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**UNRAVELLING** of  
*Daniel 11:40-45*

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## Introduction

*“Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7 (RSV)*

A study of Daniel 11:40-45 as it relates to us in the 21st Century is most challenging and almost incomprehensible. But the above text gives the assurance that we can understand what appears challenging and incomprehensible in the Bible. The Bible being the inspired word of God can be comprehended only by the enlightenment of the same Spirit which revealed the things therein written.

The word of God contains many issues relating to the future at the time the prophets wrote them. This is particularly true relative to the issues of “the time of the end” of which Dan. 11:40-45 speak. But the entire Bible is a revelation by the Spirit of God through those inspired, for this is the only way the things of God can be known. It means that the revelation of the things in the Bible was intended for our understanding however difficult and challenging they may appear. The assurance is given us that the deep things of God are made known to us by the Spirit of God.

*“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. [And] God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” 1 Cor. 2:11, 10.*

In this study we shall be following the rule laid down by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 12:28 hearing from the apostles, prophets and teachers sent by God. If other writers are consulted, it must be that their writings are consistent with what the apostles, prophets and teachers say and not merely the words of the scholars or the so called “church fathers.”

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## Adventists Understandings of Dan. 11:40-45

The last six verses of Daniel 11 have puzzle Bible teachers and scholars of the Christian church almost from its inception, though Christ himself instructs us to read Daniel (Matt. 24:15). There are numerous interpretations associated with these verses and Seventh-day Adventist are among groups discussing this “difficult prophetic passage of the Bible.”

An extract from **ADVENTISTREVIEW COMMENTARY** dated November 6, 2019 by Joe Reeves of Lake Union Conference, and Adventist Review summarized “Theologians review and debate Adventists understandings” of “What Does Daniel Chapter 11 Mean?”

“The 2019 Daniel 11 Prophecy Conference was hosted by the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, United States, presented an opportunity for new understanding of a difficult prophetic passage of the Bible.

The October 17-19 event brought a dynamic blend of scholars with expertise in biblical Hebrew, as well as laypeople without formal training.

The three basic Adventist interpretations of the book of Daniel 11 are discussed below.

1. **Turkey and Egypt, championed by Uriah Smith.** The King of the North in verses 40-45 is interpreted as being Turkey, either as the Ottoman Empire in its conflict in 1798 AD with Napoleonic France and the breakaway rulers of Egypt (verses 40-44), or as a last-days reincarnation of the Caliphate; and the King of the South in verses 40-45 represents Egypt.

Uriah Smith’s interpretation argues that all the verses up to and including verse 44 have already been fulfilled. The modern exponents of this position argue that verse 45 is to be interpreted as Turkey, leading a re-established Caliphate, which will establish a newly restored Caliphate in Jerusalem, after which this power meets its end, leading to the final time of trouble of Daniel 12:1.

2. **The Papacy and Atheism.** This view came into vogue from the 1940s onward, after the writings of Louis Were, and is driven by two main factors: (1) literary parallels between the little-horn papal power of Daniel 7 and 8 and the King of the North from verse 36 onward; and (2) seeking to correlate the eschatology of Revelation 12-14 and 2 Thessalonians, with the actors mentioned in Daniel 11. This view is probably the most commonly held view in the Adventist Church today.
3. **The third (and most recent) position among Adventists.** It reads Daniel 11 as the third, basically literal interpretation of the symbolic vision in 8:1-14, after the interpretations in 8:17-26 and 9:24-27 ... In verses 40-43, the papacy and its allies (“Babylon” in Revelation) finally triumph over Islamic power, its long-time religio-political nemesis (see also the fifth and sixth trumpets in Revelation 9), during the “time of the end” (after 1798 and 1844).

In the course of a final campaign, which apparently aims to persecute God’s true people,

the papacy abruptly meets its end (verses 44-45) just before a “time of trouble” and Christ’s second coming (12:1-3). This interpretation accepts religious emphasis and globalization developing after Christ’s first coming as Israel becomes the Christian church and Rome becomes the papacy. However, God’s true Christian people are also affected by the political-military activities of Rome and Islam at particular times and locations.”

### **The Pioneers Views of Dan. 11:45**

“And he shall plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain,” (or mountain of delight.) This was literally fulfilled, in May 26, 1805, when Bonaparte was crowned king of Italy at Milan, Italy lying between two seas. To “plant the tabernacle of his palace” would be to establish him as king. “Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” This closes the history of one of the most powerful monarchs—the most ambitious and fortunate of warriors, and a man of unbounded sway—that modern times had ever produced.” **Miller’s Work Vol. 2. 106.1 Evidence from Scripture and History of the Second Coming of Christ the Year**

“Verse 45. “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palaces between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him.” Instead of “glorious holy mountain,” the margin reads, “mountain of delight of holiness. This place, I think, means the peninsula within a line drawn from the north east corner of France on the North Sea, to the head of the Gulf of Venice, on the north east corner of Italy. This land, if any on earth at that period, might be called the mountain of delight of holiness. Within that limit, probably more Christians had fallen martyrs to the cause of vital godliness, and for daring to maintain the pure principles of the gospel in the dark ages of papal rule, than in any or all other countries on earth. This land or mountain, was between the seas; it was a peninsula. Within those bounds, Napoleon had planted his palaces. But they were of a peculiar character; for although they were numerous, they were not abiding; “the tabernacles of his palaces.” **Josiah Litch, Probability of the Second Coming of Christ About A.D. 1843, 102.3**

“VERSE 1. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

A definite time is introduced in this verse, not a time revealed in names or figures which specify any particular year or month or day, but a time made definite by the occurrence of a certain event with which it stands connected. “At that time.” What time? - The time to which we are brought by the closing verse of the preceding chapter, - the time when the king of the north shall plant the tabernacles of his palace in the glorious holy mountain; or, in other words, when the Turk, driven from Europe, shall hastily make Jerusalem his temporary seat of government. We noticed, in remarks upon the latter portion of the preceding chapter, some of the agencies already in operation for the accomplishment of this end, and some of the indications that the Turk will soon be obliged to make this move. And when this event takes place, he is to come to his end; and then, according to this verse, we look for the standing up of Michael, the great prince.” **Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation 319.2**



What, then, are the scriptures that relate to Turkey in this time? The last verses of Daniel 11 relate to Turkey, which, as king of the north, with its center at Constantinople, occupies, in direct descent, the place of the original king of the north in the division of the empire of Alexander the Great, as in the fourth verse and onward. And of this Power it is written: "He shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Daniel 11:45. **A.T. Jones, Advent Review and Sabbath Herald vol. 77**

It is evident that these views are not in harmony and begs the question, is any of the interpretations correct. We shall also examine these verses and seek to determine what Daniel meant in these verses since he was speaking to our time, "the time of the end", post-1798. Christ himself speaking of the end of the world bids us to read Daniel that we may know and understand what these things are and the end of the world.

*"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. <sup>15</sup> 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:)" Matt. 24:14, 15.*

Christ in essence is saying to us that the abomination of desolation will stand where it ought not (Mark 13:14), in the church of God at the end of time, the time in which we live. Further he bids us to read and understand Daniel so that we may know and escape the abomination which will be perpetrated on the church. The prophet to the Third Angel Movement speaks of Daniel 11 on this wise.

"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 14.2**

The prophet is here nudging us into a study of that portion of Daniel 11 which has not yet reached its fulfillment.

"In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." Daniel 12:4. **AA 585.1**

"The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand." **CCh 336.5**

Further, we are given instructions not to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end to occur to say something about them, but rather as we read and understand them we are to alert our fellow men that they with us might escape the destructions foretold. A correct understanding of that portion of Dan. 11 (40-45) will enable to be able to give the trumpet a certain sound.

"Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? ... Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, "even at the doors." Let us read and understand before it is too late. **CCh 64.4.**

# The Origins and Development of the Kings of the North and South

These two mentioned kings are antagonistic powers pitted against each other vying for world dominance. The terms king of the north and king of the south are explicitly mentioned seven places in the KJV of the Bible, and all in Daniel Chapter 11.

## The Origin

The terms king of the north and king of the south occur after the break-up of the kingdom of Greece. Subsequent to the death of Alexander the Great the Grecian Empire was divided to the four winds of heaven, and taken control of by four of Alexander's generals. After much fighting between the generals the kingdom was eventually divided up into two factions, the north and the south. The north under Seleucus in Syria and became known as the Seleucid empire. The south under Ptolemy, known as the Ptolemaic empire, in Egypt.

## The Development

1. *“And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.” Dan. 11:5*

At the outset the king of the south refer to Ptolemy I Soter of Egypt who shall be strong. But Seleucus I Nicator of Syria, “one of his princes” i.e. Alexander princes shall be stronger than he and dominate him. Seleucus I of Syria king of the north has three quarters of Alexander's Grecian Empire and was therefore stronger than Ptolemy I Soter king of the south.

2. *“And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.” Daniel 11:6*

Here the king of the north refers to Syria under King Antiochus Theos II who attempted to broker a peace agreement with King Ptolemy II Philadelphus of Egypt. Bernice the daughter of king of the south Ptolemy II, was given in marriage to King Antiochus II for this purpose. Her entire entourage which went to Syria with her, and her son born in Syria, were murdered by Laodice who also poisoned her husband for divorcing her, even though he had remarried her.

3. *“But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail. Daniel 11:7*

In this instance the “king of the north” is still Syria under the ruler-ship of Seleucus II Callinicus, son of Antiochus II who was poisoned by his wife Laodice whom he had divorced to marry Bernice. Bernice fell out of favor and he remarried Laodice. Bernice's brother, Ptolemy III took revenge for her murder, invaded Syria and murdered Laodice and took the city of Seleucia.

4. *“And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.” Daniel 11:8*

Syria is still king of the north under Seleucius II who died three to four years before the king of the south Ptolemy III of Egypt who died in 221 BC. But before returning home Ptolemy III plundered 40,000 talents of silver and precious vessels and 2,500 images of the gods which had formerly been taken from Egypt.

5. *“And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.” Daniel 11:11*

Syria is still king of the north but the younger son of Seleucius II, Antiochus III the Great now reigned in his father’s stead who died in exile and whose older brother reigned from 225-223 BC and was poisoned by his generals. The king of the south is Ptolemy IV Epiphanes who attacked Antiochus III, “king of the north” and defeated him though he has a much larger army.

6. *“For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.” Daniel 11:13*

Syria still ruled by Antiochus III as king of the north came against the king of the south the five-year-old boy king of Egypt, Ptolemy V Epiphanes thinking he could defeat him. Around the year 201 BC the “king of the north” invaded Egyptian territory in Palestine.

Approximately one year later, 200 BC, Pagan Imperial Rome emerges as mistress of the Mediterranean area and begun to make contracts with the east. Rome intervened on the behalf of the young Egyptian king and protected him from Antiochus III king of the north. Rome then sieged the opportunity to control Egypt without war, declaring “We, Rome will protect the boy-king!” thus Rome began to take Egypt under its dominion.

7. *“So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.” Daniel 11:15*

The Romans dispatched the Egyptian General Scopus against Antiochus III but he failed and Antiochus III took Sidon the most fenced city. Hence the arms of the south with his chosen people backed by the Romans did not withstand the king of the north.

### **King of the north from Syria to the Roman Empire**

In 168 BC Rome had conquered Macedonia (in the north) and made it a part of their kingdom. Henceforth Pagan Rome becomes the king of the north. Seven years later, in 161 BC, Pagan Rome became connected with the Jews, then the people of God, by the famous Jewish League bringing them under Rome as a protectorate.

It was during the reign of the Pagan Roman Empire that Christ was born in Bethlehem when the entire world was taxed (Luke 2:1-12), and it was also under the Pagan Roman Empire that Christ the Prince of the

Covenant was broken, crucified (Luke 3:1-8; 23:1-12).

*8. 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.” Dan. 11:25*

Here the king of the north represented by the Bishop of Rome stirred up the power of the Emperor against the king of the south, represented by the Bishop of Egypt, Arius. This was in A.D 318 in response to the false doctrine of Arius that Christ is not of the same substance as the Father. The Bishop of Egypt and his followers retaliated and attacked the Bishops of Rome, but they were defeated resulting in Arius and 300 of his followers being anathematized, and at the council of Nicea their doctrine was torn to pieces. After this the Emperor and Bishops determined that no one but the Bishop of Rome should be allowed to interpret scriptures.

### **The King of the north from the Roman Empire to the Roman Catholic papacy**

*“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.” Dan. 11:31*

Vs. 31 though not one of the text in which the king of the north or south is directly mentioned it introduces the transition from the Pagan Roman Empire to the Roman Catholic papacy. The taking away of the daily (Hebrew, tamid) is the removal from the minds of the people the continual mediation of Christ as High Priest in the heavenly Sanctuary. Here the abomination that maketh desolate is the setting up of the false Roman Catholic papal system in 538 AD with its false priesthood which eclipsed the continual High Priesthood of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. Heb. 4:14; 8:1, 2

*9. “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. Daniel 11:40*

Here in Dan. 11:40 we are introduced to a period called the time of the end. At this time the king of the south pushes at the king of the north, but afterward the king of the north comes against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

As shown earlier the king of the north changed from being Syria to the Pagan Roman Empire, and still later to the Roman Catholic papacy. The king of the south has been swamped by the king of the north and is not mentioned since vs. 25 until reintroduced in vs. 40 where we shall also notice a change from Egypt the Ptolemaic kingdom being the king of the south.

