

RAPHIA, PANIUM, & THE GLORIOUS LAND

Daniel 11:11 – 16

LEAGUE WITH THE JEWS

Daniel 11:23

BALAAM & THE ASS

Numbers 22

THREE WOES

Revelation 9

FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

“During the one hundred and fifty years, the Turks had power to torment, but when their armies seemed on the very verge of victory over the Greek Empire, their force was abated by troubles from the regions of the Euphrates. (See Gibbon, Chap. 65). The time was coming when they would not only torment, but kill. In 1448 the death of John Palæologus left the throne of Constantinople in a weak and precarious condition. Constantine, his successor, could claim no territory beyond the limits of the city, and the throne was already held by virtue of the grace of Amurath, the Turkish ruler. The gracious approbation of the Turkish sultan announced the supremacy of Constantine, and the approaching downfall of the Eastern Empire. The Turkish power had been bound, in a measure, by Rome; for as long as Rome held Constantinople, the Saracen power was limited in the East. When the sultan dictated to Rome, then, were fulfilled the words, "Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates." These words seem especially to refer to Bagdad, Damascus, Aleppo and Iconium,-four sultanies bordering on the region of the Euphrates. No power could now resist, and the Moslem ruler soon gained the long coveted fortress on the Bosphorus. The death of Amurath in 1451, and the succession of Mohammed II., a wily man full of ambition and restless of restraint, did not retard the conquest. Mohammed's one design was to capture Constantinople. "Peace was on his lips but war was in his heart," and every energy was bent toward the accomplishment of this design. **At midnight** he once started from his bed, and demanded the immediate attendance of his prime vizier. The man came trembling, fearing the detection of some previous crime. He made his offering to the sultan, but was met with the words, "I ask a present far more valuable and important,-Constantinople." Mohammed II. tested the loyalty of his soldiers, warned his ministers against the bribery of the Romans, studied the art of war and the use of firearms. He engaged the services of a founder of cannon, who promised weapons that could batter down the walls of the city. In April, 1453, the memorable siege was formed. At the sound of the war trumpet, the forces of Mohammed II. were increased by swarms of fearless fanatics until, as Phranza has said, the besieging army numbered two hundred and fifty-eight thousand. Constantinople fell; the last vestige of Roman greatness was gone, and the Moslem conquerors trampled the religion of Rome in the dust. This memorable event affected all future history. The fall shocked Europe; and the convulsions had not passed, before the light of the Reformation broke the darkness which shrouded the Western Empire. While the smoke from the "bottomless pit" was settling over the East, streaks of light heralded a coming dawn in the nations of Europe.” *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 174.

1945

TIMELINE:

May 7 – Germany surrenders

June 26 – United Nations Charter signed

July 16 – Trinity Nuclear Test

July 17 – Potsdam Conference (ended August 2)

July 26 – The Potsdam Declaration, unconditional surrender of Japan

August 6 – Bombing of Hiroshima

August 9 – Bombing of Nagasaki

August 15 – Japan surrenders

October 24 – United Nations Charter enters into force (established); goal: “prevent another such conflict”.

POTSDAM CONFERENCE – JULY 17 TO AUGUST 2

EXETER CAMP MEETING – AUGUST 12 TO AUGUST 15

120 DAYS

“God had called Abraham to be the father of the faithful, and his life was to stand as an example of faith to succeeding generations. But his faith had not been perfect. He had shown distrust of God in concealing the fact that Sarah was his wife, and again in his marriage with Hagar. That he might reach the highest standard, God subjected him to another test, the closest which man was ever called to endure. In a vision of the night he was directed to repair to the land of Moriah, and there offer up his son as a burnt offering upon a mountain that should be shown him.

“At the time of receiving this command, Abraham had reached the age of **a hundred and twenty years**. He was regarded as an old man, even in his generation. In his earlier years he had been strong to endure hardship and to brave danger, but now the ardor of his youth had passed away. One in the vigor of manhood may with courage meet difficulties and afflictions that would cause his heart to fail later in life, when his feet are faltering toward the grave. But God had reserved His last, most trying test for Abraham until the burden of years was heavy upon him, and he longed for rest from anxiety and toil.” *Patriarchs & Prophets*, 147.

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.’ Christ was engaged in this warfare in Noah's day. It was His voice that spoke to the inhabitants of the old world in messages of warning, reproof, and invitation. He gave the people a probation of **one hundred and twenty years**, in which they might have repented. But they chose the deceptions of Satan, and perished in the waters of the Flood.” *S.D.A Bible Commentary*, volume 1, 1088.

BIG FOUR – UN

Daniel 8:21-23; 11:4

BIG THREE – THREE FOLD UNION

United States, Great Britain, And Russia

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

GERMANY DIVIDED INTO 4 PARTS

Daniel 8:21-23

POTSDAM - UNOFFICIAL BEGINNING OF THE COLD WAR

“How Potsdam Gave Birth to the Cold War” – The Daily Beast

“The Potsdam Conference - When the Cold War began” – Chronos Media

“Potsdam Conference First sign of the Cold War” – History Lapse

POTSDAM MEANING

The name "Potsdam" originally seems to have been Poztupimi. A common theory is that it derives from an old West Slavonic term meaning "**beneath the oaks**"

Daniel 4:19 - 27