

Daniel 11:43 “But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”

Power over treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt

- *Egypt represents money, business*

Ezekiel 29:19 “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will give the land of Egypt** unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and **it shall be the wages for his army.**”

Revelation 13:17 “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.”

James 4:13 “Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and **buy and sell, and get gain**”

“**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.” (19MR, p. 229)

“In the last great conflict in the controversy with Satan those **who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off**. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly **powers they will be forbidden to buy or sell.**” (DA, p. 121-2)

What is the temptation for the people of God during this buying and selling time?

Genesis 47:23-25 “Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. And they said, **Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.**”

Genesis 42:1, 2 “Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, **and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.**”

“Satan says . . . **For fear of wanting food and clothing they will join** with the world in transgressing God's law. The earth will be wholly under my dominion” (PK, p. 183-4)

“...I saw our people in great distress, weeping and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us mocking us and threatening to destroy us. ...**They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy or sell, and they referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world...**”

They declared that they had the truth, that miracles were among them; that angels from heaven talked with them and walked with them, that great power and signs and wonders were performed among them, and **that this was the temporal millennium they had been expecting so long**. The whole world was converted and in harmony with the Sunday law, and this little feeble people stood out in defiance of the laws of the land and the law of God, and claimed to be the only ones right on the earth...” (3SM, p. 427-8)

Libyans/Ethiopians

Daniel 11:42 “He shall **stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.**”

1. ***Meant entering into Babylon: Jeremiah 46:24*** “The daughter of **Egypt** shall be **confounded**; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.”
2. ***Meant to perform signs and wonders: Exodus 3:20*** “And **I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders** which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.” (See also Exodus 4:21; Deuteronomy 4:34; 7:19; 26:8)
3. ***Also means to persecute: Acts 12:1-3*** “Now about that time Herod the king **stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church**. And he **killed** James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.” (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, **he put him in prison**, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.” (See also: Jeremiah 15:6, 2; 44:30; Samuel 1:14)

“...The time is coming when God's people will feel **the hand of persecution** because they keep holy the seventh day.” (Mar, p. 183)

“Men will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. **Those who are true to God will be menaced, denounced, proscribed.** They will be ‘betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends,’ even unto death.” (PK, p. 588)

“Many will be **imprisoned**, many **will flee** for their lives from cities and towns, and **many will be martyrs** for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth.” (3SM, p. 397).

“There is a prospect before us of a continued struggle, **at the risk of imprisonment, loss of property and even of life itself**, to defend the law of God.” (5T, p. 712).

Why Libyans & Ethiopians?

Psalm 105:23 “Israel also came into **Egypt**; and Jacob sojourned in the **land of Ham**.” (See also Psalm 78:51)

Genesis 10:6 “And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.”

- **Cush** → *descendants are the Ethiopians*
- **Mizraim** → *descendants are Egyptians*
- **Phut (also Put, Persians, Lubim)** → *descendants are Libyans*
- **Canaan** → *descendants are the Canaanites*

2 Chronicles 16:8 “**Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host**, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.”

Ezekiel 27:10 “They of **Persia** and of Lud and of **Phut were in thine army, thy men of war**: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness”

Jeremiah 46:9 “**Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield**; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow” (See Nahum 3:9; Ezekiel 38:2)

“A refusal to obey the commandments of God, and a determination to cherish hatred against those who proclaim these commandments, **leads to the most determined war on the part of the dragon**, whose whole energies are brought to bear against the commandment-keeping people of God. ‘He causeth all, both small and great . . . to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.’ **Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with their minds are they to acknowledge Sunday as the Sabbath.**...” (PH086, p. 6)

“With the ungodly there will be a **deceptive harmony that but partially conceals a perpetual discord**. In their opposition to the will and the truth of God they are united, **while on every other point they are rent with hatred, emulation, jealousy, and deadly strife**.

The Lord is removing His restrictions from the earth, and soon there will be death and destruction, increasing crime, and cruel, evil working against the rich who have exalted themselves against the poor. Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position. **Human agents are being trained and are using their inventive power to put into operation the most powerful machinery to wound and to kill.**

The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing...” (FLB, p. 343)

“**Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth.** Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and the winds will be the stirring up of the **nations to one deadly combat**, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. Get ready, get ready...” (RH, June 7, 1887)

“**Satan delights in war**; for it excites the worst passions of the soul, and then **sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood**. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another; for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God.” (GC88, p. 589)

Persecution Intensifies

2 Timothy 3:12, 13 “Yea, and all that will **live godly** in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

Luke 21:12, 16 “But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, **and persecute you**, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake... And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren” (*See also Matthew 10:18-21; Mark 13:9-12*)

