

DANIEL'S FINAL VISION

THREE TOUCHES: DANIEL 10:19

Then there came again and touched [**third touch**] me *one* like the appearance [mareh] of a man, and he **strengthened**^{H2388} me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be **strong**,^{H2388} yea, be **strong**.^{H2388} And when he had spoken unto me, I was **strengthened**,^{H2388} and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast **strengthened**^{H2388} me.

2388: fasten, sieze, **bind [five times]**

PARALLEL KINGDOMS: DANIEL 10:20-11:2

Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and **now[at this time]** will I return to fight [consume] with the prince of Persia: and **when** I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Also I in **the first year of Darius** the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

“Daniel’s prayer had been offered ‘**in the first year of Darius**’ (verse 1), the Median monarch whose general, Cyrus, had wrested from Babylonia the scepter of universal rule. The reign of Darius was honored of God. To him was sent the angel Gabriel, ‘to confirm and to strengthen him.’ Daniel 11:1. Upon his death, within about two years of the fall of Babylon, Cyrus succeeded to the throne, and **the beginning of his reign marked the completion of the seventy years** since the first company of Hebrews had been taken by Nebuchadnezzar from their Judean home to Babylon.” *Prophets and Kings*, 556.

In **the third year of Cyrus** king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. Daniel 10:1.

And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall **stand up** [5975: Daniel 7:4; 8:22–25; 11:7, 14, 20, 21; 12:1] **yet** three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be **far richer** than *they* all: and by his strength [**power**] through his riches [**wealth**] he shall **stir up [wake up] allagainst [with; seek a quarrel]** the realm of Grecia.

FORE SORE JUDGMENTS: NOAH, DANIEL & JOB

Ezekiel 14:12–23

And a mighty king shall **stand up**, that shall rule with great **dominion** [H4474: rule], and do according to his will. And **when he shall stand up**, his kingdom **shall be broken**, and shall be divided **toward the four winds** of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his **dominion** [H4915: parallel empire] which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

“The angel, after stating that he stood, in the first year of Darius, to confirm and strengthen him, turns his attention to the future. Three kings shall yet stand up in Persia. To stand

up means to reign; three kings were to reign in Persia, referring, doubtless, to the immediate successors of Cyrus.

“These were, (1) Cambyses, son of Cyrus; (2) Smerdis, an imposter; (3) Darius Hystaspes. . . .

“The facts stated in these verses plainly point to Alexander, and the division of his empire. (See on chapter 8:8.) Xerxes was the last Persian king who invaded Grecia; and the prophecy passes over the nine successors of Xerxes in the Persian Empire, and next introduces Alexander the Great.” Uriah Smith, *Daniel ad Revelation*, 247.

WAKE UP ALL

Joel 3:9–21

“The law of God, through the agency of Satan, is to be made void. In our land of boasted freedom religious liberty will come to an end. The contest will be decided over the Sabbath question, **which will agitate the whole world.**” *Evangelism*, 236.

DANIEL 11:14–22

POMPEY—CLINTON

“Although Egypt could not stand before Antiochus, the king of the north, Antiochus could not stand before the Romans, who now came against him. [2 Peter 2:19] No kingdoms were longer able to resist this rising power. Syria was conquered, and added to the Roman Empire, when Pompey, B.C.65, deprived Antiochus Asiaticus of his possessions, and reduced Syria to a Roman province.

“The same power was also to stand in the Holy Land, and consume it. Rome became connected with the people of God, the Jews, by alliance, **B.C.162**, from which date it holds a prominent place in the prophetic calendar. It did not, however, acquire jurisdiction over Judea by actual conquest till **B.C.63**; and then in the following manner.

“On Pompey’s return from his expedition against Mithridates, king of Pontus, two competitors, Hyrcanus and Aristobulus, were struggling for the crown of Judea. Their cause came before Pompey, who soon perceived the injustice of the claims of Aristobulus, but wished to defer decision in the matter till after his long-desired expedition into Arabia, promising then to return, and settle their affairs as should seem just and proper. Aristobulus, fathoming Pompey’s real sentiments, hastened back to Judea, armed his subjects, and prepared for a vigorous defense, determined, at all hazards, to keep the crown, which he foresaw would be adjudicated to another. Pompey closely followed the fugitive. As he approached Jerusalem, Aristobulus, beginning to repent of his course, came out to meet him, and endeavored to accommodate matters by promising entire submission and large sums of money. Pompey, accepting this offer, sent Gabinius, at the head of a detachment of soldiers, to receive the money. But when that lieutenant-general arrived at Jerusalem, he found the gates shut against him, and was told from the top of the walls that the city would not stand to the agreement.

“Pompey, not to be deceived in this way with impunity, put Aristobulus, whom he had retained with him, in irons, and immediately marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. The partisans of Aristobulus were for defending the place; those of Hyrcanus, for opening the gates. The latter being in the majority, and prevailing, Pompey was given free entrance into the city. Whereupon the adherents of Aristobulus retired to the mountain of the temple, as fully determined to defend that place as Pompey was to reduce it. **At the end of three months a breach was made in the wall sufficient for an assault, and the place was carried at the point of the sword. In the terrible slaughter that ensued, twelve thousand persons were slain.** It was an affecting sight, observes the historian, to see the priests, engaged at the time in divine service, with calm hand and steady purpose pursue their accustomed work, apparently unconscious of the wild tumult, though all around them their friends were given to the slaughter, and though often their own blood mingled with that of their sacrifices.