## The Time of the End

As previously stated the king of the north has changed from being Syria to being the Pagan Roman Empire and then to the Roman Catholic Papacy. Also there is a change from Egypt, the Ptolemaic kingdom being the king of the south. But first let us consider the time period called “the time of the end” as introduced in verse 40. The following five texts bring to view this period called the time of the end

1. **Daniel 8:17** – So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at **the time of the end** shall be the vision.
2. **Daniel 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.
3. **Daniel 11:40** – And at **the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.
4. **Daniel 12:4** – But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

**Daniel 12:9** – And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end**.

Verse 40 gives the clearest indication when the king of the south pushed at the king of the north. Careful exegesis will help us determine the time of the end, and hence the two kings thereat. To do this we shall examine seven texts which speak of a time period which we shall explore to see if there is any relationship with them and the time of the end.

The seven texts are as follows:

5. **Daniel 7:25** – And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a **time and times and the dividing of time**.
6. **Daniel 12:7** – And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swear by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a **time, times, and a half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
7. **Revelation 11:2** – But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**.
8. **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.
9. **Revelation 12:6** – And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**.

**10. Revelation 12:14** –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.

**11. Revelation 13:5** – And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**.

Rev. 11:2 gives us the clearest clues to help us determine the time of the end. It gives us a time period, the place, and by whom the treading underfoot occurred. It speaks of the holy city to be trodden underfoot for a period of 42 months and by persons called Gentiles.

The questions to be addressed are:

1. What is this holy city to which reference is made?
2. Who are the Gentiles?
3. What is meant by forty-two months?
  - a. The holy city. In the type the holy city referred to is Jerusalem in Palestine. Nehemiah 11:1,18; Daniel 9:16; Isaiah 52:1; Matthew 4:5; 27:53
  - b. The holy city in Rev. 11:2 which is the anti-type refers to the church of God with its headquarters in heaven. Heb.12:22, 23
  - c. The Gentiles here are the Romans, a non-Jewish nation. Mark 10:33; Luke 3:1; 21:24; Acts 4:27
  - d. The forty-two months refer to the 1260 year-period from A.D 538-1798

History records that from the elevation of the Roman Catholic papacy to absolute power in 538 A.D until its overthrow in 1798 A.D marked forty-two prophetic months, or time times and a half, or time times and the dividing of time or one thousand two hundred threescore days which is equivalent to 1260 literal years (using the year for a day principle of Num. 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6).

During this period the Roman Catholic Papacy did “tread under foot” the holy city i.e. oppressed and killed millions of Christian and eclipsed the high Priestly work of Christ in the heavenly Sanctuary setting up a man-made priesthood in its place. At the end of this period in 1798 the time of the end would therefore begin.

“The periods here mentioned— “forty and two months,” and “a thousand two hundred and threescore days”—are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. **GC 266.3.**

## The kings of the North and South at the Time of the End

Daniel 11 brings to view seven world ruling powers stretching from the time the vision was given in B.C. 606 to the end of time. The following table outlines the first five of these world-ruling powers, the start and end of their rule, the length of time of their rule, and the symbols which represent them in prophecy.

As there is general consensus of these five kings, world ruling powers, we shall afterwards seek to establish who may be the other two powers (king of the south, head no. 6 and king of the north head no. 7) at the time of the end

**Table 1 The First Five World Ruling Powers of Daniel 2, 7, 8**

Dominant Power	Start of rule	End of rule	Length of time	Symbols
Babylon	BC 606	BC 539	67 years	Gold – Head, Lion
Medio-Persia	BC 539	BC 331	208 years	Silver – chest and arms. Bear, Ram
Greece	BC 331	BC 168	163 years	Brass – belly and thighs. Leopard and He Goat
Pagan Rome	BC 168	AD 476	644 years	Iron – legs, and teeth, nails of brass, little horn
Papal Rome	AD 538	AD 1798	1260 years	Feet of iron and clay little Horn

In Table 1 a break of 62 years occurs between AD 476-AD 538 when there was no world ruling power. During this time ten barbarian tribes of northern Europe pillage Rome. Three of these tribes, the Heruli, Vandal, and the Ostrogoth were Arian in their philosophy and were eventually plucked up. Daniel 7:20

“The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.” In this study we are concerned with the portion of the chapter which when fulfilled causes it to reach its complete fulfillment. That portion is verse 40 through 45, the rest of the chapter having already been fulfilled.

“The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days.” **AA 585.1.**

As was shown the time of the end began in 1798. To determine who these two kings are at the time of the end we shall look around this period for the two kings who will fulfill the prophecy. To help us correctly understand who these two kings are at the time of the end we shall again engage Revelation, Daniel’s complement.

In Revelation 13 and 17 we find evidence which helps us identify these two kings. We previously showed that Rev. 13:5 referred to the period between 538-1798 A.D. when the Roman Catholic Papacy dominated the world as the fifth world-ruling kingdom. Further in Revelation 13:3 a wounded beast is brought to view and verse 10 says with reference to this wounded beast "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword." And immediately verse 11 introduces another beast with two horns coming up out of the earth succeeding the beast which received the deadly sword wound. History is unequivocal that the Roman Catholic Papacy received a deadly wound in the year 1798 and lost power at the end of its 1260-year reign in that same year. But its power to persecute was brought to an end a quarter century earlier.

The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased. **GC 306.1**

The power to persecute was the hallmark of the king of the north during the 1260-year period. The question for consideration is, who and what caused the king of the north to cease persecution and who succeeded the then king of the north, the papacy. If we are able to definitively answer these questions we shall be able to identify the six and seventh heads of Rev. 17 and hence the kings of the north and south of Daniel 11.

Consider the words of the prophet of the Third Angel Movement in relation to the successor of the Roman Catholic Papacy.

"What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America." **GC 440.2.**

"The imperial party were convinced that the Christian princes would adhere to the Holy Scriptures as superior to human doctrines and requirements; *and they knew that an acceptance of this principle would eventually overthrow the papacy.* But they flattered themselves that weakness was on the side of the Reformation, while strength was with the emperor and the pope. Had the Reformers made flesh their arm, they would have been as powerless as the papists supposed. But though weak in numbers, and at variance with Rome, they had their strength. They appealed from the decision of the Diet to the word of God, and from the emperor of Germany to the King of kings and Lord of lords." **4SP161.1** (emphasis supplied).

SDA Bible scholar and eschatologist **George McCready Price, The Time of the End** pp. 65, 66, and 70 also speaks of the overthrow of the papacy on this wise.

"The important feature of this period of the deadly wound, the time of the end, is its religious liberty, i.e., its absence of persecution. So far as precise dates go, it began with the close of the 1260 years in 1798, which is also the date when the pope was taken prisoner by the French armies. But the causes of the deadly wound and of the present period when it is kept from being healed, lie deeper than this very temporary end of papal rule, for several times previously a pope had been defeated or made prisoner, without any such world conditions as we see prevailing today.



Persecution on any general scale ended "a quarter of a century earlier" than 1798 (The Great Controversy, p. 306), which corresponds with the rise of the United States. And it is well worthwhile for us to consider just what has happened to produce the present order of things, which has now lasted for nearly two centuries. It is plain that the cause of the modern stoppage of persecution is much deeper than the capture of the then-reigning head of the Catholic Church by orders of the French Directory, for it was only a few years more until Napoleon was signing a concordat with another pope. With several more ups and downs in 1848 and in 1870, the pope was made a nominal king again in 1929; and yet the deadly wound obviously is not healed. If it were, how could Seventh-day Adventist sermons be broadcast in Italian by radio throughout the homeland of the Papacy and Adventist literature be sold openly within the shadow of the Vatican? No, the deadly wound is still unhealed. Just what has happened?

But don't misunderstand me. The wound was inflicted by the French armies in 1798. "At that time [1798], the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, 'He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity.' "—The Great Controversy, p. 439. This is the primary, or local, meaning of the prophecy.

There is no question that this event marked the beginning of the deadly wound ...” **p.65, 66.**

“But the Head of the church had still another plan, partly as the outgrowth of the principles of the Reformation, but chiefly as a special providential preparation for the development of a perfect and complete church to meet Him as a pure bride at His second coming. He planned to show the world and the on looking universe an example of a civil government that would protect the soul liberty of its citizens, yet would keep from meddling with religious affairs in any way, teaching its people to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.” **p. 70**

Rev. 17:10 gives us further evidence as to who this sixth head is.

*“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”* **Rev. 17:10**

Here we are carried a little further in our identification of the six power. Five are fallen, i.e. past, and reference is made to “one is.” Again we acknowledge that the fifth head is the papacy which fell in 1798 and was succeeded by the two horn beast. But a careful study shows that this beast has two phases, a lamb-like phase and a dragon phase.

*“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”* **Rev.13:11**

The prophecy says this beast though having two horns like a lamb speaks as a dragon. Thus differentiating head no. 6 as the first phase and head no. 7 as phase two. Consider carefully the following.

“The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice of the nation thus represented. The “speaking”

of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopard-like beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy." **GC 442.1**

The statement of the prophet "The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the profession and the practice of the nation thus represented" confirms that they are two phases of the two horn beast.

1. The first phase is represented by the two horns like a lamb which corresponds to the "is not period" of Rev. 17:8. The "is not" phase parallels the king of the south of Dan. 11:40 and has remained the dominant power in the world since 1798.
2. The second phase is represented by the dragon voice, the persecutory phase which is the striking contradiction to the lamb-like horns. This phase represents the USA when she rescinds her constitution guaranteeing religious liberty. As king of the north it will come against the king of the south with its mixture of joining church and state, the image of the beast. Afterwards he will completely demolish the king of the south (Dan. 11:40) with the set-up and enforcement of the mark of the beast with severe penalties and persecutions of the people of God.

"The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of the Papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God's ancient people." **SR 381.2**

"... then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy." Prior to forming the image to the beast with the wound Protestant America in its first phase functions very deceptive. It appears peaceful, but the dragon nature underlies its every activity.

"At the time when [the] Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work.

This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea, but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized. The "two horns like a lamb" [Revelation 13:11] well represent the character of our own government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism.

“... But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene ... Thus Protestantism follows in the steps of [the] Papacy. **4 SP 277.2**

A change in this peaceful scene (first phase) refers to the change from the two horns (civil and religious) which represent Protestantism and Republicanism to the dragon’s voice of persecution (second phase). This change is seen in the principle of non-persecution for religious beliefs to that of a persecutory power for religious beliefs as was under the first beast before it, the Roman Catholic Papacy.

Again we cite **George McCready Price, The Time of the End p. 70**

“These two freedoms, civil and religious, seemed to originate with this young republic of the West. Humanly speaking, this is true. But these principles are of heavenly, not human, origin. And from the West they have spread abroad until essentially all the peoples of earth profess acceptance of them. These ideas, without possible contradiction, are the real cause of the deadly wound, and the continuing cause of its still remaining unhealed.

But what would be the natural results of these two freedoms?

From its beginning this new world power has been successful and prosperous. So spectacular have been its achievements that large parts of the world have tried to imitate its example in the two basic ideas of democratic processes and liberty of conscience. Thus the deadly wound has been extended and kept from healing. For almost two centuries persecution for religion has practically ceased throughout the civilized world, largely because of the example and influence of what we may call the dream of Protestant America.”

And he “shall enter the countries and ... overflow and pass over.” Here is brought to view the overthrow of the lamb-like phase, the king of the south, first in the USA and then in the other democracies of the world following the lead of the USA which has as its flag ship ideology human rights. This is especially seen in the non-persecution for religious beliefs postulated by her during the lamb-like phase, head six.

The king of the north “at the end of days” will be false Protestantism (mouth of a dragon) first in the USA which will align itself with the Roman Catholic Papacy pretending to be the bride of Christ.

“The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivaled when Protestantism and popery are combined.”

**Selected Messages 3:387 (1889).**

This system will deny Christ and deceptively pass as a way of remembering him which is really a way of forgetting him. It is the antichrist of the last days. On the other hand, the king of the south in the time of the end is represented by the principles of Protestantism and Republicanism, freedom and toleration (two horns of a lamb) of religion guaranteed by the constitution of the USA. At this time the king of the south is also brought to view in Rev. 17 during the “is not” period. This is a period of non-persecution for religious beliefs led by the USA, the period of freedom of conscience and religious liberty which keeps the deadly wound from healing.

## Atheism and the king of the south at the time of end

In Daniel 11:40 at the beginning of the time of the end there is war between the king of the south and the king of the north. The king of the north at this time was the papacy which took over the nomenclature from Pagan Rome. Though Pagan Rome fell in A.D. 476 and gave “its power, seat and authority” to the papacy, the latter did not ascend to world dominance until A.D. 538. As previously shown this was as a result of the attacks on Rome (A.D. 476-A.D. 538) by the barbarian tribes from northern Europe. During this period Satan was seeking to establish the false Arian philosophy as the king of the north, but he failed. At the beginning of the time of the end (178) he sought to establish atheism as the king of the south. Has he succeeded? Most SDAs believe he has since the vast majority believe that the king of the south is atheism. But does inspiration validate this belief? We shall examine the words of the prophet on this matter.

“According to the words of the prophet, then, a little before the year 1798 some power of satanic origin and character would rise to make war upon the Bible. And in the land where the testimony of God’s two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom.” **GC 269.3**

In 1798 France under the direction of Napoleon sent General Berthier to Rome and captured Pope Pius VI and broke the papacy’s hold on the masses of Europe. This occurred at the behest of the atheistic French Directorate. Proponents of atheism as the six head use this occurrence as the premise for the acceptance of atheism as king of the south. Is this a correct interpretation of the scriptures concerning the king of the south at time of the end and does the prophet to the Third Angel Movement support this conclusion.

Chapter 15 of Great Controversy furnishes us with the prophet’s most exhaustive address on atheism. The following excerpts will serve to show the light in which she views atheism.

