

The History of Daniel 11

The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the third angel's message. And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today. The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advanced along the line of prophecy revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today. Those who passed over the ground step by step in the past history of our experience, seeing the chain of truth in the prophecies, were prepared to accept and obey every ray of light. They were praying, fasting, searching, digging for the truth as for hidden treasures, and the Holy Spirit, we know, was teaching and guiding us. Many theories were advanced, bearing a semblance of truth, but so mingled with misinterpreted and misapplied scriptures, that they led to dangerous errors. Very well do we know how every point of truth was established, and the seal set upon it by the Holy Spirit of God. And all the time voices were heard, "Here is the truth," "I have the truth; follow me." But the warnings came, "Go not ye after them. I have not sent them, but they ran." (See Jeremiah 23:21.) {2SM 103.1}

The leadings of the Lord were marked, and most wonderful were His revelations of what is truth. Point after point was established by the Lord God of heaven. That which was truth then, is truth today. But the voices do not cease to be heard--"This is truth. I have new light." But these new lights in prophetic lines are manifest in misapplying the Word and setting the people of God adrift without an anchor to hold them. If the student of the Word would take the truths which God has revealed in the leadings of His people, and appropriate these truths, digest them, and bring them into their practical life, they would then be living channels of light. But those who have set themselves to study out new theories, have a mixture of truth and error combined, and after trying to make these things prominent, have demonstrated that they have not kindled their taper from the divine altar, and it has gone out in darkness.--Manuscript 31, 1896. {2SM 104.1}

Prophecy has traced the rise and fall of the world's great empires--Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. With each of these, as with nations of less power, history repeated itself. Each had its period of test, each failed, its glory faded, its power departed, and its place was occupied by another.

While the nations rejected God's principles, and in this rejection wrought their own ruin, it was still manifest that the divine, overruling purpose was working through all their movements. {Ed 177.1}

Through fraud and falsehood Satan is now using those who claim to be Christians to divorce the world from God's mercy. They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution, principles that will propagate papal falsehood and papal delusion, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages. But this need not be, just at this point of time, if the church is aroused to her duty and her work. A vast responsibility is devolving upon men and women of prayer throughout the land, to petition that God may sweep back this cloud of evil, and give a few more years of grace to work for the Master. {RH, December 11, 1888 par. 13}

History repeats itself; and only he who knows the course of error in the past can be on his guard against its insidious approaches in the future. (Waggoner, 1888, p. 41)

The attention of our churches must be aroused. We are standing upon the borders of the greatest event in the world's history, and Satan must not have power over the people of God, causing them to sleep on. The Papacy will appear in its power. All must now arouse and search the Scriptures, for God will make known to His faithful ones what shall be in the last time. The word of the Lord is to come to His people in power. {2MR 20.2}

The spirit of the papacy,--the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commands of God,--is permeating the Protestant churches, and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them. Would the reader understand the agencies to be employed in the soon-coming contest? He has but to trace the record of the means which Rome employed for the same object in ages past. Would he know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who reject their dogmas? Let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders. {4SP 390.3}

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VERSE (S)	DATE(S)/NOTES	EVENT(S)
<p>11:22 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</p> <p>Luke 21:20-22 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ... <u>For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.</u></p> <p>Matthew 24:15 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:)</p>	<p>Christ Crucified = prince broken (27 A.D.); Tiberius was Caesar when Christ was Crucified (Luke 3:1)</p> <p>Arms of the flood they shall be overthrown = Roman armies destroying Jerusalem (70 A.D.)</p>	<p>FLOOD = destruction, utter end (See Nahum 1:8; Jeremiah 46:7, 8)</p> <p>Daniel 9:26, 27 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but 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 desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and <u>for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate,</u> even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.</p> <p>“In 66 AD, the Jews revolted against Rome. In 70 AD, the Roman general Titus destroyed Israel including Jerusalem. The temple was destroyed and never rebuilt. This ended the priesthood and sacrificial system. This resulted in the total destruction of Jerusalem with the Romans killing over one million Jews. The Roman army captured many of the survivors of this war and sold them as slaves.” (McTernan, 2006, p. 118)</p>

