. day of rest is to follow after 6 days of work.

At Mt. Sinai God gave the ten commandments to the children of Israel.

Why did God begin the 4th. commandment with the word remember?

Because they already knew about the 7th. day Sabbath and God was only reminding them to keep it. The Sabbath was created 2,000 yrs. before there was ever a Jew. The Sabbath is at the very center of the law that God runs His government by. The weekly cycle has never been broken. It can be traced from ancient times down to today.

In the New Testament Jesus kept the 7th. day Sabbath.

There is no evidence in the Bible that it has ever been changed.

Jesus even rested on the 7th. day Sabbath in the grave, after He was crucified on the preparation day, Friday. He arose on the early morning of the first day of the week, but nowhere in the Bible has He ever instructed His disciples to celebrate His resurrection by keeping sacred the first day of the week. (We commemorate His resurrection by the rite of baptism Rom. 6:3-8.)

If Jesus did not change the 7th. day Sabbath to the 1st. day of the week (Sunday), who has changed it?

The "man of sin" who has attempted to change "times and laws" is the one who has changed the Sabbath to Sunday. II Thess. 2:1-4. ... "times"... meaning the time for the keeping of the Sabbath and "laws" means the 10 commandment law. Dan. 7:25.

If the 7th. day Sabbath and the ten commandments were not the law that was done away with at the cross, then what law was done away with?

WHICH SUNDAY LAW IS DESCRIBED IN DAN. 11:28.

SUN. LAW No. 2. WHY? 7 B.C. 977.

The Law of God Made Void.—A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin (RH Dec. 18, 1888).

NOTICE: ① "by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law." (laws passed)
 ② "... God's people brought into great peril," (this law has severe penalties)
 ③ "... enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the 7th. day Sabbath."
 ④ "... law of God.. made void"...

THIS IS NOT THE 1st. SUNDAY LAW

BUT it is the 1st. law AGAINST the SABBATH AND ENFORCING Sunday worship, THEREFORE: this is the FIRST "MARK OF THE BEAST." Sun. law,

SUNDAY LAW No. 1 - WHEN 7 B.C. 977. (also other S.O.P. references) says, "... enforcing Sunday observance" ... it infers a prior effort to enforce Sun. Laws which they did not feel was entirely successful. NOW they will do something (penalties) to "enforce Sunday observance" OR in other words to enforce the keeping of Sunday as a day of worship.

WHAT KIND OF LAW WILL SUN. LAW No. 1 BE?

Suggestion: ① Sun. Closing Laws similar to Fiji etc. NOT against the Sabbath ② Sun. Laws which are for the good of society - temperance and reform, health + welfare etc. ③ Laws which only pick up habitual law breakers - NOT S. D. A.'s.

powers taxed equally with the mental. There should be land for cultivation. The time is not far distant when the laws against Sunday labor will be more stringent, and an effort should be made to secure grounds away from the cities, where fruits and vegetables can be raised. Agriculture will open resources for self-support, and various other trades also could be learned. This real, earnest work calls for strength of intellect as well as of muscle. Method and tact are required even to raise fruits and vegetables successfully. And habits of industry will be found an important aid to the youth in resisting temptation.

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor

Fundamentals of Christian Education p. 322.
 Great Controversy p. 587-8. →

G.C. 587-8.

of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, His servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men.

have a National Sunday Closing Law before the "mark of the beast" Sunday Law is imposed. THIS law will not be against the Sabbath. (one other possible evidence of this is in 1 R.H. 405. Col. 3 P. 2.)
See p. 73.

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WE have already had Sunday Blue Laws in the past which are Sun. Closing laws but they have not imposed restrictions on the 7th. Day Sabbath.

FOR a short period of time in the future we may yet

A Study of Principles—No. 5

Methods of Labor Where Prejudice Is Strong

D. E. ROBINSON

In the summer of 1895, there was renewed activity in some of the Southern States in arresting Seventh-day Adventists for Sunday labor; and there were differences of opinion among some of our brethren as to how far the brethren in that field should go in the matter of refraining from their ordinary secular work on Sunday.

Some felt that, where a Sunday law was being enforced, to refrain from such labor under any conditions would be a denial of faith, and would involve receiving the mark of the beast. The only logical conclusion to such a premise would be that our brethren should teach all, even the Sabbath-keepers among the colored people, that, be the consequences what they might, it was their duty to labor openly, as usual, on the first day of the week, in defiance of the Sunday laws. Others who were laboring in the South, with their knowledge of the conditions and the field, and of the strong prejudices of some of the people, felt that our work would be greatly hindered were we to maintain such an attitude.

On the morning of Nov. 20, 1895, on the Armadale camp-ground in Victoria, Australia, a special meeting was called to consider the matter. There were present W. W. Prescott, A. G. Daniells, W. C. White, M. C. Israel, L. J. Rousseau, W. A. Colcord, M. G. Kellogg, W. D. Salisbury, James Smith, and Sisters E. G. White and E. J. Burnham.

Several letters were read with reference to the question at issue, and the brethren were invited to discuss the points treated in the letters; but all seemed desirous of hearing from Sister White, and in the course of her remarks, she said:—

"There is a terrible crisis just before us, through which all must pass, and especially will it come and be felt in ———. My mind has been much troubled over the positions which some of our brethren are liable to take in regard to the work to be done among the colored people in the Southern States. . . ."

"When the truth is proclaimed in the South, a marked difference will be shown by those who oppose the truth in their greater regard for Sunday, and great care must be exercised not to arouse their prejudice. Otherwise we may just as well leave the field entirely. . . ."

"Our laborers must move in a quiet way, striving to do everything possible to present the truth to the people, remembering that the love of Christ will melt down opposition.

"From the light that I have received, I see that if we would get the truth before the Southern people, we must not

encourage the colored people to work on Sunday. There must be a clear understanding regarding this. . . ."

"We are not to make efforts to teach the Southern people to work on Sunday. That which some of our brethren have written upon this point is not based upon right principles. When the practises of the people do not come in conflict with the law of God, you may conform to them. If the workers fail to do this, they will not only hinder their own work, but they will place stumbling-blocks in the way of those for whom they labor, and hinder them from accepting the truth. On Sunday there is the very best opportunity for those who are missionaries to hold Sunday-schools, and come to the people in the simplest manner possible, telling them of the love of Jesus for sinners, and educating them in the Scriptures."

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"If they do this, there is danger that as soon as the opposing element can get the slightest opportunity, they will stir up one another to persecute those whom they hate. At present Sunday-keeping is not the test. The time will come when men will not only forbid Sunday work, but they will try to force men to labor on the Sabbath, and to subscribe to Sunday observance or forfeit their freedom and their lives. But the time for this has not yet come, for the truth must be presented more fully before the people as a witness. What I have said about

WHERE is this location WHAT was left out? Does anyone know? THIS is a particular locality as can be seen from the paragraph above?

this should not be understood as referring to the action of old Sabbath-keepers who understand the truth. They must move as the Lord shall direct them, but let them consider that they can do the best missionary work on Sunday.

"When the colored people feel that they have the Word of God in regard to the Sabbath question, and the sanction of those who brought them the truth, some who are impulsive will take the opportunity to defy the Sunday laws, and by a presumptuous defiance of their oppressors, they will bring to themselves much sorrow. Very faithfully the colored people must be instructed to be like

Christ, to patiently suffer wrongs, that they may help their fellow men to see the light of truth. . . ."

"The people will soon find out what you believe about Sunday and the Sabbath, for they will ask questions. Then you can tell them, but not in such a manner as to attract attention to your work. You need not cut short your work by yourself laboring on Sunday. It would be better to take that day to instruct others in regard to the love of Jesus and true conversion."

Question: "Should the same principles govern our work and our attitude toward the Sunday question in foreign fields where the prejudices of the people are so strong?"

"Yes; just the same. The light that I have is that God's servants should go quietly to work, preaching the grand, precious truths of the Bible,—Christ and him crucified, his love and infinite sacrifice,—showing that the reason why Christ died is because the law of God is immutable, unchangeable, eternal. The Spirit of God will awaken the conscience and the understanding of those with whom you work, bringing the commandments of God to their remembrance. . . . The Sabbath must be taught in a decided manner, but be cautious how you deal with the idol Sunday. A word to the wise is sufficient.

"I have given you the light which has been presented to me. If followed, it will change the course of many, and will make them wise, cautious teachers. Refraining from work on Sunday is not receiving the mark of the beast; and where this will advance the interests of the work, it should be done. We should not go out of our way to work on Sunday.

"After the Sabbath has been sacredly observed, in places where the opposition is so strong as to arouse persecution if work is done on Sunday, let our brethren make that day an occasion to do genuine missionary work. Let them visit the sick and the poor, ministering to their wants, and they will find favorable opportunities to open the Scriptures to individuals and to families. Thus most profitable work can be done for the Master. When those who hear and see the light on the Sabbath take their stand upon the truth to keep God's holy day, difficulties will arise; for efforts will be brought to bear against them to compel men and women to transgress the law of God. Here they must stand firm, that they will not violate the law of God; and if the opposition and persecution are determinedly kept up, let them heed the words of Christ: 'When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.'

SUNDAY LAW No. 2 - WHAT PENALTY? (66)

6 R. H. 123-4.

"The time has not yet come for us to work as if there were no prejudice. Christ said, 'Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.' If you see that by doing certain things which you have a perfect right to do, you hinder the work of truth, refrain from doing these things. Do nothing that will close the minds of others against the truth.

There is a world to save, and we gain nothing by cutting loose from those we are trying to help. All things may be lawful, but all things are not expedient.

"We have no right to do anything that would obstruct the light which is shining from heaven; yet by a wrong course of action we may imperil the work, and close the door which God has opened for the entrance of the truth. The final issue of the Sabbath question has not yet come, and by imprudent actions we may bring on a crisis before the time."

In a letter to Elder A. O. Tait, written the same day this special meeting was held, Mrs. White wrote further in harmony with these principles. She said:—

"This morning I attended a meeting where a select few were called together to consider some questions that were presented to them by a letter soliciting consideration and advice on these subjects. On some of these subjects I could speak, because at sundry times and in divers places, many things have been presented to me in reference to some matters of labor that required great caution in speech as well as in the expression of thought with the pen. The advice

5 T. 152.

The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save him that hath the mark of the beast. We came near having this realized in California a short time since; but this was only the threatening of the blowing of the four winds. As yet they are held by the four angels. We are not just ready. There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bidden to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will be a decisive time for God's children, a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Now is our opportunity to work.

the entire world. THIS begins at the time of the United States - "mark of the beast" - Sunday Law and very soon spreads.

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.

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given to our brethren in the Southern field has been diverse; it would bring in confusion. . . .

"Should the colored people in the Southern States be educated, as they receive the truth, that they should work on Sunday, there would be excited a most unreasonable and unjust prejudice. . . .

"Tell them they need not provoke their neighbors by doing work on Sunday; that this will not prevent them from observing the Sabbath. . . . Let the instruction be

given to this much oppressed people that the keeping of the Sabbath does not necessitate their working on Sunday. . . .

This people need not be told that the observance of Sunday is the mark of the beast until this time shall come. . . .

"The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.' All this may be, and yet not one principle of truth be sacrificed.

Mountain View, Cal.

WHAT PENALTY WILL BE PUT ON THIS 1st. "MARK OF THE BEAST" SUNDAY LAW TO "ENFORCE" IT AND FORBID WORSHIP ON THE 7th. DAY SABBATH? Testimonies Vol. 5 p. 152.

NOTICE: ① DECREE to prohibit men to buy or sell = mark of beast. = blowing of 4 winds

NOTICE: ② "... a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

TERMINOLOGY from DAN. 12:1, that is usually used to describe the "great time of trouble" is here applied to the

little time of trouble in the U.S. under the "mark of the beast,"

WE will soon see the truth of this application as we gain an understanding of this chapter. (ALSO READ 8T. 50) DAN 12:1

DAN. 11: reveals a Time of Trouble in the United States such as there has never been in the history of

to the entire world. IN DAN. 11:27-8, the Papacy does NOT appear to take part so it may be that it is still working secretly with Russia and with the U.S. as it already has been

doing for so many years. THIS fact has been well documented by Avro Mailhatten in the many books that he has authored.

5 R.H. 468-9.

As we approach the perils of the last days, the temptations of the enemy become stronger and more determined. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short; and he is working "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." The warning comes to us through God's Word that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect.

Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, and threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath.

The exhortation of the prophet is: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you." "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

In view of what is soon to come upon the earth, I entreat you, brethren and sisters, to walk before God in all meekness and lowliness of mind, remembering the care that Jesus has for you. All the meek of the earth are exhorted to seek him. Those who have wrought his judgments are to seek him. Let self break in pieces before God. It is hard to do this; but we are warned to fall upon the rock and be broken, else it will fall upon us, and grind us to powder. It is to the humble in heart that Jesus speaks; his everlasting arms encircle them, and he will not leave them to perish by the hands of the wicked.

What is it to be a Christian?
— It is to be Christlike; it is

PENALTY: DEATH. THE United States will have a DEATH LAW under the "image to the beast." THIS death law will come before the Close of Probation for the world. UNDER this death law there will be martyrs. (v. 31 "pollute")

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 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.

BOTH Rev. 13:15-17.

and the Spirit of Prophecy link together:

① decree against Sabbath keepers to NOT be able to buy

OR sell ② Mark of the Beast

③ Image of the Beast

④ Punishment ⑤ Death

NOTICE: 5 R.H. 468, ¹⁵⁰ puts this decree to NOT be able to buy OR sell at the beginning of the Time of Trouble.

Isa. 33: 14-16.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly: he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

QUESTION

ANSWER -

CONDITIONS

T.V. & ALL SIN

PROMISE

5 R.H. 469

The work of overcoming is a great work. Shall we take hold of it with energy and perseverance? Unless we do, our "filthy garments" will not be taken from us. We need never expect that these will be torn from us violently; we must first show a desire to rid ourselves of them. We must seek to separate sin from us, relying upon the merits of the blood of Christ; and then in the day of affliction, when the enemy presses us, we shall walk among the angels. They will be like a wall of fire about us; and we shall one day walk with them in the city of God. Zech. 3:9

(2 S.T. 10. 4 ST. 197)

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2:1-3

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO BUY OR SELL? ⁽⁶⁸⁾

① SPIRITUAL - IN the power and strength of Jesus we must OVERCOME all sin. THE book of Revelation alone has 8 promises of eternal life to "him that overcometh." WE must learn total complete dependence on Jesus in every aspect of our lives. "By beholding we become changed" into His image. THAT will mean TIME on our knees in prayer, - TIME in COMMUNION with heaven. IF we desire to have God's protection + help now - if we desire to be prepared for this future Time of Trouble, we must KNOW God; He must be our personal friend.

② PHYSICAL PREPARATION - Read Country Living by E.G. White

- It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities,

preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory

C.L. 7. much of a lingering spirit. Let us not be like him. The same voice that warned Lot to leave Sodom bids us, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, . . . and touch not the unclean." Those who obey this warning will find a refuge. Let every man be wide awake for himself, and try to save his family. Let him gird himself for the work. God will reveal from point to point what to do next.

Withdraw to the Freedom of Rural Areas

C.L. 9-10. 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.—Letter 5, 1904.

C.L. 21. it will work to destroy those who are the Lord's property. The Protestant world have set up an idol sabbath in the place where God's Sabbath should be, and they are treading in the footsteps of the Papacy. For this reason I see the necessity of the people of God moving out of the cities into retired country [places] where they may cultivate the land and raise their own produce. Thus they may bring their children up with simple, healthful habits. I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis.—Letter 90, 1897.

← Testimonies Vol. 5 p. 464-5.

3 STAGES:

- ① leave large cities preparatory to leaving smaller cities
- ② Secluded homes in mountains
- ③ "desolate + solitary places" - Caves etc. Maranatha p. 270
Country Living - E.G. White

- ① Leave the cities + live in the country - ② Grow a garden.
- ③ C.L. 21. . . make haste to get all things ready for the crisis.

NOTICE: "all things"
WHAT are these?

Suggestion: All the ways the Lord has instructed us to be prepared.

C.L. 21.

HOW ARE WE TO PREPARE OUR CHILDREN FOR THE CRISIS ?

Before the Scourge Shall Overflow

Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools. Give your children the Word of God as the foundation of all their education.—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 195.

I am instructed by the Lord to warn our people not to flock to the cities to find homes for their families. To fathers and to mothers I am instructed to say, Fail not to keep your children within your own premises.—Manuscript 81, 1900.

C.L. 12. Foundation of all education - the Word of God.
WE SUGGEST: A home school ← education may be the best kind today.

WHAT ELSE DOES THE N.S.L. IN DAN. 11:28 MEAN FOR GODS PEOPLE ?

14-17 (ch. 14:9-12). Tested by the Image. —The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided. . . . [Rev. 13:11-17 quoted.] . . .

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast. (Letter 11, 1890).

7 B.C. 976,

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

I Peter 4:17 JUDGMENT begins with God's remnant church first,

CHAPTER 11

AND there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

Rev. 11:1-2.

THE GREAT TEST

- ① "Eternal destiny" decided = Final Judgment of Living
- ② Sealed = Latter Rain Joel 2:23

← Latter rain for Zion - God's People
IF we must be tested before being **JUDGED** and **SEALED** when does the **JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING** begin?

THE judgment of the living can NOT begin until God's people are tested so:
THEREFORE it can NOT BEGIN until the N.S.L. TEST. 4 T. 251.

commandments or consult our own temporal interests. If the believers in the truth are not sustained by their faith in these comparatively peaceful days, what will uphold them when the grand test comes and the decree goes forth against all those who will not worship the image of the beast and receive his mark in their foreheads or in their hands? This solemn period is not far off. Instead of becoming weak and irresolute, the people of God should be gathering strength and courage for the time of trouble.

4 T. 251. → NOTICE:

Grand test = Decree = Image of the beast = Time of Trouble.

Rev. 11:1-2.

→ NOTICE: God's Church, "the temple of God," is Judged 1st. ("measured") before the 42 months OR 1260 days of Papal Rule begins. (Dan. 11:31. last part)

CLOSE OF PROBATION FOR S.D.A. BEFORE C.O.P. FOR THE WORLD - (AND AT SOMETIME BEFORE THE 1260 DAYS.)

5T. 212.

It is with reluctance that the Lord withdraws His presence from those who have been blessed with great light and who have felt the power of the word in ministering to others. They were once His faithful servants, favored with His presence and guidance; but they departed from Him and led others into error, and therefore are brought under the divine displeasure.

← C.O.P. for S.D.A.

9T. 97.

Oh, that the people might know the time of their visitation! There are many who have not yet heard the resting truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy 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.

← PROBATION still open for the world but already closed for S.D.A.

5T. 210.

The command is: "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated. Some who had been dishonoring God repented and humbled their hearts before Him. But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel; although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking. C.O.P. - S.D.A.

← IF the "judgment of the living" for God's remnant church begins at or near the N.S.L. and closes before the 1260 days

← begin;
HOW do we explain Spirit of Prophecy statements like this one?

7 B.C. 972,

① THE prophet always wrote as if Jesus was coming in her life time and very soon.

②

CHAPTER 11

1 (ch. 20:12, 13; 1 Peter 4:17; 2 Peter 1:10, 11). Measuring the Church of God.— The grand judgment is taking place, and has been going on for some time. Now the Lord says, Measure the temple and the worshipers thereof. Remember when you are walking the streets about your business, God is measuring you; when you are attending your household duties, when you engage in conversation, God is measuring you. Remember that your words and actions are being daguerreotyped [photographed] in the books of heaven, as the face is reproduced by the artist on the polished plate. . . .

Here is the work going on, measuring the temple and its worshipers to see who will stand in the last day. Those who stand fast shall have an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we are doing our work remember there is One that is watching the spirit in which we are doing it. Shall we not bring the Saviour into our everyday lives, into our secular work and domestic duties? Then in the name of God we want to leave behind everything that is not necessary, all gossiping or unprofitable visiting, and present ourselves as servants of the living God (MS 4, 1888).

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IN this sense, we are all in the judgment of the living every day. Our Record Books in heaven are kept up to date every moment.

BUT for God's remnant people who are alive at the time of the "image of the beast" (N.S.L.) they must have a "final test" before the final decision is made on their case.

HOW LONG WILL THIS TESTING TIME OR "TEST OF FAITH" LAST FOR S.D.A.'S BEFORE THEIR JUDGMENT IS COMPLETE?

AT WHAT TIME WILL THE CLOSE OF PROBATION FOR OUR CHURCH COME?

SUGGEST: THE best answer I have been able to find for these 2 questions is in the meaning of "END" and "APPOINTED" in DAN. 11:27. and other information associated with these 2 words. (Next Section of the Book) p76-78. "TEST OF FAITH"

I Pet. 4:17.

WHAT DO WE DO TO CLOSE OUR OWN PROBATION? (THESE answers will not be all the possible answers to such a question, ^{but} only a few very important points.) Testimonies To Ministers, p. 409-410.

THE FATAL CHOICE

Unsanctified ministers are arraying themselves against God. They are praising Christ and the god of this world in the same breath. While professedly they receive Christ, they embrace Barabbas, and by their actions say, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Let all who read these lines, take heed. Satan has made his boast of what he can do. He thinks to dissolve the unity which Christ prayed might exist in His church. He says, "I will go forth and be a lying spirit to deceive those that I can, to criticize, and condemn, and falsify." Let the son of deceit and false witness be entertained by a church that has had great light, great evidence, and that church will discard the message the Lord has sent, and receive the most unreasonable assertions and false suppositions and false theories. Satan laughs at their folly, for he knows what truth is.

Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much. "If thou hadst known," said Christ, "even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Lu. 19:42.

Jesus speaks to us to day the same words as He spoke to the Jews just prior to their C.O.P.

- ① discard the message the Lord has sent
- ② Receive false suppositions and false theories
- ③ Torch of false prophecy in our pulpits (many).
- ④ Internal Corruption

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← p. 378.

Grieving the Spirit of God

← God never forsakes people or individuals until they forsake Him. Outward opposition will not cause the faith of God's people, who are keeping His commandments, to become dim. The neglect to bring purity and truth into practice will grieve the Spirit of God and weaken them because God is not in their midst to bless. Internal corruption will bring the denunciations of God upon this people as it did upon Jerusalem. Oh, let pleading voices, let earnest prayer be heard, that those who preach to others shall not themselves be castaways. My brethren, we know not what is before us, and our only safety is in following the Light of the world. God will work with us and for us if the sins which brought His wrath upon the

NOTICE: JESUS speaks to us today in the same words ⁽⁷²⁾
as He spoke to the Jews just prior to their CLOSE
OF PROBATION. (T.M. 409-2) (Luke. 19:42) Compare usage of Lu. 19:42 in the

WRESS COLLECTION p.153. (IN this statement God seems to be speaking to both the church & the WORLD.)

Those who think they are pleasing God by obeying some other law than his, and by performing works other than those the gospel has enjoined, are mocking God. They are insulting the Holy One of Israel. Warning after warning has been given. Appeal after appeal is made in the last message of mercy given to the world. Loath to give up, hoping, sorrowfully hoping, Christ knocks for the last time at the door of the heart. Men and women are given a final test. The worst of sinners are to hear the message of mercy. God will prove who will receive his seal or mark.

church & the WORLD.)
Rev. 3:20
"final test"
11, 51,
U. S. L.

WORLD

Church united To world and To the Papacy

When Christ saw in the Jewish people a nation divorced from God, he saw also a professed Christian church united to the world and the Papacy. And as he stood upon Mount Olivet, weeping over Jerusalem till the sun sank behind the western hills, so he is watching over and pleading with sinners in these last moments of time. Soon he will say to the angels who are holding the four winds, "Let the plagues loose; let darkness, destruction, and death come upon the transgressors of my law." Will he be obliged to say to those who have had great light and great knowledge, as he said to the Jews, "O that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace. But now they are hid from thine eyes."? (D.E.R. August 22, 1900).

Sabbath church

C.A.P. & Shaking

we are NOT to leave His Church

You will take passages in the Testimonies that speak of the close of probation, of the shaking among God's people, and you will talk of a coming out from this people of a purer, holier people that will arise. Now all this pleases the enemy. We should not needlessly take a course that will make differences or create dissension. We should not give the impression that if our particular ideas are not followed, it is because the ministers are lacking in comprehension and in faith, and are walking in darkness.

Your mind has been on an unnatural strain for a long time. You have much truth, precious truth, but mingled with suppositions. Your extreme ideas and strong language often destroy the effect of your best efforts. Should many accept the views you advance, and talk and act upon them, we would see one of the greatest fanatical excitements that has ever been witnessed among Seventh-day Adventists. This is what Satan wants.

We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. Nations will be stirred to their very center. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ.

15. M. 179.

2 S. M. 380

him. Those who are careless in their observance of the Sabbath will suffer great loss.

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← Review & Herald Vol. 1, p. 405.
Article - "A Sabbath Reform Needed"
Context - Nehemiah & God's people

← Campmeetings
READ 5T, p. 207-213. "THE SEAL OF God"
THIS REFERENCE infers a period of time of possible National Closing Laws when we can still "buy & sell" & travel to Campmeetings.

THIS time would be in the summer & before the LAW against the Sabbath in DAN. 11: 28.

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O! Great Master, are thy footsteps
Even now upon the mountains!
Art thou walking in thy wheatfield!
Are the snowy-winged reapers
Gathering in the silent air!
Are thy signs abroad,—the glowing
Of the distant sky, blood-reddened,
And the near fields, trodden, blighted,
Choked by gaudy tares triumphant!
Sure it must be harvest time!
Who shall know the Master's coming!
Whether it be dawn or sunset,
When night dews weigh down the wheat ears,
Or while noon rides high in heaven,
Sleeping lies the yellow field.
Only may thy voice, Good Master,
Peal above the reaper's chorus
And dull sound of sheaves slow falling:
"Gather all into my garner,
For it is my harvest time!"

—Miss Meloch.

Our Contributors.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."—Mal. 3: 16.