“No monarch ever ventured upon more open and highhanded rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt. When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh proudly answered: “Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.” Exodus 5:2, A.R.V. This is atheism, and the nation represented by Egypt would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance. “The great city” is also compared, “spiritually,” to Sodom. The corruption of Sodom in breaking the law of God was especially manifested in licentiousness. And this sin was also to be a pre-eminent characteristic of the nation that should fulfill the *specifications* of this scripture.” **GC 269.2**

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“France presented also the *characteristics* which especially distinguished Sodom. During the Revolution there was manifest a state of moral debasement and corruption similar to that which brought destruction upon the cities of the plain. And the historian presents together the atheism and the licentiousness of France, as given in the prophecy.” **GC 270.1**

“Where also our Lord was crucified.” This *specification* of the prophecy was also fulfilled by France. In no land had the spirit of enmity against Christ been more strikingly displayed. In no country had the truth encountered more bitter and cruel opposition. In the persecution which France had visited upon the confessors of the gospel, she had crucified Christ in the person of His disciples.” **GC 271.1**

“The beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” The atheistical power that ruled in France during the Revolution and the Reign of Terror, did wage such a war against God and His holy word as the world had never witnessed. The worship of the Deity was abolished by the National Assembly. Bibles were collected and publicly burned with every possible manifestation of scorn. The law of God was trampled underfoot. The institutions of the Bible were abolished. The weekly rest day was set aside, and in its stead every tenth day was devoted to reveling and blasphemy. Baptism and the Communion were prohibited. And announcements posted conspicuously over the burial places declared death to be an eternal sleep.” **GC 273.2**

“Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth.” **GC 584.2**

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.” [Revelation 11:7, 8.]. **4SP 190.3**

“These events were to take place near the close of the period in which the witnesses testified in sackcloth.” **4SP 190.4**

Analysis of the prophet’s words shows that:

1. Atheism, and the nation represented by Egypt would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance.
2. ... in the land where the testimony of God’s two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom.
3. This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France
4. France presented also the characteristics which especially distinguished Sodom

5. "Where also our Lord was crucified." This specification of the prophecy was also fulfilled by France
6. In the persecution which France had visited upon the confessors of the gospel, she had crucified Christ in the person of His disciples
7. The atheistical power ruled in France during the Revolution and the Reign of Terror
8. It was in 1793 that the decrees which abolished the Christian religion and set aside the Bible passed the French Assembly.
9. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body
10. The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power
11. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants
12. "These events were to take place near the close of the period in which the witnesses testified in sackcloth."

According to the prophet France fulfilled all the specification of atheism. The Reign of Terror occurred between June 1793 – July 1794 one full year. But the prophecy declares that when the two witnesses [the OT and the NT] "shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them ... and after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet" Rev. 11:7, 11. This beast from the bottomless pit, atheism, fulfilled the prophecy of making war against the Bible in France between 1793 – 1796, near the close of the period when the two witness testified in sackcloth. Hence the prophecy of atheism (Rev.117) is nation specific (France) and time bound (1793-1796) and does not fit the bill of the king of the south of Dan. 11:40 or head 6 of Rev. 17:9, 10

Just prior to 1798 and for a short time between 1793-1796 France is identified as the "beast from the bottomless pit" Rev. 11:7.

"It was in 1793 that the decree which prohibited the Bible passed the French Assembly. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding the decree, and granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body. The world stood aghast at the enormity of guilt which had resulted from a rejection of the Sacred Oracles, and men recognized the necessity of faith in God and his Word as the foundation of virtue and morality." **GC88 286.1**

At this time France under Napoleon was seeking world dominance to establish itself as the six head. But his plans never materialized as the two horn beast of Rev. 13:11-18 took over in its two phases from 1798. On this occasion, 1793-1796, Satan was trying to fill the role of the king of the south with Atheism. According

to the prophecy, and the interpretation of the prophet of the Third Angel Movement the experiment with atheism only lasted for three and a half years and that so in France. On two respective occasions (476-538 A.D and 1793-1796) Satan was seeking to give a false interpretation of the kings of the north and king of the south of Daniel 11 to divert minds from the correct interpretation of the word of God given to the prophet Daniel.

## Protestantism and the King of the South at the Time of End

*“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” Rev.13:11*

The beast from the earth presents in two phases. The first phase or lamb-like phase represents the king of the south or the “is not period” of Rev. 17:8 and has remained the dominant power in the world since 1798. During the “is not” period of liberty the USA and other democracies of the world are filled with atheists, agnostics, infidels, and blasphemers resulting from the abuse of the principles of freedom or liberty. The First Amendment of the USA constitution guarantees liberty of conscience which allows persons to hold or not to hold the belief in any deity including Jehovah. And licentiousness in the USA stands virtually unrivaled as it leads the world in legalization of same-sex unions akin to the behavior of France during the period 1793-1796. But during the second or dragon phase of the USA she will rescind her constitution guaranteeing civil and religious liberty.

“The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of the Papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God’s ancient people.” **SR 381.2.**

“The “two horns like a lamb” [Revelation 13:11] well represent the character of our own government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation ... “But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamblike horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and “exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.” **Ms 51, 1899, par. 4, 6.**

A change in this peaceful scene refers to the change from non-persecution (in its first phase) for religious beliefs by the USA to persecution (in its second phase) for religious beliefs as did the first beast, the Roman Catholic Papacy.

“The two-horned beast appears in two phases, with the gentleness of a lamb and the fierceness of the dragon. This has, to some extent, already been shown, in the inconsistency of sending forth to the world the doctrine of the equality of all men in respect to natural rights, the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and upholding by law all the evils of American slavery. Also, by professing to grant the privilege to all to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and then persecuting the Baptists and Quakers for following their conscientious convictions. But this will be shown more fully in the future, when Congress shall be called upon to make laws concerning religion.” **Appendix to 4SP 502.6**

J.N. Andrews pioneer SDA who was among the first, if not the first person, to interpret the USA as the 2nd beast of Rev. 13 with which the prophet is in agreement, and he also gives some clarity on horns as symbols in prophecy helping us to unravel head no. 6.



... ecclesiastical, as well as civil power, is represented by the symbol of a horn. And it is evident that the horns of these beasts symbolize the entire power of the beasts. From these facts we may learn that the horns of Daniel's fourth beast (the first beast of Revelation 13) denoted civil and religious power. Hence we regard the horns of the last beast of Revelation 13 as symbolizing the civil and religious power of the nation represented by that beast. The horns of the first beast have each a crown upon them, (verse 1,) and are the horns of a dreadful and terrible beast, (Daniel 7:7,) while those of the two-horned beast are represented as horns like those of a lamb, and they have no crowns upon them; hence the two-horned beast is emphatically a government of the people; and whatever is done by the people may be said to be done by the beast. And a plurality of horns is not always the symbol of a power divided; for the two horns of the ram in Daniel 8 symbolized the union of Media and Persia in one government. **The Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12 (TAR 94.3)**

"In appearance, if we may judge from the symbols used, this beast represents the mildest power that ever rose; for in the prophetic history of the governments that have preceded this, no one has been represented by symbols so mild. We understand these horns to denote the civil and religious power of this nation-its Republican civil power, and its Protestant ecclesiastical. If it be objected that its civil power ought to be represented by the beast, rather than by a horn of the beast, we refer to one or two facts that will meet this point. The civil power of Grecia was represented by the great horn of the goat; and when that civil power was broken, the beast still continued to exist; and in the place of that one civil government, arose four. And we may add, that when the dominion of the different beasts of Daniel 7, was taken away, their lives were prolonged for a season and time. That is, the nation still lived, though the dominion of the nation was destroyed. Hence we understand that the beasts denote the nations which constitute the different kingdoms, and the horns of the beast denote the civil and religious power of the nations. No civil power could ever compare with Republicanism in its lamb-like character. The grand principle recognized by this form of power, is thus expressed: "All men are born free and equal, and endowed with certain inalienable rights, as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Hence, all have a right to participate in making the laws, and in designating who shall execute them. Was there ever a development of civil power so lamb-like before? And what, in religious matters, can be compared with Protestantism? Its leading sentiment is the distinct recognition of the right of private judgment in matters of conscience. "The Bible is the only religion of Protestants." Was there ever in the religious world anything to equal this in its lamb-like professions? Such we consider the meaning of the "two horns like a lamb." **TAR 95.1**

"The anguish of that period when all the powers of the first beast shall be exercised, may be learned from reading the history of the first beast. Revelation 13:5-7; Daniel 7:23-26. It is certain that since the 1260 years of triumph of the first beast, no power has exercised such oppression as that which is here predicted. Hence this has not been accomplished in the past; and the prophecy clearly shows us that this dragonic work is to proceed from a government the mildest in appearance that the world ever saw; its power being represented by "horns like a lamb." So that from a power that has presented to the world the most extraordinary spectacle of civil and religious liberty, bitter and unrelenting persecution is yet to be experienced by the church. This important fact should be carefully considered. **TAR 96.2**

"The lamb-like character is to be first exhibited. This is to deceive the nations. Then the dragonic character-the real character of the beast, is to appear. For as the dragon gave power to the first beast, which prepared the Papacy for its 1260 years of persecution, so the two-horned beast gives power to the image of the first beast, to act a part like that beast in warring upon the saints. The only civil government that has ever existed, exhibiting the lamb-like appearance of this symbol is the United States: one of the articles of its constitution containing these words, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." As the lamb-like power of this beast, as represented by its horns, is not in accordance with its dragonic character, as exhibited in its exercising all the power of the first beast, we think the conclusion a reasonable one that its period of mildness and deception precedes that of its tyranny and oppression. **TAR 97.1**

Consider the prophet's thoughts about Protestantism at the time of the end.

"The crisis is now upon us. The battle is to be waged between the Christianity of the Bible and the Christianity of human tradition. **RH January 1, 1889 par. 3**

"Prophecy represents Protestantism as having lamb-like horns, but speaking like a dragon."  
**RH January 1, 1889 par. 4**

"The Scriptures teach that popery is to regain its lost supremacy, and that the fires of persecution will be rekindled through the timeserving concessions of the so-called Protestant world." **GCB April 13, 1891**

"Upon her forehead was a name written, *Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.*" [Verse 5.] *What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb, and to be allied to heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath.* **Letter 232, 1899 par. 21, 22** (emphasis supplied).

"With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When the Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution: when the state shall use its power to enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church, then will Protestant America have formed an image to the Papacy, and there will be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin." **ST March 22, 1910**

"The "two horns like a lamb" [Revelation 13:11] well represent the character of our own government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation ... "But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamblike horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." **Ms 51, 1899, par. 4, 6.**

The sixteenth century Reformation which began in Germany under Martin Luther in 1517 challenged the status quo, and the false teachings of the Roman Catholic Papacy. In 1529 the German Princes took a stand for the Reformation and protested against the Papacy at the Diet of Spires. This protest became the genesis of Protestantism.

“One of the noblest testimonies ever uttered for the Reformation was the Protest offered by the Christian princes of Germany at the Diet of Spire in 1529. The courage, faith, and firmness of those men of God gained for succeeding ages liberty of thought and of conscience. Their Protest gave to the reformed church the name of Protestant; its principles are “the very essence of Protestantism.”—D’Aubigne, b. 13, ch. 6. GC 197.1

“Let us reject this decree,” said the princes. “In matters of conscience the majority has no power.” The deputies declared: “It is to the decree of 1526 that we are indebted for the peace that the empire enjoys: its abolition would fill Germany with troubles and divisions. The Diet is incompetent to do more than preserve religious liberty until the council meets.”—Ibid., b. 13, ch. 5. To protect liberty of conscience is the duty of the state, and this is the limit of its authority in matters of religion. Every secular government that attempts to regulate or enforce religious observances by civil authority is sacrificing the very principle for which the evangelical Christian so nobly struggled. **GC 201.1**

“It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. Said Paul: “There” shall “come a falling away, ... and that man of sin be revealed.” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.” **GC 443.4**

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. **GC 445.1**

The “image to the beast” represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. **GC 445.2**

It should be noted that this is a contest between the principles espoused by Protestantism and those of the Papacy. These principles of Protestantism are the only principles which are antagonistic to those of the papacy, and are the same principles of the gospel which were espoused by Christ in the establishment and operation of his church.

“... Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men: <sup>17</sup> Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? <sup>18</sup> But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. <sup>20</sup> And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? <sup>21</sup> They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” **Matt. 22:16-21**

These principles are always antagonistic to false shepherds and an apostate world-loving church in every age. As it was with the Pharisees in the time of Christ, so it was in the time of the Waldenses, and also in the Reformation in the time of Luther. In the end of time Protestantism will rescind these principles of separation of church and state and join hands with the papacy that always sought to destroy her. It is the principles of Protestantism which overthrew the papacy and will always be opposed by the Roman Catholic

Papacy, the false church. Very early in the Reformation the Papacy sought to destroy Protestantism because of these principles.

Rome was not slow to inflame their jealous fears. Said the pope to the regent of France in 1525: "This mania [Protestantism] will not only confound and destroy religion, but all principalities, nobility, laws, orders, and ranks besides." G. de Felice, History of the Protestants of France, b. 1, ch. 2, par. 8. A few years later a papal nuncio warned the king: "Sire, be not deceived. The Protestants will upset all civil as well as religious order.... The throne is in as much danger as the altar.... The introduction of a new religion must necessarily introduce a new government."—D'Aubigne, History of the Reformation in Europe in the Time of Calvin, b. 2, ch. 36. And theologians appealed to the prejudices of the people by declaring that the Protestant doctrine "entices men away to novelties and folly; it robs the king of the devoted affection of his subjects, and devastates both church and state." Thus Rome succeeded in arraying France against the Reformation. "It was to uphold the throne, preserve the nobles, and maintain the laws, that the sword of persecution was first unsheathed in France."—**Wylie, b. 13, ch. 4. GC 277.2**

"Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy." **GC 234.2**

"The imperial party were convinced that the Christian princes would adhere to the Holy Scriptures as superior to human doctrines and requirements; and they knew that an acceptance of this principle would eventually overthrow the papacy. But they flattered themselves that weakness was on the side of the Reformation, while strength was with the emperor and the pope. Had the Reformers made flesh their arm, they would have been as powerless as the papists supposed. But though weak in numbers, and at variance with Rome, they had their strength. They appealed from the decision of the Diet to the word of God, and from the emperor of Germany to the King of kings and Lord of lords." **4SP161.1**

"While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice, and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true

Protestantism, awakening the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed." **5T 716.2**

"When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism." **5T 711.4**

"By the decree of enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near. **5T 451.1**

"We are also determined to take possession of the United States; but we must proceed with the utmost secrecy.

