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RECAP OF THE 5TH TRUMPET & ITS MODERN APPLICATION

Invasions of the Saracens, left Rome's imperial power only at Constantinople, thereby the bishop of Rome had no other rivals and spoke as the intact imperial power. (Sheppard, 1861)

Significance of September 11th

"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 the 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 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." (9T, p. 12, 13)

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." (9T, p. 14)

Speaking of these scenes, Sister White quotes the following verses:

"I am pained at my very heart; . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou has heard, **O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.** Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled." Jeremiah 4:19, 20. (9T, p. 15)

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, **the fruitful place was a wilderness,** and all the cities thereof were broken down." (Verses 23-26) (9T, p. 15)

One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. Revelation 9:12

The 6th Trumpet

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, **Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.** And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men." Revelation 9:13-15

The Conquer of Constantinople and The Fall of the Ottoman Empire: July 27, 1449 – August 15, 1840

"The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, disasters by sea and by land, follow one another in quick succession. 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 can not discern the sentinel angel restraining the four winds, that they shall 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 strife as no pen can picture.**" (Signs of the Times, October 9, 1901, ¶2) [The letting loose of the angels is not the end of the world, but it is scenes of strife]

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The Ottoman Empire or Turkey was the four angels bound in the River Euphrates that were loosed & dried up the river Euphrates

“The Ottoman empire is here a living acting agent, divided into four Sultanies, bound by some other agencies at the Euphrates as an axis” (Hornby, 1863, p. 54)

“‘The four angels,’ are the four principal sultanies of which the Ottoman empire is composed, located in the country of the Euphrates. They had been restrained; God commanded, and they were loosed.” (Litch, 1838, p. 182)

“*The Four Angels.* These are the four principal sultanies of which the Ottoman Empire was composed, located in the country watered by the Euphrates. These sultanies were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed.” (Smith, 1881, 213, 214)

“The four angels here mentioned, that were bound in the great river Euphrates and that were at this time to be loosed, refer to the four great sultanies—Bagdad, Damascus, Iconium, and Aleppo—of which at that time the Mohammedan power was composed. The command to loose these signifies, in short, the letting loose of all the elements of Mohammedanism for the final sweeping away of the last element of the Empire of Rome.” (Jones, 1901, p. 72, 73)

“‘The four angels’ are the four sultanies or four leaders of the Turks and Othmans. For there were four principal sultanies or kingdoms of the Turks, bordering upon the river Euphrates: one at Bagdad, founded by Togrul Beg, or Tangrolipix...in the year 1055: another at Damascus, founded by Tagjuddaulas or Ducas, in the year 1079: a third at Aleppo, founded by Sjarfuddaulas or Melech, in the same year, 1079: and the fourth at Iconium in Asia Minor, founded by Sedyduddaulas or Cutlu Muses, or his son, in the year 1080. These four sultanies subsisted several years afterwards; and the sultans were *bound* and restrained from extending their conquests farther than the territories and countries adjoining to the river Euphrates, primarily by the good providence of God, and secondarily by the croisades [*sic*] or expeditions of the European Christians into the Holy Land, in the latter part of the eleventh, and in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries...” (Newton & Dobson, 1832, p. 489)

“But what was the situation of both the Ottomans and the Greeks at the juncture of the termination of those 150 years and the loosing of the four angels, dating them from the singularly accurate date as given by Gibbon, the 27th of July, 1299, thus ending them the 27th of July, 1449? At this point Constantine Deacozes was the successor of John Palaeolo, the Greek Emperor; but he dare not ascend the throne without the consent of Amurath, the Turkish sultan, and thus he was virtually his vassal. Two years subsequent, 1451, Amurath died, and his Son Mahomet II, became sultan of the Turks. He immediately determined to take the Greek capital...Gibbon [says] ‘He incessantly signed for the possession of Constantinople, and the Greeks, by their own indiscretion, afforded the first pretence of the fatal rupture.’ His vizier said to Mahomet, ‘The same God who has already given thee so large a portion of the Roman empire will not deny the remnant and the capital...’ soon the fatal 29th of May, 1453, witnessed the final crash of the Greek Roman empire.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 369, 370)

The River Euphrates

Revelation 16:12 “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

Revelation 17:15 “And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”

“In Revelation 17, an angel explained that waters represent “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” [Revelation 17:15.] Winds are a symbol of strife. The four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea, represent the terrible scenes of conquest and revolution by which kingdoms have attained to power.