70 Weeks End (34 A.D.) and to the Destruction of Jerusalem (70 A.D.) Prophesied by Christ in Matthew 24:2

<p>11:23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.</p> <p>Judges 2:2 “And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.”</p> <p>Lamentations 1:1 “How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!”</p>	<p>THE RISE OF PAGAN ROME <i>“The robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision”</i></p> <p>League of Friendship Between Pagan Rome and the Jews (B.C. 161)</p>	<p><i>Rome Leagues with God’s people:</i> “Destined to play such an important part in the political and religious history of the Jews, the Empire came into close touch with them for the first time in the early days of revolt against the power of Syria. About the year 161 B.C. Judas the Maccabee having heard of the great fame of the Romans, sent an embassy ‘to make a league of amity and confederacy with them, and that they should take the yoke from them; for they saw that the kingdom of the Greeks did keep Israel in bondage...The mission was successful; but before the news arrived Judas was slain...In 143 b.c. the alliance was renewed by the statesmanlike Jonathan...On the death of Jonathan, Simon, his brother and successor, like his predecessors, also sent to Rome to seek a renewal of friendship. The ambassador, this time Numenius, was again successful, and ‘the Romans issued a decree to all the peoples of the East, announcing that they had entered into a league of friendship with the Jews.’” (Cheyne & Black, 1903 p. 26)</p> <p><i>He shall work deceitfully:</i> “...the Romans were hastily advancing to the dominion of all Greece; a progress in which their art was more conspicuous than their virtue. They gained their end by fostering dissensions between states, which they directed to their own advantage; corrupting their principal citizens, and using, in fine, every art of the most insidious policy. A pretext was only wanting to unsheathe the sword....” (Woodhouselee, 1891, p. 99)</p>
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<p>11:24 He shall enter peaceably 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 <i>shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.</i></p> <p>Forecast devices against the strong holds (see verse 25)</p> <p>For a time: Time = 360 years</p> <p>Reckoned from B.C. 31 → this time ends in 330 A.D., (on this date Constantine moved the imperial set of the empire to Constantinople)</p>	<p>Egypt willed to Rome (B.C. 88) by Ptolemy X</p> <p>by Ptolemy XII Auletes wills Egypt to his children (B.C. 51) Cleopatra VII & Ptolemy XIII Philopater who ruled jointly on the throne</p>	<p>And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and <i>by peace shall destroy many</i>: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (Daniel 8:25)</p> <p>“The usual manner in which nations had, before the days of Rome, entered upon valuable provinces and rich territory, was by war and conquest. Rome was now to do what had not been done by the fathers or the fathers’ fathers, namely, receive these acquisitions through peaceful means. The custom, before unheard of, was now inaugurated, of kings’ leaving by legacy their kingdoms to the Romans. Rome came into possession of large provinces in this manner.</p> <p>And those who thus came under the dominion of Rome derived no small advantage therefrom. They were treated with kindness and leniency. It was like having the prey and spoil distributed among them. They were protected from their enemies, and rested in peace and safety under the aegis of Roman Power.” (Smith, 1881, p. 251-252)</p> <p>Rome was not merely a disinterested observer when these quarrelsome siblings took the throne. <i>Egypt was a wealthy country, despite the mismanagement that depleted its treasury, and wealth was always handy to a militaristic state bent upon further expansion.</i> Furthermore, much of Egypt's wealth lay in its agricultural surpluses, which were most tempting to a state whose capital had long outstripped the capacity of its own countryside and suffered from occasional subsistence crises. Finally, Rome had a civil war of its own, the one between Julius Caesar and Gnaeus Pompey, and both <i>factions desired access to the wealth of Egypt.</i> (Fassbender, 2010, ¶5)</p>