A SABBATH REFORM NEEDED.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

In the days of Nehemiah, when the children of Israel had brought upon themselves humiliation and distress by their departure from God in disregarding his law, they sometimes felt that God had forgotten them. The Lord showed his rebellious people that they were dependent upon him for prosperity and safety, yet his eye was upon them. They were feeble, exposed to the ravages of their enemies; yet they were the guardians of the worship of the true God, and were to preserve a knowledge of his law until the Prince of peace should come. Nehemiah was God's chosen instrument to effect a reformation among his people, and to deliver them from the oppression of their enemies. The circumstances were discouraging, but Nehemiah was a man of courage and fidelity. He caused the people to be instructed in the law they had broken. Precept by precept it was carefully explained, that all might fully understand the will of God.

One of the principal ways in which the people had departed from God was in the desecration of the Sabbath. Heathen merchants, who came to Jerusalem to sell their wares, lodged outside the gates, and when they were opened in the morning, offered their goods for sale. Many of the Jews traded with them on the Sabbath; these not only broke the Sabbath themselves, but tried to remove the scruples of

their more conscientious countrymen. Thus to a great extent the sacredness of the Sabbath was destroyed.

The Jews acknowledged that their deplorable condition was the result of their transgressions; and in a general assembly, the Levites, as the representatives of the people, confessed God's goodness in his dealings with them, and their ingratitude and sins as a nation, and pleaded before God: "Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it; and it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins; also they have dominion over our bodies and over our cattle at their pleasure, and we are in great distress."

Having suffered punishment for their sins, and acknowledged the justice of God in his dealings with them, they covenanted to obey his law. And that it might be a sure covenant, and preserved in a permanent form, it was written out, and the priests, Levites, and princes "sealed unto it." They had a clear knowledge of the claims of God and of the character of sin; and with those who had real principle, to see and understand was to act.

We need Nehemiahs in 1884, who shall arouse the people to see how far they are from God through their transgressions. It is time for the whole Christian world to search the Scriptures for themselves; for in the pulpits all through our land the law of God is made void by precept and example. The papal power has thought to change the law of God by instituting a Sabbath for the world and the Christian church; and this spurious Sabbath is exalted and revered, while the Sabbath of Jehovah is trampled beneath unholy feet. But will the Lord degrade his law to meet the standard of men? Will he accept a man-made institution in place of the Sabbath which he has sanctified and blessed? No; the convenience or profit of men is not to supersede the claims of God; for he is a jealous God. He does not alter his precepts to gratify the desires of the ambitious or the covetous. "Thus saith the Lord" should be sufficient to settle all controversy.

He who instituted the Sabbath has never changed it to a common day. He rested on a

definite day, and blessed and sanctified a definite day, and he requires the human family to observe that definite day. Every part of God's plan will be perfectly executed. Satan has interfered, and attempted to thwart it; but there is no change in the law of God. The position that God blessed and sanctified a seventh part of time, and no day in particular, is one of Satan's devices. By this means he has so confused the minds of many that they regard God's holy rest-day as possessing no special sacredness; and because the world do so, they feel at liberty to set it aside, and select a Sabbath that suits their own convenience. And professed ministers of the gospel assure their congregations that this course is right. Those who are conscientiously observing the original Sabbath are styled heretics, deluded fanatics. But who are thus regarded in God's sight? Whom will he rebuke and punish—those who have kept the day that he blessed and sanctified; or those who, trampling upon the holy commandment, have accepted the institution of the papacy?

There is need of a Sabbath reform among us, who profess to observe God's holy rest-day. Some discuss their business matters and lay plans on the Sabbath, and God looks upon this in the same light as though they engaged in the actual transaction of business. Others who are well acquainted with the Bible evidences that the seventh day is the Sabbath, enter into partnership with men who have no respect for God's holy day. A Sabbath-keeper cannot allow men in his employ, paid by his money, to work on the Sabbath. If, for the sake of gain, he allows the business in which he has an interest to be carried on on the Sabbath by his unbelieving partner, he is equally guilty with the unbeliever; and it is his duty to dissolve the relation, however much he may lose by so doing. Men may think they cannot afford to obey God, but they cannot afford to disobey him. Those who are careless in their observance of the Sabbath will suffer great loss.

The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week. There are calamities on sea and land; and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday.

Satan urges this falsehood that he may take the world captive. It is his plan to compel men to accept errors. He takes an active part in the promulgation of all false religions, and will stop at nothing in his efforts to enforce erroneous doctrines. Under a cloak of religious zeal, men, influenced by his spirit, have invented the most cruel tortures for their fel-

DAN. 11:27, "THE END"

... "the end shall be at the time appointed..."

WORD STUDY - END

7093 - an extremity, border, end, (contracted from 7112)

7112 - to chop off, cut off.

CROSS REFERENCE -

CONCLUSION: THE word "end" has in connection with it, in most verses, a certain definite period of time (days, months, or years). AT THE precise end of the time period is an event which marks the end of the time period.

EXAMPLES: NOTICE: EACH EX. has ① a time period ② an event

Gen. 6:13. "the end of all flesh is come before me." (Gen. 6:3) 120 yrs.

Gen. 8:6. "at the end of 40 days, Noah opened the window" 40 days

Gen. 16:3. "after Abram had dwelt 10 yrs. in the land of Canaan, Sarai gave Hagar to her husband." 10 yrs.

Gen. 41:1. "And it came to pass at the end of 2 full years Pharaoh dreamed." 2 yrs

Ex. 12:41. "at the end of 430 yrs. - on the selfsame day Israel left Egypt." 430 yrs.

Num. 13:25. "(12 spies) returned from searching the land after 40 days." 40 DAYS.

Deut. 9:11. "at the end of 40 days + 40 nights, the Lord gave Moses 2 tables of stone." 40 DAYS +

Deut. 15:1. "at the end of every 7 years, thou shalt make a release (cancelling of debt 18.c. 1118)" 7 yrs. 40 NIGHTS

THERE are many more such examples.

APPLICATION TO DAN. 11:27. - 29.

① "speak lies" - Sun. Laws planned by the Two Kings -

② "but. it shall not prosper." . they will think to bring prosperity by enforcing a Sun. Law - G.C. 590.

CONCLUSION: THERE will be a specific time period from the time that the N.S.L. ("mark of the beast") is enforced to an event marking the end of an attempt at prosperity.

THE EVENT marking the end of this specific time period is at an appointed time. THIS event is national ruin.

DAN. 11: 29-30. (first half) "At the time appointed" ... describes the event to happen at the end of this specific time period.

DAN. 11: 27. "THE TIME APPOINTED"

A FEAST DAY

WORD STUDY -

4150 - an appointment, for example; a fixed time or season, spec. a festival, an assembly, the congregation, the place of meeting, solemn assembly, solemn feast, appointed time.

CROSS REFERENCE - (a few examples out of many)

- 4150 - Heb. mōh-gēhd'
- EX. 33:7. Tabernacle of the congregation 4150
- Lev. 23:2. the feasts ... my feasts ... 4150
- Lev. 23:4. the feasts of ... in their seasons. 4150

APPLICATION TO DAN. 11:27. THE "appointed time" of Dan 11:27 and 29. will be on a feast day. AT this time I do NOT know which one.

THE "NATIONAL RUIN" comes on a feast day.

DAN. 11:27, appointed time - cont. God's Judgments Happen At (76)

THE "NATIONAL RUIN" which comes at the "APPOINTED TIME" and is called a JUDGMENT OF THE LORD !!

Jer. 8:7, the stork, knoweth her appointed times... but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

AT WHAT TIME DO GOD'S JUDGMENTS COME ?

Ps. 119:62, At midnight... (WHETHER literal or figurative I do NOT know) Examples: Ex. 11:4-5, 12:29, Judges 16:3, Job 34:20, Deliverance at M.

WHAT is the midnight cry?

Matt. 25:6, "Behold the bridegroom cometh..." and from (Jer. 8:7) and (Ps. 119:62) a cry of warning that God's JUDGMENTS are about to fall on those who receive the Mark of the beast. Rev. 14:9-12,

ALSO a warning about the JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING.

40 DAYS - "TEST OF FAITH" -

HOW MANY DAYS ARE THERE FROM THE NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW TO THE NATIONAL RUIN ? 40 DAYS

HOW LONG WILL THE TEST LAST FOR GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE THEIR PROBATION CLOSES ?

SUGGESTION: 40 DAYS - (ALMOST)

40 means ① Probationary Time ② Test of Faith

③ Close of Probation ④ A WARNING TIME OF JUDGMENTS OF GOD THAT ARE COMING

EXAMPLES:

Flood	120 yrs. of warning	3 times 40	Gen. 6:3
Ninevah	40 Days to the destruction		Jonah 3:4
Jerusalem	40 yrs. warning	30 AD. Approx - 70 AD	Matt. 24:1-2

1 S.M. 191. →

Selected Messages Vol. 1 p 188,
to us today. Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed, but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.

God has not revealed to us the time when this message will close, or when probation will have an end. Those things that are revealed we shall accept for ourselves and for our children; but let us not seek to know that which has been kept secret in the councils of the Almighty. It is our duty to watch and work and wait, to labor every moment for the souls of men that are ready to perish. We are to keep walking continually in the footsteps of Jesus, working in His lines, dispensing His gifts as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Satan will be ready to give to anyone who is not learning every day of Jesus, a special message of his own creating, in order to make of no effect the wonderful truth for this time.

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(1 SM. 191. cont.)

Letters have come to me asking me if I have any special light as to the time when probation will close; and I answer that I have only this message to bear, that it is now time to work, while the day lasts, for the night cometh in which no man can work. Now, just now, it is

(day and hour)
THERE is no "definite time" for the ① "latter rain", ② "close of probation" OR the ③ "coming of Christ," (day & hour [Matt. 24:36] = definite time = time setting) THESE times were for the judgments of God which followed a close of probation.

OTHER EXAMPLES:

- Sodom & Gomorrah Gen. 19: C.O.P. evening judgments AM.
- Babylon - (Belshazar) Dan. 5: C.O.P. handwriting on wall - judgments immediately after.

EXAMPLES OF TESTS OF FAITH: 40 Days OR 40 yrs.

- ① Israel ate manna 40 yrs Ex. 16:35.
- ② Moses in mount 40 Days & 40 nights Ex. 24:18.
- Israel faith tested - they failed & built golden calf.
- ③ Spies searched Canaan 40 Days - Num. 13:25-34.
- Israel's faith tested & they failed -
- ④ Israel's faith tested for 40 yrs. in wilderness
- ⑤ Elijah 40 Days in Wilderness - I Kings 19:8-10,
- ⑥ Jesus tempted in wilderness - 40 Days Matt. 4:

EVEN though there are NOT "definite" times for a Close of Probation there are appointed times for the Judgments of God (Jer. 8:7.) which follow each Close of Probation. (See examples given above. Flood, Ninevah, Jerusalem, etc.)

CLOSE of Probation = U.S. - immediately following N.S.L.

C.O.P. → By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

← As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

REASON: FOR CHOOSING 40 DAYS FROM N.S.L. TO NATIONAL RUIN.

① N.S.L. is the warning (signal or sign) of National Ruin - 7 B.C. 976. Matt. 24:15-20. 5T. 464.

② Bible Examples use the figure 40 in a warning of destruction -

ⓐ Flood 3 times 40 = 120 yrs. warning period
 ⓑ Ninevah - 40 Days (40 yrs.)
 ⓒ Jerusalem - 40 yr. warning of destruction - Matt. 24:1-2 - Aprox. 30 AD - 70 AD.

CLOSE OF PROBATION FOR S.D.A.

Just prior to the end of the 40 DAYS -

REASON: FOR CHOOSING 40 DAYS (slightly less - NO specific time for C.O.P.) FROM THE N.S.L. TO THE CLOSE OF PROBATION FOR THE CHURCH

① THE N.S.L. is the "final test" for God's church.

② THE FAITH of God's remnant people is to be tested by the N.S.L. first before the JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING in God's church is finished.

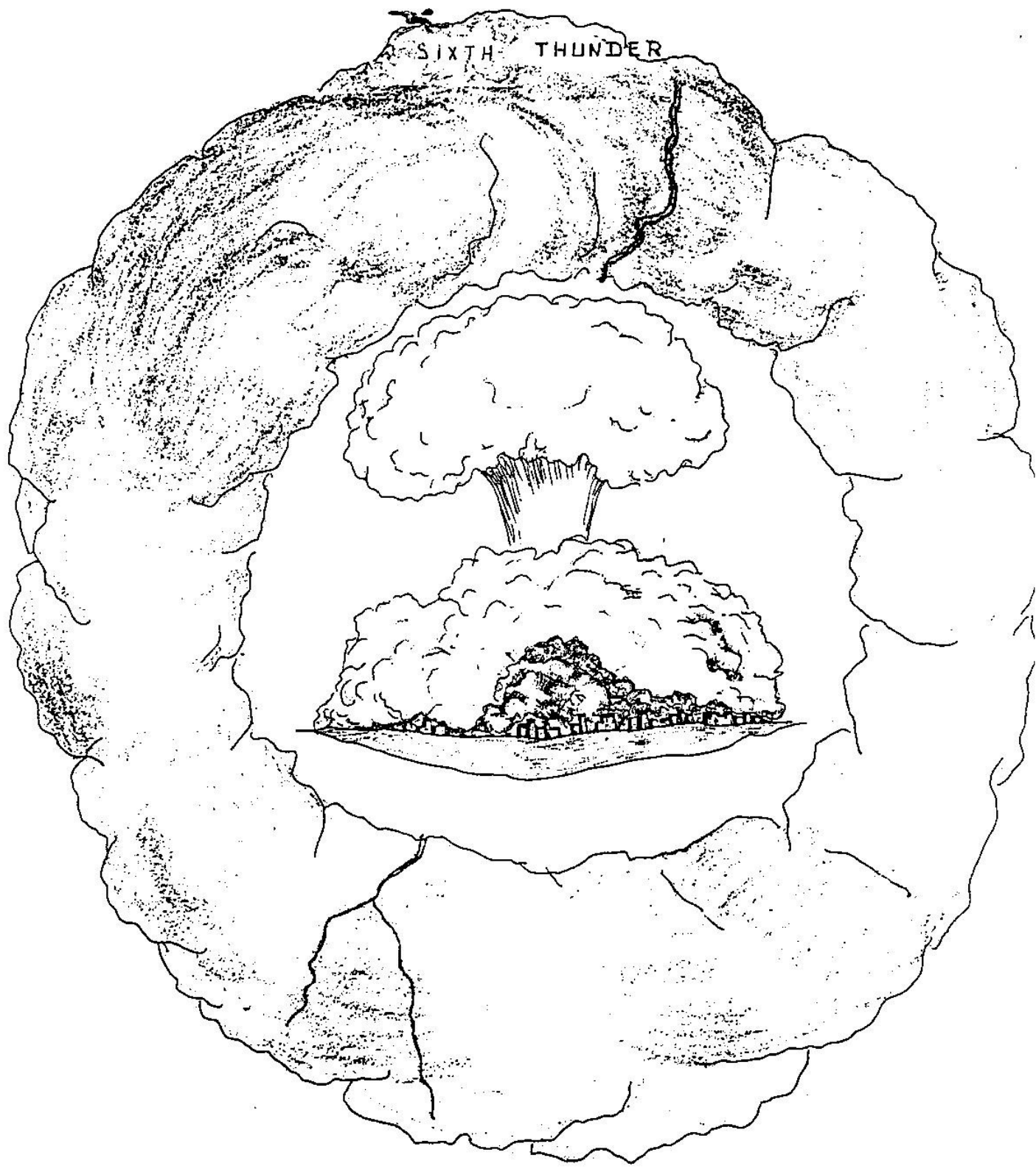
③ MANY BIBLE examples of TESTS OF FAITH are for 40 DAYS (or years).

SUGGEST:

① AT the "appointed time" (DAN. 11:29), JUDGMENTS OF GOD begin for the church members who have NOT repented. (Zeph. 1: Eze. 9: Rev. 8:7-12.) (MORE on Rev. 8: with proofs later in this book.)

NOTICE: Eze. 5: $\frac{1}{3}$ etc. Rev. 8: 7-12. $\frac{1}{3}$ DO THESE THIRDS pertain to the same events.)

② AT the "appointed time" (DAN. 11:29) JUDGMENTS OF GOD fall on all the large cities of this nation BECAUSE this nation has made a law against GOD'S LAW. (See 9T. 13, & 93. for more proofs on this point. See on next Chapter - DAN. 11:29, World War III)



DESTRUCTION OF LARGE CITIES

WORLD WAR III - FIRE BALLS FALL

DAN-11:29. ... "AT THE APPOINTED TIME".

(Ev. 29. 5 RH. 94. 9 T. 28)

29 At the ¹⁵time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

"At the time appointed (on a feast day) he (Russia - King of the North) shall return, and come toward (invade) the south (King of the South - U.S.); but it (the invasion or war) shall not be as the former (Korean War), OR as the latter. (Vietnamese War.)"

THIS verse describes a future event, the next war. Russia after leaving the conference table (v.27) returns home (v.28) but soon comes back. (v.29). — this time to fight another war against the United States.

THIS next war will not be like either the Korean War OR the Vietnamese War. THESE two wars were so similiar in their basic characteristics that the Bible does not even give a separate description of the Vietnamese War. THE word "latter" is the only mention of the Vietnamese War. (v.29)

By examining the similiarities between these two wars and then considering what the opposite would be like, we can discover what the next war will be like. WE take the opposite characteristics of these two wars for the next war because in v.29. it says. in describing the next war, that "it shall NOT be as the former (Korean), OR as the latter. (Vietnamese War).

KOREA - VIETNAM WARS

- ① Both limited to small areas of the world.
- ② Both were fought back & forth across a line which divided the country into 2 sections — North and South.
King of the North on the North
King of the South on the South

WORLD WAR III

- ① World War
- ② Next war will be between 2 OR more countries.

KOREA - VIETNAM WARS (cont.)

WORLD WAR III

③ Both wars used many modern weapons except one - NUCLEAR WARHEADS.

③ THE next war will be a NUCLEAR WAR.

Summarize: WE draw the conclusion from this study of Dan. 11:22-29, that the next war will be a world war which uses nuclear warfare.

GOD'S people will be warned ahead of time. A NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW (v.28) will WARN US that great destruction is coming on our nation. GOD will use Russia, an atheistic nation, to punish the United States for making a law against God's law, similar to the way he used the heathen nation of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar to punish Israel for disobeying God in ancient times.

WE will also be warned of the exact time of this destruction. THE verse says that God has a "time appointed" for the war to begin.

WILL we know before hand when this appointed time is? Amos 3:6-7.

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

EVERYTIME, in the history of the world, that God brings JUDGMENTS on people, He always gives a WARNING ahead of time.

DAN. 11:29. WORD STUDY -

"Come toward" - 935 - come toward - supplied. 935 - (many words - but the following fit with a context of war) be fall, beseige, (cause) to come (against) (cause to) enter, go (to war), invade.

HOW FAR WILL RUSSIA COME TOWARD THE U.S.?

1828 WEBSTER DICT. (one of many meanings for come) COME - TO COME upon, to fall on; to attack or invade.

HOW DOES THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DESCRIBE THE WAR? (8)

Destruction of N. Y. City described. . . . comes at an appointed time.

Testimonies vol. 9. p. 12-13.

On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify their owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: "How can we best glorify God?" The Lord was not in their thoughts.

I thought: "Oh, that those who are thus investing their means could see their course as God sees it! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising. They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind how they may glorify God. They have lost sight of this, the first duty of man."

As these lofty buildings went up, the owners rejoiced with ambitious pride that they had money to use in gratifying self and provoking the envy of their neighbors. Much of the money that they thus invested had

been obtained through exaction, through grinding down the poor. They forgot that in heaven an account of every business transaction is kept; every unjust deal, every fraudulent act, is there recorded. The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah.

The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fireproof buildings and said: "They are perfectly safe." But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.

I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that had been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their disregard of His law and for their selfish ambition.

There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. 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.

Evangelism p. 29.

The Metropolitan Masses

A View of Great Destruction.—Last Friday morning, just before I awoke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home.—Letter 278, 1906.

Because Large Cities Will Be Swept Away.—Everywhere there are men who should be out in active ministry, giving the last message of warning to a fallen world. The work that should long ago have been in active operation to win souls to Christ has not been done. The inhabitants of the ungodly cities so soon to be visited by calamities have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away, and all should be warned of these coming judgments. But who is giving to the accomplishment of this work the wholehearted service that God requires? . . . At the present time there is not a thousandth part being done in working the cities, that should be done, and that would be done if men and women would do their whole duty.—Manuscript 53, 1910.

Destruction of Thousands of Cities.—O that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry.—Review and Herald, Sept. 10, 1903.

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The destroying angels of God were at work. One touch, and buildings, so thoroughly constructed that men regarded them as secure against every danger, quickly became heaps of rubbish. There was no assurance of safety in any place. I did not feel in any special peril, but the awfulness of the scenes that passed before me I cannot find words to describe. It seemed that the forbearance of God was exhausted and that the judgment day had come.

The angel that stood at my side then instructed me that but few have any conception of the wickedness existing in our world today, and especially the wickedness in the large cities. He declared that the Lord has appointed a time when He will visit transgressors in wrath for persistent disregard of His law.

Terrible as was the representation that passed before me, that which impressed itself most vividly upon my mind was the instruction given in connection with it. The angel that stood by my side declared that God's supreme rulership and the sacredness of His law must be revealed to those who persistently refused to render obedience to the King of kings. Those who choose to remain disloyal must be visited in mercy with judgments, in order that, if possible, they may be aroused to a realization of the sinfulness of their course.

judgments before close of probation—

Fire
balls

1,000's

of

cities

destroyed

My heart is stirred to the very depths. Words are inadequate to express my feelings as I plead for perishing souls. Must I plead in vain? As Christ's ambassador I would arouse you to labor as you never labored before. Your duty cannot be shifted upon another. No one but yourself can do your work. If you withhold your light, someone must be left in darkness through your neglect.

Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. We who occupy this solemn, responsible position, what are we doing, what are we thinking about, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while souls are perishing around us? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Cannot we feel or understand that we have a work to do for the salvation of others? Brethren, are you of the class who having eyes see not, and having ears hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of His will? Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning? Do you believe the declarations of eternal truth concerning what is about to come upon the earth, do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the people, and can you still sit at ease, indolent, careless, pleasure loving?

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities.

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Reception of Mark of the Beast Future.—The change of the Sabbath is the sign or mark of the authority of the Romish church. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment.

No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then

"mark" =
"testing time" =
(10 Days) =
decree =
enforce Sun.

The Law of God Made Void.—A time is coming when the law of God is, in a special sense, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God's people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin. (RH Dec. 18, 1888).

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preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His

Matt. 24:15. National Sunday Law is the signal to flee the cities —
Testimonies Vol. 5. p. 464-5.

Evangelism p. 234-5.
Sunday Law = National apostasy — ends in national ruin —

those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.

With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin. —Manuscript 51, 1899.

Mark of the Beast —

What is our responsibility?

Tell people how to avoid God's judgments.

QT. 20.

Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, "even at the doors." Let us read and understand before it is too late.

RUSSIA'S PLANS FOR WAR!!

Ps. 55: 20-21.

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"Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular overtures and unheard-of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will jump at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

Dimitry Z. Manuil, in a lecture at the Lenin School on Political Warfare in Moscow, 1981.

THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD COME AS AN OVERWHELMING SURPRISE TO THE WORLD.

4 RH, 553.

TRANSGRESSION has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. God's people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

Our time is precious. We have but a few, very few, days of probation in which to make ready for the future, immortal life. We have no time to spend in haphazard movements. We should fear to skim the surface of the Word of God.—Mrs. E. G. White.

Youths Instructor Ap. 28, 1908

NOTICE: His Judgment are a time of mercy.

call. Now he is speaking to his people, and to the world, by his judgments. The time of these judgments is a time of mercy for those who have not yet had 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. Large numbers will be admitted to the fold of safety who in these last days will hear the truth for the first time.

The Lord calls upon those who believe in him to be workers together with him. While life shall last, they are not to feel that their work is done. Shall we allow the signs of the end to be fulfilled without telling people of what is coming upon the earth? Shall we allow them to go down in darkness without having urged upon them the need of a preparation to meet their Lord? Unless we ourselves do our duty to those around us, the (day of God) will come upon us as a thief. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

OUR WARNING 1 N.S.L. 2 peace + safety movement.

4 RH, 553.

fulfilled. The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. About the last great scenes in the drama, Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect.

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I Thess. 5:2-3. has 2 Applications: 1 And Coming 2 N. S. L. See 2 RH, 276. 2 RH, 564, + other quotes. Before COP.

Suggest: 2 APPLICATIONS 1 Nat RUIN 2 END of 1260 DAY

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY? AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE 9T, 28.

In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon." Others, with agonized voices, said: "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken.

9T, 28.

I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there

"where 2 or 3 are gathered together... there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20.

Suggest: 2 or 3 Sabbath keepers in every city + village at least.

Suggest:

THAT these quotes, + some other similar ones refer to events in Dan. 11:29-30, which follow the N. S. L.

NOTICE: "MEMORIALS for Him in every city + village"

9T, 29.

were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world.

Then this map was removed and another put in its place. On it light was shining from a few places only. The rest of the world was in darkness, with only a glimmer of light here and there. Our Instructor said: "This darkness is the result of men's following their own course. They have cherished hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil. They have made questioning and faultfinding and accusing the chief business of their lives. Their hearts are not right with God. They have hidden their light under a bushel."

If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us.

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WORLD WAR III THE UNITED STATES RETALIATES AGAINST RUSSIA

... "the ships of Chittim" ...

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

"For the ships of Chittim (Cyprus) shall come against him (King of the North-Russia - the "he" in v. 29) therefore he (Russia) shall be grieved (broken) and return (to the U.S. again) and have indignation (enraged, angry, defy) against the holy covenant (God's law); so shall he (Russia) do; he (Russia) shall even return, and have intelligence (mentally understand, instruct, to give understanding) with them (King of the South - U.S. - plural form infers a second power in addition to the U.S.) that forsake (fail, leave off) the holy covenant."

WORDS in parenthesis from ① WORD STUDY OR ② an identification of the nations involved,

EVIDENTLY the agreements signed at the Summit Conferences of v. 27 do NOT totally disarm the Two super powers, because after Russia attacks the U.S. with nuclear weapons we return the attack with the ships of Chittim.

WHO OR WHAT ARE THE SHIPS OF CHITTIM?

WORD STUDY - STRONG'S.