Silently and patiently, we must mass our Roman Catholics in the great cities of the United States, remembering that the vote of a poor journeyman, though he be covered with rags, has as much weight in the scale of powers as the millionaire Astor, and that if we have two votes against his one, he will become as powerless as an oyster. Let us then multiply our votes; let us call our poor but faithful Irish Catholics from every corner of the world, and gather them into the very hearts of the cities of Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Albany, Troy, Cincinnati.

Under the shadows of those great cities, the Americans consider themselves a giant unconquerable race. They look upon the poor Irish Catholics with supreme contempt, as only fit to dig their canals, sweep their streets and work in their kitchens. Let no one awake those sleeping lions, today. Let us pray God that they continue to sleep a few years longer, waking only to find their votes outnumbered as we will turn them forever, out of every position of honor, power and profit! ... What will those so-called giants think when not a single senator or member of Congress will be chosen, unless he has submitted to our holy father the pope!

We will not only elect the president, but fill and command the armies, man the navies, and hold the keys of the public treasury! ...

Then, yes! then, we will rule the United States and lay them at the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, that he may put an end to their godless system of education and impious laws of liberty of conscience, which are an insult to God and man!"

"In 1825, some eleven years after the revival of the Jesuit Order, a secret meeting of leading Jesuits was held at their College of Chieri near Turin, in Northern Italy. At that gathering, plans were discussed for the advancement of Papal power, world-wide, for the destabilizing of governments who stood in the way and for the crushing of all opposition to Jesuit schemes and ambitions... "What we aim at, is the Empire of the World... **Charles Chiniquy, Fifty Years in the Church of Rome, Chick Publications, pp. 281,282**

“We must give them [the great men of earth] to understand that the cause of evil, the bad leaven, will remain as long as Protestantism shall exist, that Protestantism must therefore be utterly abolished... Heretics are the enemies that we are bound to exterminate...”

“Then the Bible that serpent which with head erect and eyes flashing threatens us with its venom while it trails along the ground, shall be changed into a rod as soon as we are able to seize it.”

**Hector Macpherson, The Jesuits in History, Ozark Book Publishers, 1997, appendix. Lincoln, Arya Varta Publishing, p. 44, 46.**

We can now complete the table of the seven world ruling powers or heads of Daniel 11 and Revelation 17. Table 2 outlines the period from B.C 606 when the vision was shown to Daniel until the last human world dominating power is set up.

**Table 2 - The History of World Ruling Dominion from BC 606, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**

Head No.	Dominant Power	Start of rule	End of rule	Length of time	Symbols
1	Babylon	B.C 606	B.C. 539	67 years	Head of Gold Lion
2	Medo-Persia	B.C 539	B.C 331	208 years	Chest and arms of Silver Bear/Ram
3	Greece	B.C 331	B.C 168	163 years	Belly and thighs of Brass Leopard/He Goat
4	Pagan Rome	B.C 168	A.D 476	644 years	Legs of Iron Dreadful Beast
5	Papal Rome	A.D 538	A.D 1798	1260 years	Feet and toes of iron and clay  Little Horn
6	Protestantism (USA) Lamb-like phase	A.D 1798	Present (2021)	223 years	Period of liberty and unbridled freedoms
7	False Protestantism  Dragon Phase will be for a short time (Rev. 17:10)	Rescinds the constitution	Reaches hand across the gulf and abyss with spiritualism and the papacy	Unknown	Church-state union (image to the beast), then the set-up of the mark of the beast system

The Resurrected Papacy is head no. 8 but is of the seven (Rev. 17:11) and joins False Protestantism and Spiritism (Rev. 16:13) in a last desperate attempt by Satan in his war against God

## Horns, Beasts and Heads Part 1

*“Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? ... <sup>18</sup> Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. <sup>19</sup> And I said unto the angel that talked with me, what be these? And he answered me, these are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup> And the Lord shewed me four carpenters. <sup>21</sup> Then said I, what come these to do? And he spoke, saying, these are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.” Zechariah 1:12, 18-21*

Zechariah in vision is shown the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem, then the church of God. According to the angel of the Lord these are “the horns of the Gentiles” or heathen nations which scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. But who do these horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem represent?

“Zechariah then saw the powers that had “scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem,” symbolized by four horns. Immediately afterward he saw four carpenters, representing the agencies used by the Lord in restoring His people and the house of His worship. See verses 18-21.” **PK 581.1**

The servant of God calls these horns powers. Who are these powers that are symbolized by the four horns? These powers spoken of by the prophet symbolized by four horns that had “scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem” are the Gentile nations of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Careful study and analysis will show that each of these nations is represented by both beasts and horns in the book of Daniel, in Zechariah they are represented as horns and in Revelation they are represented as heads. (Dan. 7, 8; Zech. 1; Rev. 17). When this vision was given, Zechariah was living under the reign of the Medo-Persia kingdom (Zech. 1:1, 7), thus confirming that Medo-Persia kingdom is represented by a horn and therefore the other horns are symbolic of the other Gentile nations of Babylon, Greece, and the Pagan Roman Empire which had scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

“Zechariah had a series of visions regarding the work of God in the earth. These messages, given in the form of parables and symbols, came at a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, and were of peculiar significance to the men who were advancing in the name of the God of Israel.” **PK 579.4**

As will be shown further in the chapter several symbols can represent a single entity in prophecy. Likewise, one symbol can represent different things in scripture is also not unusual. Interestingly Zechariah in chapter 4 speaks of two olive trees as representing the two anointed cherubim which stand in the presence of God, while John in Revelation 11 speaks of the same two olive trees as the Old and New Testament.

### **The Two Olive Trees – The Old and New Testament in Revelation**

“Concerning the two witnesses the prophet declares further: “These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.” “Thy word,” said the

psalmist, "is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Revelation 11:4; Psalm 119:105. The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament. Both are important testimonies to the origin and perpetuity of the law of God. Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation. The types, sacrifices, and prophecies of the Old Testament point forward to a Savior to come. The Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament tell of a Savior who has come in the exact manner foretold by type and prophecy." **GC 267.1**

## The Two Olive Trees – The Two Cherubim in Zechariah

"From the two olive trees, the golden oil was emptied through golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence, His Spirit is imparted to human instrumentalities that are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate light and power to God's people. It is to receive blessing for us that they stand in God's presence. As the olive trees empty themselves into the golden pipes, so the heavenly messengers seek to communicate all that they receive from God. **TM 510.1**

That the horns of the two horn beast of Rev. 13 can also represent a head therefore should not be surprising. As previously stated the prophet of the Third Angel Movement subtly dissects the two-horn beast of Rev.13 which represents the USA into two.

1. Two horns like a lamb representing its peaceful nature.
2. The dragon mouth representing a religious body clothed with civil power which sets up the image to the beast

Zechariah speaks of earthly powers as horns. Daniel speaks of them as beasts, and horns, and John in Revelation, which is the complement of Daniel, speaks of them as heads and brings the beasts, horns, and heads together and gives both the understanding and explanation. But first Daniel.

*"Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; <sup>20</sup> And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. <sup>21</sup> I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them. **Dan. 7:19-21***

*"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last ... <sup>5</sup> And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power ... <sup>8</sup> 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." **Dan. 8:3, 5, 6, 8***



## Interpretation

*“The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. <sup>22</sup> Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.” Dan. 8:20-22*

These horns, which are also called kings and kingdoms by Daniel are all heads as represented by John in Revelation 17.

*“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. <sup>10</sup> And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. <sup>11</sup> And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.” Rev. 17:9-12.*

The seven mountains are also symbolic of heads. In vs. 10 the statement “five are fallen” refer to Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, and Papal Rome which are of the seven heads of vs. 9. The first four heads are the same four horns to which Zechariah referred to that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.

In Dan. 7 the ram with two horns represents kingdom of Medo-Persia the 2<sup>nd</sup> head in Rev. 17. Similarly, the he goat with the notable horn represents the kingdom of Greece under Alexander, the 3<sup>rd</sup> head of Rev. 17. And the four horns which came out of the notable horn of the he goat represent the four divisions or heads of the kingdom into which it was broken. But they still represented the Grecian Empire.

“And he had two horns like a lamb.” The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as “coming up” in 1798.” **GC 441.1**

“This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea, but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized. The “two horns like a lamb” [Revelation 13:11] well represent the character of our own government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism.” **4SP 277.2**

“The two-horned beast appears in two phases, with the gentleness of a lamb and the fierceness of the dragon. This has, to some extent, already been shown, in the inconsistency of sending forth to the world the doctrine of the equality of all men in respect to natural rights, the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and upholding by law all the evils of American slavery. Also, by professing to grant the privilege to all to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and then persecuting the Baptists and Quakers for following their conscientious convictions. But this will be shown more fully in the future, when Congress shall be called upon to make laws concerning religion.” **Appendix to 4SP 502.6**

J.N. Andrews pioneer SDA was among the first, if not the first person to interpret the USA as the 2<sup>nd</sup> beast of Rev. 13, speaks of horns as symbolic of beasts and governments.

"... ecclesiastical, as well as civil power, is represented by the symbol of a horn. And it is evident that the horns of these beasts symbolize the entire power of the beasts. From these facts we may learn that the horns of Daniel's fourth beast (the first beast of Revelation 13) denoted civil and religious power. Hence we regard the horns of the last beast of Revelation 13 as symbolizing the civil and religious power of the nation represented by that beast. The horns of the first beast have each a crown upon them, (verse 1,) and are the horns of a dreadful and terrible beast, (Daniel 7:7,) while those of the two-horned beast are represented as horns like those of a lamb, and they have no crowns upon them; hence the two-horned beast is emphatically a government of the people; and whatever is done by the people may be said to be done by the beast. And a plurality of horns is not always the symbol of a power divided; for the two horns of the ram in Daniel 8 symbolized the union of Media and Persia in one government." **The Three Angels of Revelation 14:6-12 (TAR) 94.3**

"In appearance, if we may judge from the symbols used, this beast represents the mildest power that ever rose; for in the prophetic history of the governments that have preceded this, no one has been represented by symbols so mild. We understand these horns to denote the civil and religious power of this nation-its Republican civil power, and its Protestant ecclesiastical. If it be objected that its civil power ought to be represented by the beast, rather than by a horn of the beast, we refer to one or two facts that will meet this point. The civil power of Grecia was represented by the great horn of the goat; and when that civil power was broken, the beast still continued to exist; and in the place of that one civil government, arose four. And we may add, that when the dominion of the different beasts of Daniel 7, was taken away, their lives were prolonged for a season and time. That is, the nation still lived, though the dominion of the nation was destroyed. Hence we understand that the beasts denote the nations which constitute the different kingdoms, and the horns of the beast denote the civil and religious power of the nations. No civil power could ever compare with Republicanism in its lamb-like character. The grand principle recognized by this form of power, is thus expressed: "All men are born free and equal, and endowed with certain inalienable rights, as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Hence, all have a right to participate in making the laws, and in designating who shall execute them. Was there ever a development of civil power so lamb-like before? And what, in religious matters, can be compared with Protestantism? Its leading sentiment is the distinct recognition of the right of private judgment in matters of conscience. "The Bible is the only religion of Protestants." Was there ever in the religious world anything to equal this in its lamb-like professions? Such we consider the meaning of the "two horns like a lamb." **TAR 95.1**

"The anguish of that period when all the powers of the first beast shall be exercised, may be learned from reading the history of the first beast. Revelation 13:5-7; Daniel 7:23-26. It is certain that since the 1260 years of triumph of the first beast, no power has exercised such oppression as that which is here predicted. Hence this has not been accomplished in the past; and the prophecy clearly shows us that this dragonic work is to proceed from a government the mildest in appearance that the world ever saw; its power being represented by "horns like a lamb." So that from a power that has presented to the world the most extraordinary spectacle

of civil and religious liberty, bitter and unrelenting persecution is yet to be experienced by the church. This important fact should be carefully considered. **TAR 96.2**

“The lamb-like character is to be first exhibited. This is to deceive the nations. Then the dragon character—the real character of the beast, is to appear. For as the dragon gave power to the first beast, which prepared the Papacy for its 1260 years of persecution, so the two-horned beast gives power to the image of the first beast, to act a part like that beast in warring upon the saints. The only civil government that has ever existed, exhibiting the lamb-like appearance of this symbol is the United States: one of the articles of its constitution containing these words, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” As the lamb-like power of this beast, as represented by its horns, is not in accordance with its dragonic character, as exhibited in its exercising all the power of the first beast, we think the conclusion a reasonable one that its period of mildness and deception precedes that of its tyranny and oppression. **TAR 97.1**

That head five of Rev. 17 is also represented by a horn in Daniel 7 and 8 no one can deny.