But the beast with lamb-like horns was seen “coming up out of the earth.” Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented must arise in territory previously unoccupied, and grow up gradually and peacefully. It could not, then, arise among the crowded and struggling nationalities of the Old World,—that turbulent sea of “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” It must be sought in the Western Continent.” (*The Great Controversy* 88, p. 439-440)

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“The Latin or western empire was broken to pieces under the four first trumpets; the Greek or eastern empire was cruelly *hurt* and *tormented* under the fifth trumpet; and here under the sixth trumpet it is to be *slain* and utterly destroyed. Accordingly all Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Thrace, Macedon, Greece, and all the countries, which formerly belonged to the Greek or Eastern Caesars, the Othmans have conquered, and subjugated to their dominion.” (Bishop & Dobson, 1832, p. 490)

[NOTE: The drying up of the waters in Revelation 9 was the overthrow of the nationalities of the Old World. Pagan Rome still had a seat at Constantinople & Papal Rome was “riding the beasts” or civil powers of the Old World.]

[Note: So during the timeframe of this trumpet, you will have the secular powers of Pagan/Papal Rome dry up or become destroyed]

“*And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.*” **Revelation 9:16-19**

“In this verse the precise number of the army of horseman is given, for John tells us ‘he heard the number of them.’ And if we should understand the prophet to mean, as some suppose he does, 200,000 multiplied by a 1000, then the sum total would be 200,000,000, which would be more men than were ever on our earth at one time capable of bearing arms; therefore I believe this is not the meaning of the prophet, neither do I think that it was a succession of armies during the whole period of 391 years, making the sum total of 200,000,000, for this, too, would be incredible; for allowing a standing army of 15,385,000 to be recruited every 30 years, it would only make the two hundred millions; and this sum would be more than five times the number of all the standing armies in the known world. And from these considerations I have for myself given this construction, that the prophet John heard the number of 200,000 repeated, or twice told, which would make an army of 400,000 horseman; and this would not be incredible. And what is to me strong proof of the fact is that the history informs us that Mahomet II. Came against Constantinople about the year A.D. 1450, with an army of 400,000 horsemen, and after a long siege took the city in the year 1453, and destroyed the Eastern Empire, which had stood more than ten centuries from its foundation by Constantine.” (Miller, 1841, p. 121, 122)

“A description is then given (ver. 16-19) of the forces, and of the means and instruments, by which the Othmans should effect the ruin of the eastern empire. Their armies are described as very numerous, myriads of myriads; and who knoweth not what mighty armies the Othman emperors have brought into the field? When Mohammed the Second besieged Constantinople, he had about four hundred thousand men in his army, besides a powerful fleet of thirty larger and two hundred lesser ships. They are described too chiefly as *horseman*...and it is well known that their armies consisted chiefly of cavalry...” (Newton & Dobson, 1832, p. 491)

“*By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths*”

Third Part. (Remember the 1st 4 Trumpets, the Bible described destruction on the third part, which signified the destruction of the Western parts of Rome. Now the third part signifies the destruction of Eastern Rome)

According to Uriah Smith (1872) in the book *Daniel & the Revelation*, after Constantine died, Rome was divided into three parts among his three: **Constantinus (Possessed the East and resided in Constantinople)**, Constantine II (Britain, Gaul, & Spain-Western Division), & Constans (Illyricum, Africa, and Italy-Western Division)

..having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone/Killed by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone

“This graphic description of an army of cavalry in the use of fire arms from the standpoint of John, long before the invention of gunpowder or guns, is truly remarkable. Out of the fire, and smoke, and brimstone were killed the third of the men. Says Gibbon, ‘From the lines, the galleys, and the bridge, the Ottoman artillery thundered on all sides; and the camp and city, the Greeks and the Turks, were involved in a cloud of smoke which could only be dispelled by the final deliverance or destruction of the Roman empire.’ Such an image before the seer of Patmos—of horses seemingly belching forth from their mouths fire, smoke, and brimstone, spreading slaughter, desolation and death by those heads, cannon balls and bullets, issuing from those serpent-like tails—most strikingly represents a new scene of warfare that was invented and introduced just before the period of the downfall of the Greek empire, and unmistakably proves the correctness of our application of the second woe trumpet to the ruin of the said empire by the Turks.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 371)

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“With this immense cannon the walls of Constantinople were broken. Mohammed began his work of siege in early spring (April 6) and took the city May 29, A.D. 1453. The taking of Constantinople gave Mohammed II the title of Bujuk (the Great)... Mohammed made Constantinople his capital...” (Hornby, 1863, p. 343)

“These verses express the deadly effect of the new mode of warfare introduced. It was by means of these agents gunpowder, firearms, and cannon that Constantinople was finally overcome, and given into the hands of the Turks.” (Uriah Smith, 1881, p. 217)

...an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men

1 hour = 1/24 part of a day, (1 day = 1 year, according to Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:6)

1 hour = 1/24 part of a year = 360 / 24 = **15 days**

1 day = **1 year**; 1 month = 30 days = **30 years**; 1 year = **360 days = 360 years**; Total: **391 years + 15 days**

“The first was to continue from the rise of Mahommedism until the end of the five months. Then the first was to end, and the second was to begin. And when the sixth angel sounded, it was commanded to take off the restraints which had been imposed on the nation, by which they were restricted to the work of *tormenting* men, and their commission extended to slay the third part of men.” (Litch, 1838, p. 182)

“Let this historical fact be carefully examined in connection with the prediction above. This was not a violent assault made on the Greeks, by which their empire was overthrown and their independence taken away, but simply a voluntary surrender of that independence into the hands of the Turks, by saying, ‘I cannot reign unless you permit.’ The four angels were loosed for an hour, a day a month, and a year, to slay the third part of men. This period amounts to three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days; during which Ottoman supremacy was to exist at Constantinople... the four angels were thus loosed by the voluntary submission of the Greeks...” (Litch, 1838, p. 182, 183)

Turkish Power Submits Itself to Western Christian Powers by way of a Treaty

“For several years the Sultan has been embroiled in war with Mehemet Ali, Pacha of Egypt. In 1838 there was a threatening of war between the Sultan and his Egyptian vassal. Mehemet Ali Pacha, in a note addressed to the foreign consuls, declared that in future he would pay no tribute to the Porte, and that he considered himself independent sovereign of Egypt, Arabia, and Syria. The Sultan, naturally incensed at this declaration, would have immediately commenced hostilities had he not been restrained by the influence of the foreign ambassadors, and persuaded to delay. This war, however, was finally averted by the announcement of Mehemet, that he was ready to pay a million of dollars, arrearages of tribute which he owed the Porte, and an actual payment of \$750,000 in August of that year.

“In 1839 hostilities again commenced, and were prosecuted, until, in a general battle between the armies of the Sultan and Mehemet, the Sultan’s army was entirely cut up and destroyed, and his fleet taken by Mehemet and carried into Egypt. So completely had the Sultan’s fleet been reduced, that, when hostilities commenced in August, he had only two first-rates and three frigates, as the sad remains of the once powerful Turkish fleet. This fleet Mehemet positively refused to give up and return to the Sultan, and declared, if the powers attempted to take it from him, he would burn it.

