

Habakkuk's Two Tables #79

CONCLUSION

THE DAILY: ESTABLISHING THE VISION

PERSECUTION FOR MANY DAYS

Persecution—Revelation 12:6, 14; Matthew 24:22, 29

Forty-six Years—Revelation 11:2

Treading Down—Luke 21:24; Daniel 8:13; 12:7

Mouth Speaking Great Things—Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5

Space to Repent—Revelation 2:21

Two Witnesses—1 Kings 18:13; Revelation 11:3

THREE PARTS

“The time appointed is probably the prophetic time of verse 24, which has been previously mentioned. It closed, as already shown, in A.D.330, at which time this power was to return and come again toward the south, but not as on the former occasion, when it went to Egypt, nor as the latter, when it went to Judea. Those were expeditions which resulted in conquest and glory. This one led to demoralization and ruin. The removal of the seat of empire to Constantinople was the signal for the downfall of the empire. Rome then lost its prestige. The western division was exposed to the incursions of foreign enemies. On the death of Constantine, the Roman empire was divided into three parts, between his three sons, Constantius, Constantine II, and Constans. Constantine II and Constans quarreled, and Constans, being victor, gained the supremacy of the whole West. He was soon slain by one of his commanders, who, in turn, was shortly after defeated by the surviving emperor, and in despair ended his own days, A.D.353. The barbarians of the North now began their incursions, and extended their conquests till the imperial power of the West expired in A.D.476.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 280.

“The Roman empire, after Constantine, was divided into three parts; and hence the frequent remark, ‘a third part of men,’ etc., in allusion to the third part of the empire which was under the scourge. This division of the Roman kingdom was made at the death of Constantine, among his three sons, Constantius, Constantine II, and Constans.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 480.

“We understand that this trumpet symbolizes the career of Odoacer, the barbarian monarch who was so intimately connected with the downfall of Western Rome. The symbols **sun, moon, and stars**—for they are undoubtedly here used as symbols—evidently denote **the great luminaries of the Roman government**,—its **emperors, senators, and consuls**.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 487.

Revelation 16:19, 13

SATAN'S DEVICES

2 Corinthians 2:11

“We are in constant danger of becoming self-sufficient, relying upon our own wisdom, and not making God our strength. **Nothing disturbs Satan so much as our not being ignorant of his devices.**” *Review and Herald*, July 6, 1886.

LET ALL WHO READ THESE LINES, TAKE HEED

“Unsanctified ministers are arraying themselves against God. **They are praising Christ and the god of this world in the same breath.** While professedly they receive Christ, they embrace **Barabbas**, and by their actions say, ‘Not this Man, but Barabbas.’ **Let all who read these lines, take heed.** Satan has made his boast of what he can do. He thinks to dissolve the unity which Christ prayed might exist in His church. He says, ‘I will go forth and be a **lying spirit** to deceive those that I can, to **criticize, and condemn, and falsify.**’ Let the son of deceit and false witness be entertained by **a church that has had great light**, great evidence, and **that church will discard the message the Lord has sent**, and receive **the most unreasonable assertions and false suppositions and false theories.** Satan laughs at their folly, for he knows what truth is.

“**Many** will stand in our pulpits with **the torch of false prophecy in their hands**, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much. ‘If thou hadst known,’ said Christ, ‘even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now **they are hid from thine eyes.**’

“**Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure.** The Lord knoweth them that are His. The sanctified minister must have no guile in his mouth. He must be open as the day, free from every taint of evil. A sanctified ministry and press will be a power in flashing the light of truth on this untoward generation. Light, brethren, more light we need. Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm in the holy mountain. Gather the host of the Lord, with sanctified hearts, to hear what the Lord will say unto His people; for **He has increased light for all who will hear.** Let them be armed and equipped, and come up to the battle—to the help of the Lord against the mighty. God Himself will work for Israel. **Every lying tongue will be silenced.** Angels’ hands will overthrow the deceptive schemes that are being formed. The bulwarks of Satan will never triumph. Victory will attend the third angel’s message. **As the Captain of the Lord’s host tore down the walls of Jericho**, so will the Lord’s commandment-keeping people triumph, and all opposing elements be defeated. Let no soul complain of the servants of God who have come to them with a heaven-sent message. Do not any longer pick flaws in them, saying, ‘They are too positive; they talk too strongly.’ They may talk strongly; but is it not needed? **God will make the ears of the hearers tingle if they will not heed His voice or His message.** He will denounce those who resist the word of God.