<p>11:25 And he 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.</p> <p>11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.</p> <p>11:27 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.</p> <p><i>Forecasting devices</i> begin at the time of this battle: Battle of Actium(B.C. 31)</p>	<p>Second Triumvirate formed Octavian, Mark Anthony, Lepidus (B.C. 43-33)</p> <p>Rome enters war with Egypt: Battle of Actium 31 A.D.</p> <p>(NOTE: A naval battle ensued near Actium, and, before the victory was decided, the vessels under Cleopatra retreated, with Antony immediately following. The land forces of Egypt, seeing the defeat of its fleet and disgusted by the actions of Antony, deserted Antony and surrendered without striking a blow. Antony and Cleopatra fled back to Egypt and committed suicide. From this time, Egypt became a Roman province.)</p>	<p>Octavian versus Mark Antony & Cleopatra of Egypt</p> <p>“Caesar’s great-nephew and adopted son, Octavian, and his friend Mark Antony then seized power in Rome. After defeating Caesar’s killers in battle, they shared the Roman Empire between them, with Antony ruling the east and Octavian the west. It was not long before Antony and Octavian also fought. In 31 B.C.E., Octavian defeated Antony and his partner, Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, at the sea battle of Actium. Antony and Cleopatra both killed themselves, leaving Octavian the sole ruler of the Roman World.” (Chrisp, 2005, p. 15)</p> <p>According to Duruy, Grosvenor, & Van Norman (1912), “In 37 AD Antony came to Tarentum to renew the triumvirate for five years. Excited by the victories of his lieutenants, he decided to assume in person the command of the Parthian War. Scarcely had he touched the Asiatic soil when his passion for Cleopatra revived more madly than ever. He had her come to Laodicea, recognized the children she had borne him, and added to her dominions almost the whole coast from the Nile as far as Mount Taurus. Though those countries were for the most part Roman provinces, the caprice of the all powerful triumvir had more influence than senate or laws...While Antony was disgracing himself in the East, Octavius was giving to Italy that repose for which she hungered... of the two triumvirs, the one was bestowing Romans countries upon a barbarous queen, and the other was increasing the territory of the empire. However, Antony complained and demanded a share in the spoils of Sextus and Lepidus. Octavius replied with bitter criticisms of his conduct in the East, and read to the senate the will of Antony, which bequeathed to Cleopatra and her children the greater part of those provinces which he had in his power. Octavius wished to strengthen the rumor that Antony, should he become the master, would make a gift to Cleopatra of Rome itself. A decree of the senate declared war against the king of Egypt” (p. 126-128).</p>
<p>11:28 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.</p>	<p>Octavian wins Battle of Actium, Returns to Rome with the riches of Egypt</p> <p>Augustus Caesar (Octavian) Reign: (B.C. 27-14 A.D.)</p> <p>Tiberius Caesar Ruled as Emperor: (14-37 A.D.)</p> <p>Christ crucified (27 A.D.)</p> <p>(NOTE: Jewish people no longer holders of the truth in 34 A.D. after stoning of Stephen. Christians now God’s people)</p>	<p><i>...return into his land with great riches:</i></p> <p>“Egypt became, by victory gained over Cleopatra, a conquered country, and a Roman province. Octavius making use of the right of a conqueror, carried away with him immense sums of money. The palace of the kings was filled with prodigious treasures, which Cleopatra had likewise augmented by her rapines. And especially by plundering the temples of every thing [sic] which was precious in them...The made likewise the Alexandrians, and all the Egyptians, purchase the pardons which he granted hem, by payment of large taxes. Thus the money which he took out of Egypt amounted to such a sum as enabled him to pay all he owed his soldiers, and besides to give those who followed him in his last expedition a gratuity of an hundred and fifty denarii a head...He repaid all he had borrowed for supporting the war, and magnificently</p>