Chittim - 3794 patial from as unused name denoting Cyprus (only in the plural): a Kittite or Cypriote; hence an islander in general, for example the Greeks or Romans on the shores opposite Palestine: - Chittim, Kittim.

S.D.A. Bible Dictionary (Vol. 8 B.C.) Kittim - Although the term was at first applied to Cyprus, it was later extended to include all the western islands and coastal areas of the Greeks, and finally meant anti-Jewish powers in general, whether they were Greeks or Romans.

CROSS REFERENCE - CHITTIM

Num. 24:24.

24 And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

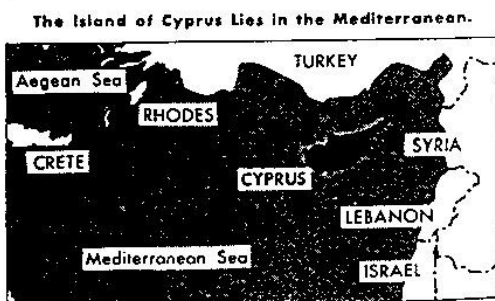
"ships" of Chittim - OLD TESTAMENT
THE ships of Chittim were the most formidable war ships of ancient times.

THEY first came from ① CYPRUS and ② LATER they came from many different places around the Mediterranean Sea as part of the Phoenician Empire.

Asshur and Eber - part of the Babylonian Empire

APPLICATION TODAY: TWO VIEWS

① LITERAL - OUR U.S. Submarines at Cyprus hit Middle East targets comparable to the Old Testament Eber and Asshur.



WITH current events as they are in the Middle-East today, this view seems very plausible. ONLY time will reveal the events.

② SYMBOLIC - Cyprus is used only for identification NOT for the literal location. APPLICATION should be to the U.S. submarine fleet all over the world.

EBER and ASSHUR were included in ancient Babylon so the APPLICATION here should be to SYMBOLIC Babylon; as seen in the Papacy and also in a union of all false religion.

"FOR the ships of Chittim (U.S. submarines all over the world) shall come against him (King of the North - Russia) therefore he (Russia) shall be grieved (broken)."

WHAT CONNECTION DOES RUSSIA HAVE WITH THE PAPACY?

COMMUNISM was set up by the Papacy and the Papacy has continued to work closely with Russia during the years since. THIS fact has been carefully documented in the many books authored by Avro Manhattan.

SO when the U.S. submarines hit Russia with nuclear warheads, they are hitting an "arm" of the Papacy. ("arm" = symbol of power)

THE PAPACY does not have much of an army of its own and so it achieves its goals by its control over other nations.

IN the 1260 yr. rule of the Papacy, in the past, the "POWER OF THE ARM" (v.6.) was when the Papacy was able to control and use the other nations of the world to achieve its goals.

THIS "power of the arm" was taken away in 1798 but they have been working ever since to get this power back.

WHEN the "ships of Chittim", the U.S. submarine fleet, hit Russia they are actually hitting an "arm" of the Papacy.

THIS interpretation of this prophecy shows the gradual building up of the union of the "DRAGON, the BEAST, and the FALSE PROPHET" (Rev. 16:13, Rev. 13: and Rev. 17: show Babylon as a union of all false religion)

IN DAN. 11:31 (1st. part) "And arms shall stand on his part..." is when the full political power over all the nations is given back to the Papacy.

REASONS FOR USING THE SYMBOLIC VIEW FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS PROPHECY: (Num. 24:24. and Dan. 11:30)

① PRINCIPLE OF INTERPRETATION: IN the interpretation of the Bible the context must always be considered. THE context should be well established by proper methods of Bible study, - the primary method being CROSS REFERENCING. by going back to the original Hebrew OR Greek, IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS PROPHECY ONLY THE SYMBOLIC MEANING FOR "SHIPS OF CHITTIM" and Eber + Asshur FITS.

THE MOST IMP. REASON: ② PRINCIPLE OF INTERPRETATION: Literal Israel became Spiritual Israel in 34 A.D. (Gal. 3:29) so THEREFORE: TO BE CONSISTENT, ALL of the other place names in the Bible should now be symbolic.

FOR EXAMPLE: SINCE we do not believe in 144,000 literal Jews AND we do NOT believe that the LITERAL Jews, ^{that are} located in Jerusalem today are God's people THEREFORE: TO BE CONSISTENT we should NOT be using the other Middle East names in a literal sense for the interpretation of prophecy.

IF we give the NAMES, Jerusalem, Zion or Judah a symbolic interpretation that applies to God's people all over the world; why should we not be using a symbolic meaning for the rest of names so that they have a larger application.

THE BIBLE was written originally for the literal Jewish nation in the Middle East area and used the names of the immediately surrounding nations of that part of the world in a literal sense.

BECAUSE the Jews are now spiritual Israel in the whole world, the names in the prophecies need to have a world wide application also.

IF we do NOT apply the names in this way we are limiting our understanding of the fulfillment of many of the prophecies to the Middle East.

THE meaning for the names can be found by doing a careful ① WORD STUDY and ② CROSS REFERENCE STUDY and ③ a SPIRIT OF PROPHECY STUDY and ④ MUCH PRAYER.

SOMETIMES FASTING AND PRAYER may be necessary for up to 3 days.

STUDY Daniels prayers (Dan. 6:10-11, Dan. 9:3, Dan. 10:2-3.) and also the answers that Daniel had to his prayers. ALSO READ Sanctified Life p. 46-52, "Daniels Prayers" S.L. 47.

Earnestness and Fervor

What earnestness and fervor characterize his supplications! The hand of faith is reached upward to grasp the never-failing promises of the Most High. His soul is wrestling in agony. And he has the evidence that his prayer is heard. He knows that victory is his. If we as a people would pray as Daniel prayed, and wrestle as he wrestled, humbling our souls before God, we should realize as marked answers to our petitions as were granted to Daniel. Hear how he presses his case at the court of heaven: (Dan. 9:18-19. quoted)

EXAMPLES OF SYMBOLS:

① Babylon = Papacy and a union of all false religion - Rev. 17:

② Egypt = Atheism G.C. 269

③ Assyria = 'nations today who fail of fulfilling the divine purpose'. P.K. 366. Symbol of the wicked.

THE VICTOR - WHO WINS WORLD WAR III ?

WHO will win this short but devastating war with Russia ?

30 For "the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

DAN. 11:30.

... "he (Russia) shall be grieved. (broken) ...

(grieved - 3512 - STRONG'S - to despond, to deject, be grieved, broken, make sad.)

(Joel 2:17-20. v. 17, 19. last part) army is heathen -

JOEL 2:20, also shows us who will lose.

The "northern army", King of the North in Dan. 11:30, loses. THE last part of the verse shows that the whole world turns against Russia, BECAUSE of having attacked our nation, especially after

promising that they will never begin another war.

Quote from Gorbachev, reported on the world news, 12/10/89, "We will not under any circumstances start another war."

Suggestion: THE results of the outcome of this war is to promote the United States in the eyes of the entire world. THIS will prepare the way for the fulfillment of Rev. 13:12,

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

THE U.S. will once again be respected in all the countries.

THEN she will be able to tell ALL the world to follow the beast.

"BLOW THE TRUMPET:"

"SOUND AN ALARM." (Joel 2:1.)

IN USING these verses from Joel are we applying them correctly - in the right time frame ?

CHAPTER 2

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the moun-

sudden destruction

WHAT DOES "BLOW THE TRUMPET," "SOUND AN ALARM" mean for us ?

TO TEACH: ① straight testimony ② THE 3-ANGELS message ③ THE warning against receiving the mark of the beast ④ a warning that is coming. 2RH. 275. 2RH. 453. 2RH. 619-0.

2 R.H. 275.

Context N.S.L.

Date 1/1/1889.

Joel 2:1

will not be in vain. The response will come, "It is done." "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still; . . . he that is holy, let him be holy still." Can the church contemplate this hour with calm indifference?

The crisis is now upon us. The battle is to be waged between the Christianity of the Bible and the Christianity of human tradition. Is there not a criminal neglect in our present sleepy condition? There must be a decided advance movement among us. We must show to the world that we recognize, in the events that are now taking place in connection with the National Reform movement, the fulfillment of prophecy. That which we have, for the last thirty or forty years, proclaimed would come, is now here; and the trumpet of every watchman upon the walls of Zion should raise the alarm. Joel 2:1.

Prophecy represents Protestantism as having lamb-like horns, but speaking like a dragon. Already we are beginning to hear the voice of the dragon. There is a satanic force propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed. Even the men who are engaged in the work, are themselves blinded to the results which will follow their movement. Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we gracefully accepted the situation. There is the prospect before us, of waging a continuous war, at the risk of imprisonment, of losing property and even life itself, to defend the law of God, which is being made void by the laws of men. This Bible text will be quoted to us, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . . . The powers that be are ordained of God."

2 R.H. 619-0.

Joel 2:1

3 angels message -

Sabbath

Watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be vigilant, and sleep not day nor night. But if they have not received the message from the lips of Christ, their trumpets will give an uncertain sound. Brethren, God calls upon you, both ministers and laymen, to listen to his voice speaking to you in his word. Let his truth be received into the heart, that you may be spiritualized by its living, sanctifying power. Then let

the distinct message for this time be sent from watchman to watchman on the walls of Zion.

This is a time of general departure from truth and righteousness, a time when we must build the old waste places, and with interested effort labor to raise up the foundation of many generations.

Isa. 58:12. Thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

2 R.H. 453.

Many come to the assembly as worshipers, like the door upon its hinges. They understand not the true application of the Scriptures, nor the power of God. They have eyes, but they see not; ears have they, but they hear not; they continue in their evil ways, yet regard themselves as the privileged, obedient people who are doers of the word. A carnal security and ease in Zion prevail. Peace, peace, is sounded in her borders, when God has not spoken peace. They have forfeited the terms of peace; there is reason for an alarm to be sounded in all "my holy mountain." The sinners in Zion should be afraid in a time when they do not expect it, sudden destruction will surely come upon all who are at ease.

Joel 2:1.

Warning of sudden destruction

1 R.H. 361. Joel 2:2. Time of Trouble Zeph. 1:15.

OUR PRESENT POSITION.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Joel 2:2 INDEX

"WATCHMAN, what of the night?" is the inquiry that should now arise from all hearts. And the true watchman will be able to give the answer, "The morning cometh, and also the night." This is a day of peril, a day of clouds and thick darkness. Men are blinded, infatuated by the god of this world. They close their eyes to the fearful events that are casting their shadows before. Intoxicated with self-indulgence and luxury, they know not that the tempest about to burst upon them.

1 R.H. 361. our preparation

There will ever be some who take delight in dwelling upon the real or supposed faults and failures of others, and who employ their time in seeing, hearing, or reporting something that will destroy confidence in the person criticised. Few are without visible faults; in most persons careful scrutiny will reveal some defect of character; and upon these defects in others, some professed Christians delight to dwell. The habit strengthens with indulgence, and a love for gossip becomes their ruling passion. They gather together the tid-bits of reports,—all of them, it may be, utterly devoid of truth,—and feast upon the scandal, and share it with others as a rare delicacy.

A writer asks, Who ever heard of a dove rending the heart of a robin, or of a lamb sucking the blood of a kid? This is of the work of hawks and tigers. The true followers of Christ will not be found biting and devouring one another. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

THIS WARNING immediately precedes the National Sun. Law and the "mark of the beast." (Joel 2:1.)

THE "DAY OF THE LORD" begins with the N.S.L. and "Sudden destruction."

Jer. 46:10.

Joel 2:1-2

I Thess. 5:2-3

2 R.H. 276.

A proclamation of peace and safety comes just prior to the "sudden destruction"

NOTICE: ① 4 winds - ② N.S.L. ③ I Thess. 5:2-3 ④ peace & safety sudden destruction

JOEL 2:1. is where we are TODAY!!

JOEL 2:2.

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the moun-

BEGINS the Time of Trouble before the Close of Probation.

1 R.H. 459. (next page)

5 R.H. 232. (" ")

Joel 2: 5 R.H. 61-2.

Day of the Lord - judgments & calamities a call for revival. (see next page)

I Thess. 5:2-3

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

It should be the business of all the righteous in the land, as they see signs of the approach of peril, to arouse to action, and not sit in calm expectation of ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on, because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people in the day of trial. Effectual, fervent prayers should be ascending to Heaven, that this calamity may be deferred; for we are not ready to meet it.

Every passing hour now is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. These transient moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests. They are molding the destiny of souls for everlasting life or everlasting death. The words we utter to-day in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be to human souls the savor of life unto life or of death unto death. We must be washing our robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. If we would be saints above, we must first be saints below.

We have lost much time in inaction because we have not realized the time in which we are living. This we deplore, and would humble our souls before God, pleading with him for pardon for sleeping at our post of duty, and allowing the enemy to gain the advantage over us. Many have chosen to do nothing, when they should have been diligent to repulse the enemy. Let your services now be dedicated to God. Gird on the armor for vigorous work, saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

It is essential that we be much in prayer to God, that his voice and his power may be manifested in behalf of his people, and that the angels may hold the four winds until the truth is more fully proclaimed, and the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. God is not pleased with the attitude of his people. Satan is taking the world captive, and the sentinels for God and the truth are letting him do it. "Watch then, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Arouse, and come to the front. Be staunch to defend your religious liberty.

Many of our people are registered in the books of heaven as slothful servants. They have buried their talents of money and capability in the world, and the work they should have done has been left undone. Some to whom the Lord has intrusted means, have been ease-lovers, and have not done their duty in the fear and love of God. Many have left the smaller churches, to unite with larger ones, where they carry no burden of responsibility, and are only in the way. Such lose their spirituality and vital force, because they do comparatively nothing for the truth. What account will these have to give to the Master when he shall say, "Give account of thy stewardship"?

2 R.H. 276.

2 R.H. 276.

We are not ready for this great issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. Let the members of our churches become missionaries for the Master; let them not linger in ease and indifference; but let them go forth to work for God. Their spiritual muscles have been nearly palsied with inaction. Go without the camp, bearing the reproach for Christ and the truth. Work to-day in the Lord's vineyard. Go out into the highways and hedges, and stir up the people to investigate the truth. Woe to all who profess to walk in the light, yet who are at ease in Zion. They absorb the God-given rays of righteousness, but do not diffuse the light to others. The parable of the faithless servant who hid his Lord's money, condemns them, and they are classed among those who refuse to be co-laborers with Jesus Christ, selfishly caring for their own ease, and leaving those for whom Christ has died, to perish without the knowledge of the truth which God has graciously given to them. Those who have been the receivers of spiritual light, may become the receptacles of darkness, to whom the words of Christ are applicable, "If therefore the light which is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." May this statement be true of God's people, to whom

he has committed the sacred trust of the knowledge of his law. "Yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night; for when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Just when many who have had light and evidence are saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" and declaring that all things continue as they were from the beginning, the terrible realities of the day of God will burst upon them. Marvelous beyond expression is the blindness of the people of this generation.

Every true child of God should now be inquiring, "What wouldst thou have me to do?" Brethren, for Christ's sake, do something, and do it now. Satanic influences are all around us, to be met and resisted. The tares are mingled with the wheat, error with truth, coldness with zeal, darkness with light. There must be a returning to our first love. We must battle nobly with tribulation and danger, in the midst of trials, tests, and provings of God. We must be rich in faith and good works. The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to those who have been made the repository of rich truth. This church is distinguished in prophecy by its great profession of advanced light; yet it was filled with spiritual pride and lukewarmness in religion. They had a religious theory, but were greatly lacking in moral power and holiness. They are pronounced wretched, poor, blind, and naked. O that our people would realize the danger, and heed the counsel of the True Witness, "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed; . . . and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see."

Will we now, who have such great light, make some sacrifice for Jesus, who for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich? We must arouse, and through piety and earnest work for the Master, partake of his spirit of love for souls, of faith in God, that he may work with us, by us, and through us.

THE events in Joel 2: I believe can be shown

to parallel a portion of Dan. 11: beginning with DAN. 11: 27, and the warning about the N.S.L. THE DAY OF THE LORD begins when our nation, which has in the past always given religious freedom to all people, makes a law against God's Law. WE will then lose our freedom, and as a result of our nation choosing to DEFY God's Law, God will bring sudden destruction upon the United States.

Joel 2:2. begins little Time of Trouble before C.O.P. (92)

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Too many neglect the Bible. They do not make that book their study and their rule of life as they should. Especially are the young guilty of this neglect. Most of them find plenty of time to read almost any other book; but the precious book that points to eternal life, the important book that is to judge them in the last day, is scarcely studied at all. Idle stories are attentively read, while the Bible is passed by neglected. A day is coming, a day of clouds and thick darkness, when all will wish to be thoroughly furnished by the plain simple truths of the word of God, that they may meekly, yet decidedly, give a reason of their hope. All must understand the reason of their hope, to strengthen their own souls in the fierce conflict before the people of God. Without this, they will be wanting, and cannot have firmness and decision.

Zeph. 1:14-5.
Joel 2:2.
Before
Close of
Probation

5RH,
61-2,

Judgments
&
Calamities
Joel 2:
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Lord-

Are we to wait until the fulfilment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until the judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see the things foretold come to pass before we will believe what he has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing that the great day of the Lord is at hand, "even at the door." Let us read and understand, before it is too late.

Study carefully the following scriptures:—

Isa. 2:10-19, quoted.

5RH, 232

I say to all, Press together, press together. Be very critical in regard to yourselves, but exercise all the tenderness of Christ toward your brethren. I entreat the Lord's people to cease to criticize one another, and to give themselves to the proclamation of the truth for this time. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and drunkenness, insanity, revelry, and crime are rapidly increasing. There is before us a terrible crisis. The lives of many will go out in darkness. We need now to bow before God in true humility of soul; for the day of clouds and thick darkness is fast approaching.

Zeph. 1:15
Joel 2:2.

The last great conflict is before us; but help is to come to all who love God and obey his law, and the earth, the whole earth, is to be lighted with the glory of God. "Another angel" is to come down from heaven. This angel represents the giving of the loud cry, which is to come from those who are preparing to cry mightily, with a strong voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

We have a testing message to give, and I am instructed to say to our people, Unify, unify. But we are not to unify with those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. With our hearts sweet and kind and true, we are to go forth to proclaim the message, giving no heed to those who lead away from the truth.

Revival
&
Latter
Rain of
H.S.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your hearts." v. 12

SKips v. 2-11. v. 20 v. 27.

and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?" v. 13

The Lord has declared the judgments and calamities that must fall upon those who continue to dishonor him. Warnings have been given by God, and these warnings should be kept before the people. God's appointed messengers are to give the call to flee from the wrath to come. v. 14

Joel
2:
contains
Judgments
and
Calamities

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children: . . . let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" v. 15-16.

Joel 2:12-17. A revival during the

judgments and calamities.

BLOWING THE TRUMPET AND SOUNDING THE ALARM is the warning message against accepting this false day of worship. THIS MESSAGE is found in Rev. 14:6-12, the 3-ANGELS MESSAGE.

THERE are many other "DAY OF THE LORD" prophecies in the Bible that appear to fit into this same time span — from our N.S.L. to the 2nd. Coming of Jesus.

THERE are also 7,095 References in the Spirit of Prophecy on Day of the Lord.

WORLD WAR III - TIME LINE - HOW LONG DOES THE WAR LAST?

Suggest: 5 months Rev. 9:1-12. seems to be a description of the same war as in DAN. 11:29-30.

REASONS:

① TRUMPETS begin when 4 winds let go. REV. 7:1-3. angels hold 4 winds — voice says hurt not the earth, sea, or trees until the servants of God are sealed —

JOEL 2:23 fulfilled

REV. 8:7-8 destruction begins in earth, sea, & trees so THEREFORE the 4 winds that are held in Rev. 7:1-3 until the SERVANTS OF GOD are sealed are let go when the trumpets begin.

REASON: No. 2.

WHEN DO THE 4 WINDS LET GO?

AT 2 different times

① Early Writings, p. 36. CLOSE OF PROBATION for WORLD. (Jesus work is finished in the Sanctuary — 7 last plagues begin)

② 4 WINDS LET go AT OR JUST FOLLOWING N.S.L.

5T. 152, 717. 2RH. 106, 266-7, 269-0, 275-6, 564.

Series A p. 28-30. I THESS. 5:2-3.

(See p. 160-163. in this book for these references)

IN some SPIRIT OF PROPHECY statements E.G.W. puts the 4 WINDS right with the N.S.L. and in other statements immediately following N.S.L.

SUGGEST: THAT there are other destructions, including natural disasters - for example; earthquakes, volcanoes etc. which go with and follow the N.S.L. during the 40 DAYS prior to the "SUDDEN DESTRUCTION" at the "appointed time" and these may be included in the 4 winds.

SUGGEST: THAT the 1st. 4 TRUMPETS ^{may} cover some of these other events.

WHAT ARE THE FOUR WINDS ?

Jer. 49: 36-37. 4 winds = warfare and strife

Jer. 51: 1-4 a destroying wind - a day of trouble - many slain

Jer. 25: 32-33 a great whirlwind - evil - slain of the Lord from one end of earth to the other - THIS verse applies to after the C.O.P. for the WORLD.

TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS p.444. "John sees the elements of nature - earthquake, tempest and political strife - represented as being held by four angels.

Jer. 46: 10. the DAY OF THE LORD = a day of vengeance

9T. 97. 4 WINDS ARE JUDGMENTS OF GOD -

MORE and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake He is (warning) the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another - fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed.

Oh, that the people might know the time of their visitation! There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy 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. C.O.P. for

9T. 28. 9T. 92-96.
JUDGMENTS OF GOD ALSO INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF WAR -

AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE

In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon." Others, with agonized voices, said: "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard similar words of reproof spoken.

after C.O.P. for S.D.A.

- ② 4 WINDS = Judgments of God E.W. 37.
- ③ THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD = WARS
- ④ BATTLE & WAR IS ONE OF GOD'S WEAPONS = Jer. 50: 22-26.
- ① 4 WINDS = WAR Jer. 49: 36-7.

DOES THE FACT THAT THE FOUR WINDS LET GO AT TWO DIFFERENT TIMES MEAN THAT THERE ARE TWO LAST DAY FULFILLMENTS OF THE TRUMPETS ?

Possibly - MANY prophecies have 3 fulfillments or at least 3 partial fulfillments - THE last one is a COMPLETE FULFILLMENT. (USUALLY) SUGGEST FOR TRUMPETS:

- ① Historical
- ② Begins after N.S.L. - close of Probation for U.S.
- ③ Begins after Close of Probation for World. (Possibly)

THE SEALING OF GOD'S SERVANTS.

- ① THE 4 WINDS LET GO WITH THE SUDDEN DESTRUCTION following the N.S.L. - peace and safety, movement, I THESS. 5:2-3, Review + Herald Articles. See quotes in Section on 4winds in this book, p 158-163.

- ② THE 4 WINDS LET GO AT THE CLOSE OF PROBATION OF THE WORLD -

HOW DOES THIS EFFECT REV. 7: AND THE SEALING?

WHO ARE GOD'S SERVANTS? REV. 7:3.

JESUS Phil. 2:7. took form of a servant

MOSES Rev. 15:3. they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God.

PROPHETS Rev. 1:1, 10:7, 11:18.

APOSTLES Phil. 1:1, Paul * Timothy II Cor. 4:5. James 1:1, II Pet. 1:1. Jude 1:1.

GOSPEL WORKERS - Col. 4:12, those who labor for others

ALL : ① Disciples Jn. 15:20

- ② ALL who speak for Jesus with boldness Acts 4:29.
- ③ ALL who preach Jesus II Cor. 4:5.
- ④ ALL who try to please God Gal. 1:10.
- ⑤ ALL who obey God Rom. 6:16-22.
- ⑥ ALL who DO the WILL OF GOD from the heart. Eph. 6:5-6.
- ⑦ ALL who are called. I Cor. 7:22-24. and abide with God.

GOD'S SERVANTS WILL :

- ① Receive the Holy Spirit Acts 2:18.
- ② Receive God's SEAL II Tim. 2:19-26.

THOSE WHO RECEIVE GOD'S SEAL :

- ① Will know the Lord II Tim. 2:19. Know means obey (I Jn. 2:3).
- ② will depart from SIN II Tim. 2:19.
- ③ will have the fruits of the Spirit v. 21, 24-25.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE :

- ① THE 144,000 Rev. 7:3-4. ② "THE great multitude" Rev. 7:9.
- I Peter 2:9. "a chosen generation"

SUGGESTION: I feel that there are still some uncertainties on this subject which may affect the final conclusion. At present I will suggest that the sealing of "the servants of our God" (Rev. 7:3) applies to:

- ① the sealing of the 144,000 previous to the National Ruin, World War III and Close of Probation for S.D.A.
- ② the sealing of "the great multitude" just previous to the Close of Probation for the world. (Rev. 7:9)

REASONS:

- ① CROSS REFERENCE STUDY - the word SERVANTS applies to BOTH ① LEADERS and ② TO ALL the PEOPLE SAVED. (see above)

REASONS: ^② From Spirit of Prophecy.
Testimonies Vol. 3 p. 266.

ple of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men, each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. "And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

Closing work for church =
Sealing of 144,000. ↑
Sealed from every nation, kindred,
tongue and people →

"THE great multitude" ALSO
includes the multitude of all that
are saved from Adam down to
our generation.

Councils To Teachers p 531-2.

"Ye are the light of the world," Christ declares. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14, 16. God's work in the earth in these last days is to reflect the light that Christ brought into the world. This light is to dissipate the gross darkness of ages. Men and women in heathen darkness are to be reached by those who at one time were in a similar condition of ignorance, but who have received the knowledge of the truth of God's word. These heathen nations will accept eagerly the instruction given them in a knowledge of God.

Very precious to God is His work in the earth. Christ and heavenly angels are watching it every moment. As we draw near to the coming of Christ, more and still more of missionary work will engage our efforts. The message of the renewing power of God's grace will be carried to every country and clime, until the truth shall belt the world. Of the number of them that shall be sealed will be those who have come from every nation and kindred and tongue and people. From every country will be gathered men and women who will stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb, crying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:10. But before this work can be accomplished, we must experience here in our own country the work of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts.

Great Controversy p. 665.

^① Nearest the throne are those who were once zealous in the cause of Satan, but who, plucked as brands from the burning, have followed their Saviour with deep, intense devotion.