“Having put an end to the war, **Pompey demolished the walls of Jerusalem**, transferred several cities from the jurisdiction of Judea to that of Syria, and imposed tribute on the Jews. Thus for the first time was Jerusalem placed by conquest in the hands of that power which was to hold **the ‘glorious land’** in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 258–260.

JULIUS CAESAR—BUSH II

AUGUSTUS—OBAMA

“VERSE 20. Then shall stand up in his estate **a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom**: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

“Augustus Caesar succeeded his uncle, Julius, by whom he had been adopted as his successor. He publicly announced his adoption by his uncle, and took his name, to which he added that of Octavianus. **Combining with Mark Antony and Lepidus** to avenge the death of Caesar, they formed what is called **the triumvirate form of government**. Having subsequently firmly established himself in the empire, the senate conferred upon him the title of Augustus, and the other members of the triumvirate being now dead, he became **supreme ruler**.

“**He was emphatically a raiser of taxes.** Luke, in speaking of the events that transpired at the time when Christ was born, says: ‘And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled [for taxation].’ Luke 2:1. That **taxing which embraced all the world** was an event worthy of notice; and the person who enforced it has certainly a claim to the title of ‘a raiser of taxes’ above every other competitor.

“The *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, as quoted in *Current Literature* for July, 1895, says: ‘Augustus Caesar was not the public benefactor he is represented. He was the most exacting tax collector the Roman world had up to that time ever seen.

“And he stood up ‘in **the glory of the kingdom.**’ Rome reached in his days **the pinnacle of its greatness and power**. The ‘Augustan Age’ is an expression everywhere used to denote the golden age of Roman history. Rome never saw a brighter hour. Peace was promoted, justice maintained, luxury curbed, discipline established, and learning encouraged. In his reign, the temple of Janus was for the third time shut since the foundation of Rome, signifying that all the world was at peace; and at this auspicious hour our Lord was born in Bethlehem of Judea. In a little less than eighteen years after the taxing brought to view, seeming but a ‘few days’ to the distant gaze of the prophet, Augustus died, not in anger nor in battle, but peacefully in his bed, at

Nola, whither he had gone to seek repose and health, A.D. 14, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

THE GLORY OF THE WHOLE EARTH

Daniel 11:40–41

“The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, it has been a land of liberty, and **the glory of the whole earth**. But instead of returning gratitude to God, instead of honoring God and his law, the professed Christians of America have become leavened with pride, covetousness, and self-sufficiency. . . .

“The time has come when judgment is fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. But the Lord’s arm is not shortened that it cannot save, and his ear is not heavy that it cannot hear. **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.**

“The voices of those under the altar who have been slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, **are still saying**, ‘It is time for thee, O Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

THE GLORY DEFINED

“Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid **the foundations of civil and religious liberty which have been the bulwark and glory of this country.**” *The Great Controversy*, 252.

TIBERIUS—45TH & LAST PRESIDENT

“VERSE 21. And in his estate shall stand up a vile [despised] person, to whom they shall not give the honor [glory] of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom [reign] by flatteries [treachery].

“Tiberius Caesar next appeared after Augustus Caesar on the Roman throne. He was raised to the consulate in his twenty-eighth year. It is recorded that as Augustus was about to nominate his successor, his wife, Livia, besought him to nominate Tiberius (her son by a former husband); but the emperor said, ‘**Your son is too vile to wear the purple of Rome;**’ and the nomination was given to Agrippa, a very virtuous and much-respected Roman citizen. But the prophecy had foreseen that a vile person should succeed Augustus. Agrippa died; and Augustus was again under the necessity of choosing a successor. Livia renewed her intercessions for Tiberius; and Augustus, weakened by age and sickness, was more easily flattered, and finally consented to nominate, as his colleague and successor, that ‘vile’ young man. But the citizens never gave him the love, respect, and ‘honor of the kingdom’ due to an upright and faithful sovereign.

“How clear a fulfilment is this of the prediction that they should not give him the honor of the kingdom. But he was to come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. A paragraph from the *Encyclopedia Americana* shows how this was fulfilled:-

“During the remainder of the life of Augustus, he [Tiberius] behaved with great prudence and ability, concluding a war with the Germans in such a manner as to merit a triumph. After the defeat of Varus and his legions, he was sent to check the progress of the victorious Germans, and acted in that war with equal spirit and prudence. On the death of Augustus, he succeeded, **without opposition**, to the sovereignty of the empire: which, however, with his

characteristic dissimulation, he affected to decline, until repeatedly solicited by the servile senate.

“**Dissimulation** on his part, flattery on the part of the **servile** senate, and **a possession of the kingdom without opposition**—such were the circumstances attending his accession to the throne, and such were the circumstances for which the prophecy called.