*“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.” Dan. 7:8*

*“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. <sup>10</sup> 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.” Dan. 8:9, 10*

“The great kingdoms that have ruled the world obtained their dominion by conquest and revolution, and they were presented to the prophet Daniel as beasts of prey, rising when the “four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.” [Daniel 7:2.] But the beast with horns like a lamb is seen “coming up out of the earth;” [Revelation 13:11.] signifying that instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented arose in territory previously unoccupied, and grew up gradually and peacefully.” **4SP 276.2**

“Here is a striking figure of the rise and growth of our own nation. And the lamb-like horns, emblems of innocence and gentleness, well represent the character of our government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism.” **4SP 277.1**

## “Beasts, Horns, and Heads Part 2

*“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. <sup>10</sup> And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”* **Rev. 17:9, 10**

“The approach to the different apocalyptic passages in Daniel and Revelation was based upon the idea held by a long tradition of historicist interpreters that these passages represented a symbolic prophetic time-sequence parallelism, covering approximately the same period in history. Each prophecy explained this period in different symbolic imagery and was complementary to the others. Thus, the image of Daniel 2 was seen as a symbolic picture of salvation-historical events covering the time from the sixth century B.C. to the Second Advent; Daniel 7, 8, 11, 12 were thought to cover the same historical territory, and taken together they seemed to complement and confirm each other. Similar symbolic prophetic parallelism was found in Revelation, describing in symbols the history of the Christian church till the restoration of all things.” **Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission, p. 21.**

“The study of the Revelation directs the mind to the prophecies of Daniel, and both present most important instruction, given of God to men, concerning events to take place at the close of this world's history.” **CHS 99.3**

“Did John, in writing the book of Revelation, add anything to the book of Daniel's prophecy? Not at all. A prophet has no right to alter the word of God. But the visions of John corroborate those of Daniel and give much additional light upon the subjects there introduced.” **EW 137.2**

The book of Revelation interprets and expands on the visions of beasts and horns of Daniel, being its complement. Revelation 12, 13 and 17 also bring to view and interpret the dragon and its heads. In the Revelation we find a comprehensive understanding with additional light and corroboration of the visions of Daniel and an elaboration on all end time prophecies.

**Table 3 Parallelism of World-Ruling Powers in the**

**Prophecies of Daniel, Zechariah and Revelation**

<b>Daniel 7</b>	<b>Symbols - beasts</b>	<b>Daniel 8</b>	<b>Symbols - horns</b>	<b>Daniel 11</b>	<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Zechariah 1 - horns</b>	<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Rev. 17</b>	<b>Symbols - heads</b>
Babylon	Lion	-----	-----	-----	-----	Babylon	Horn 1	Babylon	Head 1
Medo-Persia	Bear	Medo-Persia	Ram with Two Horns	Medo-Persia	Four Kings	Medo-Persia	Horn 2	Medo-Persia	Head 2
			He Goat with One Horn, then Four Horns		A Mighty King				
Greece	Leopard	Greece		Greece	Four Divisions	Greece	Horn 3	Greece	Head 3
Pagan Rome	Dragon	Pagan Rome	Little Horn	Pagan Rome	Raiser of Taxes	Pagan Rome	Horn 4	Pagan Rome	Head 4
Papal Rome	Little Horn	Papal Rome	Little Horn	Papal Rome	Abomination of Desolation	Papal Rome	-----	Papal Rome	Head 5
				King of the South	-----			Phase 1 - lamb-like beast (horns)	Head 6
				King of the North	-----			Phase 2 - lamb-like beast (mouth)	Head 7

In Table 3 The seven heads of Revelation 17 are parallel to the seven heads of the beast of Rev. 13. which are parallel to image of Dan. 2, the beasts of Dan. 7, the horns of Dan. 8 and the kings in Dan. 11. These parallels help us to interpret the heads of Rev. 17.

1. The head of gold of Dan. 2, the lion of Dan. 7, no symbolism in Dan. 8 or 11, the mouth of the lion in Rev. 13, and head 1 of Rev. 17 represent **Babylon**.
2. The chest and arms of silver of Dan. 2, the bear of Dan. 7, two horns of Dan. 8, four kings of Dan. 11, the feet of the bear in Rev. 13, and head 2 of Rev. 17 represent **Medo-Persia**.
3. The belly and thigh of Dan. 2, the leopard of Dan. 7, the he goat and the four horns of Dan. 8, a mighty king of Dan. 11, the leopard body of Rev. 13, and head 3 of Rev. 17 represent **Greece**
4. The legs of iron of Dan. 2, the dreadful beast of Dan. 7, the little horn of Dan. 8, the raiser of taxes of Dan. 11, dragon of Rev. 13, and head 3 of Rev. 17 represent the **Pagan Roman Empire**
5. The feet of iron and clay of Dan. 2, the little horn of Dan. 7, the little horn of Dan. 8, the abomination of desolation in Dan. 11, the wounded head of Rev. 13, and head 5 of Rev. 17 represent **Papal Rome**
6. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece of Dan. 7, or 8 not mentioned, king of the south in Dan. 11, 1st phase of the two horn beast of Rev. 13, head 6 of Rev. 17 represent **Protestantism**
7. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece of Dan. 7, or 8 not mentioned, king of the north in Dan. 11, 2nd phase of two horn beast of Rev. 13, and head 7 of Rev. 17 represent **Apostate Protestantism**.

In Rev. 17:11, the beast that was, and is not and yet is, is the eighth, but is of the seven represent the revived papacy, the fifth head which joins Apostate Protestantism the dragon speaking phase of the two horn beast.

"The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivaled when Protestantism and popery are combined."

**Selected Messages 3:387 (1889).**

## The king of the north attacks the king of the south

*“...the king of the north shall come against him [“king of the south”] like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.” Daniel 11:40*

The king of the north and the king of the south both have a similar objective, but with fixed and different ideologies. The king of the south allows for the belief or nonbelief in the existence of the Creator God, while the king of the north who is manipulated by the antichrist seeks to enforce the false belief of unity of church and state. Both of these kings' objective is world dominance but through different routes. The king of the north seeks to achieve his objective through church-state union with the state being subservient to the church, while the king of the south seeks to achieve his objective through the secularization of the state with the church being subservient. At the end of time the king of the south is the lamb-like phase of the two-horned beast and the king of the north is the dragon phase of the same two-horned beast of Rev. 13:11-18.

In 1798, the king of the south, the lamb-like phase of the two-horned beast took over dominion from the then king of the north the papacy after the deadly wound was inflicted on it by France (Daniel 11:40). The Apostle John in Revelation 13 draws this to our attention in the unbroken sequence between vs. 10 and 11 in which the king of the north is the Papacy and the king of the south is the two horn beast in its lamb like phase.

*“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” Rev. 13:10, 11*

While the French directory inflicted the deadly wound on the papacy by the capture of Pope Pius VI, from a military perspective, it was the twin principles of religious and civil liberty espoused by the Reformation that caused its overthrow. These same principles are enshrined in the constitution of the USA and keep the deadly wound from healing.

After the Apostle finishes speaking of the papacy in Rev. 13:10 without a break in the sequence or the inclusion of any other power he immediately speaks of another beast coming onto the stage of action. And in 1798 the USA in its lamb-like phase, having become an independent and sovereign nation on July 4, 1776, becomes the king of the south fulfilling the prophecy of Dan. 11:40 (first part). “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him”

The language of vs. 40 “push at him” reflects the way in which the lamb-like phase of the USA took up his position as king of the south. Strong's concordance translates push in vs. 40 as, to engage in thrusting with, or wage war with. To wage war is not only by the use of military arms which France used to depose the Roman Catholic Papacy. But the war which established the lamb-like phase as king of the south is the same type of war waged in heaven (Rev. 12:7-9) between truth and error, which was not a war of military arms but of ideologies. This is the type of warfare that wounded the papacy and to this day keeps its deadly wound from being healed. It is the ideological war of freedom of conscience which allows for civil and religious liberty, the separation of church and state espoused by Protestantism which is most hated and dreaded in any state by the Papacy.

“The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error — a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.” — Pope Pius IX, Encyclical Letter, August 15th, 1854

But the prophecy speaks of the king of the south being attacked by the king of the north.

*“the king of the north” shall come against him [the “king of the south”] like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.” Dan. 11:40*

This attack with chariots, horsemen, and many ships occurs late in the time of the end and illustrates the use of economic (buy and sell decree) and political power (one world government) that the king of the north will use to accomplish his ends against the principles of Protestantism and all who do not pay homage to his image. All who refuse to comply will be sentenced to death. Rev. 13:15

This attack on the lamb-like phase will be the result of the actions of the legislative and judicial arms of the USA, will be seen in the breakdown of the institutions of government and the set-up of what will be a church-state union which will introduce the dragon phase. It will not be until the legislative and judicial authorities of government adjure the Protestant principle of separation of church and state, liberty of conscience in matters of faith that the overthrow of the lamb-like phase gives way to the fascist dragon phase.

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

Such action would be directly contrary to the principles of this government, to the genius of its free institutions, to the direct and solemn avowals of the Declaration of Independence, and to the Constitution. The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result—intolerance and persecution. The Constitution provides that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” and that “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States.” Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation's liberty, can any religious observance be enforced by civil authority. But the inconsistency of such action is no greater than is represented in the symbol. It is the beast with lamb-like horns—in profession pure, gentle, and harmless—that speaks as a dragon.” GC 442.1



# The Escapees

## Edom, Moab and chief of the children of Ammon

*“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.” Dan. 11:41*

The question under consideration is who is Edom, Moab, and chief of the children of Ammon in the time of the end? Like Israel, Edom, Moab, and Ammon were all located in Palestine. Also like Israel, Edom, Moab, and Ammon all claimed relation to Abraham, but they were also enemies of Israel, Abraham’s grandson, God’s chosen people.

We shall use the principle of first mention to guide us in our understanding and identifying who Edom, Moab, and Ammon may be today.

### 1. Edom was Abraham’s grandson being the son of Isaac.

*“And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.<sup>26</sup> And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau’s heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. ...<sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore, was his name called Edom.<sup>32</sup> And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?” Gen. 25:25, 26, 30, 32*

*“Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother.<sup>8</sup> The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.” Deut. 23:7, 8*

### 2. Moab was Abraham’s grandnephew being the son of Lot by incest.

*“Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.<sup>33</sup> And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose ...<sup>37</sup> And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.” Gen. 19:32, 33, 37.*

### 3. Ammon was also Abraham’s grandnephew being the son of Lot also by incest.

*“And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yester night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.<sup>35</sup> And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose ...<sup>38</sup> And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.” Gen. 19:34, 35, 38.*

These three nations, along with Israel, are all family of Abraham according to blood line. But in this time of the end and certainly after the cross blood line in relation to Abraham does not counts for salvation as it really never did. It is only by grace through faith (Eph. 5:8)

*“Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. <sup>8</sup> That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.” Rom. 9:7, 8.*

*“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:26-29.*

In this the time of the end who therefore is represented by Edom, Moab, and chief of the children Ammon? From the principle of first mentioned they are all of Abraham’s blood line, though not his descendants. We shall consider them as God does, from the perspective of the faith of Abraham.

In determining who the three may be today we shall consider those religious bodies who like Abraham hold Yahweh (Jehovah) the Creator of heaven and earth to be the true God.

But first let us consider who is the Israel of God today.

## **Israel**

*“Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises . . . <sup>7</sup> Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.” Rom. 9:4, 7, 8.*

*“Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. Gen. 26:5.*

Those who are the Israel of God today will like Abraham keep God’s charge, His commandments, His statutes, and His laws. The Apostle John identifies such persons in the book of the Revelation.

*“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev. 12:17.*

*“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Rev. 14:12.*

*“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Rev. 22:14.*

And Christ words in **John 14:15** bears out this when he said

*“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”*

We see how Abraham the man of God behaved. Christ contrasted him with those who claim to believe on Him and claimed Abraham as their father, but unlike Abraham were breaking the commandments in seeking to kill Him.

*“As he spake these words, many believed on him. <sup>31</sup> Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed . . . <sup>37</sup> I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. <sup>39</sup> They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.” John 8:37-40.*

The works of Abraham consisted in obeying God’s voice, keeping His charge, His commandments, His statutes, and His laws. The hallmark of the faith of Abraham is obedience to all that God says.

Those who constitute the Israel of God today are those of the Third Angel Movement who not only teach, but keep all the commandments of God, his laws of health etc. and that so by the faith of Jesus. They are not only hearers of the word but doers of the word. James 1:22. Further, those of the Third Angel Movement which along with the teaching of God’s commandments, statutes and laws espouse the peculiar teaching and advancing light of the 3rd Angel Message (the sanctuary truth, the investigative judgment, final atonement, justification by faith, the true Sabbath message, and the last message to be given to the world, the revelation of the character of God and his righteousness).

“Our warfare is aggressive. Tremendous issues are before us, yea, and right upon us. ... The present truth is to be our burden. The third angel’s message must do its work of separating from the churches a people who will take their stand on the platform of eternal truth.” **PM 387.2.**

“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.” **GC 608.2.**

“In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view.” **5T 80.1**

“... God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of his judgments, these faithful ones must be called out, that they “partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues.” ... These announcements, uniting with the third angel’s message, constitute the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth. **GC 604.1**

## **Edom**

In identifying Israel, we used the principle of first mentioned in the Bible. We shall also show again from the Bible using the principle of first mentioned those that have escaped out of the hand of the king of the north.

*“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. <sup>41</sup> He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.” Dan. 11:40, 41*

The king of the north enters the countries (vs.40) and overthrows them. But in the glorious land (vs. 41) there are some who escape his attack. Those that escape him are Edom, Moab and chief of the children of Ammon. Like Israel, Edom, Moab, and Ammon were part of Palestine, the glorious land.

Along with Israel, those of Edom, Moab and Ammon acknowledge Yahweh (Jehovah) as the Creator of heaven and earth. He protects them and caused them to escape the attack of the king of the north. The end time Edom therefore acknowledges Yahweh (Jehovah) as the Creator of heaven and earth.