<p>Caligula Ruled as Emperor: (37-41 A.D.)</p> <p>Claudius Ruled as Emperor (41-54 A.D.)</p> <p>Nero: Ruled as Emperor (54-68 A.D.) Began persecution of Christians</p> <p>Diocletian: Ruled as Emperor (284 - 305 A.D.)</p> <p>Last of the Great Persecutions of the Christians. Mentioned in Revelation</p> <p>(NOTE: These persecutions are noted under the church of Smyrna in Revelation 2. This policy of persecution continued through successive emperors and was the most atrocious under Diocletian whose 10-year persecution are noted in Revelation 2:10 as ten days (or ten prophetic years) of tribulation for the church. This also corresponds to the 2nd seal found in Revelation 6:4) Diocletian's persecutions began in 303 AD and lasted until 313 AD, when they were stopped by the Edict of Milan, which was brokered by Constantine in that very same year.)</p> <p>Revelation 2:8-11 "And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but [are] the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.</p> <p>Constantine becomes Emperor: (306-337 A.D.)</p> <p>Paganism floods into the church beginning under Constantine. Church-state relations begin, with the state ruling the church (See also Revelation 6:5 &6)</p>	<p>rewarded the Roman senators and knights who had served him. In short Rome was enriched, and its temples adorned with the spoils of Egypt (Rollin & Crevier, 1750, p. 89-90.</p> <p><i>His heart shall be against the holy covenant:</i></p> <p>Luke 1:72-75 "To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."</p> <p>(in 34 A.D. the Jews, as a nation or religion, are no longer a part of the holy covenant)</p> <p>Galatians 3:26-29 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 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<p>11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.</p> <p>(NOTE: “The time appointed is probably the prophetic time of verse 24, which has been previously mentioned. It closed, as already shown, in A.D.330...The removal of the seat of empire to Constantinople was the signal for the downfall of the empire. Rome then lost its prestige. The western division was exposed to the incursions of foreign enemies. The barbarians of the North now began their incursions, and extended their conquests till the imperial power of the West expired in A.D.476.” [Smith, 1897, p. 285])</p>	<p>"The natural heart is not to bring its own tainted, corrupting principles into the work of God. There must be no concealing of the principles of our faith. The third angel's message is to be sounded by God's people. It is to swell to the loud cry. The Lord has a time appointed when He will bind off the work; but when is that time? When the truth proclaimed for these last days shall go forth as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come. If the power of Satan can come into the very temple of God and manipulate things as he pleases, the time of preparation will be prolonged." Lt 83, 1896.</p> <p>God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth—the messages of the first, second, and third angels—He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. {CCh 58.4}</p>	<p>"Not as the former," the Syrian kings going to war with Egypt; "nor as the latter," the Romans marching against Egypt. But he shall merely remove the seat of his empire toward the south. (Litch, 1842, p. 65)</p> <p>When the north comes towards the south again, there will be destruction to the south:</p> <p>Jeremiah 46:17-20 “They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed. As I live, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant. Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.</p>
<p>11:30 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.</p>	<p>Daniel 8:19 “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.”</p> <p>Fall of Western Rome: 410 A.D. - 476 A.D.)</p> <p>“At this fateful moment the Pope could hardly be regarded as otherwise than by far the most important personage in Rome and in Italy... Comparatively speaking, at all events, the Church had once more abode in strength when every other social institution had been shaken to its base. The shadowy forms of several puppet emperors flit quickly by; but the Supreme Pontiff sits firm in St. Peter's chair, unfaltering and unappalled, unquestionably the foremost man in Rome.” (Beet, 1910, p. 273)</p>	<p>Ships of Chittim:</p> <p>Reference to Balaam’s prophecy found in Numbers 24:17-25</p> <p>Vs. 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.”</p> <p>“And he [Balaam] closed by predicting the complete destruction of Moab and Edom, of Amalek and the Kenites, thus leaving to the Moabitish king no ray of hope.” {PP 451.2}</p> <p>(See also Revelation 12:14)</p> <p><i>Be grieved [or broken] and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant</i></p> <p>Fall of Rome in 476 A.D.</p> <p>So shall he do and he shall even return, and have intelligence [<i>or be cunning</i>] with them that forsake the holy covenant</p>

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 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." [Verses 31-36, quoted.]

