

# Habakkuk's Two Tables #28

PART FOUR: DANIEL

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them **three years**, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Daniel 1:5.

And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each **day for a year**. Ezekiel 4:6.

### AFTER TWO DAYS

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **After two days** will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:1–2.

**“It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age. There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world. A preparation to meet the Lord was the burden of agonizing spirits. There was persevering prayer and unreserved consecration to God.”** *The Great Controversy*, 400–401.

### THE THIRD DAY

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in **the third day he will raise us up**, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:1–2.

Now is the **judgment** of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, **if I be lifted up** from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. John 12:31–32.

And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, **lifted up as an ensign** upon his land. Zechariah 9:16.

### FORTY-SIX YEARS

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and **in three days I will raise it up**.

Then said the Jews, **Forty and six years** was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? John 2:18–20.

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**. Revelation 11:2.

### STANDING IN HIS LOT

But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and **stand in thy lot at the end of the days.** Daniel 12:13.

### JUDGMENT

“Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, **when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.**” *The Great Controversy*, 488.

### TO FULFILL A PURPOSE

“When God gives a man a special work to do, he is to **stand in his lot** and place as did Daniel, ready to answer the call of God, ready **to fulfill His purpose.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 108.

### EVERY CHURCH MEMBER

“**Every church member is to train the intellect**, in order that he may gain a clear understanding of the will of God concerning him; everyone is to educate the voice, that he may communicate a knowledge of the Scriptures to those who are in ignorance. May God help us to **stand, like Daniel, in our lot and place during the days of probation** that remain.” *Reflecting Christ*, 243.

### A BOOK

“The scheming and inventions of men whose wisdom had departed from them, led to crooked transaction, of which business men should be ashamed. But I will state no more. This is the principle which has controlled again and again in different ways.

“God commanded that certain warnings and the presentation of events to take place should be placed without delay before the people. Had **the very book God appointed to stand in its lot and place been handled as earnestly** as ‘Bible Readings,’ men would have co-operated with the angels of God to make the very impression essential for that time. But men not standing in living connection with God could not discern the necessity for the present truth for that time. All my entreaty and urging were of none effect. False statement after false statement was made. And why? The President of the Conference might, if he had been moved by the Spirit of God, have helped to change the whole matter. But I had to press my claims, and should have pressed them still more strongly. The light given me was never to make large donations to any phase of the work, never again to place myself in an embarrassing position, as I had for years.” *Pamphlets* 79, 6.

## DANIEL AND REVELATION

“Those who become confused in their understanding of the word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist. There is no time now for us to assimilate with the world. **Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. The prophecies of Daniel and of John are to be understood.** They interpret each other. They give to the world truths which everyone should understand. These prophecies are to be **witness** in the world. **By their fulfillment in these last days, they will explain themselves.**” *Kress Collection*, 105.

## BY THEIR FULFILLMENT THEY WILL EXPLAIN THEMSELVES

“**The testing time** is right upon us. **We must build upon the Rock that will stand the storm of test and trial.** As we see the fulfillment of prophecy, we know that the end of all things is at hand. Present the eternal principles of truth. Show what the Word of God declares is to take place on this earth. **The God who gave Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth’s history will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at the appointed time they give the loud cry.**

“All the messages given from 1840–1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

“Christ said, ‘Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them’ [Matthew 13:16, 17]. Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844.

“The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given **by God’s appointment** that will swell into a loud cry. **Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.**

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

“This is what has been presented to me—that we are asleep, and do not **know the time of our visitation.** But if we humble ourselves before God, and seek Him with the whole heart, He will be found of us.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 436–438.

## THE END OF THE DAYS

But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at **the end of the days.** Daniel 12:13.

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king’s meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them **three years**, that **at the end thereof** they might stand before the king. . . . Now at **the end of the days** that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 1:5, 18.

## THE TIME OF THE END—1798

“One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

“A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?

““And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. **But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**”

**“It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days.**

**“Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world.** These matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but while ‘many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,’ ‘the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.’ How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history.

“Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 114–115.

## THE CLOSING PERIOD OF EARTH’S HISTORY

“Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that **‘at the end of the days’—in the closing period** of this world’s history—he would again be permitted to **stand in his lot and place.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 547.

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“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy had waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order. **Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days.** John sees **the little book unsealed.** **Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world.** The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.**” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

#### THE TIME OF THE END—1798

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. Daniel 1:1.

#### THE JUDGMENT—1844

Now **at the end of the days** that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 1:18.

“God always honors the right. The most promising youth from all the lands subdued by the great conqueror had been gathered at Babylon; yet among them all, **the Hebrew captives were without a rival.** The erect form, the elastic step, the fair countenance, the undimmed senses, the untainted breath,—all were so many certificates of good habits, insignia of the nobility with which nature honors those who are obedient to her laws.

“During the past **three years** the youthful Hebrews had been gaining other wisdom than the learning of the Chaldeans; God had been giving them a knowledge of himself. They had placed themselves in right relation to God, and he could trust them with a deep knowledge of eternal truths.

“The habits and understanding of the youth who were not instructed by God were in accord with the knowledge that comes from idolatrous practices, and that leaves God out of its reckoning. Daniel and his companions, from the first of their experience in the king’s court, were gaining a clearer comprehension, a sounder and more accurate judgment, than all the wise men of the kingdom of Babylon. They placed themselves where God could bless them. They followed rules of life that would give them strength of intellect and would gain for them the greatest possible benefit from the study of God’s Word.

“While faithful to his duties in the king’s court, Daniel so faithfully maintained his loyalty to God, that God could honor him as his messenger to the Babylonian monarch. It was to Daniel that Nebuchadnezzar, unable to get help from his wise men, turned for an account of his forgotten dream, and an interpretation of it. Daniel and his companions sought the Lord, and to Daniel was revealed the dream and its meaning. And when he had related to the king the vision God had shown him, Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.’

“The history of Daniel and his companions has been recorded on the pages of the Inspired Word for the benefit of the youth in all succeeding ages. What men have done, men may do. If the youth will make the unreserved surrender of the will that Daniel made, God will help them as he helped Daniel. If they will appreciate the opportunities he gives for growing in understanding of him, he will give them wisdom and knowledge, and will fill their hearts with unselfishness. He will put into their minds thoughts that will inspire them with hope and courage as they seek to bring others under the sway of the Prince of Peace. They will have the co-operation of God and the angels. They will work out with carefulness the sum of their salvation, God working in them to will and to do of his good pleasure.

“As Daniel studied the Word of God, his understanding became ever clearer; and as he comprehended its ennobling principles, he purposed in his heart to form a character that God could approve. He could not foresee the result of his determination to be true to God in the courts of Babylon; but he resolved that even at the loss of all things, he would preserve his integrity. And the Lord fulfilled to him the word that he has pledged, ‘Them that honor me I will honor.’

“There is wonderful encouragement in the story of Daniel for the youth who today are striving to gain knowledge. In his Word the Lord has left his children a divine instructor that will never disappoint those who seek its direction with a sincere heart. Its teachings will give a strength of character and mental development that no other book can impart. Let the student make the Word of God the chief book of study, giving all other branches of learning a secondary place. And as the heart is opened to the entrance of the Word, light from the throne of God will shine into the soul. The Word, cherished in the heart, will yield to the student a treasure of knowledge that is priceless. Its ennobling principles will stamp the character with honesty and truthfulness, temperance and integrity.” *Youth Instructor*, December 31, 1907.