Of the three (Edom, Moab, and Ammon) Edom (Gen. 36:1, 8, 19) was closest in relation to Israel being his brother, vs. 6. At the tribal level Edom was hostile to Israel (Num. 20:14-21; Deut. 23:7 first part), the people of God, as they sought passage to the promise land. Edom in the time of the end represent those who were hostile to the early church (Acts 17:13) which Christ set up and out of whom he took them.

“The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles.” **18LMS. Ms33, 1903 par.13**

“... For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel.” **Rom. 9:6.** Edom therefore at this time of the end represent those who come out of Judaism which rejected Christ. The Jewish nation still carry on the forms of worship including the Seventh-day Sabbath worship, but as a nation have rejected the Son of God.

As the once chosen of God Judaism with its ceremonies and forms came to an end with the rejection of and crucifixion of Jesus in A.D. 31 (Matt. 21:42, 43), and officially in AD 34 (Dan. 9:24).

Through their leaders, they chose Caesar (John 19:15) as their king in place of Jehovah, and Barabbas, a murder (Mark 15:7), in place of Christ the Prince of Peace. Individuals out of Judaism have the hope of becoming part of the true Israel of God with their acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah and their surrender to Him by faith as Savior.

The Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 11 outlines this fact.

*“I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, <sup>3</sup> Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. <sup>4</sup> But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. <sup>5</sup> Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. <sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. <sup>7</sup> What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.” **Rom. 11:1-7.***

The election refers to those Jews who believed on Jesus and were saved from among the unbelieving nation.

In very clear language Paul here shows that individuals of Judaism (Jews) who by grace through faith as did Abraham having not bent the knee to Baal, are part of the remnant according to the election of grace. They will be part of the Israel of God, The Third Angel Movement, and join in heralding the Third Angel

Message to the world.

The prophet of God to the Third Angel Movement like the Apostle Paul presents a similar situation of those in Judaism in the days of the Apostles and also at the time of the end to which we have come.

“Even though Israel rejected His Son, God did not reject them. Listen to Paul as he continues the argument: “I say then, Hath God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew. Wot ye not what the Scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed Thy prophets, and digged down Thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” **AA 375.2.**

“Israel had stumbled and fallen, but this did not make it impossible for them to rise again. In answer to the question, “Have they stumbled that they should fall?” the apostle replies: “God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: if by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?” **AA 375.3.**

“Notwithstanding Israel's failure as a nation, there remained among them a goodly remnant of such as should be saved. At the time of the Savior's advent there were faithful men and women who had received with gladness the message of John the Baptist, and had thus been led to study anew the prophecies concerning the Messiah. When the early Christian church was founded, it was composed of these faithful Jews who recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the one for whose advent they had been longing. It is to this remnant that Paul refers when he writes, “If the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.” **AA 376.2.**

“Notwithstanding the awful doom pronounced upon the Jews as a nation at the time of their rejection of Jesus of Nazareth, there have lived from age to age many noble, God-fearing Jewish men and women who have suffered in silence. God has comforted their hearts in affliction and has beheld with pity their terrible situation. He has heard the agonizing prayers of those who have sought Him with all the heart for a right understanding of His word. Some have learned to see in the lowly Nazarene whom their forefathers rejected and crucified, the true Messiah of Israel. As their minds have grasped the significance of the familiar prophecies so long obscured by tradition and misinterpretation, their hearts have been filled with gratitude to God for the unspeakable gift He bestows upon every human being who chooses to accept Christ as a personal Savior.” **AA 379.3.**

“It is to this class that Isaiah referred in his prophecy, “A remnant shall be saved.” From Paul's day to the present time, God by His Holy Spirit has been calling after the Jew as well as the Gentile. “There is no respect of persons with God,” declared Paul. The apostle regarded himself as “debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians,” as well as to the Jews; but

he never lost sight of the decided advantages possessed by the Jews over others, "chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." "The gospel," he declared, "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." It is of this gospel of Christ, equally efficacious for Jew and Gentile, that Paul in his epistle to the Romans declared he was not ashamed." **AA 380.1.**

"When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews, many will accept Christ as the Messiah. Among Christian ministers there are only a few who feel called upon to labor for the Jewish people; but to those who have been often passed by, as well as to all others, the message of mercy and hope in Christ is to come." **AA 380.2**

"In this our day, we see the Gentiles beginning to rejoice with the Jews. There are converted Jews who are now laboring in ---- and in various other cities, in behalf of their own people. The Jews are coming into the ranks of God's chosen followers, and are being numbered with the Israel of God in these closing days. Thus some of the Jews will once more be reinstated with the people of God, and the blessing of the Lord will rest upon them richly, if they will come into the position of rejoicing that is represented in the Scripture, "And again He saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people."—**Manuscript 95, 1906. (Ev. 577.4)**

"There will be many converted from among the Jews, and these converts will aid in preparing the way of the Lord, and making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Converted Jews are to have an important part to act in the great preparations to be made in the future to receive Christ, our Prince. A nation shall be born in a day. How? By men whom God has appointed being converted to the truth. There will be seen "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." The predictions of prophecy will be fulfilled." —**Manuscript 75, 1905. (Ev. 579.1)**

## **Moab**

Moab is the second of the three mentioned who escape the king of the north as he enters the glorious land. The others being Edom and Ammon. Dan. 11:41

In this scenario there are only two groups, the trapped and the escapees. The trapped are represented by Egypt, Ethiopia, and Libya. Dan. 11:42, 43. To escape from the clutches of the king of the north at this time of the end means deliverance into a protected area where the king of the north cannot reach them, i.e. into the glorious holy mountain. Dan. 11:44

"When this earth's history shall close, there will be only two divisions, the righteous and the wicked. Every man, woman, and child will be found in one of these two armies. Jesus will be the leader of the righteous, and Satan of the opposing hosts." **ST August 5, 1886 par. 9**

First mention of Moab.

*"Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. <sup>37</sup> And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day."* **Gen. 19:36, 37**

Moab was born of incest between Lot and his first daughter, and his name means "in bred"

*“And the firstborn said unto the younger, our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: <sup>32</sup> Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. <sup>33</sup> And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.”* **Gen. 19:31-33**

*“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”* **Prov. 20:1**

This experience of Lot, like that of Noah as it relates to the drinking of wine serves as a testimony of the truth of the word of God and a warning against such indulgence.

This plan was conceived by the older of the two daughters of Lot and agreed to by the younger. These were the two daughters of Lot who as virgins were offered to the homosexual men of Sodom to “protect” the angels from. Gen. 19:5.

*“... I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes ...”* **Gen. 19:8**

Lot's only posterity, the Moabites and Ammonites, were vile, idolatrous tribes, rebels against God and bitter enemies of His people. **Patriarchs and Prophets, 167.3**

Moab and Ammon were descendants of Abraham's brother Haran, and not Abraham's descendants as in the case of Israel and Edom. These two tribes (Moab and Ammon) were not only idolatrous and rebellious against God, but were bitter enemies of God's people. But notice the following prophecy which includes them with God's people.

Note vs. 10, as to how it will be accomplished.

*“And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious ... Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. <sup>14</sup> But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.”* **Isaiah 11:10, 13 (last part), 14**

Though idolatrous and rebellious against God, and bitter enemies of Israel, Moab shall be united with Israel and hence to Jehovah his God. Let us take a look at the idolatry of Moab and his bitterness to Israel and determine who he may be in the time of the end.

*“And Balac the son of Sephor, seeing all that Israel had done to the Amorrhite, <sup>3</sup> And that the Moabites were in great fear of him, and were not able to sustain his assault, <sup>4</sup> He said to the elders of Madian: So will this people destroy all that dwell in our borders, as the ox is wont to eat the grass to the very roots. Now he was at that time king in Moab. <sup>5</sup> He sent therefore messengers to Balaam the son of Beer, a soothsayer, who dwelt by the river of the land of the children of Ammon, to call him, and to say: Behold a people is come out of Egypt, that hath covered the face of the earth, sitting over against me. <sup>6</sup> Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.”* **Num. 22:2-5**

Like Moab who engaged Balaam the soothsayer to set entrapment against Israel as they traveled from Egypt to Canaan, Moab today is represented by those churches (nations) which have an idolatrous system of worship and bitterly oppose the Israel of God. Similarly, they set enchantments for those of the Third Angel Movement, the Israel of God. One of the leading entrapments is ecumenism, which is the promoting of church unity and enticing the Israel of God to be part of them. Among these are the Protestant churches spear-headed by the Evangelicals. These organizations have gone about seeking to level the Israel of God and cause her to compromise. But those of God in Moab will escape this trap. The objective of which is found in the words of Balac,

*“Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land ...” Num. 22:6*

The complete destruction of the Israel of God is the objective of those who are represented as Moab today. But like Ruth the faithful of Moab are to be integrated into the Israel of God. They will escape the attack of the king of the north in the time of the end and be in loyal submission to God with the Israel of God.

Jerimiah 48 gives the final outcome of Moab. In the destruction prophesied against Moab there is seen the compassion of Yahweh towards her with appeals and her ultimate escape.

*“<sup>44</sup> Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard ... <sup>6</sup> Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness ... <sup>9</sup> Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein ... <sup>16</sup> The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast ... <sup>28</sup> O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole’s mouth ... <sup>31</sup> Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres ... <sup>46</sup> Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives ...<sup>47</sup> Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the Lord. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.”*

There are four words used in the Bible as captivity according to Strong’s concordance, but here it refers to a state of prosperity, and not imprisonment as the other usages.

*“The chapter ends with a promise of their return out of captivity in the latter days. Even with Moabites God will not contend for ever, nor be always wroth. The Jews refer it to the days of the Messiah; then the captives of the Gentiles, under the yoke of sin and Satan, shall be brought back by Divine grace, which shall make them free indeed.” **Matthew Henry’s Concise Bible Commentary.***

In the words of Christ Moab will be part of the

*“... other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. **John 10:16***

They are also those who are not far from the kingdom of God and in the words of the prophet of the Third Angel Movement such are those of the Protestant faith.



“According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith.” **GC 382.3**

*“Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. <sup>14</sup> But they shall ... lay their hand upon ... Moab and [he] shall obey them.”* **Isaiah 11:13, 14**

“... it was God's purpose that by the revelation of His character through Israel men should be drawn unto Him. To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look unto Him should live. All who, like Rahab the Canaanite and Ruth the Moabitess, turned from idolatry to the worship of the true God were to unite themselves with His chosen people.” **PK 19.1**

## **Ammon**

*“And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. <sup>35</sup> And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. <sup>36</sup> Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. <sup>37</sup> ... <sup>38</sup> And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.”* **Gen. 19:34-38**

Ammon, like Edom and Moab, was also hostile toward Israel as well as idolatrous. But he went further falsely claiming that Israel took away his land as they travelled from Egypt to the promise land. Notice the truth in this matter.

*“And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.”* **Deut. 2:19**

Later in the time of the Judges a false accusation was made by the king of Ammon concerning land he claimed Israel took from him when he came from Egypt.

*“And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, what hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? <sup>13</sup> And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. <sup>14</sup> And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: <sup>15</sup> And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: <sup>16</sup> But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh.”* **Judges 11:12-16**

Ammon was an idolatrous nation serving the god Milcom (1 Kings 11:5, 33). Likewise, those who represent the chief of the children of Ammon (Dan. 11:41) in the time of the end are identified by their idolatrous image worship along with the accusation that Israel took away their lands. Those that represent Ammon at

the end of time are those with their image worship of Mary, the Apostles and their other man-made Saints coupled with their accusation of taking away their land (adherents). The original charge of taking away their land was first leveled against Luther in 1520 by Rome.

“To heresy Luther had added contumacy. He had had the hardihood to appeal to the General Council in the face of the decretals of Pius II. and Julius II.; and he had filled up the measure of his sins by slandering the immaculate Papacy. The Papacy, nevertheless, yearned over its lost son, and “imitating the omnipotent God, who desireth not the death of a sinner,” earnestly exhorted the prodigal to return to the bosom of his mother, to bring back with him all he had led astray, and make proof of the sincerity of his penitence by reading his recantation, and committing all his books to the flames, within the space of sixty days. **HOPV<sub>1</sub> 311.4**

Further, like Ammon the papacy accuses the Israel of God of taking away their land, i.e. “sheep stealing”, and goes about seeking to recover “the lands” they claim were taken from them, i.e. the hordes of individuals who abandoned her during the Reformation. She rejects the injunction of Christ to teach the gospel to all the world calling it “sheep stealing” not recognizing his instruction to his church.

*“... all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” **Matt. 28:16-20***

But those of the true Israel unlike this apostate power will heed the injunction as also outlined in the following and obey it by calling God’s other sheep out of that Satan-worshipping system.

*“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.” **Rev. 18:4, 5***

Consider the following re-the accusation of taking away land which was levelled against the Reformation by the Papacy.

“... what at this hour was the attitude of the several nations as regarded their obedience to the Papal chair? One half of the European States had placed themselves, or were hastening to do so, beneath the banner on which was inscribed: “An open Bible and a free conscience.” The two Saxonys, Prussia, Hesse-Cassel, Wurtemberg, with some smaller States, and a multitude of free cities, were now ranged round the great PROTEST. The better half of Switzerland was lost to Rome. Few, save the herdsmen of the mountains, now received her pardons and sent their money in return. Denmark and Sweden had revolted. The powerful kingdoms of England and France were at that hour trembling in the balance. Everywhere men were kicking against Rome’s ancient and sacred sway, and soon, on the north of the Alps, few subjects would remain to her. Parliaments were passing laws to check her usurpations; her bulls were dis-honoured; palls were at a discount; tithes, annats, reservations, and expectatives were but as the gleanings after the harvest; palmers and anchorets were disappearing from her highways; men were burying her relics instead of worshipping them; the cowl and frock were being abandoned for the garb of honest

labor; schools and hospitals were replacing monasteries and convents; the reading of the Scriptures was supplanting the counting of beads, and the preaching of the Gospel the chanting of litanies and masses.