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: [Daniel 12:1-4, quoted.] {13MR 394.2}

11:31 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 Rise of the Papacy:
(476 A.D. - 538 A.D.)**

Revelation 13:1, 2 "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**"

".. The dragon is said to be Satan; [Revelation 12:9.] he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and his people during the first centuries of the Christian era, was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome. {GC88 438.2}

Daniel 7:8 "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, **before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots:** and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Pollute the sanctuary of strength and take away the daily:

2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [hindereth] will let, until **he be taken out of the way.** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Arms (power or strength) shall stand on his part:

Daniel 8:11-12 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and **by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily [sacrifice]** by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

"As we approach the year A.D.508, we behold a grand crisis ripening between Catholicism and the pagan influences still existing in the empire. Up to the time of the conversion of Clovis, king of France, A.D.496, the French and other nations of Western Rome were pagan; but subsequently to that event, the efforts to convert idolaters to Romanism were crowned with great success. The conversion of Clovis is said to have been the occasion of bestowing upon the French monarch the titles of "Most Christian Majesty" and "Eldest Son of the Church." Between that time and A.D.508, by alliances, capitulations and conquests, the Arborici, the Roman garrisons in the West, Brittany, the Burgundians, and the Visigoths, were brought into subjection. From the time when these successes were fully accomplished; namely, 508, the papacy was triumphant so far as paganism was concerned..." {Smith, 1881, p. 283}

In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city, and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast "his power, and his seat, and great authority." [Revelation 13:2; SEE APPENDIX, NOTE 2.] And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. [Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7.] {GC88 54.2}

<p>11:32 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].</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “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; 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, showing himself that he is God.”</p> <p>Revelation 2:20-24 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; (even to the time of the end; because it is yet for a time appointed) and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But</p>	<p>Rome was not idle. Her emissaries hastened to Germany to congratulate the new emperor, Charles the Fifth, and by their <i>flatteries, false representations, and protests</i>, influenced him to employ his power against the Reformation. The emperor gave his consent to the public burning of Luther’s writings, beyond the limits of the German States. {ST, August 2, 1883 par. 3}</p> <p>The authorities of the church were not blind to the work which Zwingle was accomplishing; but for the present they forbore to interfere. Hoping yet to secure him to their cause, they endeavored to win him by flatteries; and meanwhile the truth was gaining a hold upon the hearts of the people. {GC88 175.4}</p> <p>Revelation 11:3 - And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.</p> <p>Revelation 12:13-16 “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man [child]. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.</p>
<p>11:33 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.</p>	<p>Persecution to begin during the reign of the Papacy (538 A.D. - 1798 A.D.)</p> <p>Ezra 9:7, 8 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.</p>	