“Satan has laid every measure possible that nothing shall come among us as a people to reprove and rebuke us, and exhort us **to put away our errors.** But there is a people who will bear the ark of God. Some will go out from among us who will bear the ark no longer. But these cannot make walls to obstruct the truth; for it will go onward and upward to the end. In the past God has raised up men, and He still has men of opportunity waiting, prepared to do His bidding—men who will go through restrictions which are only as walls daubed with untempered mortar. When God puts His Spirit upon men, they will work. They will proclaim the word of the Lord; they will lift up their voice like a trumpet. The truth will not be diminished or lose its power in their hands. They will show the people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 409–411.

TINGLE

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1 Samuel 3:11–14

“Samuel was filled with fear and amazement at the thought of having **so terrible a message** committed to him” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 582.

“The transgressions of Eli’s sons were so daring, so insulting to a holy God, that no sacrifice could atone for such willful transgression. These sinful priests **profaned the sacrifices which typified the Son of God**. And by their blasphemous conduct they were trampling upon the blood of the atonement, from which was derived the virtue of all sacrifices.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 1, 402.

Jeremiah 19:1–12; 2 Kings 21:10–15

UPSIDE DOWN: H2017—an *upset*, that is, (abstractly) *perversity*.

Isaiah 28:14–18, 29:16; Psalms 146:9; Isaiah 24:1

“The preacher himself, must be alive; he must have the earnestness of the Spirit; he must labor through Christ; he must make direct appeals; he must sound the alarm to careless and world-loving professors, though they should be displeased **because their ears tingle with the close application of the truth**,—‘**Thou art the man.**’ It is too late to daub with untempered mortar. There must be plain and faithful dealing. The people must be aroused to do the work which God enjoins upon them, to take up the stumbling-blocks and clear out the rubbish, that the Spirit of God may come in. The guilt as well as the danger of backsliding must be faithfully pointed out.” *Signs of the Times*, May 17, 1883.

“When needed warnings are to be given, sins are to be rebuked, errors and wrongs are to be corrected, not only in the pulpit but personal labor. This is divine work, and although it is not congenial to the natural inclinations, the minister must proclaim **the straight truth which will make the ears of them that hear tingle**; for they must lay before those who are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, the dangers and perils that are around them, and the doom that awaits the impenitent.” *Review and Herald*, September 6, 1892.

JERICHO

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And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it. So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country. Joshua 6:26–27.

“In 1860 death stepped over our threshold, and broke the youngest branch of our family tree. Little Herbert, born September 20, 1860, died December 14 of the same year. When that tender branch was broken, how our hearts did bleed none may know but those who have followed their little ones of promise to the grave.

“But oh, when our noble Henry died, [THE DEATH OF HENRY N. WHITE OCCURRED AT TOPSHAM, MAINE, DECEMBER 8, 1863.] at the age of sixteen; when our sweet singer was borne to the grave, and we no more heard his early song, ours was a lonely home. Both parents and the two remaining sons felt the blow most keenly. But God comforted us in our bereavements, and with faith and courage we pressed forward in the work He had given us, in bright hope of meeting our children who had been torn from us by death, in that world where sickness and death will never come.” *Testimonies*, volume 1, 102–103.

“When on Friday, November 27, [1863] the parents reached Topsham, they found their three sons and Adelia waiting for them at the depot. They were all apparently in good health, except for Henry, who had a cold. But the next Tuesday, December 1, Henry was very ill with pneumonia. Years later Willie, his youngest brother, reconstructed the story:

‘During the absence of their parents, Henry and Edson, under the supervision of Brother Howland, were busily engaged in mounting the charts on cloth, ready for sale. They worked in a rented store building about a block from the Howland home. At length they had a respite for a few days while they were waiting for charts to be sent from Boston. . . . Returning from a long tramp by the river, he [Henry] thoughtlessly lay down and slept on a few damp cloths used in backing the paper charts. A chilly wind was blowing in from an open window. This indiscretion resulted in a severe cold.’” Arthur White, *Ellen G. White*, volume 2, 70.