^② Next are those who perfected Christian characters in the midst of falsehood and infidelity, those who honored the law of God when the Christian world declared it void, (and) the millions of all ages, who were martyred for their faith.

^③ beyond is the "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, . . . before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Revelation 7:9. Their warfare is ended, their victory won. They have run the race and reached the prize. The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs.

The redeemed raise a song of praise that echoes and re-echoes through the vaults of heaven: "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Verse 10. And angel and seraph unite their voices in adoration. As the redeemed have beheld the power and malignity of Satan, they have seen, as never before, that no power but that of Christ could have made them conquerors. In all that shining throng there are none to ascribe salvation to themselves, as if they had prevailed by their own power and goodness. Nothing is said of what they have done or suffered; but the burden of every song, the keynote of every anthem, is: Salvation to our God and unto the Lamb.

DAN. 11:30-31. THE SOVIET UNION NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW (96)
THE PEACE CONFERENCE OF THE THREE KINGS
THAT SETTLES WORLD WAR III

DAN. 11:30.

30 For "the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant."

"For: the ships of Chittim (U.S. submarines around the world) shall come against him (Russia - the "he" in v. 29): therefore he (Russia) shall be grieved (broken) (lose the war), and return, ... (return home)

WHY DOES RUSSIA RETURN HOME ?

- ① "he shall be grieved"... Russia is broken. THEY are losing the war.
- ② Russia goes home to put through a Sunday Law against the Sabbath - No doubt the same Sunday Law which was planned at the Summit Conference in v. 27. "... and have indignation (enraged, angry, defy) against the holy covenant;" (God's law)

SUNDAY LAW NO. 3

Russia is now ready to enforce a Sunday Law which will also be a Law against the 7th. DAY Sabbath, God's holy covenant.

... "so shall he (Russia) do; he (Russia) shall even return, and have intelligence (mentally understand, instruct, to give understanding) with them (King of the South - U.S. - plural form infers a second power in addition to the U.S. and besides Russia) that forsake (fail, leave off) the holy covenant."

NOW Russia returns to the King of the South to have intelligence with them. TO "have intelligence" seems to refer to a PEACE CONFERENCE to settle the War.

WHO is at the conference with Russia ? WHO does Russia "have intelligence with ?

... "them that forsake the holy covenant."

... "them" an inference to more than the United States.

"them" (1828 Webster Dict. used as a plural form)

DAN. 11:31. "arms shall stand on his part" makes it clear who else will be at this PEACE CONFERENCE.

... "ARMS SHALL

DAN. 11:31.

STAND ON HIS PART:..

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

THE PAPACY IS GIVEN ALL OF THE POWER IT LOST IN 1798.

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Read Dan. 11:31. ... "arms shall stand on his part"...

WHAT does "arms" mean? (can be from God OR other nations)

Hebrew. power, force, strength,

examples (Eze. 30: 21-3. "arm of Egypt"

Jer. 48: 25. horn, arm. Zech. 1:18-9.

Isa. 44:12.)

Read Dan. 11:6. "deadly wound" - "power of the arm" - taken away -

Dan. 11:31. power of the arm given back to the papacy "deadly wound" entirely healed, in all the world.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

..THEY.. RUSSIA AND THE PAPACY WHO are they? WORK TOGETHER!!

The Papacy - ("arms" given back to Papacy) and the last one mentioned in v.30 - Russia.

How are RUSSIA and the PAPACY working together today? THE PAPACY established Communism in the first place and they are continuing to work together since. THIS has been well documented by Auro Manhattan in the many books he has written.

NOW IN v.31 RUSSIA and the PAPACY come out in the open and work together at the Peace Conference with the United States.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

REV. 16:13.

THESE 3 POWERS are the POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES of the DRAGON, THE BEAST and THE FALSE PROPHET.

REVELATION explains DAN, so we should find the same 3 powers in both books.

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was

AA. 585,

DRAGON = Satan - atheism - spiritualism - Russia its political representative.

BEAST = Papacy - both religious & political power

FALSE PROPHET = Apostate Protestantism - United States

its political representative. REV. contains the religious powers. DAN. is the rise and fall of political powers.

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT SEEMS to include ALL PHASES of SPIRITUALISM working through ALL 3 POWERS !!

DAN. 11:31. 31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

THE ASYLUM "POLLUTED"!

WHO is the "sanctuary of strength" which they pollute? (strength - 4581 - Heb. a fortified place, stronghold. Isa. 30:2-3, strength of nations = trusting in them.)

Sanctuary = Heb. Strong's 4720: asylum. (one of the words for sanctuary)

WHAT strong country has been an "asylum" for many years for the oppressed people of all nations?

"And he had two horns like a lamb." The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as "coming up" in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the

Great Controversy p. 441.

THE UNITED STATES, the strongest nation on earth today, has been as "asylum" to the persecuted and downtrodden people of ALL nations ever since its first existence.

SUNDAY LAW No. 4.

WHAT DOES THE PAPACY AND RUSSIA DO TO THE UNITED STATES TO POLLUTE IT? SUNDAY LAW No. 4.

WORD STUDY -

Pollute - 2490 - To wound, dissolve, profane, defile, pollute, slay (slain).

SUN. LAW

No. CROSS REFERENCE

4. Eze. 20:12-24. (Read v. 12-3, 16.) polluted the Sabbath

Isa. 47:6. Israel in Babylonian Captivity - "polluted mine inheritance" -

Jer. 34:16-17. (v. 12-22) polluted my name - did not allow the slaves to go free after 6 yrs. WE "pollute" God's name when we do not obey Him.

Suggestion: Dan. 11:31. "pollute the sanctuary of strength" -

Russia & the Papacy persuade the United States to make a much stronger Sun. Law with penalties involving slaves & captivity, & death. Eze. 32:26. "slain by the sword"

Rev. 18:13. slaves when Jesus comes EW. 286.

PROMISE - REV. 12:11.

MORE ON THE THREE WORLD POWERS THAT WORK TOGETHER

THREE RELIGIOUS POWERS:

- ① DRAGON
- ② BEAST
- ③ FALSE PROPHET

Rev. 16:13.
 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

WHAT RELIGIOUS POWERS DO THESE REPRESENT? WHAT are they symbols of?

① DRAGON - SATAN - Rev. 12:9.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

THIS also includes spiritualism in all its forms and atheism.

② BEAST - PAPACY Rev. 13:1-10.

REV. 12:9.

THE beast power is identified on pages 100-104.

③ FALSE PROPHET - APOSTATE PROTESTANTISM REV. 13:11-17.
 (Book p. 104-5.)

THE prophecies of Daniel are the rise and fall of Kingdoms or nations SO in DANIEL II: THESE THREE RELIGIOUS POWERS ARE REPRESENTED BY THREE POLITICAL POWERS OR NATIONS!!

① DRAGON = SATAN = KING OF THE NORTH - nations with the attributes of Satan (see this book p. 24-30)

CAN the great red dragon (Satan) of REV. 12: represent a political power or nation? WHO did the dragon represent at the time of Christ's birth?

REV. 12:1-5. Pagan Rome

THE dragon worked through Pagan Rome to try to destroy Jesus when he was born.
 Matt. 2:16-18.

REV. 12:1-5, CHAPTER 12
 AND there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

CAN THE GREAT RED DRAGON REPRESENT A NATION TODAY? 7 B.C. 972.

- NOTICE:
- ① DRAGON - REV. 12:
 - ② BEAST - REV. 13: 1-10 (leopardlike)
 - ③ BEAST - (with lamblike horns) REV. 13:11-17.

EARTHLY GOVERNMENTS

WHAT do these governments do?

- ① Trample on God's Law
- ② Persecute His people

3-6, 13-17 (ch. 13:1, 2, 11). God's People in the Minority.—Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopardlike beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (ST Nov. 1, 1899).

HOW LONG? "THE WAR IS CARRIED ON TILL THE CLOSE OF TIME."

CONCLUSION: THEREFORE THESE THREE POWERS REPRESENT EARTHLY GOVERNMENTS TILL THE CLOSE OF TIME!!

① GREAT RED DRAGON = RUSSIA as commonly called OR THE SOVIET UNION is the world leader today in Communism and ATHEISM (as Pagan Rome was the leader in atheism OR Paganism at the time of Christ)

THE SOVIET UNION is the leading country in doing research on many subjects such as levitation, which is a definite part of spiritualism. THEY are trying to put spiritualism on a scientific basis.

② leopardlike beast = THE Papacy has political powers as well as religious power.

REV. 13:7. "... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

③ beast with lamblike horns = REV. 13:11-17.

Rev. 13:11. describes a nation "coming up out of the earth." THE United States gradually, innocent as a lamb, grew up to the most powerful nation on earth. .."earth" = arising on a continent where very few people had previously lived. .."he spake as a dragon" - THE United States will eventually make the same kind of laws that the other nations represented by Satan have made in the past. THESE Laws will be against God's Law and to persecute God's people. SOME will be laws that the NEW AGE Groups (includes many forms of spiritualism) desire.

REV. 13:12. .."he exerciseth all the power of the first beast"..
THE UNITED STATES will make laws and rule in the same way that the Papacy ruled during the past "dark ages" for 1260 yrs.

EVEN though the event which Rev. 16:13 points to happens later (after DAN. 11:40), during the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, the three powers named in Rev. 16:13 are united and working together before that time. THE actual joining together of these three powers comes about very gradually over a period of time.

WHO IS THE BEAST OF REV. 13: 1-10. ?

IN DANIEL 11:28 when the UNITED STATES first puts into force a National Sunday Law the three powers are joined together as religious powers, working perhaps silently and secretly together. Satan is especially working through the New Age Movement which is already world wide at this time. As a result of the peace conference in Dan. 11:30 (last part) these three powers then work openly together to impose a religious and political dictatorship on the entire world.

THIS resulting World Government will be a dictatorship like the world has never known before. THIS world government is described in Rev. 17: REV. 18: tells how the world government ends and Rev. 16: describes the plagues, judgments of God, which will fall on every person who takes part in this false system of worship.

REV. 14: 6-12 contains the strongest warnings and threatenings of the entire Bible against those who worship the beast (follow the Papacy in its false system of Sunday worship) or his image (United States Protestants who lead out in following and honoring the Papacy in making a LAW against one of GOD'S LAW) OR receives the mark of the beast OR the name of the beast OR the number of his name". (REV. 13:17) (see p. 104 on the image and the mark)

IN DAN. 11:6 the great power of the church which had reigned supreme for 1260 yrs. came to an end (1798 - "in the end of years") for a period of time.

THE 1260 yrs. (Num. 13:34. Eze. 4:6) is described in seven places in the Bible, AT least some of these texts also describe the last rule of this power. THIS TIME God will only allow this false system of religion to rule for 1260 literal days. (DAN. 7:25. DAN. 12:7. Rev. 11:2-3. REV. 12: 6, 14. REV. 13:5)

HISTORY shows us that this "woman" church that ruled for 1260 yrs. was the Roman Catholic Church. BOTH its religious power over the nations ("she") and its political power over the nations ("he", "his", -v.6) was broken when Napoleon sent his general Berthier down to the city of Rome to take the Pope prisoner on Feb. 10, 1798.

REV. 13: 1-10. describes this church, its origin, its religious, and its political power.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Rev. 13:3 describes the taking away in 1798 of the Papacy's religious and political power over the nations of the world as

a "deadly wound." For some years now since 1798 the deadly wound has been gradually healing.

When the wound is healed completely all of the religious power and all of the political powers which the papacy had during the 1260 yrs. prior to 1798 is given back to it. This happens in the U.S. (in v. 28) at the time of our National Sun. Law. This happens in the rest of the the world at the time of the International Sun Law (v. 31)

Then Rev. 13:3 is completely fulfilled, "and all the world wondered after the beast."

The prophecies about this beast power which makes an effort to change God's law are repeated many times especially in Dan. and Rev. Whenever God repeats a prophecy it shows that it is very important for us to understand it.

BLAS PHEMY

The work of the Papacy is also described in Dan. 7: 8, & 25. Dan. 8: 9-12, 23-25 as the "little horn." Some other texts are II Thess. 2: 3-8, I John 4: 1-3, and Rev. 17: .

One of the most prominent characteristics is blasphemy against God.

Rev. 13: 5-6.

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

WHAT IS BLASPHEMY?

John 10: 33, 36.

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

II Thess. 2: 3-4.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

What is blasphemy? In John 10: 33, + 36. blasphemy is identified as claiming to be God or to be equal with God.

In Luke 5: 21. blasphemy is to claim to be able to forgive sins. The Bible teaches that only God can forgive sins.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

Luke 5: 21.

IN WHAT WAYS HAS THE PAPACY BEEN GUILTY OF THE SIN OF BLASPHEMY?

THE QUOTS GIVEN HERE ARE ONLY A SMALL EXAMPLE OF MUCH THAT HAS BEEN SAID AND DONE OVER THE CENTURIES.

JUST a personal note: I have known many sincere, devoted Christians who are members of the Catholic Church. I have no personal animosity against any individuals who are Catholic. BUT the straight testimony from God's Word must be taught. THIS false system of worship

Papal claims. The historical claims of the popes and Roman Catholic councils are still regarded as official. Pope Leo XIII wrote on June 20, 1894: "We [the pope] hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty."—"The Reunion of Christendom," trans. in *The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII* (New York: Benziger, 1903), p. 304; quoted in *SDA Bible Students' Source Book*, Commentary Reference Series, vol. 9, p. 684.

a. Forgiveness. "The priest holds the place of the Saviour himself, when, by saying 'Ego te absolvo' [I thee absolve], he absolves from sin. This great power, which Jesus Christ has received . . . he has communicated to his priests. . . . To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God. . . . But what only God can do by his omnipotence, the priest can also do by saying 'Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis'. . . . St. Clement, then, had reason to say that the priest is, as it were, a God on earth. . . . Innocent III. has written: 'Indeed, it is not too much to say that in view of the sublimity of their offices the priests are so many gods.'"—Eugene Grimm, (ed), *Dignity and Duties of the Priest* (Brooklyn: Redemptorist Fathers, 1927), pp. 34-36.

b. Transubstantiation. "But our wonder should be far greater when we find that in obedience to the words of his priests—*Hoc est Corpus Meum*—God himself descends on the altar, that he comes wherever they call him, and as often as they call him, and places himself in their hands, even though they should be his enemies. And after having

come, he remains, entirely at their disposal; they move him as they please, from one place to another."

"Thus the priest may, in a certain manner, be called the creator of his Creator. . . . 'The power of the priest,' says St. Bernardine of Siena, 'is the power of the divine person; for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world.'"—Grimm, *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, pp. 26, 27, 32, 33.

THIS FALSE SYSTEM OF WORSHIP must be exposed.
JESUS is coming very soon and ALL who are ready to go with Him will love JESUS so much they will be willing to follow Him in everything they do.

CHANGING "TIMES AND LAWS"

MORE characteristics of this beast power, system of false religion is described in DAN. 7:25. WE will consider one phrase,
"he shall...think to change times and laws"...

WHAT LAW HAS THE PAPACY TRIED TO CHANGE?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS is the law given in the Bible that God runs His government by. IT was originally written on stone with the finger of God.

Deut. 9:10:
10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Si'na'i, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. EX.31:18.

mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

The "little horn" power of Dan. 7:8, 20-21, 24-25. (the Papacy) has tried to change God's law.

Dan. 7:25,
25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

The Papacy leaves out the second commandment, shortens the fourth, and divides the tenth into two parts to compensate for leaving out the second one?

What "times" has the Papacy tried to change?

It has attempted to change the time to keep the weekly Sabbath from the 7th. day to the 1st. day of the week. All most all of the Protestant world has followed her in this for many centuries.

CHAPTER 20

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

THE "IMAGE" AND THE "MARK"

NOW in DAN. 11:31 when it says, "And arms (power) shall stand on his (the Papacy) (his - includes political power) part." the full

political as well as religious power that was taken away from the Papacy in 1798 is given back to the Papacy in the entire world.

THIS power has already been given back to the Papacy in the United States in v. 28, when Protestant America makes a law against God's "Holy Covenant." THE United States Law is called making an "image of the beast" in REV. 13:11-17. THE Papacy is identified as the beast in REV. 13:1-10.

MAKING an "image of the beast" (REV. 13:15) is when Protestant America follows in the footsteps of the Papacy and uses the secular or civil power, to control the consciences of the people, in the same way that the Papacy has done in the past. ("he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him" REV. 13:12) IN REVELATION this use of the civil governments to enforce religious laws is also called "her fornication." (REV. 14:8, 18:3)

WHEN the United States makes an "image of the beast" civil penalties on those who choose to obey God rather than man will soon follow, (REV. 13:15-17) THEN will be fulfilled the words of Jesus to His disciples, in Luke 21:12-18.

The mark of papal authority. The Roman Catholic Church "has made non-observance of Sunday a mortal sin. In the early Middle Ages priests 'discovered' letters from heaven to frighten people into observing Sunday rather than the Sabbath. In 1054 Pope Leo IX excommunicated the entire Eastern Orthodox Church partly because the Orthodox celebrated the Sabbath. Of all the major branches of Christendom the Catholic Church became the one most opposed to the seventh-day Sabbath.

"The pope can modify divine law," said Petrus de Ancharano. "The Sabbath, the most glorious day in the law, has been changed into the Lord's day . . . by the authority of the church," declared the archbishop of Reggio at the crucial Council of Trent.

"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday," says *The Convert's Catechism*.

"God didn't change His law even to excuse Jesus from Gethsemane and crucifixion. . . . But a body of Christian leaders felt free to change it, and to harass, persecute, and excommunicate millions of Christians who chose to obey it. The charge is serious indeed."—C. Mervyn Maxwell, *God Cares* (Boise, Idaho: Pacific Press, 1985), pp. 379, 380.

When is this mark to be received? "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*, p. 449.

All who accept this false system of ^{Sunday} worship will receive a mark in their right hand or forehead in order to buy or sell. (Rev. 13:16-17.)

G.C. 448,

As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; . . . because by keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin."—Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine*, page 58. What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign, or mark, of the authority of the Roman Church—"the mark of the beast"?

When this World Govt. is set up under the leadership of the United States and the Papacy there will be the worst tyranny man has ever known. (described in Rev. 13: Rev. 17: and its fall in Rev. 18:.) Babylon is a combination of all false religion.

Rev. 17:6.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Rev. 18:24.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Promise

Rev. 2:10-11

OUR CHOICE

What choice will you, dear reader, make? What choice will I make? Will we choose now to follow Jesus? Have you dedicated your life to Him today? Did you spend your first hour today with Jesus, on your knees in prayer and in a study of God's Word? We must know Jesus as the dearest and closest Friend if we are going to be true and faithful to Him through this future trying time. We must know the promises of God's Word. Study all of Jn. 17: Jesus, prayer will teach us what it means to know Him.

Jn. 17:3. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

We cannot know Jesus as a friend or have the Holy Spirit in our life unless we spend time

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every day with Him. Even though we may lose our temporal life now, we shall have eternal life by knowing Him.

What does it mean to know Jesus ?

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso ^dkeepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He ^ethat saith he abideth in him ought himself ^falso so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, ^gI write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ^hye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, ⁱa new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: ^jbecause the darkness is past, and the ^ktrue light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

I John 2:3-8. teaches us what it means to know Jesus. Notice how the word "know" is used in these verses.

What commandment of Jesus does v. 7-8 speak of which is both old and new ?

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, ^wThou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, ^xThou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On ^ythese two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Also see these other texts on the same subject. Mark 12: 28-31. John 13:34-5. 15:12. Lev. 19:18.

The old commandment is the ten commandment law that had already been given to them in the old testament, but Jesus came to give us a new understanding of the law. In His life and teachings Jesus shows us what the law really means. God's ten commandment law is really a law of love.

The first four commandments show us how to love God perfectly. (Ex. 20:3-11.) Jesus called these four commandments the first and great commandment.

The last six commandments show us how to love others perfectly.

Jesus tells us in Jn. 14:15, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." But in our sinful human nature we cannot keep the law.

So Jesus died in our place that we may have eternal life. Jesus suffered the penalty of our breaking God's law, which is eternal death so that we may have eternal life. All we must do to begin the Christian life is to accept Him as our Saviour.

If you, dear reader, have not accepted Jesus into your life, do it today. Accept Him now. Where ever you are tell Jesus you want Him to be the Lord and Master of your life. Surrender your life completely to Him today. Do not put it off another day. Come just as you are - sinful as you may be. Bring all your sins to Jesus and He will forgive and cleanse you from every sin.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

I John. 1:6-10.

more to conversion?

To stay a Christian we must continue to walk with Jesus. We must renew our experience with Him every morning and evening in prayer and in a study of God's word. Then Jesus will give us power to live a Christian life. He will give us power to overcome these habitual sins. If we ask Him each day, Jesus will give us

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:12.

Notice in I John 1:9, if we confess our sins, He will forgive and He will cleanse us. Then your walk with Jesus has begun.

Does this one experience enable us to live a Christian life for ever after?

Do we continue to be saved from only one experience with Jesus, or is there something

power to obey Him. Every morning we must again surrender our life to Him. Ask Him again for forgiveness, not for all the

old sins. He has already forgiven but for any new sins. We all sin in ignorance every day even when we do not choose to sin. Ask Jesus every morning for the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us for that day. Ask Him for power to overcome these old habitual sins for that day.

Jesus gives us strength for one day at a time to live the Christian life. Only in this way can you have the most beautiful love experience with Jesus as you walk with Him every day. Only then can we fulfill the conditions of the promise in Rev. 22:14. and receive eternal life.

John 14:15. "If ye love me, keep my commandments".

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

We do not earn our salvation in any way. It is a free gift. But Jesus wants us to love Him with all our heart. Our efforts to obey God are only a test of our love for Him. The more effort we put forth to obey Him, the more we show that we love Him. How much we love and obey Him is also a test of our faith. We are saved by faith but judged by our works. James 2:8-26. Our works show our faith. They show our love.

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, "Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

A WORLD GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS DICTATORSHIP

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THE last part of DAN. 11:31. shows that together these three world powers take away the "daily" ("sarrifice" is a supplied word and does not belong to the text E.W. 74.) and "place the abomination that maketh desolate" in its place. THE ABOMINATION is Rome — Pagan Rome anciently and Papal Rome in the last days. (Lu. 21:20-22, Matt. 24:15-20.)

THESE three world powers continue to work together in this prophecy up to Dan. 11:40. THEY rule the world with a system of false religion that results in the most oppressive religious dictatorship that the world has ever known. ALL of REV. 13: and REV. 17: will give you more details of this world government.

REV. 14: 6-12. is the warning message that God sends us against this false system of worship.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, [#]having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and [#]worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, [#]Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same [#]shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And [#]the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and who-soever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here [#]is the patience of the saints: here are [#]they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

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THE "DAILY" AND "THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE" (DAN. 11:31.)

Promise Isa. 58: 12-14.

"raise up the foundations"
"repairer of the breach"

v. 13. Conditions

v. 14. Promise

Read 2T. 582-5. 702-5. "How Shall We Keep the Sabbath" -
"Accountability for Light" -

WHAT do you understand the "daily" to be? (Also Dan. 8:11-13.)
Dan. 11:31.

WORD STUDY - Daily - 8548. Strong's -
constant, regular, continual, daily, ever, perpetual.

WHAT is the "perpetual covenant"?

Ex. 31: 16-17.

WORD STUDY - PERPETUAL - 5769. Strong's - eternity, always,
perpetual, beginning of the world - etc.

pick out all the words which you think might apply to the
Sabbath -

"daily" + "perpetual" come from 2 different Hebrew
words but they have some similar meanings -

SUGGEST: ① THAT one meaning may be the Sabbath -

Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon -

"from the most ancient times, ... and even of time before the creation of
the world - i.e. eternity" -

DOES the "perpetual covenant" - the Sabbath, have any connection
with Jesus "daily" ministration in the sanctuary in heaven?

WHAT does the Spirit of Prophecy say about the "daily"?

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Early Writings p. 74-5.

Then I saw in relation to the "daily" (Dan. 8:12) that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judg-

ment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the "daily"; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test.

WHAT did our early Adventist pioneers believe before 1844?

that "taking away the daily" was the transfer of power from the Pagan Roman Empire to Papal Rome -

See Uriah Smith "Dan. & Rev." on Dan. 11:31

See "The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers" Vol. 4. by L.E. Froom.

In the last day events context of Dan. 11:31, HOW might this apply?

to take away the power of all the nations of the world in order to transfer the scepter of power to the papacy for Papal Rule No. 2.

CAN one word in the Bible have more than one meaning? Selected Messages Vol. 1 p. 20-21.

Selected Messages Vol. 1. p. 20-1.

The Bible is not given to us in grand superhuman language. Jesus, in order to reach man where he is, took humanity. The Bible must be given in the language of men. Everything that is human is imperfect. Different meanings are expressed by the same word; there is not one word for each distinct idea. The Bible was given for practical purposes.

The stamps of minds are different. All do not understand expressions and statements alike. Some understand the statements of the Scriptures to suit their own particular minds and cases. Prepossessions, prejudices, and passions have a strong influence to darken the understanding and confuse the mind even in reading the words of Holy Writ.

"THE DAILY" OF DANIEL EIGHT

I have words to speak to my brethren east and west, north and south. I request that my writings shall not be used as the leading argument to settle questions over which there is now so much controversy. I entreat of Elders H, I, J, and others of our leading brethren, that they make no reference to my writings to sustain their views of "the daily."

It has been presented to me that this is not a subject of vital importance. I am instructed that our brethren are making a mistake in magnifying the importance of the difference in the views that are held. I cannot consent that any of my writings shall be taken as settling this matter. The true meaning of "the daily" is not to be made a test question.

I now ask that my ministering brethren shall not make use of my writings in their arguments regarding this question ["the daily"]; for I have had no instruction on the point under discussion, and I see no need for the controversy. Regarding this matter under present conditions, silence is eloquence.

The enemy of our work is pleased when a subject of minor importance can be used to divert the minds of our

brethren from the great questions that should be the burden of our message. As this is not a test question, I entreat of my brethren that they shall not allow the enemy to triumph by having it treated as such.

The Bible is written by inspired men, but it is not God's mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented. Men will often say such an expression is not like God. But God has not put Himself in words, in logic, in rhetoric, or in trial in the Bible. The writers of the Bible were God's penmen, not His pen. Look at the different writers.