<p>11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.</p> <p>11:35 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.</p>	<p>Revelation 6:9, 10 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”</p> <p>“In the thirteenth century was established that most terrible of all the engines of the papacy,—the Inquisition. The prince of darkness wrought with the leaders of the papal hierarchy. In their secret councils, Satan and his angels controlled the minds of evil men, while unseen in the midst stood an angel of God, taking the fearful record of their iniquitous decrees, and writing the history of deeds too horrible to appear to human eyes. “Babylon the great” was “drunken with the blood of the saints.” The mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried to God for vengeance upon that apostate power. {GC88 59.3}</p> <p>Matthew 24:21, 22 “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”</p>	<p>Revelation 12:16 “And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”</p> <p>Luke 21:24 “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”</p> <p>“During the period of papal supremacy, when the man of sin is in his full strength, a partial deliverance of the church from his hand will be effected, by the reformation under Martin Luther; when the German, states will espouse the protestant at cause, and grant toleration and support to the reformers, protecting them from the violence of the Roman church in its efforts to exclude the dawning light as it breaks in upon the world. But when this help comes, and, the protestant cause becomes popular-...A multitude will come into the reformed churches from unworthy motives. Such was the case of Henry VIII., of England, who seceded from the church of Rome, because the pope refused his sanction to the divorce of queen Catherine, and Henry's marriage with Ann Boylen. After this refusal of the pope, Henry appealed to the universities of Europe on the question; the result of this appeal was favorable to his views and wishes, and he divorced his wife and married another, and immediately renounced popery, and was himself declared by the parliament and people of England, to be the supreme head on earth of the church of England...Although the power of the pope over the heretics was in a measure broken, yet it did not entirely cease. Some still fell, despite the protection of protestant princes and kings... The power of the church of Rome, although greatly restricted and held in check by the protestant governments, was not to be taken away until "the time of the end" should come. Then it must fall. {Litch, 1842, p. 88-89}</p>
<p>11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Reign of the Papacy (538 A.D. - 1798 A.D.)</p> <p>Indignation → throw down</p> <p>Malachi 1:4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.</p> <p>Daniel 8:11-12 Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away,</p>	<p>“The king who did according to his will...was to be a worshipper of many gods or divinities (a god of forces, or gods-protectors, being in the plural number,) but he was to cause them <i>to rule over many</i> and <i>to divide the land for gain</i>. The gods whose worship he would promote or enforce, were to be made subservient to his aggrandizement or gain, for it was his character and aim to <i>exalt himself above all</i>.</p> <p>The term ‘a god of forces,’ used in our version, scarcely conveys any definite meaning. The Septuagint, Vulgate, Geneva, and other versions, such as that of Arius Montanus, the most literal of all retain the original word <i>Mahuzzim</i>. It is also marked on the margin of the English Bible, and there translated <i>gods-protectors</i>. Mahoz, in the singular number, signifies <i>strength, a fortress, a strong tower, or a rock</i>. The use of it in the plural number here denotes that, instead of pure worship of God, there would be a plurality of objects of adoration, <i>honoured</i> and trusted as <i>divine protectors</i>. The</p>

	<p>and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “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; 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, showing himself that he is God.</p> <p>Daniel 8:24, 25 “And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.</p> <p>Revelation 6:7, 8 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 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</p> <p>Revelation 11:13, 14 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.</p>	<p>psalmist, in addressing the Divine Being, repeatedly used the very term, but limits it to the worship of God alone. The Lord is the strength (mahoz) of my life, Ps. Xxvii.1. The Lord is the strength (literally the mahoz of salvation) of his anointed, Ps. Xxviii. 8...In each of these instances, <i>Mahoz</i> is translated in the Septuagint and the Vulgate, or Greek and Latin translations, by a word which literally signifies a <i>defender</i> or <i>protector</i>. <i>Mahuzzim</i>, which is simply the plural of <i>Mahoz</i>, thus expressly signifies <i>defenders</i> or <i>protectors</i>. ‘And how think you now,’ asked Mede emphatically, after citing these passages,—‘are not saints and angels worshipped as <i>Mahuzzims</i>? True Christians have but one <i>Mahoz</i>,-- but apostate Christians have their many <i>Mahuzzims</i>.’</p> <p>It is a thing not to be passed by,” says Mede, ‘without admiration, that the Father and others, even at the beginning of <i>saint-worship</i>, by I know not what fatal instinct, used to call saints and their relics, <i>towers, walls, bulwarks, fortresses, Mahuzzim</i>, in the prime and original signification...</p> <p>Basil, bishop of Caesarea, who flourished in the latter part of the fourth century, concludes his oration on the martyr Mamas with a prayer that God would preserve the church thus <i>fortified</i> with the GREAT TOWERS of the martyrs. And in his oration on the forty martyrs he thus speaks, ‘These are they who, having taken possession of our country; like <i>certain towers</i>, afford us safety from our enemies.— O ye common keepers of mankind, the best companions of our cares, and coadjutors of our prayers <i>most powerful</i> ambassadors to God,” &c.--</p> <p>The body of St. Paul, according to Chrysostome, (Hom. 32) ‘<i>fortifies</i> this city of Rome more strongly than any <i>tower</i>, or than ten thousand ramparts—as likewise does the body of St. Peter.’ Are not these, as Mede asks, strong <i>Mahuzzim</i>?—Other cities and countries besides Rome and Italy, were not destitute, in the estimation of Chrysostome, of similar divine protectors, in the dead bodies of martyred saints. In his homily (70) upon the Egyptian martyrs, he avers—The bodies of these saints FORTIFY our city more strongly than an <i>impregnable wall of adamant</i>, and as certain high ROCKS hanging on every side, not only repel the assaults of those enemies which are seen with the eye, but also overthrow and defeat the ambassadors of invisible fiends, and all the stratagems of the devil. Here too are <i>Mahuzim</i>. ‘If you dread the swords and wars of Italy,’ says Gregory, (lib. 7, ep. 23) ‘you should attentively consider how great is the PROTECTION of the blessed Peter, the price of the apostles in this city; wherein, without a great number of people, without the aid of soldiers, we have for so many years, in the midst of swords, safely preserved by God’s providence from all hurt.”</p> <p>Incredible as it may seem, the bodies of saints were actually confided in, and, so to speak, used as fortresses, and held as influential, as more substantial bulwarks. Even in the days of Constantine, and by his order,...James, bishop of</p>
<p>11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 4:1-3 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing</p>	