And then, in addition to all these losses, when the Romanists looked at the other side they could not conceal from themselves the strength of the Protestant position. Not only did the Reformation divide Christendom — not only did it receive the support of States, princes, and free cities — but, further, it had created a multitude of agencies, which were continually at work multiplying its adherents, and extending still farther its area. **HOPV<sub>2</sub> 293.4, 294.1 (James A. Wylie)**

The Roman Catholic system while claiming to be the church of God does not worship the true God, Yahweh. Instead it is a system that worship “the god of forces” not known by the Apostles who they claim as their Fathers.

“... Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history.” **GC 565.4**

*“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. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.” Dan. 11:36-39.*

In the above scriptures careful analysis shows:

- i. The king (vs. 36) referred to, is “the king of the north” who beginning from verse 30 is identified as the Roman Catholic papacy.
- ii. This king (the papacy) will speak marvelous thing against the God of gods, obviously against Jehovah, creator of the heavens and the earth.
- iii. Will not regard the God of his fathers, the apostles from whom they claim a line of succession.
- iv. The desire of women. This is the vow of celibacy which the Catholic Church teaches in respect to their priests and nuns and insists that they must obedient to it.
- v. Magnify himself above all. The papal system with its Popes who claims to be the “vicegerent of Christ on earth” believes he is the highest authority in the earth and must be venerated.

Roman Canon Law:

To believe that our Lord God the Pope has not the power to decree as he is decreed, is to be deemed heretical. This feeds into the ancient idea that the Pope is God on earth.

Source: <http://soundofanalarm.blogspot.ca/2016/12/no-pope-here-why.html>

- vi. Honor the god of forces which his fathers’ knew not. This is the strong-arm tactics his master, Satan, uses on all who refuse his overtures. These tactics were unknown by the fathers, the apostles, as their only method was one of peace and love demonstrated by their Master and Lord Jesus Christ.

One of Rome’s most prominent false doctrine is the worship of the virgin Mary, a Satanic invention, whom

the papacy claims is able to make intercession for humanity with God, since she is “the mother of God.”

To this day Rome, is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to coerce the Israel of God to enter relation with and submit to her claim that she is the only true church. The Israel of God will not at this time betray sacred trust on the borders of the heavenly Canaan. But instead will

*“... overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11*

The good news is that Israel will lay hands on the honest in heart of the three groups i.e. those who hear and respond to the voice of the true shepherd, and will come into relation with the Israel of God.

*“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left ... <sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>14</sup> ... they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. Isaiah 11:12, 14*

Further Isaiah speaks of other heathen religions that will also be brought into Israel at the time of the preparing for the coming of the Lord during the preaching of the loud cry.

*“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup> The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. <sup>14</sup> But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them ... <sup>16</sup> And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt. Isaiah 11:11-16.*

That highway from Assyria, i.e. the Babylon of today, refers to the gospel pathway which is Christ himself. John 14:6. The following scripture shows that all of the honest and true hearted of the above nations will join the true Israel of God, and His kingdom will be established in the earth even as the waters cover the sea. He recognizes those who will respond and come in relation with Himself, the head of His church, Israel.

*“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” John 10:16*

God servant speaks of some in the Catholic Communion on this wise.

*“It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have ... God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people.” GC 565.3*

## The Glorious Land

*“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.” Dan.11:41.*

At the outset please take note of the following re-the glorious land:

1. The word countries in vs. 41 is italicized being not in the original but supplied by the translators and therefore should be left out as it cast a wrong interpretation on the verse
2. The “king of the north enters the glorious land, i.e. whatever the glorious land is he, the king of the north gets in
3. Many persons shall be overthrown, this shows that the king of the north is antagonistic to those in the glorious land

Both terms the glorious land (Dan. 11:41) and the glorious holy mountain (Dan. 11:45) are very closely related, but they are not the same, hence they should be clearly understood and differentiated. Because both have the word “glorious” associated with them and persons conclude that they are one and the same.

The term glorious land is also found in **Dan. 11:16**. “But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.” Here it refers to the literal land of Israel in the Mideast which was brought under the control of Pagan Rome in B.C 161 with the league made with the Jews.

### The Glorious Land of Dan. 11:41

*“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown.”*

As said previously the word “countries” is italicized showing it to be a supplied word by the translators and not in the original language. With the removal of the word “countries” in verse 41, it therefore would mean that many groupings (religious) shall be overthrown as the verse goes on to say that certain groups shall escape.

The word glorious is translated from the Hebrew word tsebiy (tseve) H6643 Strong concordance which for our context means beautiful, beauty, goodly, pleasant. The prophets of God described the land of Palestine where Israel dwelt by such terms, and a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses in Exodus 3:8, 17; 13:5; 33:3; Deut. 3:25 calls it a good land, Psalm 106:21-24 refers to it as the pleasant land, as also does Jer. 3:18, 19; 11:5; 32:22 and Ezekiel 20:6 which also calls it a land flowing with milk and honey. Dan. 8:9 and Zech.7:14 also calls it a pleasant land.

But the text under consideration (Dan. 11:41) is speaking of the glorious land in the time of the end, post 1798. The question then is what does the glorious land refer to at this time?

During the time of the 1260-year period which ended in 1798 the church of God was in hiding in the dark places of the earth (Rev. 12:6). In dungeons, mountain wilds, and catacombs of Europe. Some fled from persecution in England to Holland where the reformation had taken a strong hold. After some time, they were force to flee persecution again and they fled to a land without a king and a church without a pope which

allowed them to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. The USA provided them an asylum at this time in direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Rev. 12:6, 14. The question for consideration is, is the glorious land the USA at this time is or it the church itself?

The type antitype principle can be helpful in resolving this question. Palestine was the glorious land in which Israel the then church of God was located. Applying this principle to the question the land where the church of God fled for an asylum would be the glorious land. Thus differentiating between the glorious land and the church.

Let us hear what the prophet of the Lord has to say on this matter?

The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the "sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges." **Maranatha 193.4**

"When the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for his people, that they might worship him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ,—when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God's law,—it is then that the final work of the man of sin will be revealed." **ST June 2, 1893par. 12**

"The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and "national apostasy" will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin. **RH May 2, 1893**

"The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States of America. A gracious providence has established this country, and poured upon her the choicest of heaven's blessings. Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercy. But these gifts have been repaid by ingratitude and forgetfulness of God. The Infinite One keeps a record with the nations, and their guilt is proportionate to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God." **4SP 398.1**

"Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing near when its legislators shall abjure the principles of Protestantism to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them, to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism." **4SP 410.2**

“America, and especially Battle Creek, where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light.” **9LtMs, Lt 23c, 1894 par. 3**

*The entering of the king of the north into the glorious land will be the entering of false Protestantism, the king of the north into the land which God has given as an asylum for his people to disseminate the gospel truth. This entering will occur when the beast with lamb-like horn speaks as a dragon rescinding its constitution.*

## News out of the East and the North

*“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. Dan. 11:44*

After taking control of almost the entire world, the king of the north gets news out of the east and the north which disturbs and enrages him. Being sure he will be the master of every living soul he is shocked and consternated to think that they are some who are not under his control and moreover persuading others to abscond from him. Like the great rebel, Satan, whom he represents knows if he could get rid of God’s people he will be absolute master of the Egypt, the world.

“He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete.” **GC 618.2**

But what are these tidings that infuriate the king of the north? First what are tidings? According to Strong’s concordance tidings are news, reports, and rumors. But tidings can be good news as in the case of the birth of Christ.

*“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 10, 11*

But these tidings, news, reports, rumors brought to king of the north are not good, hence he goes forth “to utterly destroy, and make away many.” What are the tidings which cause such a reaction of the king of the north? His master, has been busy all his life, after his expulsion from heaven, telling lies about God and succeeding in getting the overwhelming majority of humanity to believe them. Similarly, the king of the north false Protestantism at the end time, while pretending to be the bride of Jehovah will be like Nimrod, Noah’s great-grandson, who is called “a mighty hunter before the Lord” seeking to control the world and lay it at the feet of his master, Satan, while pretending to be honoring Jehovah.

*“And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.” Gen. 10:8-10*

The king of the north enterprise will be confounded suddenly and unexpectedly by the news out of the east and the north even as the building of Babel was suddenly and unexpectedly halted by the confounding of language by the true King of the North, Jehovah.

The tidings that stirs the wrath of the king of the north is news that there is a mighty counter enterprise which has emerged from the east, the church of God. This news is so overpowering that it has even entered Babylon, the territory of the king of the north and has drawn away many of his adherents which engages his attention and enrages his ire.

This news is the loud cry of the third angel which proclaims two fundamental truths of God that the king of the north master, Satan, hates and does not want to be made know. But it is the one message the masses



of humanity need to hear to allow them to make up their minds once and for all as to who will be the ruler in the next eternity. There are the righteousness of Christ and the character of God. But the righteousness of God and the character of God are one and the same thing.

“Righteousness is holiness, likeness to God, and “God is love.” 1 John 4:16. It is conformity to the law of God, for “all Thy commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172), and “love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:10). Righteousness is love, and love is the light and the life of God. The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him.” **MB 18.1**

1. The message of righteousness has been revealed in sinful human nature which God took on when he lived among men.

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh ...” Tim. 3:16*

God’s first two human children sold themselves and their heritage for nought (Isaiah 52:3) to Satan, master of the king of the north. But like the good Father that God was he determined to pay any ransom to secure them from the grasp of the thief, and liar who took them by artifice. What was to be paid to secure them involved the ultimate ransom, the life of his only begotten Son. Wasn’t this too high a price to be paid for rebels against his government? God did not think so. But after the ultimate ransom for humanity was paid how will he get them back into allegiance with himself nevermore to believe the lies of Satan and side with him again. To accomplish this God would have to become a man. Previously the Father and the Son entered a covenant between themselves that when such a situation arose, as they saw it would, the Son would have to take on human nature to become their substitute and surety, and that after 4000 years of degeneration of man’s mental, moral and physical powers. In this weakened state he would be at the mercy Satan and fallen human nature. That was the plan, but how to execute it was the real test. This brings us to the mystery of mysteries, the incarnation, the Creator becoming a creature. Not only a man as was Adam in sinless human nature before the fall, but a man after four thousand years of Satan’s control over the minds and bodies of men. What humiliation this would be.

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **Philippians 2:5-8***

Armed with this attitude of selflessness and behaving like Lord and Master, those in the glorious holy mountain attract the attention of the king of the north and his host of evil men and angels. And like their Master “they” will “love not their lives unto the death” to vindicate the righteous character of their loving heavenly Father. These are the tidings that routs the king of the north and causes him to come with “fury to make away many.”

But the death of the cross was for all men corporately and individually and to accomplish this he would have to be our substitute and surety. And not like human substitutes and sureties who are separate and distinct from the one who is unable to pay the debt, but a substitute and surety not only for the debtor, but as the debtor.

*“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” **Heb. 2:9***

To taste death for every man he would have to be every man, and it is the ungodly who is the everyman spoken of here. He was precisely made as every man according to the flesh and that is sinful fallen degenerate human flesh. Now can I drink water for you? Not except I am you. This is exactly how Christ was able to taste death for every man, by becoming every man. But how can this be? This truly the great mystery of the incarnation. Consider these comments by **A.T Jones in the 1895 GC Bulletin no. 13 (Third Angel Message Lesson 13)**

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are.

"He could not have been tempted in all points like as I am, if he were not in all points like as I am to start with. Therefore, it behooved him to be made in all points like me, if he is going to help me where I need help. I know that right there is where I need it. And oh, I know it is right there where I get it. Thank the Lord! There is where Christ stands, and there is my help.

"We have not a high priest which cannot be touched"—two negatives there; have not a high priest which cannot be touched. Then what do we have on the affirmative side? —We have a high priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, —my infirmities, your infirmities, our infirmities. Does he feel my infirmities? —Yes. Does he feel your infirmities? —Yes. What is an infirmity? —Weakness, wavering, —weakness, —that is expressive enough. We have many of them; all of us have many of them. We feel our weaknesses. Thank the Lord, there is One who feels them also, —yea, not only feels them, but is touched with the feeling of them. There is more in that word "touched" than simply that he is reached with the feeling of our weaknesses, and feels as we feel. He feels as we feel, that is true, but beyond that he is "touched;" that is, he is tenderly affected; his sympathy is stirred. He is touched to tenderness and affected to sympathy, and he helps us. This is what is said in the words, "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." Thank the Lord for such a Saviour!

"But I say again, he cannot be tempted in all points like as I am unless he was in all points like I am to start with. He could not feel as I do unless he is where I am, and as I am. In other words, he could not be tempted in all points as I am, and feel as I feel, unless he was just myself over again. The word of God says: "In all points like as we are."

"Let us study this further. There are things that will tempt you strongly, that will draw hard on you, that are no more to me than a zephyr in a summer day. Something will draw hard on me, even to my overthrowing, that would not affect you at all. What strongly tempts one may not affect another. Then, in order to help me, Jesus must be where he can feel what I feel, and be tempted in all points where I could be tempted with any power at all. But as things that tempt me may not affect you at all, and things that affect you may not affect me, Christ has to stand where you and I both are, so as to meet all the temptations of both. He must feel all those which you meet that do not affect me, and also all those which I meet that do not affect you. He has to take the place of both of us. That is so.