“In this posture affairs stood, when in 1840, England, Russia, Austria and Prussia interposed, and determined on a settlement of the difficulty; for it was evident, if let alone, Mehemet would soon become master of the Sultan throne.” (Litch, 1838, p. 192, 193)

“This supremacy of the Mohammedans over the Greeks was to continue, as already noticed, three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days. ‘Commencing when the one hundred and fifty years ended in 1449, the period would end August 11, 1840. Judging from the manner of the commencement of the Ottoman supremacy, that it was by a voluntary acknowledgment on the part of the Greek emperor that he only reigned by permission of the Turkish sultan, we should naturally conclude that the fall or departure of the Ottoman independence would be brought about the same way; that at the end of the specified period [that is, on the 11th of August, 1840] the sultan would voluntarily surrender his independence into the hands of the Christian powers,’ [Josiah Litch, Prophetic Expositions, Vol. II, p. 189.] just as he had, three hundred ninety-one years and fifteen days before, received it from the hands of the Christian emperor, Constantine XIII.” (Smith, 1891, p. 218)

“In the year 1840, another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman empire, and specifying not only the year but the very day on which this would take place. According to this exposition, which was purely a matter

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of calculation on the prophetic periods of Scripture, the Turkish government would surrender its independence on the eleventh day of August, 1840. The prediction was widely published, and thousands watched the course of events with eager interest. "At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the Advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." (*The Great Controversy*88, p. 334)

"The power of Islamism is broken forever; and there is no concealing the fact, even from themselves. They exist now by mere sufferance. And though there is a mighty effort made by the Christian governments to sustain them, yet at every turn they fall lower and lower with fearful velocity. And though there is a great endeavor made to graft the institutions of civilized and Christian countries upon the decayed trunk, yet the very root itself is fast wasting away by the venom of its own poison. How wonderful it is, that, when all Christendom combined together to check the progress of Mohammedan power, it waxed exceedingly great in spite of every opposition; and now, **when all the potentates of Christian Europe,** who feel fully competent to settle all the and arrange all the affairs of the world, **are leagued together for its protection and defence,** down it comes in spite of all their fostering care. Let politicians know that whatever they do or say, God's everlasting shall stand, and that He will do all His pleasure. He maketh foolish the wisdom of this world. How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Goodell, 1841, p. 160, 161)

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. Revelation 9:20, 21

"But though the **Greek church*** was thus ruined and oppressed, 'the rest of men, (ver. 20, 21,) who were not killed by these plagues,' the Latin church which pretty well escaped these calamities, 'yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils,'...and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and wood.' From hence it is evident that these calamities were inflicted upon the Christians for their idolatry. As the eastern churches were first in the crime, so they were first likewise in the punishment. At first they were visited by the plague of the Saracens, but this working no change or reformation, they were again chastised by the still greater plague of the Othmans; were partly overthrown by the former, and were entirely ruined by the latter. What churches were then remaining, which were guilty of the like idolatry, but the western, or those in the communion with Rome? and the western were not at all reclaimed by the ruin of the eastern, but persisted still in the worship of saints, and (what is worse) the worship of images, 'which neither can see nor hear nor walk;' and the world is witness to the completion of this prophecy to this day. 'Neither repented they of their murders, (their persecutions and inquisitions,) nor of their sorceries, (their pretended miracles and revelations,) nor of their fornication, (their public stews and uncleanness,) nor of their thefts,' their exactions and impositions on mankind: and they were as notorious for their licentious and wickedness, as for their superstition and idolatry. As they therefore refused to take warning by the two former woes, the third wo, as we shall see, will fall with vengeance upon them." (Newton & Dobson, 1832, p. 493, 494)

* "... the eighth century eliminated the other four patriarchs so far as western Christendom was concerned. In quick succession, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and Antioch, fell to the Saracens; and soon afterward remaining **Christendom split into rival Latin and Greek churches, grouped respectively around Rome and Constantinople.**

"The schism like the political division of the old Roman Empire into East and West followed the lines of partition between the Latin and Greek cultures...The split had begun to show very early and it was assisted by the political differences of East and West. The occasion for actual separation, however, was a religious dispute over the use of images in worship.