“The person brought to view in the text is called ‘a vile person.’ Was such the character sustained by Tiberius? Let another paragraph from the Encyclopedia answer:-

“Tacitus records the events of this reign, including the suspicious death of Germanicus, the detestable administration of Sejanus, the poisoning of Drusus, with all **the extraordinary mixture of tyranny with occasional wisdom and good sense which distinguished the conduct of Tiberius, until his infamous and dissolute retirement, A.D.26, to the isle of Capreae, in the bay of Naples, never to return to Rome.** On the death of Livia, A.D.29, the only restraint upon his actions and those of the detestable Sejanus, was removed, and the destruction of the widow and family of Germanicus followed. At length the infamous favorite extended his views to the empire itself, and Tiberius, informed of his machinations, prepared to encounter him with his favorite weapon, dissimulation. Although fully resolved upon his destruction, he accumulated honors upon him, declared him his partner in the consulate, and, after long playing with his credulity, and that of the senate, who thought him in greater favor than ever, he artfully prepared for his arrest. Sejanus fell deservedly and unpitied; but many innocent persons shared in his destruction, in consequence of the suspicion and cruelty of Tiberius, which now exceeded all limits. The remainder of the reign of this **tyrant** is little more than a disgusting narrative of servility on the one hand, and of despotic ferocity on the other. That he himself endured as much misery as he inflicted, is evident from the following commencement of one of his letters to the senate: “What I shall write to you, conscript fathers, or what I shall not write, or why I should write at all, may the gods and goddesses plague me more than I feel daily that they are doing, if I can tell.” “What mental torture,” observes Tacitus, in reference to this passage, “which could extort such a confession!”“

“Seneca remarks of Tiberius that he **was never intoxicated but once in his life**; for he continued in a state of perpetual intoxication from the time he gave himself to drinking, to the last moment of his life.’

“**Tyranny, hypocrisy, debauchery, and uninterrupted intoxication**—if these traits and practices show a man to be vile, Tiberius exhibited that character in disgusting perfection.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 265–268.

Vile: Despised

DISSIMULATION, n. [L., to make like; like.] The act of dissembling; a hiding under a false appearance; a feigning; false pretension; hypocrisy. Dissimulation may be simply concealment of the opinions, sentiments or purpose; but it includes also the assuming of a false or counterfeit appearance which conceals the real opinions or purpose. Dissimulation among statesmen is sometimes regarded as a necessary vice, or as no vice at all. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

A RAISER OF TAXES

Ezra 4:11—15

“The Saviour **contrasted His own manner of work with the methods of His accusers.** For months they had hunted Him, striving to entrap Him and bring Him before a secret tribunal, where they might obtain by perjury what it was impossible to gain by fair means. Now they were carrying out their purpose. **The midnight** seizure by a mob, the mockery and abuse before He was condemned, or even accused, was their manner of work, not His. **Their action was in violation of the law.** Their own rules declared that every man should be treated as **innocent until proved guilty.** By their own rules the priests stood condemned.” *The Desire of Ages*, 699.

“The trial must be so conducted as to **unite the members of the Sanhedrin** against Christ. There were two charges which the priests desired to maintain. If Jesus could be proved a **blasphemer**, He would be condemned by the Jews. If convicted of **sedition**, it would secure His condemnation by the Romans. **The second charge Annas tried first to establish.** He questioned Jesus concerning His disciples and His doctrines, hoping the prisoner would say something that would give him material upon which to work. He thought to draw out some statement to prove that He was seeking to **establish a secret society**, with the purpose of **setting up a new kingdom.** Then the priests could deliver Him to the Romans as a disturber of the peace and a **creator of insurrection.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 699.

Isaiah 59:13–15

“Already the doctrine that men are released from obedience to God’s requirements has weakened the force of moral obligation and opened the floodgates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness, dissipation, and corruption are sweeping in upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves, even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, estrangement, emulation, strife, betrayal of sacred trusts, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin. The vilest of criminals, when thrown into prison for their offenses, are often made the recipients of gifts and attentions as if they had attained an enviable distinction. Great publicity is given to their character and crimes. The press publishes the revolting details of vice, thus initiating others into the practice of fraud, robbery, and murder; and Satan exults in the success of his hellish schemes. The infatuation of vice, the wanton taking of life, the terrible increase of intemperance and iniquity of every order and degree, should arouse all who fear God, to inquire what can be done to stay the tide of evil.

“**Courts of justice are corrupt.** Rulers are actuated by desire for gain and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. ‘Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.’ Isaiah 59:14.

“The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; but where is to be found the cause of the widespread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, under the full blaze of gospel light in an age of religious freedom? Now that Satan can no longer keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to other means to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself. By introducing the belief that God’s law is not binding, he as effectually leads men to transgress as if they were wholly ignorant of its precepts. And now, as in former ages, he has worked through the church to further his designs. The religious organizations of the day have refused to listen to unpopular truths plainly brought to view in the Scriptures, and in combating them they have adopted interpretations and taken positions which have sown broadcast the seeds of skepticism. Clinging to the papal error of natural immortality and man’s consciousness in death, they have rejected **the only defense** against the delusions of spiritualism. The doctrine of eternal torment has led many to disbelieve the Bible. And as the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the people, it is found that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is enjoined; and as the only way to free themselves from a duty which they are unwilling to perform, many popular teachers declare that the law of God is no longer binding. Thus they cast away the law and the Sabbath together. As the work of Sabbath reform extends, this rejection of the divine law to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment will become well-nigh universal. The teachings of religious leaders have opened the door to infidelity, to spiritualism, and to contempt for God’s holy law; and upon these leaders rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity that exists in the Christian world.” *The Great Controversy*, 585, 586.