It is not the words of the Bible that are inspired, but the men that were inspired. Inspiration acts not on the man's words or his expressions but on the man himself, who, under the influence of the Holy Ghost, is imbued with thoughts. But the words receive the impress of the individual mind. The divine mind is diffused. The divine mind and will is combined with the human mind and will; thus the utterances of the man are the word of God.—Manuscript 24, 1886 (written in Europe in 1886).

... "taking away the daily"... Dan. 11:31.

① Making a law against the Sabbath in the entire world - The International Sunday Law -

WHY - in the whole world?

Because this comes out of a peace conference involving Russia, the United States & the Papacy.

② The transferal of power from all the nations of the world to the papacy -

Here at the conference table the three greatest powers of the earth agree to impose a religious dictatorship on the entire world. They "think to" (Dan. 7:25) take away by law the 7th. day Sabbath of the 4th.

Commandment as a day of worship and put in its place a day that is an ordinary working day, the 1st. day of the week, Sunday.

WHAT is the "abomination of desolation"?

WHAT does "abomination" mean?

Abomination in v. 31 comes from a Heb. word meaning idol or idolatry. In Webster's Unabridged Dictionary the word "abomination" comes from a Latin word "ominari" meaning "to regard as an omen". An omen is a spiritualistic sign. These omen or signs are used in spiritualism to predict or warn of future events.

WHAT is the "abomination of desolation" in Matt.?

Matt. 24: 15-22. (Mark 13: 14-20.) (abomination stand in the Holy Place)

Luke 21: 20-23. - "Jerusalem compassed with armies" (the sign to flee)

WHAT does the Spirit of Prophecy say about the "abomination of desolation"?

① Application to our National Sunday Law -

② Application to the entire world -

③ a Sign to flee the cities.

① Application To our National Sunday Law
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It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities.

preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His colaborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has entrusted a capital to His stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven.

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they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.

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As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Rev. 6:10

Notice:

Close of Probation for ① U.S.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. Rev. 9:

Notice: a sequence of

- I events ① National Sunday Law ② a time of Jacob's trouble in the United States ③ martyrs - Rev. 6:10, quoted. (ST. 451.)
- II Notice in Manuscript Release No. 1423 (a portion quoted in 7 B.C. 968) Also the same sequence - ① National Sunday Law ② 5th seal opened Rev. 6:10 martyrs ③ Loud Cry Rev. 18:1-5. quoted.
- III Dan. II: contains the same sequence - ① National Sunday Law v. 28. ② slaves, captivity - martyrs - v. 31. ③ Loud Cry - v. 32-35.

WHAT is our protection during all this trouble?
 obedience to God - God's seal in our foreheads

Rev. 7:3.

Rev. 9:4.

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The Law Of God

I cannot express upon paper how deeply my heart is stirred as I realize that time is so short. Let no one read the Bible indifferently. The fullness of iniquity will be reached when piety and the truth of the Word of God are ignored, and then the words of David are appropriate: "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void Thy law."

Any fallacy is likely to be received by a people who make void the law of God. There is a crisis just ahead of those who are acting on a short-sighted policy. The rulers of the land will take their position above the great Creator of the world. The claims of a false sabbath will be brought to the front, and the rulers and the people will act upon the principle of a short-sighted policy. The false sabbath, the first day of the week, will be accepted, and the rulers will unite with the man of sin to restore his lost ascendancy. 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.

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② When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw

beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the ③ eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. [Revelation 18: 1-5, quoted.]

Shall we turn from every commercial inducement that hinders us from giving the testing message for this time to the poor souls who are under the very influences described in this scripture? The Lord has plainly stated their danger; but they have rejected the word of the Lord to follow after the deceptive influences of human and satanic agencies combined, and they have fallen into Satan's snare.

I am sorry for A. T. Jones, who has been warned over and over again. Notwithstanding these warnings, he has allowed the enemy to fill his mind with thoughts of self-importance. Heed not his words, for he has rejected the plainest light and has chosen darkness instead. The Holy One hath given us messages clear and distinct, but some poor souls have been blinded by the falsehoods and the deceptive influences of satanic agencies, and have turned from truth and righteousness to follow these fallacies of satanic origin.

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Application of "abomination of desolation" to the entire world -

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Mount of Blessings p. 120.

The ruin of Jerusalem was a symbol of the final ruin that shall overwhelm the world. The prophecies that received a partial fulfillment in the overthrow of

Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4, p. 26-7.

Hence at the mention of judgments upon Jerusalem, their minds revert to that coming, and as they are gathered about the Saviour upon the Mount of Olives, they ask, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3.

The future was mercifully veiled from the disciples. Had they at that time fully comprehended the two awful facts,—the Redeemer's sufferings and death and the destruction of their city and temple,—they would have been paralyzed with horror. Christ presented before them an outline of the prominent events to transpire before the close of time. His words were not then fully understood; but their meaning was to be unfolded as his people should need the instruction therein given. The prophecy which he uttered was twofold in its meaning: while foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it prefigured also the terrors of the last great day.

Jesus declared to the listening disciples the judgments that were to fall upon apostate Israel, and especially the retributive vengeance that would come upon them for their rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah. Unmistakable signs would precede the awful climax. The dreaded hour would come suddenly and swiftly. And the Saviour warned his followers: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand), then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains." When the idolatrous standards of

Matt. 24:
15-16.

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suddenly and swiftly. And the Saviour warned His followers: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains." Matthew 24:15, 16; Luke 21:20, 21. When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. When the warning sign should be seen, those who would escape must make no delay. Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction.

Jerusalem have a more direct application to the last days. We are now standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. A crisis is before us, such as the world has never witnessed. And sweetly to us, as to the first disciples, comes the assurance that God's kingdom ruleth over all. The program of coming events is in the hands of our Maker. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge. The divine Instructor is saying to every agent in the accomplishment of His plans, as He said to Cyrus, "I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me." Isaiah 45:5.

the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. When the warning sign should be seen, judgment was to follow so quickly that those who would escape must make no delay. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down through his house into the street; but he must speed his way from roof to roof until he reach the city wall, and be saved "so as by fire." Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction.

In the reign of Herod, Jerusalem had not only been greatly beautified, but by the erection of towers, walls, and fortresses, added to the natural strength of its situation, it had been rendered apparently impregnable. He who would at this time have foretold publicly its destruction, would, like Noah in his day, have been called a crazed alarmist. But Christ had said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Because of her sins, wrath had been denounced against Jerusalem, and her stubborn unbelief rendered her doom certain.

G.C. p. 27.

Thus the Jewish leaders had built up "Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity." Micah 3:10. And yet, while they slew their Saviour because He reproved their sins, such was their self-righteousness that they regarded themselves as God's favored people and expected the Lord to deliver them from their enemies. "Therefore," continued the prophet, "shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest." Verse 12.

For nearly forty years after the doom of Jerusalem had been pronounced by Christ Himself, the Lord delayed His judgments upon the city and the nation. Wonderful was the long-suffering of God toward the rejectors of His gospel and the murderers of His Son. The parable of the unfruitful tree represented God's dealings with the Jewish nation. The command had gone forth, "Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" (Luke 13:7) but divine mercy had spared it yet a little longer. There were still many among the Jews who were ignorant of the character and the work of Christ.

Additional Spirit of Prophecy statements on the "abomination of desolation" - (116)
 Also Read G.C. p. 17-38. Ch. "The Destruction of Jerusalem."
 for more information. S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 4. 1145.

G.C. 29. All the predictions given by Christ concerning the destruction of Jerusalem were fulfilled to the letter. The Jews experienced the truth of His words of warning: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matthew 7:2.

Signs and wonders appeared, foreboding disaster and doom. In the midst of the night an unnatural light shone over the temple and the altar. Upon the clouds at sunset were pictured chariots and men of war gathering for battle. The priests ministering by night in the sanctuary were terrified by mysterious sounds; the earth trembled, and a multitude of voices were heard crying: "Let us depart hence." The great eastern gate, which was so heavy that it could hardly be shut by a score of men, and which was secured by

The Jews, after their long captivity, would not make any image. The image on the Roman ensign or banner, they called an abomination, especially when these emblems were placed in a prominent place for them to respect. Such respect they regarded as a violation of the second commandment. When the Roman ensign was set up in the holy place in the temple, they looked upon it as an abomination. . . .

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enmity of Satan. The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God's hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty.

The Saviour's prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the doom of a world that has rejected God's mercy and trampled upon His law. Dark are the records of human misery that earth has witnessed during its long centuries of crime. The heart sickens, and the mind grows faint in contemplation. Terrible have been the results of rejecting the authority of Heaven. But a scene yet darker is presented in the revelations of the future. The records of the past,—the long procession of tumults,

conflicts, and revolutions, the "battle of the warrior . . . with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood" (Isaiah 9:5).—what are these, in contrast with the terrors of that day when the restraining Spirit of God shall be wholly withdrawn from the wicked, no longer to hold in check the outburst of human passion and satanic wrath! The world will then behold, as never before, the results of Satan's rule.

Notice = the destruction of the world that is similar to Jerusalem is after the close of Probation. (for world & for Jews - 34 A.D.) (Dan. 11:40 - 45 & on.)

God's people will be delivered.
 (G.C. 37.)

But in that day, as in the time of Jerusalem's destruction, God's people will be delivered, everyone that shall be found written among the living. Isaiah 4:3. Christ has declared that He will come the second time to gather His faithful ones to Himself: "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:30, 31. Then shall they that obey not the gospel be consumed with the spirit of His mouth and be destroyed with the brightness of His coming. 2 Thessalonians 2:8. Like Israel of old the wicked destroy themselves; they fall by their iniquity. By a life of sin, they have placed themselves so out of harmony with God, their natures have become so debased with evil, that the manifestation of His glory is to them a consuming fire.

G.C. 30. →

Not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem. Christ had given His disciples warning, and all who believed His words watched for the promised sign. "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies," said Jesus, "then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out." Luke 21:20, 21. After the Romans under Cestius had surrounded the city, they unexpectedly abandoned the siege when everything seemed favorable for an immediate attack. The besieged, despairing of successful resistance, were on the point of surrender, when the Roman general withdrew his forces without the least apparent reason. But God's merciful providence was directing events for the good of His own people. The promised sign had been given to the waiting Christians, and now an opportunity was offered for all who would, to obey the Saviour's warning. Events were so overruled that neither Jews nor Romans should hinder the flight of the Christians. Upon the retreat of Cestius, the Jews, sallying from Jerusalem, pursued after his retiring army; and while both forces were thus fully engaged, the Christians had an opportunity to leave the city. At this time the country also

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had been cleared of enemies who might have endeavored to intercept them. At the time of the siege, the Jews were assembled at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, and thus the Christians throughout the land were able to make their escape unmolested. Without delay they fled to a place of safety—the city of Pella, in the land of Perea, beyond Jordan.

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ing the temple, and then with their swords they slaughtered in great numbers those who had found shelter there. Blood flowed down the temple steps like water. Thousands upon thousands of Jews perished. Above the sound of battle, voices were heard shouting: "Ichabod!"—the glory is departed.

"Titus found it impossible to check the rage of the soldiery; he entered with his officers, and surveyed the interior of the sacred edifice. The splendor filled them with wonder; and as the flames had not yet penetrated to the holy place,

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Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. As He warned His disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin, that they might make their escape; so He has warned the world of the day of final destruction and has given them tokens of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come. Jesus declares: "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations." Luke 21:25; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Revelation 6:12-17. Those who behold these harbingers of His coming are to "know that it is near, even

WHAT is the meaning of "desolation" OR "desolate" in Dan.11:31?

Strong's - to stun, devastate, stupefy, destroy, waste,

Hebrew Lexicon - future, plural, - to lay waste, to make desolate.

When just considering the definitions of the words alone, of the "abomination of desolation" OR the "abomination that maketh desolate", it is very clear that it is an idol worshipping spiritualistic omen or sign predicting many destructions.

Notice: in the Heb. Lexicon "desolate" is future and it is plural.

SUNDAY LAW No.5. - THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY LAW HOW does all this information fit into the context of Dan.11:31. ?

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Suggest: an International Sunday Law

In the historical interpretation of Dan.11:31, the rule of the Papacy began in 538 A.D. and ended in Dan.11:40, (1798) so in this last day interpretation, the rule of the Papacy begins in Dan.11:31 with the "abomination of desolation" and ends in Dan.11:40, "at the time of the end."

HOW long might this second rule of the Papacy last?

To determine this we must look at several different verses:

① How long did the Papacy rule in the past?

Dan. 12: 7. 3 1/2 times = Rev.12:14 - 3 1/2 times

(Dan. 7: 25.) 3 1/2 times = Rev. 11:3 + Rev.12:6 = 1260 days.

(Rev. 13: 5) 42 months = Rev. 11: 2. 42 mos. =

IS there any possibility of a parallel of this in the near future?

Read Dan. 12: 11-13.

WHAT does the word "days" mean? (See book on REV. 10: - Prophetic Time)
by Cross - Reference of the original Hebrew word with other verses using the same Hebrew word as "days"

① Prophetic time - day for a year -

Eze. 4:6. Num. 14: 34. (Strong's No. 1117, 1118.)

② Literal time - eg. of many verses. Dan. 1:12, 14, 15, 18. Dan. 6: 7, 10, 12, 13.

① All prophetic time that is in long time lines is past (Rev. 10: 782, 971) such as 2300 day- yrs. + 1260 yrs. except a possibility of a few very short prophetic times as in Rev. 8:1. (1/2 hr.)

② Therefore we must conclude that the times in Dan. 12: which apply to the last days must be literal "days".

1260 DAYS AT this time we will consider the beginning of these time periods -

1290 DAYS Dan. 12: 7. 3 1/2 yrs. OR 1260 days

1335 DAYS Dan. 12: 11. 1290 days. Dan. 12: 11 1335 days

The history of the past rule of the papacy and the wording of the verses show they both begin with Dan. 11:31 and the "abomination that maketh desolate". I will suggest that the 1290 and the 1335 days begin 30 days prior to the 1260 days - (As in the historical 508 and 538 AD. - 30 yrs. difference)

SINCE this prophecy of the 1260 days is repeated in 7 places in Dan. + Rev:

DO you think that God may want us to "understand"?
Dan. 12: 10.

WARNING!!

PLEASE, I am not now OR at any time setting a date OR time for Jesus to come. I do NOT want this study to influence anyone else to set a date for Jesus to come!!

THIS study does not set a time for Jesus to come, but it certainly does emphasize the fact that His coming is very NEAR.

DID our prophet believe in literal time in the last days?

Ms. Rel. #1166.

Read Manuscript Release #1166

Notice: "Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end."

WHAT is "a warning"? Is this speaking of something past or does it speak of a future event?

Notice: In M.R. #1166 p. 2. P. 1., what does ^{the} context speak of. Paul was shown many visions. Many of the things he was shown, God did not allow him to tell to the people, (II Cor. 12:1-7.) but the visions Paul had, molded his messages to the people.

COULD there be any possibility of a parallel between Paul's situation and Sister Whites? Was she given anything she could not tell us? Is this the reason she writes about Paul and immediately in the next paragraph gives us a warning to study Dan. 12? DID she see something that shaped this message to us?

WHERE is the fulfillment of Dan. 11:31 in Rev. ?

union of all 3 powers

- Rev. 13:3 "all the world"
- Rev. 14:8 "all nations"
- Rev. 18:3 " " "

Rev. 16:13

- Rev. 13:4 "dragon" - spiritualism - New Age Movement -
- Rev. 13:11 "dragon" " " "

Fulfilled first in the U.S. then in the entire world
Rev. 13:12-17 begins with Dan. 11:31. (last part) in all the world. (begins in U.S. with Dan. 11:28, & N.S.L.)

The United States now becomes the religious "arm" of the papacy in all the world.

Russia has already been the political "arm" of the Papacy.

Thus will all the world be united against God's Commandment keeping people.

THE
SIGN,

HOW much time elapsed between the sign of the destruction and the actual seige of Jerusalem which caused its destruction?

① Sign - Feast of Tabernacles (on a Sabbath) Fall 66 A.D.

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Cestius surrounded the city - (G.C. 30-31.)
② Destruction - Passover Feast - Spring 70 A.D.

3 1/2 yrs. later

IS there a parallel in this for us?

3 1/2 YRS.

Suggestion:

DAN. 11:40.

The Papal Rule No. 2. begins in Dan 11:31 & ends in Dan 11:40; 3 1/2 yrs. later. We have already discussed how the "abomination of desolation" is a sign of coming destructions. In Dan. 11:40 (1st. part) at the end of the 3 1/2 yrs. is the description of a city being destroyed. This destruction is only the beginning of much destruction which soon engulfs the entire world and continues until Jesus comes.

When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked

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have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM - THIRD APPLICATION - E.G.W.

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WE have already discussed 2 applications of the "abomination of desolation":

- ① National Sunday Law - image of beast - United States -
- ② International Sunday Law - rule of the beast in all the world -

There is yet one more application of the destruction of Jerusalem. (The Spirit of Prophecy does not call this next application the "abomination of desolation".)

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Jerusalem is a representation of what the church will be if it refuses to walk in the light that God has given. Jerusalem was favored of God as the depository of sacred trusts. But her people perverted the truth, and despised all entreaties and warnings. They would not respect His counsels. The temple courts were polluted with merchandise and robbery. Selfishness and love of mammon, envy and strife, were cherished. Everyone sought for gain from his quarter. Christ turned from them, saying: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," how can I give thee up? "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matthew 23:37.

So Christ sorrows and weeps over our churches, over our institutions of learning, that have failed to meet the demand of God. He comes to investigate in Battle Creek, which has been moving in the same track as Jerusalem. The publishing house has been turned into desecrated shrines, into a place of

WE as Seventh Day Adventists have great light? ARE we following it?

Grieving the Spirit of God

God never forsakes people or individuals until they forsake Him. Outward opposition will not cause the faith of God's people, who are keeping His commandments, to become dim. The neglect to bring purity and truth into practice will grieve the Spirit of God and weaken them because God is not in their midst to bless. Internal corruption will bring the denunciations of God upon this people as it did upon Jerusalem. Oh, let pleading voices, let earnest prayer be heard, that those who preach to others shall not themselves be castaways. My brethren, we know not what is before us, and our only safety is in following the Light of the world. God will work with us and for us if the sins which brought His wrath upon the

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unholy merchandise and traffic. It has become a place where injustice and fraud have been carried on, where selfishness, malice, envy, and passion have borne sway. Yet the men who have been led into this working upon wrong principles are seemingly unconscious of their wrong course of action. When warnings and entreaties come to them, they say: "Doth she not speak in parables?" Words of warning and reproof have been treated as idle tales.

When Christ looked down from the crest of Olivet, He saw this state of things existing in every church. The warnings come down to all that are following in the tread of the people of Jerusalem, who had such great light. This people is before us as a warning. By rejecting God's warnings in this our day, men are repeating the sin of Jerusalem. The Lord sees what the human agent does not see and will not see—the outcome of all the human devising in Battle Creek. He has done all that a God could do. He has flashed light before the eyes of the people, that their sins might not reach the boundary where repentance cannot be felt. But by a long process of departure from just and righteous principles, men have placed themselves where light and truth, justice and mercy, are not discerned. This course has become part of their very nature.

I call upon all who have united in a course of action that is wrong in principle, to make a decided reformation and forever after walk humbly with God. . . .

These are no idle tales, but truth. Again I ask: On which side are you standing? "If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21.

old world, upon Sodom and Gomorrah and upon ancient Jerusalem, do not become our crime.

The least transgression of God's law brings guilt upon the transgressor, and without earnest repentance and forsaking of sin he will surely become an apostate. . . . Let us as a people, as far as possible, cleanse the camp of moral defilement and aggravating sins. When sin is making its march upon the people who claim to be elevating the moral standard of righteousness, how can we expect God to turn His power in our behalf and save us as a people that did righteousness? . . . If as a people we do not keep ourselves in the faith and not only advocate with pen and voice the commandments of God, but keep them every one, not violating a single precept knowingly, then weakness and ruin will come upon us. It is a work that we must attend to in every one of our churches. Each man must be a Christian.

WHAT causes the shaking?

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① "the introduction of false theories..."

The Study of the Books of Daniel and the Revelation

God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. . . . Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . .

WHAT is the "straight testimony" from the True Witness? (Rev. 3:14)

② "the straight testimony of the True Witness" . . . Rev. 1:5. 3:14.
heavenly angels were continually waiting their wings over them to scatter the thick darkness.

As the praying ones continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts and light up their countenances. Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The angels of God left these and went to the aid of the earnest, praying ones. I saw angels of God hasten to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance. But His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them.

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people.

I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.

Said the angel, "List ye!" Soon I heard a voice like many musical instruments all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard, seeming to be full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through

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my whole being. Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been (doubled), and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude and holy, sacred joy.

The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them.

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel."

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WHAT will be the results of the shaking and sifting?

Song of Sol. 6:4, 10.
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sealed, have their armor on (Eph. 6:10-18.) and are ready to give the Loud Cry. Their experience during the loud cry - latter rain of Rev. 18:1 is described in DAN. 11:32-5. (For sequence see Book p. 114.)

THE LOUD CRY (Rev. 18:1-2) and the Experience of God's People during the Reign of the "abomination that maketh desolate." (Dan. 11:31, last part)

THE LOUD CRY MESSAGE

Read Dan. 11:32-35.

These 3 verses are the story of the experiences of God's people as they finish taking the gospel to the entire world, (Matt. 28:19-20) under very difficult circumstances.

At this time there is a special message to go out to the entire world.

Read Rev. 18:1-5.

The 4th. angel now comes to add its power to the 3 angels messages (Rev. 14:6-12.)

Compare Rev. 18:2 & Rev. 14:8.

This message in Rev. 18:1-5. is a repeat of the entire 3 angels. message with a special emphasis on the 2nd. angel. (Rev. 14:8.)

Babylon (all false religion) has now completely fallen in the entire world. This false system of religion has now made (forced by law) all nations to drink (partake of) her false doctrines. (wine)

"Fornication" is a mixture of the truth and false religion. It is when church and state unite to force her false doctrines upon all the world, "Fornication" in prophecy is spiritual adultery.

WHAT special message does God have at this time for His people?

Rev. 18:4. ..."Come out of her my people"...

WHY are all to come out of this false system of religion?

(Rev. 18:4) ① so they will not partake of Babylon's sins any more

② so they will not receive of her plagues (Rev. 16:)

WHAT are the sins of Babylon that we are to come away from?

Every thing that Babylon teaches that is different from the Bible. This includes many false doctrines but the primary false doctrine is the attempted change of the 7th. day Sabbath to the 1st. day of the week, Sunday. (Dan. 7:25.) When this is enforced by law it will become an issue in the entire world.

God has honest-hearted people in every church and every religion of the world and also among the heathen and among atheists. God calls all to come out of any and all of these false systems of religion to worship Him in the way He has directed us in His word.

WHY did God create the Sabbath?

God calls us to worship Him as the Creator on the 7th. day Sabbath. The 7th. day Sabbath was instituted at the end of Creation week as a memorial (memory) of Creation.

HOW can we keep the Sabbath?

Keeping the Sabbath on the 7th. day to remember our Creator can be a very beautiful and inspirational experience. Every Sabbath I keep draws me closer to my Creator. As a family we find more to do together on the Sabbath than we can possibly have time for.

- ① Worshipping with like believers
- ② Playing musical instruments together and singing.
- ③ On every Sabbath possible we hike outdoors together and study some portion of God's Creation.
- ④ Also extra Bible study. etc.

HAS the weekly cycle ever been changed?

Gen. 2:1-3.

God blessed the 7th. day Sabbath and sanctified it, because He rested from His work of Creation on that day. This created the weekly cycle which has existed from that time.

The weekly cycle can be traced from ancient times to our present day. (See Appendix p. —)

WHAT is the 7th. day Sabbath a sign of?

Ex. 31: 12-17,

v. 13. a sign of sanctification (Strong's Concordance. consecrate, dedicate, purify.)

Heb. Lexicon - to be pure, clean, properly used of physical purity & cleanliness; (also)

v. 16. a sign of the "perpetual covenant" between God & His people -

v. 17. a sign that shows that we believe in God as the Creator
a sign " " " " " He created the earth in 6 days & rested on the 7th. day -

WHAT is the origin of the 10 commandment law?

Ex. 31: 18

God wrote the 10 commandment law on 2 tables of stone with His own finger and gave them to Moses.

When God said, "Remember the Sabbath day"... Ex. 20: 8, He was only reminding the people of what He had given Adam & Eve when they were created.

DOES God ever change a law after He has made the law?

Mal. 3: 6. "For I am the Lord, I change not;..." The 10 commandment law is a transcript of God's character. God's character does not change and therefore His law does not change.

THIS is the very last warning message to be given to the world.

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It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.

GOD'S GLORY - HIS CHARACTER. REV. 18:1.

" LOVE "

Those who wait for the Bridegroom's coming are to say to the people, "Behold your God." The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children

of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.

Rev. 14:7. "Fear God, and give glory to Him"... (1st. angel's message)

WHAT is God's glory? (His name - His character)
Ex. 33:18-19. ... "thy glory"... "...the name of the Lord"...
goodness ... gracious ... mercy

Ex. 34: 5-7. ... the name of the Lord ... merciful, & gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness & truth. forgiving sin, ... by no means clear the guilty.

THESE VERSES SHOW THAT THE CHARACTER OF GOD IS ALSO THE CHARACTER OF

I John 4:8. ... God is love. HIS LAW!!

v.16. God is love, & he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, & God in Him.

Rom. 13:10. ... "love is the fulfilling" (fills, completion - Strong's)
(Heb. Lexicon - "keeping"..) "of the law"

John 14:15. "If ye love Me keep My commandments."

Jn, 4:24. "God is a Spirit" ... "worship Him in spirit and truth."

Rom. 7:14 ... "the law is spiritual:" ...

Ps. 119:142. ... "thy law is the truth."

Jn. 14:6. "Jesus saith... I am the way, the truth, & the life..."

Lam. 1:18. "The Lord is righteous; ...

Ps. 119: 172. ... "all thy commandments are righteousness."

Isa. 6:3 ... "holy is the Lord of hosts:" ...

Rom. 7:12. ... "the law is holy, and the commandment holy."

Deut. 32:4. "... just + right is He."

Rom. 7:12. ... "the law is holy, ... + just, + good."