:This is known as the 'iconoclast' (image-breaking) question. A small but influential minority in the Greek Empire desired to abolish the use of images, which, they felt, the ignorant were apt to degrade from symbols into idols. The great reforming emperor, *Leo the Isaurian* (717-741), who had just saved what was left of Christendom from the Saracens (634) put himself at the head of the movement, with all his despotic power. Finally, he ordered all images removed from the churches. The West in general believed in their use as valuable aids to worship, and in Italy the pope forbade obedience to the order of the emperor. The result was the separation of Christendom into two halves, never since united.

"Thus, Rome was left the unquestioned head of the Latin church. Other conditions, which we are now to trace, raised this headship into a real monarchy, temporal as well as spiritual, such as was never attained in the Greek church where the patriarchs of Constantinople were overshadowed by the imperial will" (West, 1904, p. 540-541)

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Its Modern Application & Prophetic Events to look forward to:

The Rise of the Islamic Power Will Cause the Nations to Come More Closely or League Together:

Genesis 16:11-12 “And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

“Abraham's early teachings had not been without effect upon Ishmael, but the influence of his wives resulted in establishing idolatry in his family. Separated from his father, and embittered by the strife and contention of a home destitute of the love and fear of God, **Ishmael was driven to choose the wild, marauding life of the desert chief**, ‘his hand’ ‘against every man, and every man's hand against him.’ Genesis 16:12. In his latter days he repented of his evil ways and returned to his father's God, but the stamp of character given to his posterity remained. The powerful nation descended from him were a turbulent, heathen people, who were ever an annoyance and affliction to the descendants of Isaac.” (*Patriarchs & Prophets*, p. 174)

Islamic powers will rise further, and a centralized Islamic power will use Powerful Firearms to kill and do greater damage than was seen at 9/11

“Adding the nuclear ingredient to this volatile mix will certainly produce an arms race. If Iran is going to get the bomb, its neighbors will have no choice but to keep up. North Korea, now protected by its own bomb, has threatened proliferation — and in the Middle East it would find a number of willing buyers. Small principalities with huge U.S. Air Force bases, like Qatar, might choose to rely on an American protective umbrella. But Saudi Arabia, which has always seen Iran as a threatening competitor, will not be willing to place its nuclear security entirely in American hands. Once the Saudis are in the hunt, Egypt will need nuclear weapons to keep it from becoming irrelevant to the regional power balance — and sure enough, last month Gamal Mubarak, President Mubarak's son and Egypt's heir apparent, very publicly announced that Egypt should pursue a nuclear program.

“Given the increasing instability of the Middle East, nuclear proliferation there is more worrisome than almost anywhere else on earth. As nuclear technology spreads, terrorists will enjoy increasing odds of getting their hands on nuclear weapons. States — including North Korea — might sell bombs or give them to favored proxy allies, the way Iran gave Hezbollah medium-range rockets that Hezbollah used this summer during its war with Israel. Bombing through an intermediary has its advantages: deniability is, after all, the name of the game for a government trying to avoid nuclear retaliation.” (Feldman, 2006, ¶5, 6)

“This week Egypt became the 13th Middle Eastern country in the past year to say it wants nuclear power, intensifying an atomic race spurred largely by Iran's nuclear agenda, which many in the region and the West claim is cover for a weapons program.

“Experts say the nuclear ambitions of majority Sunni Muslim states such as Libya, Jordan, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia are reactions to Shiite Iran's high-profile nuclear bid, seen as linked with Tehran's campaign for greater influence and prestige throughout the Middle East.

“‘To have 13 states in the region say they're interested in nuclear power over the course of a year certainly catches the eye,’ says Mark Fitzpatrick, a former senior nonproliferation official in the US State Department who is now a fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. ‘The Iranian angle is the reason.’” (Murphy, 2007, ¶1-3)

- ✓ **The king of the south or Egypt will weaken Islam (The History of Turkish vs. Egyptian Pasha)**
- ✓ **The powers of Islam will once again “fall” by way of a treaty, and submit itself to the Western nations**

All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order. (*Maranatha*, p 152)