GOD’S DEALING WITH MEN ARE EVER THE SAME

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

“By some of our brethren many things have been spoken and written that are interpreted as expressing antagonism to government and law. It is a mistake thus to lay ourselves open to misunderstanding. It is not wise to find fault continually with what is done by the rulers of government. It is not our work to attack individuals or institutions. We should exercise great care **lest we be understood as putting ourselves in opposition to the civil authorities.** It is true that our warfare is aggressive, but our weapons are to be those found in a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ Our work is to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. We should not be turned aside to lines **that will encourage controversy or arouse antagonism** in those not of our faith.

“We should not work in a manner that will mark us out as seeming to **advocate treason.** We should weed out from our writings and utterances every expression that, taken by itself, could be so misrepresented as to make it **appear antagonistic to law and order.** Everything should be carefully considered, **lest we place ourselves on record as encouraging disloyalty to our country and its laws.** We are not required to defy authorities. There will come a time when, because of our advocacy of Bible truth, **we shall be treated as traitors;** but let not this time be hastened by unadvised movements that stir up animosity and strife.

“The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken or written by our brethren, **will be used by our enemies to condemn us**. These will not be used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but will be charged upon the whole body of Adventists. Our accusers will say that **on such and such a day one of our responsible men said thus and so against the administration of the laws of this government**. Many will be astonished to see how many things have been cherished and remembered that will give point to the arguments of our adversaries. Many will be surprised to hear their own words **strained into a meaning** that they did not intend them to have. Then let our workers be careful to speak guardedly at all times and under all circumstances. Let all beware lest by reckless expressions they bring on a time of trouble before the great crisis which is to try men’s souls.

“The less we make direct charges against authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish, both America and in foreign countries. Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet **the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.**” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 394, 395.

FALSE WITNESS—MIDNIGHT

“I saw the nominal church **and** nominal Adventists, **like Judas**, would betray us to the Catholics to obtain their influence to come against the truth. **The saints then will be an obscure people**, little known to the Catholics; but **the churches and nominal Adventists who know of our faith and customs** (for they hated us on account of the Sabbath, for they could not refute it) will betray the saints and report them to the Catholics as those who disregard the institutions of the people; that is, that they keep the Sabbath and disregard Sunday.” *Spalding & Magan*, 1.

A GRAND MOVEMENT—MIDNIGHT CRY

“The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in **one body** and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. **Papists, Protestants, and worldlings** will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union **a grand movement for the conversion of the world** and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.” *The Great Controversy*, 588.

THE DECREE—THE SUNDAY LAW

“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 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.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY—AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

“So it will be in the great final conflict of the controversy between righteousness and sin. While new life and light and power are descending from on high upon the disciples of Christ, a new life is springing up from beneath, and energizing the agencies of Satan. Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element. With a subtlety gained through centuries of conflict, the prince of evil works under a disguise. **He appears clothed as an angel of light**, and multitudes are ‘giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.’ 1 Timothy 4:1.” *The Desire of Ages*, 257.

NOT ONLY

“When Jesus was on earth, Satan led the people to reject the Son of God, and to choose Barabbas, who in character represented Satan, the god of this world. The Lord Jesus Christ came to dispute the usurpation of Satan in the kingdoms of the world. The conflict is not yet ended; and as we draw near the close of time, the battle waxes more intense. As the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, satanic agencies are moved from beneath. Satan will **not only appear as a human being, but he will personate Jesus Christ**; and the world that has rejected the truth will receive him as the Lord of lords and King of kings.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 5, 1105.

THE SUNDAY LAW—CHRIST

“As **the crowning act** in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Savior’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13–15.” *The Great Controversy*, 624.

TWINS

“Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, **twin institutions** for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity.” *Adventists Home*, 340.

TRACE THE RECORD

“If the reader would understand the agencies to be employed in the soon-coming contest, **he has but to trace the record of the means which Rome employed for the same object in ages past**. If he would know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who reject their dogmas, let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders.

“Royal edicts, general councils, and church ordinances **sustained by secular power**, were the steps by which the pagan festival attained its position of honor in the Christian world. **The first public measure enforcing Sunday observance was the law enacted by Constantine. [A. D. 321.]** This edict required townspeople to rest on ‘the venerable day of the sun,’ but permitted countrymen to continue their agricultural pursuits. Though virtually a heathen statute, it was enforced by the emperor after his nominal acceptance of Christianity.

“The royal mandate not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday. Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. Eusebius himself unwittingly acknowledges its falsity, and points to the real authors of the change. ‘All things,’ he says, ‘whatsoever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord’s day.’ But the Sunday argument, groundless as it was, served to embolden men in trampling upon the Sabbath of the Lord. **All who desired to be honored by the world accepted the popular festival.**

“**As the papacy became firmly established, the work of Sunday exaltation was continued.** For a time the people engaged in agricultural labor when not attending church, and the seventh day was still regarded as the Sabbath. But steadily a change was effected. Those in holy office were forbidden to pass judgment in any civil controversy on the Sunday. Soon after, all persons, of whatever rank, were commanded to refrain from common labor, on pain of a fine for freemen, and stripes in the case of servants. Later it was decreed, that rich men should be punished with the loss of half of their estates; and finally, that if still obstinate they should be made slaves. The lower classes were to suffer perpetual banishment.

“**Miracles also were called into requisition.** Among other wonders it was reported that as a husbandman who was about to plow his field on Sunday, cleaned his plow with an iron, the iron stuck fast in his hand, and for two years he carried it about with him, ‘to his exceeding great pain and shame.’