“... Said a Christian, expostulating with the heathen rulers who were urging forward the persecution: ‘You may torment, afflict, and vex us. Your wickedness puts our weakness to the test, but your cruelty is of no avail. It is but a stronger invitation to bring others to our persuasion. The more we are mowed down, the more we spring up again. **The blood of the Christians is seed.**’

Thousands were imprisoned and slain; but others sprung up to fill their places. And those who were martyred for their faith were secured to Christ, and accounted of him as conquerors... Their living example and dying testimony were a constant witness for the truth; and, **where least expected, the subjects of Satan were leaving his service, and enlisting under the banner of Christ.**” (*ASP*, p. 41)

More shall escape:

Psalms 68:31-33 “**Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.** Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, **he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.**”

“It is **at this time** that the third angel is seen flying in the midst of heaven... The sin that calls down the wrath of God unmixed with mercy must be of the most heinous character. **Is the world to be left in darkness as to the nature of this sin?--Most assuredly not.** God does not deal thus with His creatures. His wrath is never visited upon sins of ignorance. **Before His judgments are brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that man may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have opportunity to escape them.**” (*ST*, November 1, 1899)

Persecutions are for our Benefit

Isaiah 48:10 “Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the **furnace of affliction.**”

1 Peter 3:13, 14 “And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and **if ye suffer for righteousness' sake**, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled”

2 Timothy 1:8 “Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but **be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God”

“Through **trial and persecution the glory**--the character--of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The believers in Christ, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the school of Christ. On earth they walk in narrow paths; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; **but thus they learn the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence...**” (*AA*, p. 576)

“Not Enoch, who was translated to heaven, not Elijah, who ascended in a chariot of fire, was greater or more honored than John the Baptist, who perished alone in the dungeon. ‘Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.’ Philippians 1:29. **And of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honor.**” (*DA*, p. 224)

“Under the fiercest persecution these witnesses for Jesus kept their faith unsullied. Though deprived of every comfort, shut away from the light of the sun, making their home in the dark but friendly bosom of the earth, they uttered no complaint. With words of faith, patience, and hope they encouraged one another to endure privation and distress. The loss of every earthly blessing could not force them to renounce their belief in Christ. **Trials and persecution were but steps bringing them nearer their rest and their reward.**” (*GC*, p. 41)

“The assaults of Satan are fierce and determined, his delusions are terrible; but the Lord's eye is upon His people, and His ear listens to their cries. Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but the Refiner will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire... **it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their earthliness must be consumed, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected.**” (*GC*, p. 621)

But not all will be purified thorough this process:

Matthew 13:20, 21 “But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for **when tribulation or persecution ariseth** because of the word, by and **by he is offended.**” (offended means → *enticed to sin, apostasy*)

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him”

“...It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. **We have only to neglect** to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness...” (DA, p. 324)

“**As the storm approaches, a large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, **abandon their position**, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They **become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren...**” (GC88, p. 608)

“...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...” (CET, p. 177)

“Nations will be stirred to their very center... And all who will not bow to the decrees 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.

... **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.” (12MR, p. 324)

Persecution's History Will Repeat:

Revelation 6:9-11 “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? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed **as they were**, should be fulfilled.”

“... 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.** ...Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book...” (13MR, p. 394)

Daniel 11:30-35 “For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore **he shall be grieved (Papacy wounded in 1798)**, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant (**war against God's law**): so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant (**Protestant United States**). And **arms shall stand on his part, (armies of the world)** and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice (**corrupted Protestantism**), and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate (**exalt the papal sabbath**). 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 (**give a loud cry**). And they that understand among the people shall instruct many (**spread the gospel**): yet they **shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days (be persecuted)**. 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 marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (**the papacy will prosper until God's judgments come upon the earth**)” (Red print is author's notation of repeated history)

At his steps:

2 Corinthians 12:18 “I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?”

Job 18:7 “The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.”

“These have one mind.’ **There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces.** ‘And shall give their power and strength unto the beast.’ Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue...” (7BC, p. 983)

What's next?

“As the members of the body of Christ **approach the period of their last conflict**, ‘the time of Jacob's trouble,’ they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of his Spirit. As the third message **swells to a loud cry**, and as great power and glory attends the closing work, the faithful people of God **will partake of that glory**. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. **Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel**” (4bSG, p. 112)

Daniel 11:44 “But **tidings** out of the east and out of the north shall **trouble him**: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to **destroy**, and utterly to make away many”