Mal. 3:6. "I am the Lord, I change not;" ...

Ps. 111:7. "They (the commandments) stand fast for ever + ever" ...

I Cor. 14:33. "God is .. the author... of peace."

Ps. 119: 165. "Great peace have they which love thy law..."

II Cor. 3:17. "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

James 2:12. "... they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

Matt. 5: 48. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Ps. 19:7. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; ..."

THESE VERSES SHOW THAT THE CHARACTER OF GOD IS ALSO THE CHARACTER OF HIS LAW!! GOD'S CHARACTER DOES NOT CHANGE AND THEREFORE HIS LAW DOES NOT CHANGE!! BY KEEPING THE LAW WE SHOW THE (Mal.3:6) CHARACTER OF GOD!!

The only way this can be done is by daily knowing Jesus and allowing Him to fill us with His LOVE!! STUDY GOD'S WORD AND PRAY EVERY DAY! BY BEHOLDING WE BECOME CHANGED!!

Then we will be called the "sons of God" and "we shall be like Him," and ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

I John. 3:1-2.

GOD'S PEOPLE SHOW THE CHARACTER OF GOD (DAN. 11:32-5)

In Dan. 11:31 we see all the world unite to impose a false system of worship on the entire world. Now God calls all of His people to come out of Babylon; "partake not of her sins, receive not of her plagues."

God wants us to LOVE HIM with our whole hearts. He wants us to LOVE HIM more than anything else in this entire world.

DO you LOVE HIM enough to obey Him? THIS is the test of our LOVE for HIM. Rev. 12:11, Rev. 2:10-11.

SATAN DECEIVES THE PEOPLE BY FLATTERIES

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Dan. 11: 32.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

"And such as do wickedly"...

Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon - "those who wickedly desert the covenant"

Suggestion: This includes the people who have formerly kept the Sabbath but have given it up when they see the Time of Trouble approaching. They have not had a personal LOVE relationship with Jesus. If we love God we will obey all His commands. (Jn. 14:15. ... "against the covenant"... Ex. 31:16. ... "perpetual covenant"... the 7th. day Sabbath of the 4th. commandment.

... "shall he"... the Papacy who rules over all the other kings of the earth, (Also see "his" in verse 31.)

... "corrupt by flatteries"... Strong's Concordance - "defile, pollute, profane". To "pollute" is to pollute the Sabbath Eze. 20: 12-13, 16. (see "pollute" on v. 31.) Hebrew Lexicon - "to turn aside from the true religion".

... "by flatteries"... The meaning of this word is very important. It shows how the Papacy and Satan will work together to deceive every person who does not know God, by having a personal LOVE relationship with Jesus. WE must know God through daily prayer, study of His WORD, memorizing His promises, and witnessing to others of His great LOVE, through the life we live and through our words to them. WE know God and our LOVE is made perfect by keeping His commandments. (I John 2:3-5.)

HOW does the Bible define the word "flatteries"?

- ① Ps. 55:20-22. smooth words, war in his heart, drawn swords, v. 22. Promise.
- ② Job 32: 21-22. ... "flattering titles"...
- ③ Ps. 78: 36. ... "lies"...
- ④ Prov. 7: 5, 21. ... flattery from a strange woman.
- ⑤ Prov. 20: 19. ... "tale bearer"... (gossip)

(Dan. 11:32. "flatteries" continued.)

⑥ Ps. 36: 1-4 ... "flattereth himself" ...

Notice: v. 4. "He deviseth mischief upon his bed..."

a "plot OR contrived" (strong's) evil against God's people.

Compare with ① Dan. 11:27. "both these kings hearts shall be to do mischief" ② Ps. 94:20. "...the throne of iniquity ... frameth mischief by a law".

IN Dan. 11:32 "flatteries" also then means to try to "turn God's people aside from the true religion" by laws against them.

⑦ Eze. 12:24 ... "flattering divination" ...

Eze. 13: 6-7. flattering divinations

are called lying divinations.

WHAT are divinations?

WHERE do they originate? Rev. 12:9. "the Devil which deceiveth ^{the whole} world."

WHAT does God think of divinations, witches, and all other such things?

Deut. 18:10-12. "...all that do these things are an abomination to the Lord".

Gal. 5:19-21. "... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

WHAT do these "flattering divinations" OR "lying divinations," which are practiced against God's people in Dan. 11:32, consist of?

Eze. 13: 4-5. "Ye have not gone up into the gaps (Margin OR breaches) (a break in God's wall) neither made up the hedge (wall) for the house of Israel (God's people) to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord."

WHAT are the breaches OR break in God's wall?

Isa. 58: 12-14 (doing our own pleasure on the Sabbath day and not honoring God)

WHAT does it mean in Eze. 13:5, "not gone up into the gaps" (Margin - breaches), "made up the hedge", "to stand in the day of the Lord"? Isa. 58: 12-14.

24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

(Isa. 58:12-14) The persons who do the opposite of what is described in Eze. 13:5 are described in Isa. 58:12.

- They ① build the old waste places
② raise up the foundations of many generations
③ are called The Repairer of the Breach -
The Restorer of Paths to dwell in.

The "Breach" is a break in God's "hedge" OR "wall". It is the breaking of His Ten Commandment Law which is a wall of protection around His people.

Isa. 58:13-14. God is calling His people back to careful Sabbath keeping according to the 4th. Commandment, and the people who do this work are called Repairers of the breach.

IN Eze. 13: the "lying divinations" are persons (OR agencies of Satan) who are telling lies against the Sabbath and are seducing God's people away from careful Sabbath keeping. IN Eze. 13:10 the "lying divinations" are further explained.

They seduce (lead astray) my people by -

① saying Peace, when there is no peace (I Thess. 5:2-3)

② one builds up a wall (10 commandments) and others daub it with untempered (Eze. 22:28) mortar (follow with teaching lies and error)

WHY do the false prophets in Eze. 13: tell "lying divinations" to pollute the Sabbath? ("pollute Sabbath" - Eze. 20:12-24)

Isa. 58:12-14. (13)

12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 ¶ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

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AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD:

3 Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up into the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

Eze. 13:19. "ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and pieces of bread" ...

THEY are given bribes to lie to God's people.

WHO are the false shepherds and false prophets who do these things?

Eze. 13:2. "prophets of Israel" ... "that prophesy out of their own heart"

v.3. "foolish prophets"

v.4. "O Israel, thy prophets are like foxes" ...

WHO are these false prophets or shepherds today?

Any who profess to follow God but are teaching error, especially teachers, pastors OR leaders.

Early Writings p123.-4.

FALSE SHEPHERDS

I have been shown that the false shepherds were drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. The truth of God is sealed up to them; they cannot read it. When they are interrogated as to what the seventh-day Sabbath is, whether or not it is the true Sabbath of the Bible, they lead the mind to fables. I saw that these prophets were like the (foxes of the desert. They have not gone up into the gaps, they have not made up the hedge that the people of God may stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. When the minds of any get stirred up, and they begin to inquire of these false shepherds about the truth, they take the easiest and best manner to effect their object and quiet the minds of the inquiring ones, even changing their own position to do it. Light has shone on many of these shepherds, but they would not acknowledge it and have changed their position a number of times to evade the truth and get away from the conclusions that they must come to if they continued in their former position. The power of truth tore up their foundation, but instead of yielding to it they would get up another platform that they were not satisfied with themselves.

I Thess. 5:7.

Eze. 13:4, v.5.

Ps. 36:4.

I saw that many of these shepherds had denied the past teachings of God; they had denied and rejected the glorious truths which they once zealously advocated and had covered themselves with mesmerism and all kinds of delusions. I saw that they were drunken with error and were leading on their flock to death. Many of the opposers of God's truth devise mischief in their heads upon their beds, and in the day they carry out their wicked devices to put down the truth and to

get something new to interest the people and divert their minds from the precious, all-important truth.

I saw that the priests who are leading on their flock to death are soon to be arrested in their dreadful career. The plagues of God are coming, but it will not be sufficient for the false shepherds to be tormented with one or two of these plagues. God's hand at that time will be stretched out still in wrath and justice and will not be brought to Himself again until His purposes are fully accomplished, and the hireling priests are led to worship at the feet of the saints, and to acknowledge that God has loved them because they held fast the truth and kept God's commandments, and until all the unrighteous ones are destroyed from the earth.

IN Eze. 13:23. God's people are promised deliverance out of the hands of these wicked. (See Great Controversy p. 655-6)

Eze. 13: 22-23.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

SUMMARY of the 7th, meaning for "flatteries" in Dan. 11:32.

THESE are false prophets and other leaders who teach errors against the Sabbath. They "corrupt" the people or turn them away from the true religion. Some of these false prophets are persons who have been a part of God's people prior to this time but have been seduced by bribes to turn against their own people.

- ⑧ LAST but not least, there is one more source of false prophets. WHERE do "lying divinations" come from? the devil - Satan. Satan will also send his own angels (demons) in the form of men and in the form of Jesus apostles to try to deceive the people. He will be able to deceive many but God's people who know the Scriptures will not be deceived.

Early Writings p. 264-5.

Great Controversy p. 590-1.

He who is the father of lies, blinds and deceives the world by sending forth his angels to speak for the apostles, and to make it appear that they contradict what they wrote by the dictation of the Holy Ghost when on earth. These lying angels make the apostles to corrupt their own teachings and to declare them to be adulterated. By so doing, Satan delights to throw professed Christians and all the world into uncertainty about the Word of God. That holy Book cuts directly across his track and thwarts his plans; therefore he leads men to doubt the divine origin of the Bible. Then he sets up the infidel Thomas Paine, as if when he died he were ushered into heaven, and now, united with the holy apostles whom he hated on earth, were engaged in teaching the world.

Satan assigns to each of his angels a part to act. He enjoins upon them all to be sly, artful, cunning. He instructs some of them to act the part of the apostles and to speak for them, while others are to act the part of infidels and wicked men who died cursing God, but now appear to be very religious. There is no difference made between the most holy apostles and the vilest infidels. They are both made to teach the same thing. It matters not whom Satan makes to speak, if his object is only accomplished. He was intimately connected with Paine upon earth, aiding him in his work, and it is an easy thing for him to know the very words and the handwriting of one who

served him so faithfully and accomplished his purposes so well. Satan dictated much of Paine's writings, and it is an easy thing for him to dictate sentiments through his angels now, and make it appear that they come through Thomas Paine. This is the masterpiece of Satan. All this teaching, purporting to be from apostles and saints and wicked men who have died, comes directly from his satanic majesty.

The miracle-working power manifested through spiritual-

ism will exert its influence against those who choose to obey God rather than men. Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world and second the testimony of religious teachers that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.

HOW can a false prophet be identified from a true prophet?

Eze. 23: 1, 16,
28-29.

A true prophet speaks according to God's Word.

A false prophet speaks out of their own heart which results in scattering and destroying God's people.

WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Deut. 13: 1-4.

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IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and *giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God *proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deut. 18: 22

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

A PROPHET of God:

- ① predictions will come true 100% of the time -
- ② will teach according to God's Word.
- ③ will live an obedient life according to God's Word -

Summary: WE HAVE now covered eight different meanings for the word "flatteries" in Dan. 11:32. EIGHT different ways in which Satan will use

wicked men and also his demons to try to deceive the whole world and especially to try to deceive even the very elect. ONLY BY daily walking with Jesus by faith — by knowing God, by a study of His Word daily, by memorizing His promises, will we be able to withstand Satan's deceptions. WE can do NOTHING without JESUS CHRIST.

"THE PEOPLE THAT KNOW THEIR GOD" DAN. 11:32

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Dan. 11:32, ... "but the people that do know their God..."

WHAT does it mean to know God? I John 2:3-10.

(I Jn. 2:3-10.)

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

... "we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

WHAT is the result of keeping His commandments?

v. 5. the love of God is perfected in us

WHEN the LOVE of GOD is in our hearts, how will we treat others? v. 10.

TO LOVE GOD with all our heart and to LOVE our neighbor as ourself is Jesus new commandment and it is also the same as the commandments given in

the old testament. Matt. 22:36-40. Read

Ex. 20:1-17. Read Deut. 5: - 11.

Notice: Deut 5:6-21 The Ten Commandments Deut. 9:10. "written with the finger of God."

THE first four commandments teach us how to LOVE God with all our hearts. Deut. 10:12-13

Ex. 20:1-11. THE last six commandments teach us how to LOVE our neighbor as ourselves. Deut. 10:17-19. Deut. 11:1.

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Matt. 22:36-40.)

us a living demonstration of LOVE in the way He lived and died for us. (I Jn. 2:8. last part also v. 9-10.)

THE idea of LOVE for God and man in the ten commandments was new to them.

Jesus called His commandments of LOVE an old commandment (I John. 2:7) because it was the same as was given to them in the beginning at Creation.

Jesus called the idea of LOVING God and LOVING others a new commandment (I Jn. 2:8) because the people at Christ's time had lost sight of the real meaning of LOVE. Jesus is the "light" and He came to show us the real meaning of LOVE in His own life by giving

us a living demonstration of LOVE in the way He lived and died for us. (I Jn. 2:8. last part also v. 9-10.)

ALL of the ten commandments can be found in the New Testament. Jesus kept all of the commandments and He expects all of His people to keep them. Only in His strength and with His help - as we claim the promises of God's Word - (II Pet. 2:4) can we do this.

Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to show us how it is to be kept. (Matt. 5:17) Read all of Matt. Chapter 5, 6, 7, especially Ch. 5: TO be perfect we must LOVE God and LOVE others as the Father does. Matt. 5:44-48.

"LOVE worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore LOVE is the fulfilling of the law." Rom. 13:10. Compare with Matt. 5:17. Fulfilling in the Greek means: fills, completion (Strong's Concordance) Keeping (Thayer's Gr. Lexicon) ... therefore LOVE is the keeping of the law. (Rom. 13:10)

Our salvation comes from faith in Jesus Christ alone. WHEN we keep the law it shows that we really have received Jesus into our heart and that He is abiding there. Keeping the law with LOVE proves how much we really do LOVE God.

THE "people that do know their God" that are described in Dan. 11:32. are keeping ALL of God's ten commandment law because of their great LOVE for God. Dan. 11:33 shows that they LOVE God so much that they are even willing to die for Him rather than to break any of God's TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Compare Matt. 5:17-19

Rom. 13:8-10 explains what fulfill and fulfilled means.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Rom. 13:8-10,
8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Matt. 5:44-48.
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44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

..SHALL BE STRONG..

Dan. 11:32. "...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do (exploits)." (exploits is a supplied word but the meaning of do seems to infer the useage of exploits)

IN Genenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon "strong" in Dan.11:32 means "to strengthen", to be strong, to be powerful."

HOW do God's people become strong? They are strong because they KNOW GOD. They become strong by prayer; and meditation and study of the WORD which develops faith. (Rom. 10:17.)

IN what ways will God's people be strong? WHAT are the results of becoming strong?

Isa. 27:5. peace with God
Dan. 11:32. "strong" (Strong's Concordance No. 2388 same as "let him take hold"...

5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

Isa. 56: 1-2, 6-8.
those who are strong in the Lord lay hold of OR Keep the 7th. Day Sabbath. ("layeth hold" Strong's No. 2388. same as "strong" in Dan. 11:32)

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THUS saith the LORD. Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;
7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
8 The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

Isa. 42: 6-9. (Strong's No. 2388). and will hold". God's people who are strong will do the same work that Jesus did on earth. (v.7.)

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

"strong" - (N.T. Strong's Concordance No. 1743 which is from No. 1412 which is from No. 1411.)

No. 1411. is usually translated "power" or "mighty works" or "miracles"

THE "people that do know their God" in Dan. 11:32. do "mighty works" and "miracles" by the "power" of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8, "power" - (No. 1411)

I Cor. 12:10. "miracles" - a gift of the Spirit.

AT this time the people that know God do the same work that Jesus did on earth - they walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

8 But ye shall receive ²power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 4:36 "... with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits and they come out."

Lu. 5:17. "... the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

Lu. 19:37. "... the whole multitude .. began to rejoice and praise God ... for all the mighty works which they had seen."

Acts 2:22. "... by miracles and wonders and signs" ...

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you ^oby miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

OTHER verses showing how God's people are "strong". (Strong's Concordance N.T. No. 1743.)

Rom. 4:20. (Abraham) ... "was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

Eph. 6:10. "... be strong in the Lord" ... "Put on the whole armour of God" ...

Phil. 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

II Tim. 2:1. "... be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

II Tim. 4:17. "... the Lord stood with me and strengthened me" ...

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put ^oon the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against ^oprincipalities, against powers, against the ^orulers of the darkness of this world, against ^ospiritual wickedness in ^ohigh places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having ^odone all, to stand.

14 Stand ^otherefore, having your ^oloins girt about with truth,

and having ^oon the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And ^oyour feet shod with the preparation of the ^ogospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking ^othe shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the ^ohelmet of salvation, and the ^osword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 ^oPraying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and ^osupplication for all saints;

Eph. 6:10-18.

Heb. 11: 32-40. v. 33-34. .. "through faith" ... "out of weakness were made strong" ...

→ WHAT will prevent some from becoming "strong" in the Lord?

Rom. 16: 17-18.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

and fair speeches") "deceive the hearts of the simple". ("simple" - Strong's No. 172 - innocent, unsuspecting.)

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

.. those who serve their own belly will cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine and by "flatteries" (Pan. 11: 32, "good words and fair speeches") "deceive the hearts of the simple".

→ Phil. 4: 15-19. those whose God is their belly are enemies of the cross of Christ and end in destruction.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Phil. 4: 15-19.

AS followers of Jesus, to be perfect, we must not allow appetite to rule over us.

Adam and Eve put their own desires of appetite as more important than the command of God. God commanded them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve disobeyed God. (see Gen. 3:) Then Adam followed in disobedience, and this then was man's first sin.

IF we allow anything in our life to become more important than the commands of God, then that becomes our God. THIS is why unrestrained appetite is a sin. WE are putting our own wishes before what God tells us to do and that is sin.

Exodus 20: 3. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

TO LOVE GOD IS TO PUT HIM FIRST IN EVERYTHING (140)

THE "people that do know their God" in Dan. 11:32-35 LOVE God so much that they choose to put God first in everything they do. (THIS is obedience to the first 4 commandments.)

JESUS first temptation was on appetite.

Luke. 4: 1-4. Jesus won the victory by prayer to His father and by being able to quote the Scriptures -

MAN'S first sin was on appetite. (Gen. 3:)

THE first place we fall is on the temptation of appetite.

HOW did Jesus gain the victory? ① Through Bible Study and prayer - ② by knowing God's promises, and ③ by having complete faith in His father, and surrendering completely to His father.

HOW do we gain the victory? IN the same way - ① by prayer, ② complete faith in Jesus, ③ knowing God's Promises. (to use when Satan tempts us).

THROUGH this means God will give us victory over appetite first and then over every other sin. By study of the life of Jesus we can know how he overcame temptation. HIS prayer in the garden of Gethsemane illustrates His complete surrender to the Father. Matt. 26: 39-44. Luke 22: 41-44.

AS we learn to surrender to Jesus in the same way, then He can cleanse our hearts from all sin and give us a new heart. IT is not possible for us to do any of this without Jesus. IT is not possible for Him to cleanse us from sin unless we give Him our heart, our mind - everything we have.

"THE people that do know their God" in Dan. 11: 32-35.

know what it means to experience victory over appetite and victory over every other sin.

THEY have put God first in everything they do. THEY have learned to love God with all their heart, soul and mind, and others as themselves. THEY love God more than life itself, as shown in verse 33, when they "fall by the sword, flame and captivity" rather than to disobey God. THIS LOVE will be seen in the life of every true christian as it flows out to everyone around Him.

PART of knowing God and learning how to LOVE Him is to learn how to care for our physical body. MAN is so very important to God and God the Father LOVES us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus to die for us. Jesus died the eternal death, the death of the wicked just so we can have eternal life. (John. 3:16)

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

MAN is condemned to die the eternal death, the death of the wicked (Gal. 3:10. Deut. 27:26.)

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

because "ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23 Rom. 6:23.

John 3:16.

SINCE we are condemned to eternal death, in order for Jesus to take our place He had to die the eternal death of the wicked for us.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

Gal. 3:10.

WHEN we really KNOW and understand what Jesus did for us at the cross, NO SACRIFICE on our part will be too difficult to make.

(more on the curse of the law on p. 143. → of this section.)

DEAR READER, if you have never given your heart to Jesus or if you need to renew your commitment, DO IT NOW, BEFORE IT IS FOREVER TOO LATE.

9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

SOON, VERY SOON, Jesus will say (Rev. 22:10) ... "the time is at hand."

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

YOUR probation will end, the time for the investigative judgment will be over, the record books of heaven will have all been examined and all the decisions will be made. (Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14)

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

YOUR destiny will be forever sealed.

Dan. 7: 9-10, 13-14.

THEN Jesus will say, (Rev. 22:11)

Rev. 22:10-12.

QUICKLY. following this final decision Jesus will come with His reward for each person — ETERNAL LIFE OR ETERNAL DEATH.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

JESUS DIED THE ETERNAL DEATH - THE CURSE OF THE LAW FOR US

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26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut. 27:26.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God.) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Deut. 21:22-23,

THE "curse of the law" (Gal. 3:13) is the final eternal death also described in Rev. 20:7-9.

NOTICE: THE wicked are "devoured," THAT statement appears to be a contradiction with the next verse that says the wicked "shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

IF we allow the Bible to explain itself there is no contradiction.

CONSIDER how the word forever is used in other Bible passages.

① Ex. 21:6. THE servant is to serve his master "forever" as long as his life lasted.

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

Ex. 21:6.

"lent" to the Lord "forever" as long as he lived.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD: as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

③ Jonah 2:6,10. Jonah felt like he was in the fishes belly "forever". He was only there for three days and nights. (Matt. 12:40)

CHAPTER 11

THE word that came to Jeremia from the LORD, saying,

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I

command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

John 7:49,

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom. 3:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 6:23.

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom. 3:24,

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Gal. 3:13.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Jonah. 2:6, 10, when the wicked are tormented day and night for ever and ever they are tormented continuously as long as their life lasts.

FOR, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal. 4:1, 3.

THIS is the death that Jesus died for us so that we may have eternal life — what wonderful LOVE, we cannot fathom it.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, ¹⁰but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war ¹¹desolations are determined.

Dan. 9:26.

Dan. 9:24-27 prophesies the Messiah's death (and also other events) giving the exact time of the crucifixion hundreds of years before it happened. IN v. 26. it says the Messiah would be "cut off". THE term "cut off"

is used in the Bible to describe the death of the wicked. THIS is made clear in Ps. 37: 22, 34, 38.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

Ps. 37: 22, 34,
38.

Conclusion: THE meaning of the word "forever" as used in the Bible is forever as long as the situation lasts, which may be three days or it may be an entire lifetime. So in Rev. 20:10 when the wicked are tormented day and night for ever and ever they are tormented continuously as long as their life lasts.

Mal. 4:1, 3. WHEN this period of time is ended the wicked will be ashes under the feet of the saints — part of the soil, gone for ever, for all eternity.

Notice: In Rev. 20:7. the "Lake of Fire" happens at the end of the 1000 yrs. OR millenium.

SO when JESUS was "cut off" he died the final death of the unrepentant sinner.

WHERE WILL YOU BE? HAVE you given your heart and life to Jesus? ARE you feasting on God's Word daily, so you can become acquainted with Him? ARE you making Jesus your daily friend and companion? HAVE you surrendered to Him so He can change your life?

FRIEND, I plead with you, if you have not yielded your life to Him, do it NOW before it is forever too late - NOW before the gates of mercy are closed forever.

JESUS PAID THE PRICE ON CALVARY - HOW DO WE GLORIFY GOD IN BODY AND SPIRIT? ⁽¹⁴⁶⁾
I Cor. 6:19-20. Jesus "bought" us with the price of His own precious blood and because of this we must glorify God in our physical body as well as in our spiritual nature.

I Cor. 3:16-17. Our body is the temple of God and the Holy Spirit wants to live in us. IF we knowingly choose to harm our bodies in any way by the way we live OR by what we eat and persist in continuing to do it, God will destroy us. (Marginal reading for "defile" (v.17) is "destroy")

I Cor. 6:19-20,
19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I Cor. 3:16-17,
16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

HOW do we "defile" OR "destroy" ourselves?

By disobeying the LAWS OF HEALTH and THE MORAL LAW.
God has two laws:

- ① THE MORAL LAW - TEN COMMANDMENTS - EXODUS 20:3-17.
- ② THE PHYSICAL LAW - EIGHT LAWS OF HEALTH

THE laws of how our bodies operate and how they are to be cared for were established at the time of Creation by the Creator.

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ALL eight of these laws of Health are found in the first three Chapters of Genesis.

- ① Pure Air - Gen. 1:6-8.
- ② Sunlight - Gen. 1:3-5.
Gen. 1:14-19, →
- ③ Abstemiousness (temperance in all good things and saying NO!! completely to anything that is harmful in anyway)
Gen. 3:1-7. (v.3)

saved by the use of natural methods of healing. The poisons contained in many so-called remedies create habits and appetites that mean ruin to both soul and body. Many of the popular nostrums called patent medicines, and even some of the drugs dispensed by physicians, act a part in laying the foundation of the liquor habit, the opium habit, the morphine habit, that are so terrible a curse to society.

The only hope of better things is in the education of the people in right principles. Let physicians teach the people that restorative power is not in drugs, but in nature. Disease is an effort of nature to free the system from conditions that result from a violation of the laws of health. In case of sickness, the cause should be ascertained, Unhealthful conditions should be changed, wrong habits corrected. Then nature is to be assisted in her effort to expel impurities and to re-establish right conditions in the system.

Natural Remedies

Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them. It is essential both to understand the principles involved in the treatment of the sick and to have a practical training that will enable one rightly to use this knowledge.

The use of natural remedies requires an amount of care and effort that many are not willing to give. Nature's process of healing and upbuilding is gradual, and to the impatient it seems slow. The surrender of hurtful indulgences requires sacrifice. But in the end it will be found that nature, untrammelled, does her work wisely and well. Those who persevere in obedience to her laws will reap the reward in health of body and health of mind.