“Later, the pope gave directions that the parish priest should admonish the violators of Sunday, and wish them to go to church and say their prayers, lest they bring some **great calamity** on themselves and neighbors. An ecclesiastical council brought forward the argument, since so widely employed, even by Protestants, that because persons had been struck by lightning while laboring on Sunday, it must be the Sabbath. ‘It is apparent,’ said the prelates, ‘how high the displeasure of God was upon their neglect of this day.’ An appeal was then made that priests and ministers, kings and princes, and all faithful people, ‘use their utmost endeavors and care that the day be restored to its honor, and, for the credit of Christianity, more devoutly observed for time to come.’

“**The decrees of councils proving insufficient, the secular authorities were besought to issue an edict that would strike terror to the hearts of the people, and force them to refrain from labor on the Sunday.** At a synod held in Rome, all previous decisions were reaffirmed with greater force and solemnity. **They were also incorporated into the ecclesiastical law, and enforced by the civil authorities throughout nearly all Christendom.**”
The Great Controversy, 573–575.

THE IMAGE TEST

“The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed **before probation closes**; for it is to be **the great test for the people of God**, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.

“This is **the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed.** All who proved their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 7, 976.*

“Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image **when the decree goes forth**, must **have decision now** to say, Nay, we will not regard the institution of the beast.” *Early Writings*, 68.

NATIONAL RUIN

“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**.” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

TYRANNY

“Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on **when** its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as 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. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period**.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 410.

MARTIAL LAW

DESPOT, n. An emperor, king or prince invested with absolute power, or ruling without any control from men, constitution or laws. Hence in a general sense, a tyrant.

DESPOTISM, n. 1. Absolute power; authority unlimited and uncontrolled by men, constitution or laws, and depending alone on the will of the prince.

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT (*TESTIMONIES*, VOLUME 5, 712–718)

“A great **crisis** awaits the people of God. A great **crisis** awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is before us. Events which for more than half a century we have, upon the authority of the prophetic Word, declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. An amendment to the Constitution restricting liberty of conscience, has long been urged upon the legislators of the nation; and **the question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national importance**. Are we ready for the issue involved in the Sunday movement?

“Many who are working for Sunday enforcement have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath, and the false foundation on which the Sunday institution rests. And they are blinded to the results of Sunday legislation. They do not see that it would be a blow against religious liberty. But **any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession** to the Papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warred against liberty of conscience. Sunday owes its existence as a so-called Christian institution to the ‘mystery of iniquity;’ and its enforcement will be a virtual recognition of the principles which are the very corner-stone of Romanism. 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 the Papacy; **it will be giving life to the tyranny** which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active **despotism**.”

“As this struggle progresses, it may appear to human sight that Satan is triumphant and that truth is overborne with falsehood and error. In the country which has been an asylum for the conscience-oppressed servants of God and defenders of His truth, religious freedom may be placed in jeopardy, and the people over whom God has spread His shield, may meet suffering and trial. But God would have us recall His dealings with His people in the past, to save them from their enemies, and trust in Him. He has always chosen extremities, when there seemed no possible hope for deliverance from Satan’s workings, for the display of His power. Man’s necessity is God’s opportunity.

“While the Protestant world is making **concessions to Rome**, and danger is increasing on every hand, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and to see the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen lift up the voice, and give with clearness the message which is present truth for this time. ‘For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?’ Let **us show the people where we are in prophetic history**, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, **awaking the world** to a sense of the value of the religious liberty they have so long enjoyed.” *Signs of the Times*, November 28, 1900.

PEACE AND SAFETY

“But there is **a day that God hath appointed** for the close of this world’s history. ‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.’ Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. **The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed forever.** This **day of the Lord** hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, ‘All is well’; but the day of God is rapidly approaching. Its footsteps are so muffled that it does not arouse the world from the deathlike slumber into which it has fallen. While the watchmen cry, ‘Peace and safety,’ **‘sudden destruction cometh upon them,’** ‘and they shall not escape’; ‘for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.’ It overtakes the pleasure-lover and the sinful man as a thief in the night. **When** all is apparently secure, and men retire to contented rest, then the prowling, stealthy, **midnight thief steals upon his prey.** **When** it is too late to prevent the evil, it is discovered that some door or window was not secured. ‘Be ye also ready: for in an such hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.’ People are now settling to rest, imagining themselves secure under the popular churches; but let all beware, lest there is a place left open for the enemy to gain an entrance. Great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that **the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly.** The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one’s interpretation of prophecy rob you of **the conviction of the knowledge of events** which show that this great event is near at hand.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 335.

GREAT CALAMITIES

“And then the great deceiver will persuade men that **those who serve God are causing these evils**. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God’s commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that **this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced**; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, **preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity**. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated and upon grounds equally well established: ‘And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.’ 1 Kings 18:17, 18. As **the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges**, they will pursue a course toward God’s ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah.” *The Great Controversy*, 590.

CIVIL WAR

“In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, **thousands of men and women are dying of starvation**. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and **will result in a civil war**. There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. ‘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, everyone that shall be found written in the book. . . . 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.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 305.