"Then there is the other man. There are things that tempt him to his overthrow, that do not affect you or me either. Then Jesus had to take all the feelings and nature of myself, of yourself, and of the other man also, so that he could be tempted in all points like as I am, and in all points like as you are, and in all points like as the other man is. But when you and I and the other man, are taken in Him, how many does that embrace? —That takes the whole human

race. And this is exactly the truth. Christ was in the place, and he had the nature, of the whole human race? —And in him meet all the weaknesses of mankind, so that every man on earth who can be tempted at all, finds in Jesus Christ power against temptation. For every soul there is in Jesus Christ victory against all temptation, and relief from the power of it. That is the truth. Let us look at it from another side. There is one in the world—Satan, the god of this world—who is interested in seeing that we are tempted just as much as possible; but he does not have to employ much of his time nor very much of his power in temptation to get us to yield.

“That same one was here, and he was particularly interested in getting Jesus to yield to temptation. He tried Jesus upon every point upon which he would ever have to try me to get me to sin; and he tried in vain. He utterly failed to get Jesus to consent to sin in any single point upon which I can ever be tempted.

“He also tried Jesus upon every point upon which he has ever tried you or ever can try you, to get you to sin; and he utterly failed there too. That takes you and me both then; and Jesus has conquered in all points for both you and me.

“But when he tried Jesus upon all the points that he has tried upon both you and me and failed there, as he did completely fail, he had to try him more than that yet. He had to try him upon all the points upon which he has tried the other man, to get him to yield. Satan did this also, and also there completely failed.

“Thus Satan had to try, and he did try, Jesus upon all the points that he ever had to try me upon; and upon all the points that he ever had to try you upon; and also upon all the points that he would have to try the other man upon. Consequently, he had to try Jesus upon every point upon which it is possible for a temptation to rise in any man of the human race.”

## 2. The character of God as revealed in the teachings and life of Jesus Christ.

Satan, the enemy of God and man has so misrepresented God to humanity that the entire world believed the big lie. Jesus the express image of the Father and the one who knows the Father better than anyone has revealed him yet humanity still holds onto Satan’s big lie though Christ has exposed him as the liar.

*“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”* **John 8:44**

The character portrayed by Christ while in or flesh was the character of the Father for Christ did not reveal himself, but he revealed Our Heavenly Father.

*“... no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.”* **Luke 10:22**

And still more the works of love and compassion which he manifested were done by the Father living in him.

*“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”* **John 14:10**

With the ultimate demonstration of love in the giving of his only begotten Son to save rebels from treason against his government who cannot help but love him.

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

With this ultimate demonstration of love how can anyone believe that the Father has, does, and will destroy any of his intelligent creatures made in his image to whom he has given the gift of freedom.

As the chief of the big lie Satan has succeeded in blinding the eyes of persons who refuse to believe this truth. He can only blind those who refuse to believe the glorious revelation of love given by Christ of his Father.

*“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” 2 Cor. 4:4*

The truth of the glorious character of our heavenly Father will be the last message to be given to the world per chance it can be saved from destruction.

*“The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love.” COL 415.5*

Our Savior was so emptied of his own righteous self thus allowing the Father to dwell in him so that the things which he did was really the Father who dwelt in him doing. But even more he made it clear that seeing him and believing on his is really seeing the Father and believing on the Father.

*“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. <sup>45</sup> And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.” John 12:44, 45*

Consider this very instructive comment from A.T Jones.

“When ourselves are kept from asserting ourselves, there will be no difficulty for God to assert himself in our flesh. That is the mystery of God: “Christ in you, the hope of glory;” God manifest in the flesh. It is not simply Christ manifest in the flesh; it is God manifest in the flesh. For when Jesus came in the world himself, it was not Christ manifest in the flesh; it was God manifest in the flesh; for “he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.”

Christ emptied himself, in order that God might be manifest in the flesh, in sinful flesh; and when he comes to us, and dwells in us, upon our choice, bringing to us that divine mind of his which is the mind that empties self wherever it goes, wherever it can find an entrance, wherever it can find any place to act, the mind of Christ is the emptying of self, is the abolishing of self, the destruction of self, the annihilation of self. Therefore, when, by our choice, that divine mind comes to us, the result is as certain that ourselves will be emptied as that the mind dwells in us. And as soon as that is done, God works fully and manifests himself, in sinful flesh though it be. And that is victory. That is triumph.

And thus with the mind we serve the law of God. The law is manifested, it is fulfilled, its principles shine, in the life, because the life is the character of God manifest in human flesh, sinful flesh, through Jesus Christ.” **1895 GC Bulletin, The Third Angel Message no. 18 (Righteousness by Faith Sermon 18).**

## The Glorious Holy Mountain

*“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” Dan. 11:45*

Having discovered by the prophet to the Third Angel Movement that the glorious land of Dan. 11 represents the USA where the church of God in the end of time was birthed. We shall engage the prophets of the Lord to help us determine who or what the glorious holy mountain in the end of time.

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 2:2, 3*

*“Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. 8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.” Isaiah 56:6-8*

*“O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. 20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God. Dan. 9:19, 20*

*“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand” Joel 2:1*

*“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” Micah 4:1, 2*

*“Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.” Zechariah 8:3*

*“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.” Heb. 12:22, 23*

Notice the picture that emerges from these prophets. The holy mountain is called the house of prayer. What else could that mean but the church of God. But let us draw a word picture of the above texts from these six prophets and finally, we shall see the application Christ makes of the house of prayer.

**Isaiah 2:2, 3** tells us that the house of the God of Jacob is in the mountain where Zion and Jerusalem is and also the law of God and His word proceeds from it.

1. The house of the God of Jacob shall be established in the top of the mountains
2. All nations shall flow into it
3. People shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob
4. In it he will teach us his ways
5. Out of Zion shall go forth his law
6. The word of the Lord from Jerusalem

**Isaiah 56:6-8** tells us the holy mountain is God's house of prayer and refers to Israel as:

1. Them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer
2. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar
3. Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
4. The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel
5. I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

In **Daniel 9:19, 20** we have the mountain of God associated with Israel

1. I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel
2. Presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God

In **Joel 2:1** the mountain of God is again associated with Zion

1. Blow ye the trumpet in Zion
2. Sound an alarm in my holy mountain

**Micah** repeats Isaiah 2:2 almost verbatim, and calls the mountain of the LORD Zion and Jerusalem from where the law and word of God go forth in the last days.

1. In the last days ... the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains
2. Many nations shall say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD
4. To the house of the God of Jacob
5. He will teach us of his ways
6. The law shall go forth of Zion
7. The word of the Lord from Jerusalem

**Zechariah** uses similar language as the others, but is more specific in calling Zion and Jerusalem the holy mountain

1. I am returned unto Zion

2. I will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem
3. Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and
4. The mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain

From this word picture a portrait of the house/church of God emerges, a place of prayer for all people. The Apostle Paul reminds us that none should make the fatal mistake of thinking that the house of God is a wood or wall structure.

*“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” 1 Tim. 3:15*

And Christ himself says in **Mark 11:17**

“... Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.”

“Many and wonderful are the promises recorded in the Scriptures regarding the church. Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.” Isaiah 56:7. “I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing ... Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are My people, saith the Lord God. And ye My flock, the flock of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.” Ezekiel 34:26, 29-31.” **AA 9.2**

We can conclude that the glorious holy mountain in Dan. 11:45 refers to the church of God which according to Christ and Isaiah shall be called a house of prayer for all people. In the end of time the church of God having obeyed the commission of her Lord (Matt. 28:18, 19) is found not only in the antitype of the glorious land where it was given birth, but in all parts of the world.

It should be noted that the king of the north enters and overthrow many in the glorious land, Protestantism first in the USA and then world-wide (verse 41). Though he plants his tabernacle, his false system, between the seas (Rev. 17:15) and the glorious holy mountain he is unable to enter it and comes to his end against the church God.

Consider how Young’s Literal Translation presents Dan. 11:45 which removes the false idea that the king of the north gets into the glorious holy mountain as rendered by the KJV.

*“and he planteth the tents of his palace between the seas and the holy desirable mountain, and hath come unto his end, and there is no helper to him.” Dan. 11:45 YLT*

“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 ... 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. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.”

**GC 608.2**

But who is the church of God that is the glorious mountain at the end of time when the king of the north seeks to enter it? The church, the Israel of God, at this time is the Third Angel Movement with its flagship message of the Three Angels' message of the keeping of the commandments of God, and having both the faith and the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 12:17; 14:12). They would have received the refreshing of the latter rain from God, and are sealed with the final/apocalyptic seal having gotten the victory over the beast, his mark, his name, and his number.

But what is so peculiar about them that the king of the north seeks to invade and overthrow them. Let us hear from the prophet of the Lord of the Third Angel Movement.

“As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God. He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete.” **GC 618.2**

So those in the glorious holy mountain is the church of God who keep the commandments of God and are resisting Satan's supremacy i.e. those who proclaim and live the Third Angel Message.

*“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” **Rev. 14:6-12***



# Egypt

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

**Dan. 11:42 (first part)**

In verse 41 Edom, Moab, and chief of the children of Ammon escaped out of the hand of the king of the north.

But here in verse 42 neither Egypt, nor the countries mentioned in vs. 40 escape the king of the north. Notice that Egypt is not referred to as king of the south. The king of the south is the power that the papacy is in mortal combat with, is laser-focused on, and comes against in verse 40, at the time of the end. It was not at the beginning of the time of the end (1798) when he comes against the king of the south, for at the beginning of the time of the end he was routed by the king of the south.

Let us see then who is Egypt in the time of the end? First let us look at Egypt from the principle of first-mention.

*“And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.”* **Gen. 12:10**

Egypt being an idolatrous (Exodus 12:12) and pagan nation (Exodus 5:2) Abraham told Sarah to say that she was his sister for fear of his life.

*“Sarah was fair to look upon, and he doubted not that the dusky Egyptians would covet the beautiful stranger, and that in order to secure her, they would not scruple to slay her husband ... The king of Egypt, being informed of her beauty, caused her to be taken to his palace, intending to make her his wife.”* **PP 130.1**

Egypt was a gentile nation worshipping false gods and knew not the LORD (Yahweh/Jehovah). This fact was clearly stated by the Pharaoh of Egypt at the time of Israel’s deliverance by the hand of Moses.

*“And Pharaoh said, who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”* Exodus 5:2

Egypt is representative of any nation, government or people which do not recognize Yahweh/Jehovah, the Creator of heaven and earth.

*“Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. <sup>12</sup> I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.”* **Isaiah 45:11, 12 (Exodus 20:11 first part).**

*“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.”* **Isaiah 43:10**

*“Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.”* **Isaiah 26:4**

Idoltrous nations, governments, and people are those that recognize other gods than Yahweh/Jehovah. Such are atheistic, though they may not be so considered. These include atheistic communism, polytheism, and even monotheism entities.

Following is a list of the eighteen (18) main religions/groups, philosophies which do not acknowledge Yahweh, Jehovah.

Buddhism; Daoism; Islam; Taoism; Sikhism; Shinto; Confucianism; Rastafarianism; Spiritism; Shamanism; Caodaism; Baha'i; Jainism; Cheondoism; Hoahaoism; Tenriism; Zoroasterism; No religion (including atheism, agnosticism; non-religious).

As it relates to the monotheistic Muslims religion, consider this quote from three surahs/chapters of the Qur'an.

4. And to warn those who say, "God has begotten a son." 5. They have no knowledge of this, nor did their forefathers. Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths. They say nothing but a lie. 6. Perhaps you may destroy yourself with grief, chasing after them, if they do not believe in this information. (18:4-6).

Allah has never begotten a son and there are no deities beside him.

God has never begotten a son, nor is there any god besides Him. Otherwise, each god would have taken away what it has created, and some of them would have gained supremacy over others. God has never begotten a son, nor is there any god besides Him. Otherwise, each god would have taken away what it has created, and some of them would have gained supremacy over others. Glory be to God, far beyond what they describe. (23:91).

30. The Jews said, "Ezra is the son of God," and the Christians said, "The Messiah is the son of God." These are their statements, out of their mouths. They emulate the statements of those who blasphemed before. May God assail them! How deceived they are! 31. They have taken their rabbis and their priests as lords instead of God, as well as the Messiah son of Mary. Although they were commanded to worship none but The One God. There is no god except He. Glory be to Him; High above what they associate with Him. (9:30, 31)."

Those religions/groups/countries which do not acknowledge Yahweh/Jehovah are represented as Egypt and will all be captured by the king of the north.

Jeremiah and Ezekiel in prolepses of Egypt in the end of time gives us its fate and the power which will capture it in the time of the end.

Both prophets portray the destruction of Egypt as coming from the north under the king of the north.

*"The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; 2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah." Jeremiah 46:1, 2*

*"Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north." Jeremiah 46:20*

*“The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.”* **Jeremiah 46:24**

*“And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.”* **Jeremiah 46:26**

Hear also the words of the prophet Ezekiel as well concerning the end of Egypt.

*“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.”* **Ezekiel 29:19**

Egypt comprehends all the world except the Israel of God and those who escape the king of the north and join the Israel of God i.e. Edom, Moab, and Ammon. Egypt will be finally conquered at the time of the passing of and enforcement of the Sunday law. It will likely receive the mark of the beast in the hand not bowing to Protestantism (false), but rather to Great Babylon comprising the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

*“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”* **Rev. 13:8**

*“The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control of the apostate churches.”* **Mar. 213.2**

*“But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt.”* **Dan. 11:43**

Babylon controls all the world finances, the precious things of Egypt, the godless world, so that no man might buy or sell who does not have the mark of the beast. Rev. 13:17. As representative of all false religions and modern day society, Babylon owns the wealth of the world. The purse strings of all financial enterprises throughout the world are controlled by her.

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