<p>11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.</p>	<p>spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.</p>	<p>Nisbis, renown for holiness was buried within the walls of that city, a frontier town of the empire, for the protection or guardianship (custodian) of the city...The Antiochians petitioned Leo I (A.D. 461) for the keeping of the body of holy Simeon, in these terms—"Because our city has no wall, therefore, we brought hither this holy body, that it might be to us A WALL and FORTRESS..." (Keith, 1832, p. 117-120)</p>
<p>11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge [and] increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.</p>		<p>Truly it is a strange God, to set up in the most public places images, adorned with jewels etc. for the populace to bow down and worship, yet it is a well known fact, that in all countries where the power of papacy is felt, these images are placed in the corners of the streets, and all public places, and worship is rendered by every passing votary. And it is also true that <i>Pope has sold kingdoms, and countries, and divided the land, to fill his coffers with gain.</i> (Miller, 1841, p. 27)</p>

REMEMBER: HE SHALL EXALT THE VISION: "THE ROBBERS OF THY PEOPLE"

Robbers → Breakers - PAGAN ROME Daniel 2:40 "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." **Daniel 7:23** "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces."

Robbers → place idols in God's secret place, sanctuary Ezekiel 7:22 "My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret [place]: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it." **Psalm 27:5** "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock" **Jeremiah 7:30** "For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it."

Deuteronomy 27:15 "Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen"

Daniel 8:8-13 "Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant [land]. And it waxed great, [even] to the host of heaven; and it cast down [some] of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain [saint] which spake, How long [shall be] the vision [concerning] the daily [sacrifice], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?"

A message will soon be given by God's appointment that will swell into a loud cry. . . . We are standing upon the borders of the greatest event in the world's history, and Satan must not have power over the people of God, causing them to sleep on. The papacy will appear in its power. . . . The time of trouble is near, and we are to awake to a realization of this.--Letter 54, 1906. {4MR 330.1}

The spirit of the papacy,--the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commands of God,--is permeating the Protestant churches, and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them. Would the reader understand the agencies to be employed in the soon-coming contest? He has but to trace the record of the means which Rome employed for the same object in ages past. Would he know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who reject their dogmas? Let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders. {4SP 390.3}

TRACE THE LINES OF PROPHECY IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL REGARDING THE WORLD'S GREAT RULERS:

DANIEL 2 GREAT IMAGE	DANIEL 7 4 BEASTS & HORNS	DANIEL 8 3 BEASTS & HORNS	DANIEL 9 TIME	DANIEL 11/12 NORTH AND SOUTH KINGS
HEAD OF GOLD: BAYLON	LION: BABYLON			
CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER: MEDO-PERSIA	BEAR: MEDO-PERSIA	RAM: MEDO-PERSIA	70-WEEKS DECLARED FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD, BEGINNING WITH THE COMMANDMENT TO RESTORE AND BUILD JERUSALEM UNDER ARTAXERXES LONGAMIUS, KING OF PERSIA	3 + 1 KINGS STAND UP IN PERSIA
BELLY & THIGHS OF BRASS: GREECE	LEOPARD: GREECE		HE-GOAT: GREECE	A MIGHTY KING IN GREECE WILL STAND UP & HIS KINGDOM BROKEN INTO FOUR PARTS THESE FOUR PARTS BECOME KNOWN AS THE KINGS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH
LEGS OF IRON: ROME	DREADFUL & TERRIBLE BEAST: ROME	LITTLE HORN COMES OUT OF THE FOUR HORNS OF THE HE-GOAT	MESSIAH CUT OFF, JERUSALEM & THE TEMPLE DESTROYED	THE ROBBERS EXALT THEMSELVES (B.C. 202-B.C. 200) AND NO ONE CAN STAND BEFORE THEM UNTIL GRIEVED BY THE SHIPS OF CHITTIM (410 - 476 A.D.)
ROME BROKEN UP	10 HORNS 3 HORNS PLUCKED BY A HORN WITH EYES	DAILY TAKEN AWAY & SANCTUARY BEING CAST DOWN	...AND THE END THEREOF SHALL BE WITH A FLOOD	ARMS GIVEN TO ESTABLISH THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE: (CLOVIS CONVERTS TO CATHOLICISM AND DEFEATS VISIGOTHS IN 508 A.D., ALSO BY THIS DATE, 7 OF THE 10 HORNS HAVE CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM)
ROME MIXED WITH CLAY, BECOMING MIRY: PAPAL ROME	LITTLE HORN: BECOMS MORE STOUT THAN HIS FELLOWS	LITTLE HORN WAXES GREAT & MAGNIFIES HIMSELF TO THE PRINCE OF HOST. HOST GIVEN TO HIM TO OVERTAKE THE DAILY-OR PAGANISM. HOST TRODDEN UNDER-FOOT, WAR MADE WITH THE SAINTS	...OVERSPREADING OF ABOMINATIONS	LAST OF THE THREE REMAINING UN-CATHOLIC HORNS PLUCKED UP IN 538 A.D. THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE SET UP AND RULES UNTIL THE KING OF THE SOUTH PUSHES AT IT: 508 A.D. 538 A.D. – 1798 A.D.
ROME MIXED WITH CLAY, BECOMING MIRY: AMERICA	THRONES CAST DOWN, SON OF MAN COMES TO THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, JUDGMENT SET, BOOKS OPENED:1844			KING OF THE NORTH PUSHES BACK AT THE KING OF THE SOUTH LIKE A WHIRLWIND, GLORIOUS LAND ENTERED,
ROME MIXED WITH CLAY, BECOMING MIRY: 10 KINGS- TOES OF IRON & CLAY	CHRIST RECEIVES HIS KINGDOM, AN EVERLASTING DOMINION			THE LAND OF EGYPT SHALL NOT ESCAPE, POWER OVER GOLD AND SILVER, TABERNACLES OF HIS PALACE PLANTED
STONE: CHRIST COMES	BEAST SLAIN & BODY DESTROYED BY FIRE		... HE SHALL MAKE IT DESOLATE EVEN UNTIL THE CONSUMMATION	MICHAEL SHALL STAND UP...
CHRIST'S EVERLASTING KINGDOM: STONE BECOMES MOUNTAIN TIME OF THE CHAFF	OTHER BEASTS LIVES PROLONGED AND DOMINION TAKEN AWAY AND GIVEN TO THE SAINTS		...AND THAT DETERMINED SHALL BE Poured UP ON THE DESOLATE	

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