THE MARVELOUS WORKING OF SATAN

“**The time is coming when Satan will work miracles right in your sight, claiming that he is Christ**; and if your feet are not firmly established upon the truth of God, then you will be led away from your foundation. The only safety for you is to search for truth as for hid treasures. Dig for the truth as you would for treasures in the earth, and present the word of God, the Bible, before your Heavenly Father and say, Enlighten me; teach me what is truth. . . . You should store the mind with the word of God; for you may be separated, and placed where you will not have the privilege of meeting with the children of God.

“None need be deceived. The law of God is as sacred as His throne, and by it every man who cometh into the world is to be judged. There is no other standard by which to test character. ‘If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.’ Now, shall the case be decided according to the Word of God, or shall man’s pretensions be credited?”

“Says Christ, ‘By their fruits ye shall know them.’ If those through whom cures are performed, are disposed, on account of these manifestations, to excuse their neglect of the law of God and continue in disobedience, though they have power to any and every extent, it does not follow that they have the great power of God. On the contrary, it is the miracle-working power of the great deceiver. He is a transgressor of the moral law, and employs every device that he can master to blind men to its true character. We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. **And he will continue these wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness.**

“Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. **The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall.** It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. . . . The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth gather strength from the trying process, exhibiting the beauty of holiness amid the surrounding apostasy.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 911.

FORTY-FIVE

Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and **cometh** to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:12.

H5060—A primitive root; properly **to touch**, that is, *lay the hand upon* (for any purpose; euphemistically, *to lie with* a woman); by implication to *reach* (figuratively to *arrive, acquire*).

Isaiah 30:18; Habakkuk 2:3.

SUNDAY LAW—LOUD CRY

“None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But **when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of ‘the third angel’** shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. **Then** those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.” *Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

TIDINGS

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. Daniel 11:44.

DAVID’S ANOINTING’S

“The truth for this time, the third angel’s message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, **meaning with increasing power**, as we approach the great final test.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 291.

“What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? **The glad tidings of a risen Saviour** were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 48.

EAST AND NORTH

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS—ISAIAH 41:2, 25–27; NUMBERS 2:3, 25

EAST

THE SEALING MESSAGE—REVELATION 7:2–3

THE MESSAGE OF THE SECOND COMING

“Soon there appears **in the east** a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man.” *The Great Controversy*, 640.

1 Kings 18:38–46

NORTH

“My husband had some ideas on some points, differing from the views taken by his brethren. I was shown that however true his views were, God did not call for him to put them in front before his brethren, and create differences of ideas. While he might hold these views, subordinate himself, if they were once made public other minds would seize upon them, and just because others believed differently would make these differences the whole burden of this message, and get up contention and variance.” *Paulson Collection*, 132.

“That Jesus rose up, and shut the door, and came to the Ancient of days, to receive his kingdom, at the 7th month, 1844, I fully believe. See Luke 13:25; Matthew 25:10; Daniel 7:13, 14. But the standing up of Michael, Daniel 12:1, appears to be another event, for another purpose. His rising up in 1844, was to shut the door, and come to his Father, to receive his kingdom, and power to reign; but Michael's standing up, is to manifest his kingly power, which he already has, in the destruction of the wicked, and in the deliverance of his people. Michael is to stand up at the time that the last power in chapter 11, comes to his end, and none to help him. This power is the last that treads down the true church of God: and as the true church is still trodden down, and cast out by all Christendom, it follows that the last oppressive power has not 'come to his end;' and Michael has not stood up. This last power that treads down the saints is brought to view in Revelation 13:11–18. **His number is 666.** Much of his power, deception, wonders, miracles, and oppression, will doubtless be manifested during his last struggle under the 'seven last plagues,' about the time of his coming to his end. This is clearly shadowed forth by the magicians of Egypt, deceiving Pharaoh and his host, in performing most of the miracles, that Moses performed by the power of God. That was just before the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage; and may we not expect to see as great a manifestation of the power of the Devil, just before the glorious deliverance of the saints? If Michael stood up in 1844, what power came 'to his end, and none to help him,' 'AT THAT TIME'? The trouble that is to come at the time that Michael stands up, is not the trial, or trouble of the saints; but it is a trouble of the nations of the earth, caused by 'seven last plagues.' So when Jesus has finished his work of atonement, in the Holy of Holies, he will lay off his priestly attire, and put on his most kingly robes and crown, to ride forth, and manifest his kingly power, in ruling the nations, and dashing them in pieces.” James White, *Word to the Little Flock*, 8.

“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.

ISAIAH 14:13–14

“The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel’s message.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

JUDGMENT

Jeremiah 6:22; Ezekiel 29:18–21; Isaiah 10:5–6

FORTY TO FORTY-FIVE

“Let everyone who is seeking to live a Christian life, remember that **the church militant is not the church triumphant.** Those who are carnally minded will be found in the church. They are to be pitied more than blamed. The church is not to be judged as sustaining these characters, though they be found within her borders. Should the church expel them, the very ones who found fault with their presence there, would blame the church for sending them adrift in the world; they would claim that they were treated unmercifully. It may be that in the church there are those who are cold, proud, haughty, and unchristian, but you need not associate with this class. There are many who are warm-hearted, who are self-denying, self-sacrificing, who would, were it required, lay down their lives to save souls. Jesus saw the bad and the good in church relationship, and said, ‘Let both grow together until the harvest.’ None are under the necessity of becoming tares because every plant in the field is not wheat. If the truth were known, these complainers make their accusations in order to quiet a convicted, condemning conscience. Their own course of action is not wholly commendable. Even those who are striving for the mastery over the enemy, have sometimes been wrong and done wrong. Evil prevails over good when we do not trust wholly in Christ, and abide in Him. Inconsistencies of character will then be manifested that would not be revealed if we preserved the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 294.