④ Rest - Gen. 1:14-19. "darkness" to rest
Gen. 2:1-3. every 7th, Day Sabbath to rest

⑤ Exercise - Gen. 2:5-8, 15. gardening

⑥ Proper Diet. Gen. 1:29-30. fruits, grains, nuts, vegetables.
Gen. 3:18. herb of the field. Green leaves were given to eat after sin. Herbs will help to heal our physical bodies.

THE promises of God are symbolized by the leaves of the tree of life and are for our spiritual healing. (M.H. 122)
Eze. 47:8-12. Notice: v. 12. the leaf for medicine

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GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS CHURCH 13

GOD'S PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND
HOW TO USE THESE 8 LAWS TO HELP OTHERS!

Wonderful is the work which the Lord designs to accomplish through His church, that His name may be glorified. A picture of this work is given in Ezekiel's vision of the river of healing: "These waters issue out toward the east country, Eze. 47:8-12. (quoted)

⑦ Use of Water.
Gen. 1:6-10.

⑧ Trust in Divine Power.
Gen. 2:1-3.

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So with all the promises of God's word. In them He is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice. It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power. They are leaves from that tree which is "for the healing of the nations." Rev. 22:2. Received, assimilated, they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

THIS is our relationship with God. DO we trust Him with our life? DO we serve Him because we love Him?

GOD created the Sabbath day as a memorial of creation. WHAT is to last through all generations?

Ps. 135:13. (Sabbath)
① God's name (character)

13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
Ps. 135:13.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.
Deut. 7:9.

② His memorial of His name (character)
Deut. 7:9.

① God keeps His covenant and mercy
② To those who LOVE Him and Keep His commandments for a thousand generations

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.
17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.
Ex. 31:16-17.

LOVING GOD BY KEEPING HIS MORAL LAW AND HIS PHYSICAL LAW -
Ex. 31:16-17.

① The Sabbath is a perpetual (Heb. everlasting, eternal. Strong's Concord, Covenant

② The Sabbath is to be kept for all generations
Isa. 66:22-23.

① WE will still be keeping the 7th. Day Sabbath on the New Earth,

THE 7th. DAY SABBATH AS A MEMORIAL OF CREATION WILL BE KEPT THROUGHOUT ALL ETERNITY!!

DO you LOVE God? DO you really LOVE Him? DO you LOVE Him enough to follow in Jesus footsteps? Jesus kept the 7th. Day Sabbath and so will all His people who are planning on living with Him forever!!

ON God's Holy Day we have the opportunity to lay all work aside and to worship Him as the Creator of all things.

God created everything for man's use in the seven days of creation week. WHAT LOVE - what marvelous LOVE the Creator shows us in His creation!!

"THE people that do know their God" know how to show their LOVE for God by keeping His MORAL LAW (TEN Commandments) and His PHYSICAL LAW (8 LAWS OF HEALTH)

THE VICTORY - CONQUERING EVERY SIN -

HOW can we learn to conquer over every sin against God's Moral and Physical Law?

II Cor. 7:1. Notice: "cleanse .. from all filthiness of the flesh (physical) and spirit" (spiritual-moral)

HAVING therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

BELIEVING God's promises - we can have VICTORY over every sin in the same way Jesus had the victory. HE is our example and He promises us VICTORY. (See Rev. 2:7, 17, 26. Rev. 3:5, 12, 21.)

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
Rev. 3:21.

IN Dan. 11:32, "the people that do know their God" have the victory over every sin. THEY know how to LOVE God. THEY have completely surrendered their will to doing God's will. THIS is why Jesus died and shed His precious blood for us. Matt. 1:21. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: ('Saviour'-Margin) for He shall save His people from their sins."

John. 14:15. "IF ye love Me, keep My commandments" JESUS took our fallen human nature, the "seed of Abraham". Heb. 2:16. JESUS was "made like unto His brethren". (v.17) WHY? (v.17.)

16 For verily ⁵he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For ⁱⁿ that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb. 2:16-18

- ① to be a merciful and faithful high priest.
- ② to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have ^apeace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom. 5:1, 8-11. justified, (forgiven), the atonement.

8 But ^aGod commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we ^awere reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the ^aatonement.

JESUS suffered, He was tempted in every way that man is tempted. HE is able to help us to have the victory over every sin because He gained the VICTORY.

Rom. 5:1,

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GOD'S PEOPLE DO EXPLOITS

Dan. 11:32. "...the people that do know their God shall be strong and do (exploits)"

"do"

WHAT will God's people "do"?

(6213) Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon - to produce; to work miracles. (This is one meaning among many for do. This particular meaning fits the context the best. Heb. Verb form - KAL - Preterite)

Christ bore the penalty that would have fallen upon the transgressor; and through faith the helpless, hopeless sinner becomes a partaker of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. [Christ imputes his perfection and righteousness to the believing sinner when he does not continue in sin, but turns from transgression to obedience of the commandments.] Christ rendered perfect obedience to the law, and man could not possibly obey the holy precepts had it not been for the provision that was made for the salvation of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam. Clothed with the habiliments of humanity, Christ passed over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell. He became subject to the same temptations to disregard the word that God had spoken, and to accept the voice of the tempter, who had disguised himself as an angel of light. He met the wily foe's temptations, saying: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." He was assailed

fell in drops upon the ground. Thrice the prayer for deliverance was wrung from His lips. Heaven could no longer endure the sight, and a messenger of comfort was sent to the Son of God.

Heaven beheld the Victim betrayed into the hands of the murderous mob, and with mockery and violence hurried from one tribunal to another. It heard the sneers of His persecutors because of His lowly birth. It heard the denial with cursing and swearing by one of His best-loved disciples. It saw the frenzied work of Satan, and his power over the hearts of men. Oh, fearful scene! the Saviour seized at midnight in Gethsemane, dragged to and fro from palace to judgment hall, arraigned twice before the priests, twice before the Sanhedrin, twice before Pilate, and once before Herod, mocked, scourged, condemned, and led out to be crucified, bearing the heavy burden of the cross, amid the wailing of the daughters of Jerusalem and the jeering of the rabble.

Heaven viewed with grief and amazement Christ hanging upon the cross, blood flowing from His wounded temples, and sweat tinged with blood standing upon His brow. From His hands and feet the blood fell, drop by drop, upon the rock drilled for the foot of the cross. The wounds made by the nails gaped as the weight of His body dragged upon His hands. His labored breath grew quick and deep, as His soul panted under the burden of the sins of the world. All heaven was filled with wonder when the prayer of Christ was offered in the midst of His terrible suffering,—“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34. Yet there stood men, formed in the image of God, joining to crush out the life of His only-begotten Son. What a sight for the heavenly universe!

...the people
that do know their God,
shall be strong and do
(exploits)
the same works that
Jesus did under the
power of the Holy Spirit.

John.

14:10-15.

but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than

these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Acts. 1:8-9.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

DANIEL 11:33.

"THEY"

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

WHO are "they that understand"?

① THEY are from among "the people that do

know their God" in verse 32.

② "understand" = Strong's 7919 - instruct, teach, wisdom, wise, guide.

"WISE" ③ Dan. 12:3. "wise" - 7919 same Heb. word as "understand" - Margin - "teachers"

④ Dan. 12:9-10, ("wise" - 7919.)

DO you think that perhaps the wise spoken of in Dan. 11:33 and in Dan. 12:3, 10. will understand the unsealed portion of Daniel? - the portion which is especially for the last days?

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

THE "WISE" WILL BE TEACHING AND FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL COMMISSION!!

Matt. 28: 18-20,
Mark 16: 15-20.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

"INSTRUCT"

Dan. 11:33.

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many..."

"instruct" - Strong's - 995 - inform, think, teach, skilful (similar to understand - 7919)
(in Wigram's Concordance 995 is most frequently translated understand) same as understand (995) and understood in Dan. 12:8.

Paraphrasing the first half of Dan. 11:33 -

"And they that understand, among the people that do know their God, shall teach skillfully and make many to understand."

WHY ARE "they that understand" able to instruct many?

- 1 Prov. 28:5. "understand" - 995 - same as "instruct" -
- 2 Isa. 28:9-10. "understand" - 995.

THEY have done much careful Bible Study that goes beyond the milk of the Word.

IN Matt. 10:1-32. JESUS gave His twelve disciples and His disciples of all ages, instructions that fit perfectly the experience of God's people described in Dan. 11:32-35.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things.
Prov. 28:5.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:
Isa. 28:9-10.

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nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

CHAPTER 10

AND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Sa-mar'i-tans enter ye not:
6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Go-mor'ra in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues:

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24 The disciple is not above

his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Bê-êl'ze-bûb, how much more shall they call them of his household?

26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, whom will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

"THEY shall fall"

Dan. 11: 33. (last half)

... "yet they (the people) shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, (many) days."

WHO are they that shall fall? ARE they from among the teachers only OR are they from the entire group of God's people?

"THEY" seems to refer back to "the people" in v. 33 (first part) and to "the people that do know their God" in v. 32.

"ALL"

∴ "yet they shall fall" ... HOW will some of God's people fall?
(3782) Gesenius Heb. Lexicon - "fall" - To waver, to totter, to stagger, to totter in the ankles.

- ① by the sword (2719)
- ② by flame (3852)
- ③ by captivity (7628)
- ④ by spoil (961)

"SWORD"

① ... "by the sword" ...

(Sword - 2719. Strong's - a cutting instrument (from its destructive effect) knife, sword, or other sharp implement; - ax, dagger, mattock, tool.)

Suggestion: The modern guillotin may be used. For documentation about guillotins see TAPES by Samantha Smith on NEW AGE.

"SWORD" WHO will use the sword against God's people and when will they use it? IS any of this future OR is it all in the past?

Rev. 20:4.

NOTICE: IN heaven special honor is given to those who die by being beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God. THEY are beheaded during the time that all the powers of earth have tried to make them worship the beast OR his image and accept his mark.

THE mark of the beast has been previously shown to be the keeping of Sunday as a day of worship instead of the 7th. Day Sabbath—when it is required by law. (THERE will evidently be a physical mark to go with it.)

Rev. 20:4.

4 And I saw ^ethrones, and they sat upon them, and ^jjudgment was given unto them: and I saw the ^ssouls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word

of God, ^aand which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and ^rreigned with Christ a thousand years.

WHAT does the "witness of Jesus" include? (Spirit of Prophecy)

witness - 3141 - Strong's - record, report, testimony, witness.

Rev. 12:17. - "testimony of Jesus" - testimony = 3141

Rev. 19:10 - "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." testimony = 3141.

(Rev. 20:4.)

THE BEAST USES THE SWORD

SWORD" WHAT other texts are there in Rev. that speak of the sword in a literal sense? ... Rev. 13:3-10.

WHO will use the sword?

NOTICE: The beast. Rev. 13:3-10 describes his

THE ORDER OF EVENTS. Dan. 11: describes his political power.

THE beast rules for 42 mos. after the healing of the deadly wound - (same as 1260 days in Dan. 11: and Dan. 12:

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were ²wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all ^ethe world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, ^eWho is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a ^mmouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, ^aand his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him ^tto make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, ^wwhose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb ^sslain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He ^tthat leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: ^mhe that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here ⁱis the patience and the faith of the saints.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, ^aand went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 19:10.

10 And ^mI fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See ^tthou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren ^tthat have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

IN Rev. 12: the dragon also makes war with "the people that do know their God". (Remnant) (Dan. 11:32-3. Rev. 12:17.)

THE DRAGON is a symbol of Satan (Rev. 12:9) and represents all phases of

spiritualism, including the New Age Movement, and all of atheism, and all heathen religions. IN Dan. 11: the political power of the dragon is represented by an atheistic nation which is a world leader - Russia. IS Rev. 13: 3-10 all in the past? OR will any of it happen in the future? S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7. p. 979.

NOTICE: CONTEXT is - mark of the beast, Sunday - Sabbath issue. THIS is a last day Time of Trouble context. THEN Rev. 13: 4-8, 10 is quoted. THIS includes v. 5 which contains the 42 months (OR 1260 days).

NOTICE: "THIS entire chapter is a revelation of what will surely take place."

"ENTIRE CHAPTER" = all of Rev. 13.
"WILL ... TAKE PLACE" = FUTURE, after it was written (in 1897) - STILL FUTURE to us.

9-12 (ch. 13:11-17; see EGW on chs. 12: 17; 18:1; Isa. 58:12-14). The Real Issue in the Final Conflict.—[Rev. 14:9, 10 quoted.] It is for the interest of all to understand what the mark of the beast is, and how they may escape the dread threatenings of God. Why are men not interested to know what constitutes the mark of the beast and his image? It is in direct contrast with the mark of God. [Ex. 31:12-17 quoted.]

The Sabbath question will be the issue in the great conflict in which all the world will act a part. [Rev. 13:4-8, 10 quoted.] This entire chapter is a revelation of what will surely take place [Rev. 13:11, 15-17 quoted] (MS 88, 1897).

What Is the Mark of the Beast?—John was called to behold a people distinct from those who worship the beast and his image by keeping the first day of the week. The observance of this day is the mark of the beast. (Letter 31, 1898).

7 B.C. 979.

THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST USES THE SWORD

SWORD WHO else will use the sword (martyrs) ? Rev. 13: 11-17.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means

← the United States

← see v. 3-10, v. 10, Sword

of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

"speak" a law (G.C. 442.)

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
17 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.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three-score and six.

REVIEW: THREE POWERS united against God's people in

- an effort to destroy them. →
- ① "dragon" - Satan - represented by (Rev. 16:13.) Russia today (represented by Pagan Rome in Christ's day - Rev. 12:1)
 - ② "beast" - papacy
 - ③ "false prophet" - Apostate Protestantism - political power represented by the United States today -

CAN the "great red dragon" of Rev. 12: represent an earthly government? Rev. 12:3-4.

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

THE dragon (Satan) stood ready to devour her child (Jesus) as soon as He was born. THIS represents Pagan Rome at the time of Christ. THE Roman Govt. (Herod) killed all the babies in 2 yrs. of age in an effort to destroy Jesus. (Matt. 2:16-18.)

Rev. 12:3.

- ① horns = powers - Kings - nations Dan. 7:24-5.
- ② crowns on heads = Dan. 7:17, - beasts - kings.
- ③ heads = Rev. 17:9. = mountains = Kingdoms Dan. 2:35, 45. Dan. 7:6, 23. Jer. 51:24-5.

THE horns, crowns and heads are the nations of the world which represent Satan. 7 B.C. 972. (S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 7, p. 972. E.G.W. Comments)
- nations which trample upon God's Law,
- nations which persecute God's people

7 B.C. 972.
CHAPTER 12

3-6, 13-17 (ch. 13:1, 2, 11). God's People in the Minority.—Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopardlike beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (ST Nov. 1, 1899).

TODAY —

earthly governments

- Symbols ① "great red dragon" - atheism today - Russia the leader (Rev. 12:)
- ② "leopardlike beast" (Rev. 13:1-10) Papacy - both religious + political power -
- ③ "beast with lamblike horns" - United States - the leader of Apostate Protestantism - (Rev. 13:11-17)

"WAR" HOW long does the war (Rev. 12:17) continue? "...till the close of time."

THEREFORE the "great red dragon" represents an earthly government till the close of time !!

NOTICE: Revelation opens the sealed portion of Daniel.

THE SEALS OPENED REV. 5:5. →

NOTICE: "solemn events which we must know"

The Certainty of Prophecy

All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God's prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment. (1896.)

NOTICE: "as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment." (Events future to 1896)

SEALS

THE PALE HORSE USES THE SWORD REV. 6:7-8.

REV. 6: ARE these three powers, which unite to make war against God's people and use the sword, described AND THE SWORD in the seals?

HOW do the SEALS fit in with Daniel 11: ?
Rev. 6: 7-8.

NOTICE: "Sword" - The fourth horse seems to describe the experiences of God's people just prior to and during the Loud CRY (Dan 11: 32-5, especially in the United States. THE U.S. is here described as "...one fourth part of the earth"

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Great Controversy p. 615-6.

NOTICE:

"... Romanism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New..."

perish not." John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death/ Romanism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New will pursue a similar course toward those who honor all the divine precepts.

The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. "Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. . . . All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:5-7.

COULD this be a proper interpretation of the "pale horse" ?

HOW does Dan. 11: fit in with all of the horses ?

We will next consider several more items of proof from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

Notice: The sealed book of Rev. 5: contains the entire history of the world.

DOES this infer that the sealed portion of Daniel also contains all the history of the world?

Notice: (last P.) ① THE same line of prophecy is in Rev. as in Daniel.

② GOD repeats prophecies that are important.

WHAT one prophecy is repeated in Daniel and Revelation more times than any other prophecy?

ANSWER: The 1260 DAY rule of the papacy is repeated seven times.

Notice: (P 3-4)

THE history of Rev. 6:6-8 is to be repeated.

Suggestion: Since the sealed book contains the whole history of the world. — The seals may be repeated several times.

PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION

The Book With Seven Seals Contains the History of the World.—"And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon" (Revelation 5:1-3).

There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close.

This roll was written within and without. John says: [Revelation 5:4,5, 8-14; 6:8-11; 8:1-4; quoted.]

The same spirit is seen today that is represented in Revelation 6:6-8. History is to be repeated. That which has been will be again.--Letter 65, 1898, pp. 6-9, 12. (To Brethren Griggs and Howe, August 23, 1898.)

Prophecies of Revelation Repeat Prophecies of Daniel.--Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of

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this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.--Manuscript 107, 1897, pp. 1,2. ("Search the Scriptures," no date.)

HORSES

WHAT do horses mean in the Bible ?

① People as individuals Jer. 5:8. ... "as fed horses" .. "every one neighed after his neighbors wife."

② People - wicked, adultrous Israel. Jer. 13:27. "I have seen thine adulteries and thy neighings ... Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem."

③ Israel - the house of Judah - Zech. 10:3. ... "his goodly horse in the battle."

④ Nations - "having universal dominion" Zech. 1: 8-11. Review and

Herald p. 381. (Col. 2.)

(After) an introductory view of the nations having universal dominion in the earth, Zechariah hears "the angel of the Lord" inquiring, "O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me," Zechariah declares, "with good words and comfortable words."

Zech. 1: 8-11.
8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.
9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.
10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they

whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, *O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

Jer. 8: 14-16.

14 ¶ Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

⑤ Armies - War - Nahum 3: 1-3, 7.

WOE to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nin'e-veh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

Jer. 8: 14-16. (Judgments - War - on Judah)

⑥ Four Winds - zech. 6: 1-8.

v.5. margin - 4 winds

CHAPTER 6

AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth; and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

WHAT are the four winds ?

Jer. 49: 36-37.

Jer. 51: 1-4.

FOUR Winds = War - Jer. 49: 36-7.

36 And upon E'lam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of E'lam shall not come.
37 For I will cause E'lam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

"A destroying Wind"
"IN the day of trouble"
War - destruction -
The time of the Lord's
Vengeance

Jer. 51:1-6.

Jer. 49:36-37.
G.C. 440. "Winds are a symbol of strife."

CHAPTER 51

THUS saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind.
2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.
3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men: destroy ye utterly all her host.
4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Châl-dé'ans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.
5 For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Jū'dah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.
6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; she will render unto her a recompence.

⑦ TRUSTING IN MAN - Isa. 31:1.

WOE to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

⑧ THUNDER - TRUMPET - BATTLE - SWORD -

Job 39:18-25.

DO THE SEALS PARALLEL THE TRUMPETS?

Jer. 51:1-6.

HOW do all of these eight meanings for horses apply to the four horses in Revelation?

SUGGESTION: Since Rev. is a summary of the entire Bible, apply all eight meanings to Rev. 6: and we may be able to understand Rev. 6: much better.

THERE is definitely a historical interpretation for the seals in Rev. 6: and we have no intention of denying the fact or taking away from it, but we will only consider here a last day interpretation of Rev. 6: which fits with a last day interpretation of Dan. 11:.

① FOUR WINDS. - Seals begin to be opened at the time of four winds which is the National Sunday Law. (THE FOUR WINDS are let go at two different times.)

① N.S.L. 5T. 152, 717. 2R.H. 106, 266-7, 269-0, 275-6, 564. Series A p. 28-30. I Thess. 5:2-3.

② Close of Probation for world. E.W. 36.

WE will presently only consider the first view - which parallels a portion of Dan. 11: beginning with

the National Sunday Law in the United States.-- Dan. 11:27-8.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY statements on FOUR WINDS.

① 4 WINDS let go at Close of Probation for the world. Dan. 12:1. Early Writings p. 36-7.

② 4 WINDS let go at the National Sunday law which is Close of Probation for the United States.

Testimonies Vol. 5. p. 451. (1885)

N.S.L. →
U.S. C.O.P. →

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. Dan. 11:35.

N.S.L. →
U.S. →
C.O.P. →
Jacob's trouble →
in U.S.

As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

The Lord is doing His work. All heaven is astir. The Judge of all the earth is soon to arise and vindicate His insulted authority. The mark of deliverance will be set upon the men who keep God's commandments, who revere His

Testimonies Vol. 5. p. 152.

NOTICE:

- ① 4 WINDS
- ② Decree to not buy & sell
- ③ N. S. L.

menced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory

NOTICE:

ORDER OF EVENTS

- ① N. S. L. in U.S. Close of U.S. Probation
- ② A "Time of Jacob's Trouble" in the U.S.
- ③ Martyrs - 5th, Seal Rev. 6:10. quoted.
- ④ Mark of deliverance

5T. 152. (1882)

The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save him that hath the mark of the beast. We came near having this realized in California a short time since: but this was only the threatening of the blowing of the four winds. As yet they are held by the four angels. We are not just ready. There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bid- den to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will be a decisive time for God's children, a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Now is our opportunity to work.

We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the great deep. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies will spring up; new and old will commingle, and this will take place right early. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow, until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading, ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night. I Thess. 5:

4 WINDS
I Thess.
5: 2-3.
"Thief" to
world -
Sudden
Destruction
N.S.L.

Many smiled and would not believe when we told them, twenty and thirty years ago, that the Sunday would be urged upon all the world, and a law be made to compel its observance, and force conscience. We see it being fulfilled. All that God has said of the future will surely come to pass; not one thing will fail of all that he has spoken. Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp hands with papacy, and a confederacy is being formed to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious sabbath, this child of papacy, will be exalted to take the place of God.

"Our Present Duty & the Coming Crisis"
Review & Herald Vol. 2 - p. 106,
Jan. 11, 1887

Already the restraining Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they may not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid his angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of his avenging wrath as no pen can picture.

4 WINDS
144,000
Sealed
1st.
Solemn
Events
CRISIS
N.S.L.

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The Lord is at the door. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived. New controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. Those who are making so great efforts to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing the first day of the week little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.

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WINDS

My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us? Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition shall be brought against you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis.

The law of God should be loved and honored by His true people now more than ever before. There is the most imperative necessity of urging the injunction of Christ upon the minds and hearts of all believers, men and women, youth and children: "Search the Scriptures." Study your Bible as you have never studied it before. Unless you arise to a higher, holier state in your religious life, you will not be ready for the appearing of our Lord. As great light has been given, God expects corresponding zeal, faithfulness, and devotion on the part of His people. There must be more spirituality, a deeper consecration to God, and a zeal in His work that has never yet been reached. Much time should be spent in prayer, that our garments of character may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

Especially should we, with unwavering faith, seek God for grace and power to be given to His people now. We do not believe that the time has fully come when He would have our liberties restricted. The prophet saw "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree." Another angel, ascending from the east, cried to them, saying: "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." This points out the work we have now to do. A vast responsibility is devolving upon men and women of prayer throughout the land to petition that God will sweep back the cloud of evil and give a few more years of grace in which to work for the Master. Let us cry to God that the angels may hold the four winds until missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world and shall proclaim the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah.

2 R. H. 566.

[We may know that if our life is hid with Christ in God, when we are brought into trial because of our faith, Jesus will be with us. When we are brought before rulers and dignitaries to answer for our faith, the Spirit of the Lord will illuminate our understanding, and we shall be able to bear a testimony to the glory of God. And if we are called to suffer for Christ's sake, we shall be able to go to prison trusting in him as a little child trusts in its parents. Now is the time to cultivate faith in God.]

May 3, 1892.

"Christ's Instructions To His Followers - (Matt. 10:)"
2 R.H. 564.

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[The time is not far off when the people of God will be called upon to give their testimony before the rulers of the earth. Not one in twenty has a realization of what rapid strides we are making toward the great crisis in our history. The angels of God are holding the four winds, and this leads many to cry, Peace and safety; but there is no time for vanity, for trifling, for engaging the mind in unimportant matters. We must empty the soul temple of every defilement, and let the Spirit of God take full possession of the heart, that the character may be transformed.]

I Thess.
5: 2-3.
4 WINDS

PREPARE NOW BEFORE
CRISIS (Ap. 26, 1892.)

liberties
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4
WINDS

Joel 2:1.
"Blow the
Trumpet"
Warning
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Rule
of
Papacy-

"Night-
when NO
man can,"
work =
Sunday
Law-
Rule
of
Papacy-

The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that his people should be far in advance of what they are to-day. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the getting ready to do. When Satan made his advances, it was high time for the watchmen on the walls of Zion to arouse and counteract his efforts to obtain the advantage. It is not in the order of God that light has been kept from our people.—the very present truth which they needed for this time. Not all of our ministers who are giving the third angel's message, really understand what constitutes that message. The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it, and have even felt that in so doing, they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time. The third angel's message comprehends more than many suppose. What interpretation do they give to the passage which says an angel descended from heaven, and the earth was lightened with his glory? This is not a time when we can be excused for inactivity. If this work, which was so essential, had been taken up by our ministers, there would be to-day a far different state of things in all our churches.

Some in the church will prove to be false brethren; their faith, their love, their patience, their constancy will be tested and tried; and if they are not rooted and grounded in the truth, if they are not filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and the praise of God, they will become offended at reproofs and warnings, will not humble their souls before God, and will go back and walk no more with those who love the truth. The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The watchmen are asleep. We are years behind. Let the chief watchmen feel the urgent necessity of taking heed to themselves, lest they lose the opportunities given to them to see the dangers. Let them blow the trumpet, not in a general way, but so that it may give a certain sound, that other watchmen upon the walls of Zion may hear, and in their turn send forth the warning note. Joel 2:1.

Perils now threaten the people of God; and what will they do? Can we not assist in lifting the standard, and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges? God calls us to awake; for the end is near. The prophecies that show us the closing scenes of earth's history, are fast fulfilling. The time is fast approaching when we shall be made to feel the hand of oppression, because we demand our religious rights. Shall we then dishonor God by keeping silent, when his holy commandments are being trampled under foot?