Joshua 14:6–15; 1 Samuel 22:7–23

“He affirmed to his counselors that a conspiracy had been formed against him, and with the offer of rich gifts and positions of honor he bribed them to reveal who among his people had befriended David. **Doeg the Edomite turned informer.** Moved by ambition and avarice, and by hatred of the priest, who had reproved his sins, Doeg reported David’s visit to Ahimelech, representing the matter in such a light as to kindle Saul’s anger against the man of God. The words of that mischievous tongue, set on fire of hell, stirred up the worst passions in Saul’s heart. Maddened with rage, he declared that the whole family of the priest should **perish.** And the terrible **decree** was executed. Not only Ahimelech, but the members of his father’s house—

‘four-score and five persons that did wear a linen ephod’—were slain at the king’s command, by the murderous hand of Doeg.

“‘And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep.’ This is what Saul could do under the control of Satan. When God had said that **the iniquity of the Amalekites** was full, and had commanded him to destroy them utterly, he thought himself too compassionate to execute the divine sentence, and he spared that which was devoted to destruction; but now, without a command from God, under the guidance of Satan, he could slay the priests of the Lord and bring ruin upon the inhabitants of Nob. Such is the perversity of the human heart that has refused the guidance of God.

“This deed filled **all Israel with horror**. It was the king whom they had chosen that had committed this outrage, and he had only done after **the manner of the kings of other nations** that feared not God. The ark was with them, but the priests of whom they had inquired were slain with the sword. What would come next?” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 659.

THE SEVENTH SEAL

1798—THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

“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.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 115.

“The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal ‘to the time of the end.’ Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed, based on the fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, ‘many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’ Daniel 12:4.

“The apostle Paul warned the church not to look for the coming of Christ in his day. ‘That day shall not come,’ he says, ‘except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Not till after the great apostasy, and the long period of the reign of the ‘man of sin,’ can we look for the advent of our Lord. The ‘man of sin,’ which is also styled ‘the mystery of iniquity,’ ‘the son of perdition,’ and ‘that wicked,’ represents the papacy, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 years. This period ended in 1798. The coming of Christ could not take place before that time. Paul covers with his caution the whole of the Christian dispensation down to the year 1798. It is this side of that time that the message of Christ’s second coming is to be proclaimed.

“No such message has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. But since **1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed**, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.” *The Great Controversy*, 355, 356.

THE UNSEALING

“What Daniel was commanded to seal up and close, (Daniel 12:4) is now, through the all-powerful mediation of **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, revealed unto us. Revelation 5:5. Hence ‘many run to and fro, and knowledge is increased.’ . . . **The opening, then, and unfolding of the prophetic word, is another convincing proof that we are arrived at the end of the age; the unsealing of prophecy, and the revelation of the ‘mystery of God,’ being reserved unto ‘the time of the end.’ Daniel 12:9; Revelation 10:7.**” James White, *Review and Herald*, November 1, 1853.

“For months Snow’s calculations aroused but little attention. At the Exeter camp meeting (August 12–17, 1844), however, his exact date for Christ’s return stirred many Millerites with an enormous enthusiasm, bringing their missionary endeavor to a peak. Their response as a whole came quickly to be known as the Seventh Month movement. Although the Millerite leaders recognized some value in Snow’s position, they were skeptical about the renewed emphasis on time and pointed out that ‘in view of our Savior’s assurance, that we know not ‘the day or the hour,’ or as some read it, no man ‘maketh it known,’ ‘the very day.’ Some weeks before the expected event, however, the leaders joined the Seventh Month movement and allowed Snow’s views to be printed in the major Millerite periodicals and gave their full support.” P. Gerard Damsteegt, *Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission*, 96.

DANIEL 11:40–45

Daniel 10:1; 9:23 dabar & mareh; Daniel 8:13 chazon 8:16 mareh

Lysimachus (N) Cassander (W) Seleuchus (E) **Ptolemy (S)**

Ptolemy (S)the prince: Seleuchus Nicator (general of Ptolemy)

SELEUCHUS NICATOR’S GREAT DOMINION

Seleuchus (E) **301 BC** Cassander (W) **286 BC** Lysimachus (N) **281 BC**

Daniel 8:9; 11:15–17; 40–43 (31 BC & 538)

Verse six A: “the end of the years”;

252BC peace treaty (agreement) daughter (Bernice: bringer of victory) of Ptolemy Philadelphus **KoS** to Antiochus Theos **KoN** divorces Laodice

Verse 6 B: Bernice, her son, and supporters slain **246BC**

Verse seven: “enter into the fortress”; branch: Bernice’s brother Ptolemy 3rd Euergetes attacks Seleuchus Callinicus **246BC**

Verse eight and nine: Carries spoil back to Egypt

Attack of retaliation because of KoN behavior

Enters capitol unmolested

KoS takes down KoN for first time

Takes KoN captive; KoN dies in captivity by **falling** from a horse

Brings back spoil including works of art

Restores idols to Egyptian temple and receives the title of benefactor

Ptolemy 3rd Euergetes dies **222BC**

246BC

Attack of retaliation because of KoN behavior

Enters capitol unmolested

KoS takes down KoN for first time

Takes KoN captive; KoN dies in captivity by **falling** from a horse

Brings back spoil including works of art

Restores idols to Egyptian temple and receives the title of benefactor

Ptolemy 3rd Euergetes dies **222BC**

“We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.

“In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that ‘verses 30 through thirty-six quoted.’

“Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.” *Manuscript Releases*, number 13, 394.

1798

Attack of retaliation because of KoN behavior

Enters Vatican unmolested

KoS (communism) takes down KoN (Catholicism) for first time

Takes KoN captive **1798**; KoN dies in captivity **1799** **Babylon isfallen is fallen**

France brings spoil including works of art back from Vatican

Prophetic movement begins as the temple and host are restored. Daniel 8:14.

Peace treaty: Treaty of Tolentino 19 February, 1797. Broken by France in retaliation of action of KoN. December, 1797 French General Duphot by papal troops while attempting to incite Jacobin demonstrations.

VERSES TEN # TWELVE

Verse ten: “even to his fortress” as opposed to “enter[ing] into his fortress” “overflow and pass through” is same as “overflow and pass over” Daniel 11:40.

“His sons” Vladimir: ruler of the world. First—Vladimir Lenin, last Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin. Vladimirovich: Vladimir—ruler of the world ovich—son of

Sons: Two sons—Seleuchus Ceraunus and Antiochus the Great

Antiochus the Great attacks Ptolemy Philapator **219BC**. Takes everything but Egypt “even to his fortress”

TIME OF THE END

219BC Two sons—Seleuchus Ceraunus and Antiochus the Great

Medo-Persia Two kings Darius and Cyrus the Great

1989 Reagan and Bush the Great

VERSES SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN—END OF GRECIAN EMPIRE

Verse seventeen: “he”—Julius Caesar “shall also set his face to enter”—Jeremiah 42:15–17

47BC Julius Caesar takes Egypt.

“Bishop Newton furnishes another reading for this verse, which seems more clearly to express the sense, as follows: ‘He shall also set his face to enter by force the whole kingdom.’ Verse 16 brought us down to the conquest of Syria and Judea by the Romans. Rome had previously conquered Macedon and Thrace. Egypt was now all that remained of the ‘whole kingdom’ of Alexander, not brought into subjection to the Roman power, which power now set its face to enter by force into that country.” Uriah Smith, *Daniel and the Revelation*, 260.

ALEXANDER TYPIFIES CAESAR

“Many falter and fall because of the indulgence of a perverse temper. **Alexander and Caesar** found it much easier to subdue a kingdom than to rule their own spirits. After conquering nations, the world’s so-called great men fell, one of them through the indulgence of appetite, a victim of intemperance, the other through presumption and mad ambition.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 348.

Fall of Babylon: Darius and Cyrus Fall of Grecian kingdom Julius Caesar verse 19 (he dies) verse twenty Augustus Caesar

“Augustus Caesar succeeded his uncle, Julius, by whom he had been adopted as his successor. He publicly announced his adoption by his uncle, and took his name, to which he added that of Octavianus. Combining with Mark Antony and Lepidus to avenge the death of Caesar, they formed what is called **the triumvirate form of government**. Having subsequently **firmly established himself in the empire**, the senate conferred upon him the title of Augustus, and the other members of the triumvirate being now dead, he **became supreme ruler**.” Uriah Smith, *Daniel and the Revelation*, 265.

After Augustus **KoN** establishes three-fold union and becomes supreme ruler (verse 20), Tiberious and Christ arrives

After modern Rome **KoN** establishes three-fold union and becomes supreme ruler (verse 42, 43) Christ arrives

Third obstacle is Egypt for both pagan Rome (Daniel 11:17–19) and for modern Rome (Daniel 11:42).

Second obstacle is glorious land for both pagan Rome (Daniel 11:16) and for modern Rome (Daniel 11:41).

DANIEL 11:16

63BC Pompey: “by his hand. . .consumed”

Three month siege; advances every Sabbath; enters Most Holy Place for first time (Abomination desolation sign); Great slaughter 12,000

VERSES 11–15 MIDNIGHT & THE MIDNIGHT CRY

MIDNIGHT

“Eleven eleven and twelve”: the Battle of Raphia **217BC**

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.

Unexpected victory for the nortoriously cruel and immoral king of the south: Ptolemy 4th Philapator. The whole region provides praise to Ptolemy, including the Jews who invite him to Jerusalem. He accepts invitation and then goes to Jerusalem in verse twelve.

And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up **BC 217**; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

“heart shall be lifted up”: Daniel 5:23

But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.

2 Chronicles 26:16–21—**KoS** attempts to offer incense; resisted by 81 priests, receives mark of leprosy on forehead, cut off from the temple. “to his destruction”

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

Verse fifteen: the Battle of Panium **200BC**

Panium related to the god Pan, who was a god of the wild. Panium was later to be renamed Caesarea Phillipi, where Jesus said to the disciples ‘Upon this rock I shall build my church’ which we could relate to church triumphant at the midnight cry. This story is found in *The Desire of Ages*, Chapter **45**, marking the Midnight Cry foreshadowing the Sunday law.

The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagaski happened on the 6th and 9th of august **1945**. relating to the 6th and 9th hour, or midnight to the midnight cry, and 1945 relating to the 45th president, the UN was also established in that year relating to the beginning of the 7th kingdom.