We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and now that the movement is right upon us, we ask, What are our people going to do in the matter? Do you realize that the night will soon come, when no man can work? Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition is brought upon you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when we shall be brought before councils, and every position of truth which we hold will be severely criticised. The time that we are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge God has given us, of preparing for the approaching crisis. Much time should be spent in prayer, that our garments of character may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14.

We should especially seek God for grace and power to be given his people now. God lives; and

Dec. 11,
1888.

"The
Approaching
Crisis"

CONTEXT:
entirely
N.S.L

Dec. 18,
1888.

"David's
Prayer"

Ps. 119:
126-7.

... they have
made void
Thy Law."

CONTEXT:
N.S.L.
entirely -
Rule of
Papacy

Obedience
Protection
from
Wrath

we do not believe that the time has fully come when he would have our liberties restricted. The prophet saw "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree." Another angel ascending from the east, cried to them, saying, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." This points out the work we now have to do, which is to cry to God for the angels to hold the four winds until missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world, and shall have proclaimed the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah. But every conceivable thing that the enemy can bring against the people of God, to hinder them in their work, will be employed. The Lord, on the other hand, bids all to be awake and to watch; for it was while men slept, that the enemy sowed tares. E. G. WHITE.

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We see that efforts are being made to restrict our religious liberties. The Sunday question is now assuming large proportions. An amendment to our Constitution is being urged in Congress, and when it is obtained, oppression must follow. I want to ask, Are you awake to this matter? and do you realize that the night cometh, when no man can work? Have you had that intensity of zeal, and that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when oppression is brought upon you? It does not seem possible to us now that any should have to stand alone; but if God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when we shall be brought before councils and before thousands for his name's sake, and each one will have to give the reason of his faith. Then will come the severest criticism upon every position that has been taken for the truth. We need, then, to study the word of God, that we may know why we believe the doctrines we advocate. We must critically search the living oracles of Jehovah.

The means we are devoting to our comfort here, the time that we allow to go to waste, ought to be devoted to the charge that God has given us: "Search the Scriptures;" and much time should be spent in prayer to God, that our garments, the robes of character, the inmost adornment, may be washed in the blood of the Lamb. But this cannot be, unless we keep the commandments of God in verity and truth; and unless we are awake to the times in which we are living, we shall be unfaithful servants. Obedience to the law of God will give protection from his wrath. We need now to pray for strength from heaven, to press back this movement that is being made in our country, and we should do everything on our part to preserve our liberties, and our right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Has the Protestant world stopped to look back at the suffering caused by popery in attempting to bind men's reason, so that they should not worship God as seemed right to them? Can they not see how the Roman Church has exercised her revengeful and cruel power? Those who would not bow to her mandates had to endure the prison and the stake, torture and death. And when those were swept away who would not bow their conscience to any but the God of heaven, others would spring up to fill the ranks, and lift the standard of religious liberty and right. And now this nation,—the greatest nation of earth,—under

whose government we are blessed with every religious and temporal advantage; which has been the recipient of unrivaled mercies: which Providence has watched over and shielded; by which the standard of liberty and religious freedom has been lifted,—will it follow the course of the papacy, and make void God's law? And shall we sit with folded hands, and do nothing in this crisis? Shall we let this Religious Amendment movement come in, and shut us away from our privileges and rights, because we keep the commandments of God? God help us to arouse from the stupor that has hung over us for years! There are more souls to be saved, and a far greater work to be done in warning our world, than has yet been ac-

complished. We should seek God, especially that his grace and his power may be revealed in behalf of his people. We believe that God lives. We do not think the time specified in prophecy, when our liberties should be restricted, has fully come. Rev. 7: 1, says: "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree." It seems that the breaking loose of the four winds is about to take place. Verses 2, 3: "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

Here was a work to be done before the angels should let go the four winds; and if we shall awake to what is transpiring right around us, we must admit that we are not ready for the contest and the perplexities which are to be brought upon us, after the decree shall go forth. We are to cry to the God of heaven in earnest, united prayer, for the angels to hold the four winds till missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world, till we have proclaimed the warning against disobedience to the law of Jehovah, and against worshiping the beast and his image. The claims of God's law must be made known to the inhabitants of the earth. This is our work; but every conceivable thing that the enemy can do will be done to hinder the people of God from awaking.

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4 WINDS

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We have lost much time in inaction, because we have not realized the time in which we are living. This we deplore, and would humble our souls before God, pleading with him for pardon for sleeping at our post of duty, and allowing the enemy to gain the advantage over us. Many have chosen to do nothing, when they should have been diligent to repulse the enemy. Let your services now be dedicated to God. Gird on the armor for vigorous work, saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

It is essential that we be much in prayer to God, that his voice and his power may be manifested in behalf of his people, and that the angels may hold the four winds until the truth is more fully proclaimed, and the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. God is not pleased with the attitude of his people. Satan is taking the world captive, and the sentinels for God and the truth are letting him do it. "Watch then, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Arouse, and come to the front. Be staunch to defend your religious liberty.

Many of our people are registered in the books of heaven as slothful servants. They have buried their talents of money and capability in the world, and the work they should have done has been left undone. Some to whom the Lord has intrusted means, have been ease-lovers, and have not done their duty in the fear and love of God. Many have left the smaller churches, to unite with larger ones, where they carry no burden of responsibility, and are only in the way. Such lose their spirituality and vital force, because they do comparatively nothing for the truth. What account will these have to give to the Master when he shall say, "Give account of thy stewardship"?

We are not ready for this great issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. Let the members of our churches become missionaries for the Master; let them not linger in ease and indifference; but let them go forth to work for God. Their spiritual muscles have been nearly palsied with inaction. Go without the camp, bearing the reproach for Christ and the truth. Work to-day in the Lord's vineyard. Go out into the highways and hedges, and stir up the people to investigate the truth. Woe to all who profess to walk in the light, yet who are at ease in Zion. They absorb the God-given rays of righteousness, but do not diffuse the light to others. The parable of the faithless

"The Present Crisis" Jan. 1, 1889.

It should be the business of all the righteous in the land, as they see signs of the approach of peril, to arouse to action, and not sit in calm expectation of ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on, because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people in the day of trial. Effectual, fervent prayers should be ascending to Heaven, that this calamity may be deferred; for we are not ready to meet it.

Every passing hour now is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. These transient moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests. They are molding the destiny of souls for everlasting life or everlasting death. The words we utter to-day in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be to human souls the savor of life unto life or of death unto death. We must be washing our robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. If we would be saints above, we must first be saints below.

CONTEXT: entirely N.S.L.

SEALS - 4 HORSES Rev. 6:1-8.

Rev. 6:1-2. .. "white horse".

SINCE we have already established:

- ① HORSES represent people as individuals & groups of people;
- ② 4 HORSES are 4 winds;
- ③ 4 WINDS are let go at our N.S.L;

THEREFORE: THE first seal should open at the time of the N.S.L. THEN it is that God's REMNANT Church is put through the "final test". THOSE who pass this test are sealed with "the seal of the living God." They are called "the servants of our God." (Rev. 7:3.) THEN they go forth "conquering and to conquer." They now have their armour on. (Song of Sol. 6:4, 10.)

Joel 2: 23. "latter rain".

Zech. 10:1. " " "

Zech. 10:3. calls His sealed people, "His flock the house of Judah," and also "his goodly horse in the battle."

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I ⁴punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

Zech. 10:3.

("goodly" = Heb. "glory, honour." God's character.)

ALL of Zech. 10: seems to describe the white horse of Rev. 6:1-2. and their experience during the latter rain and loud cry.

Zech. 10:5.

...the riders on horses shall be confounded"

IN the end God's people, the white or goodly horse, conquer over all their enemies, "the riders on horses,"

THESE enemies are represented in Rev. 6: by a Red, Black, and Pale horse.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice ^ain the LORD your God: for he hath given you ^bthe former rain ^cmoderately, and he will ^dcause to come down for you ^ethe rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

CHAPTER 10

ASK ye ^aof the LORD rain ^bin the time of the latter rain: so the LORD shall make ^cbright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

(Zech. 10:1.)

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him ^athe nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be ^aconfounded.

Zech. 10: 4-5.

Angel Visitant



HOW FEW contemplate the unseen agencies. Men are acting their part either for God or for Satan, the Prince of light, or the prince of darkness. All heaven is intensely interested in human beings who seem to be so full of activity, and yet have no thought for the unseen. Their thoughts are not on the Word of God and its instruction. If they would appropriate the Word of God, they would be astonished that there are agencies, good and evil, observing every word and deed. They are in every assembly for business transactions, in councils, and in meetings for the worship of God. There are more listeners in these public assemblies than can be seen with the natural sight, and every man has his work to do. Those unseen agencies are co-laborers with God or with Satan, and they work more mightily and more constantly than do men. Sometimes the heavenly intelligences draw aside the curtain that hides the unseen world, that we may have our minds withdrawn from the hurry and rush, and consider that there are witnesses to all we do and say when we [are] engaged in business, or when we think ourselves alone.

"The Lord would have our perceptions keen to understand that these mighty ones who visit our world have borne an active part in all the work which we have called our own. These heavenly beings are ministering angels, and they frequently disguise themselves in the form of human beings. As strangers they converse with those who are engaged in the work of God. In lonely places they have been the companions of the traveler in peril. In tempest-tossed ships angels in human form have spoken words of encouragement to allay fear and inspire hope in the hour of danger, and the passengers have thought that it was one of their number to whom they had never before spoken.

"Many, under different circumstances, have listened to the voices of the inhabitants of other worlds. They have come to act a part in this life. They have spoken in assemblies and opened before assemblies human histories, and have done works which it was impossible for human agencies to do. Time and again have they been the generals of armies.

They have been sent forth to cleanse away pestilence. They have eaten at the humble board of families. Often they have appeared as weary travelers in need of shelter for the night.

We need to understand better than we do the work of these angel visitants."—Manuscript 39, March 11, 1898, 'The Day of Reckoning.' From 'The Upward Look' March 11, page 84.

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."—Psa. 91:11.

"Not until the providences of God are seen in the light of eternity shall we understand what we owe to the care and interposition of His angels. Celestial beings have taken an active part in the affairs of men. They have appeared in garments that shone as the lightning; they have come as men, in the garb of wayfarers. They have accepted the hospitalities of human homes; they have acted as guides to benighted travelers. They have thwarted the spoiler's purpose and turned aside the stroke of the destroyer.

"Though the rulers of this world know it not, yet often in their councils angels have been spokesmen. Human eyes have looked upon them. Human ears have listened to their appeals. In the council hall and the court of justice, heavenly messengers have pleaded the cause of the persecuted and oppressed. They have defeated purposes and arrested evils that would have brought wrong and suffering to God's children. To the students in the heavenly school, all this will be unfolded.

"Every redeemed one will understand the ministry of angels in his own life. The angel who was his guardian from his earliest moment; the angel who watched his steps, and covered his head in the day of peril; the angel who was with him in the valley of the shadow of death, who marked his resting place, who was the first to greet him in the resurrection morning—what will it be to bold converse with him, and to learn the history of divine interposition in the individual life, of heavenly co-operation in every work for humanity!"—Maranatha November 2, page 314.

EXCERPT FROM PAUL HARVEY NEWS (network)
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"Now something to slumber on; I want to tell you a Xmas story. I caution you first. . . that what I am about to say is not founded on fact. A fact is that which men believe to be true. The foundation for my story is more certain than that. If you choose to believe it. . . then it becomes a fact. Otherwise it is just a Xmas story. In the case of the principal character of this story. . . I shall with respect for the ethics of

accurate reporting, quote his words precisely.

There was a special session of the United Nations Political Committee summoned at Lake Success by its chairman. In the recess of the Security Council, many nations were represented by their chief delegates. Such was true in the case of the United States. . . where Mr. Austin sat for Mr. Dulles, though Mr. Dulles was likewise present. Vishinsky sat for the Soviet Union.

Such was the unusual nature of this suddenly-announced secret session that the rows—six deep—of spectator seats around the perimeter of Committee Room Twelve, were

empty. No photographers were on the floor as the delegates filed in. Certain members of the recording secretariat were seated in the glassed-in translation loft which, I should explain, is about half-way up the high-ceilinged room and is accessible only by a stairway in the outside hall. Had that not been true, our story might have been different.

The doors were closed at between nine and twelve minutes after seven P.M. The Chair summoned the session to order at fifteen minutes after seven. No one could have entered the lower floor of Committee Room Twelve before the doors were closed without showing his credentials or being otherwise identified. None could have entered after the doors were closed without being seen by the blue-uniformed guards in the hall outside. They say they were there; they were not distracted; they saw no one. Yet the meeting had barely been called to order, first in English, then French . . . when a tall man arose to his feet from one of the chairs behind the chairman. A hush came over the oval table. Sir Benegal Rau, presiding, thinking at first all eyes were on him, was nudged by a Chair Secretary! He then turned to follow their stare to the face of the stranger who stood behind him. His first inclination was to call a guard. This was a closed session of the committee. It had been plainly summoned as such. But instead, he spoke;

"You Sir, would you please identify your identification affiliation?" The lean man was draped in the attire of the East. Not uncommon at Lake Success. Sandals, bearded. . . well-groomed and a strong prow of a nose.

His lips parted. The last of the hubbub on the floor was suddenly stilled, and he said, "I have many things to say and to judge of you. I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world and ye shall know the truth."

You could hear the asthmatic breathing of a fat Aide completely across that windowless room. . . so still had it suddenly become. "Why are you sir?" Mr. Rau demanded. He had meant to say "Who are you?" but was momentarily flustered. The soft compelling voice that seemed, though without the benefit of microphone, somehow to fill the room continued; "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men, with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips. And the ways of peace have they not known." The delegate from Belgium beckoned. Recognized, he said, "Let this man speak. He is here; let him speak." "May I question the witness?" interrupted Vishinsky grinning. He went unheeded from the floor. He fidgeted. Mr. Rau, testing the stranger, spoke; "Represented here is a great nation which keeps itself apart from the rest of us. Declining to share confidence or to permit its confined people freely to hear us. I fear they will move shortly to silence you too." And the stranger said; "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light. They make clean the outside of the cup and the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess. The axe is laid unto the root of the trees."

Mr. Vishinsky, stern and unsmiling, now spoke. It was a long moment before the translation came. "The Soviet delegation will not listen to the ravings of this warmonger. This interruption is doubtless some carefully planned and poorly executed plot to depict the Soviet as the aggressor in a war of which we have no part. Is there any wonder Communism in Korea opposes these imperialists?" He snapped his spectacles from his nose, and, with them, indicated in the direction of the United States Delegation.

The stranger spoke more sharply now; "Foolish and unlearned questions avoid knowing that they do gender strifes. If a man also strive for masteries yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The days shall come upon thee, suddenly, Mr. Vishinsky, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side."

"But," interrupted the chairman, "you have touched on the purpose for which the meeting was called. What about Korea? Have we erred there?" And the stranger said, "If the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."

Mr. Jebb, for the United Kingdom, said, "I think what we all fear most is that any one of us may be next." And the visitor, still standing, said, "When a strong man, armed, keepeth his palace his goods are in peace."

Mr. Austin was waving the small sign which marked his place. The chair recognized the delegation from the United States. "In the United States we are host to enemies in our own house; agents of another Government who plead mercy, saying that they are loyal to our own government as well." And the man of gentle grace raised his hand as if to hasten the end of the question and said, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation." "But," said Mr. Austin, "they use our own laws, our own courts, our own freedoms to outwit us." The stranger replied, "How can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man?" "But," Mr. Austin went on, "these among us say they intend to alter our government by peaceful means, to better our economic system. . . etc." Less patient now, the visitor interrupted, "They that be whole need not a physician but they that are sick." Mr. Austin turned, smiling to Mr. Dulles and the speaker turned toward them. "There is none righteous among you, no not one. I know thy works. That thou art neither hot nor cold. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched. Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

Procedure was forgotten now. The representative from France spoke out, "This same enemy is within my country . . . demonstrating against our parliament. . . antagonizing our courts. . ." And the voice replied, "Scatter thou the people that delight in war. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready for every good work. To be not brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men."

Mr. Rau rose from his chair. . . turned. . . "We came here to place the blame for our unrest and you have given each of us a share. What is it then, that we should do? Abandon our efforts to seek peace?" And the stranger said, "Let all things be done decently and in order. Be sober and vigilant. Depart from evil and do good. Execute ye judgment and righteousness and deliver the spoil out of the hand of the oppressor. It is impossible but that offences will come; but woe unto him thru whom they come. Seek peace and pursue it. And increase your faith. Faith hath subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of

lions." "You make all this seem so infinitely simple," said Rau. "Many righteous men," replied the stranger, "have desired to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them."

"It is not customary," Mr. Rau smiled, "for us to hear wisdom from outside our own chambers. We are inclined, I fear, to feel that all wisdom of the world is assembled here." His guest unsmiling said, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Sir Bengal Rau turned to the assemblage and said quietly, "There is no further purpose in this meeting. This man has answered all our questions." Then turning to the man still standing behind him, he said, "You sir, Thank you. If only you could write these things which you have said. If only you could write them in a book, that men of all ages might read them." It was at that moment, just for a fleeting instant, that the visitor's quiet eyes seemed to flash with sudden anger. Mr. Rau noticed, for he stopped short. Then the anger faded, the eyes were calm again, and somehow sad. The tall stranger turned to the door and it was opened for him. There was no effort made to detain him. The UN official recording secretary who was in the upper tier translating room, and who furnished me with this literal translation of the visitors words, left the booth...walked... still making notes as he went to the stairs, and down the hall outside Room Twelve. But thinking the man would be detained, he had not hurried. The man had not been detained and was said to have left the building. This is as much as I know. You know how it is after such an unusual occurrence.

There are as many different versions of what happened as there are witnesses, and as many varied descriptions of the soft spoken stranger. One delegate, whom I shall not identify except to say that he sits in one of the first of the alphabetically arranged chairs and probably only the chairman himself, could have seen the visitor better. This delegate said, "Such a strange fellow. Was it a tear in his eye? Yet his caloused hand was that of a laboring man. A man of the soil perhaps. Or a carpenter." So ends my Xmas story. If I have not said what I intended, the fault lies in the messenger, not in the message. I have quoted the message precisely adding nothing. Paul Harvey. Goodnight.

ANGELIC PROTECTION IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE

"In the day of fierce trial He [Christ] will say, 'Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; bide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.' What are the chambers in which they are to hide? They are the protection of Christ and holy angels. The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies, and in all parts of the earth.

"I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst.

"During the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, 'Call your household. I will lead you; follow me.' He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, 'Here you are safe.' There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said, 'The time of trouble has come as a thief in the

night, as the Lord warned you it would come.'

"In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts.

"In the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right... In the midst of the time of trouble—trouble such as has not been since there was a nation—His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a 'God of gods,' able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him."—E. G. White, Maranatha September 19, page 270. □

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JESUS AND MARY

APPEAR AT BAYSIDE N.Y. TO WARN THE WORLD

What may one day be described as the most important apparition in the history of the Roman Catholic Church has occurred in New York.

During rosary vigils held there at the Vatican Pavilion site, Jesus and his blessed Mother Mary have appeared, giving urgent messages concerning world events, curing the sick and performing miracles that have been witnessed by the many thousands of people who have journeyed there from around the world.

The messages warn that the world is on the brink of a great disaster which will claim 1/2 of the world's population. Great epidemics, devastating heat, floods, a multi-front war and a comet that will strike the earth, will destroy our way of life forever.

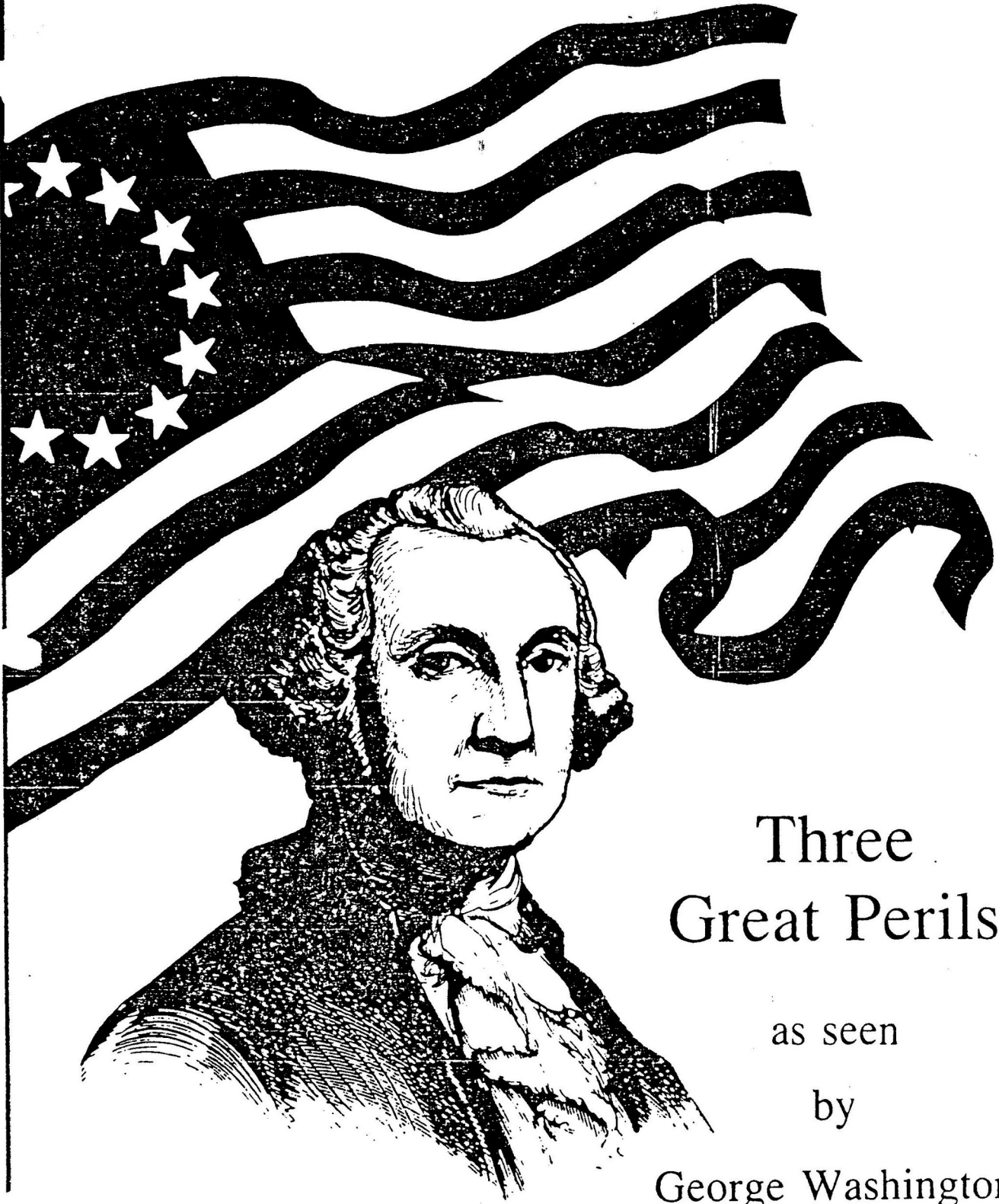
We must do penance now and amend our lives in the little time that remains, persevering in the truth and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church and praying the rosary daily.

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E.G. WHITE PROPHESED THAT THIS WOULD COME TO PASS

"Satan is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed... Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium."—GC 588-589.

"Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows... while appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation... and then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. 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... As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah."—GC 589-590.



Three
Great Perils

as seen

by

George Washington

Such is the case with a story which first appeared in December, 1880, in "The National Stripes" has been debated ever since. This paper, now known as "The Stars and Stripes" tells a tale that critics would prefer to lose in the realms of fantasy, while others, believing that the birth of the United States was in direct fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, see in it a warning for the future.

Reprinted in "The Stars and Stripes" issue of December 21, 1950, it is a stirring account of a vision revealed to George Washington of the future developments of America.

"The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square," the story relates, as told to Wesley Bradshaw, publisher of "The National Tribune." "He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he had come to visit once more.

"Let's go into the hall," he said, "I want to tell you of an incident in Washington's life - one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified.

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777.

"Ah, I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's care-worn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whispered through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command said to the latter,

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat the question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes.

'By this time I felt strange sensations spreading over me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly, at my unknown visitor.

'Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my eyes than before. I began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

'Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, Look and Learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended an arm eastward.

'I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'Look and Learn.'

'At the moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel, standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it seemed stationary, and then it moved slowly westward until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people.

'A second time the angel dipped from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

'A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, Look and Learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, Look and Learn.'

'And this time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word 'Union.' He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said, 'Remember, ye are brethren.'

'Instantly, the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and united around the National Standard.

'Again I heard the mysterious voice saying 'Son of the Republic, Look and Learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa.

'Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And through this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up.

'As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, Look and Learn.' When this voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast..

'Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the words 'Union' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America who I perceived were well-nigh overcome but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

'Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, Look and Learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America., Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

'Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice,

'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'Union,' he placed it upon the standard while the people kneeling down said, 'Amen.'

'The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I, at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said,

'Son of the Republic,' what you have seen is thus interpreted. Three great perils will come upon the republic. The most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union.' With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress and destiny of the United States" . . .

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ROMAN CATHOLIC OBJECTIVES IN AMERICA—The following letter was released through the auspices of the Italian Baptist Association of America:

"We, the hierarchy of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, expect all loyal children of the church to aid the president with all our strength to see the individuals comprising the U.S. Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot the present Constitution so that the President may enforce his, or rather our, humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church.

"We elected our worthy President by the greatest majority ever recorded in history. We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that athelism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, Protestantism, communism, socialism and all other like, ilk, and stamp, be driven from this fair land.

"The cross was planted on our shores by a staunch Roman Catholic. This land belongs to us by every right. Long enough have we compromised on every important question. Now we demand what is really ours, and we are going to have it. We will support our President in every way to obtain it, peacefully, honestly, if we may. If necessary, we are ready to fight and die for it.

"We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us."—Quoted from a letter written by Priest Patrick Henry O'Brien, to Priest A. Di Domenica, former Catholic of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, now