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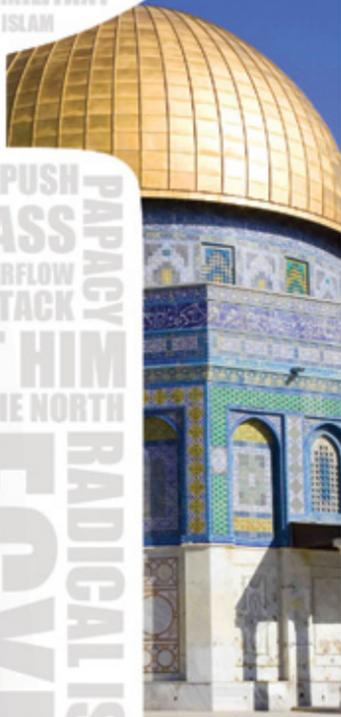
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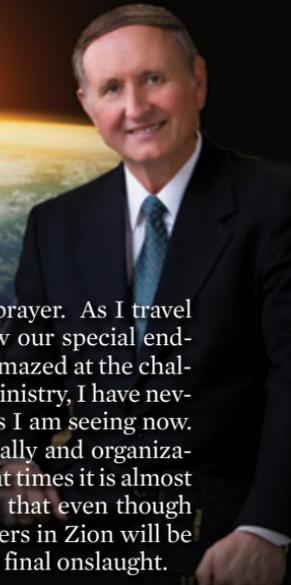


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Dear Friend of Secrets Unsealed,

If there is anything that we need now as never before, it is prayer. As I travel across the United States and the world, I am amazed at how our special end-time message is reaching thousands. At the same time, I am amazed at the challenges that the church is presently facing. In all my years of ministry, I have never seen such a theological ferment within the church such as I am seeing now. Satan is doing his utmost to tear apart the church, theologically and organizationally. There are so many ‘winds of doctrine’ out there that at times it is almost disheartening. But then I remember that God has promised that even though it might appear that the church will fall, it will not. The sinners in Zion will be sifted out and God will have a clean church to face the devil’s final onslaught.

Ellen White has warned us that we must know where we stand. We must know what we believe and why, or else we will be on the wrong side: *“In later years I have been shown that the false theories advanced in the past have by no means been given up. As favorable opportunities come, they will have a resurrection. Let us not forget that everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. The enemy will be successful in overthrowing the faith of some, but those who are true to principle will not be shaken. They will stand firm amid trial and temptation. The Lord has pointed out these errors; and those who do not discern where Satan has come in, will continue to be led in false paths. Jesus bids us be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, which are ready to die.”* Christian Experience and Teaching, p. 81

I believe that we are entering the time of the shaking. Decisions are being made and sides taken. While Satan is doing his utmost to unite those who belong to his army, he is putting forth his tireless efforts to divide the Lord’s army. He believes that if he can unite his army and divide the Lord’s, success is assured. But we all know that his wiles will ultimately fail!

At Secrets Unsealed, we pray every day that the Lord will use our ministry to uphold the distinctive message of the church in this time of doctrinal confusion. We firmly believe that God has raised us up for a time such as this, and if we don’t speak up, ‘help will come from some other place.’ We want help to come from this place as well as other places! I trust that this newsletter will be a blessing to you. My article on Daniel 11 attempts to clarify some confusion that presently exists regarding the identities of the king of the north and the king of the south.

We crave your prayers because the pressures from without and within are great! We also greatly appreciate your financial support; thanks so much.

Praying and working for Christ’s soon return,

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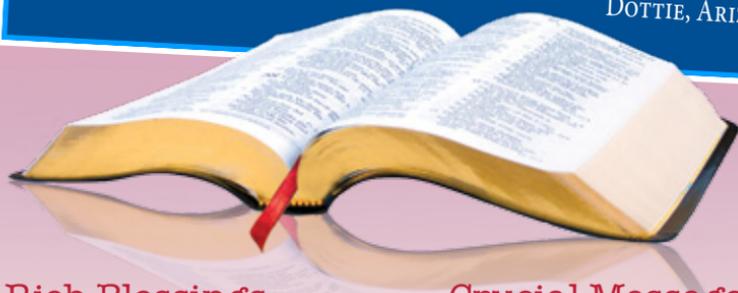
“June has been a Baptist for most of her life; she was ill with pneumonia and had to stay home to recover. One day she came across 3ABN on TV, she did not know this channel existed nor did she know anything about Seventh-day Adventists. She kept it on this channel for days. She then decided to find an Adventist church, which she did one Wednesday evening. Come to find out, this was once the Old Calvary Temple she used to attend and was now an SDA church. There were few in attendance that evening, and June was invited to come on Sabbath, so she did. She has continued to learn much from 3ABN and likes to watch Pastor Bohr. She called our ministry wanting to know his name and wanting to purchase presentations on prophecy. She very much appreciates how his teaching is very easy to understand and wants to learn more. June is now hoping to convince her two adult sons that she is not crazy, as she has learned new Bible truth.”

JUNE, TEXAS

From Homeless to Heaven-bound

"I have been in the truth since being baptized Nov 13, 2010. I stumbled upon 3ABN in Nevada when I was homeless. I thought these people dress like the old days, they probably are not going to make it in this TV business. How mistaken was I. I also was introduced to 3ABN Proclaim and noticed Stephen Bohr's messages. I was so glued to his messages that I had to type them up every night at 9pm. These messages have brought revelation like I have never experienced in my life. Between the Bible studies from the cave man, discover and Paradise Valley SDA in Arizona, and my old church Central Phoenix SDA, I was taking a crash course in the Bible. Oh how wonderful it is still today. So by beholding and still beholding, I have become changed. A lot of the old habits fell off, my screaming left, cursing left, sharing magnified — my mind has been illuminated. Glory be to God. I am so grateful for your wisdom sent from above, Pastor Bohr. I still type your messages every night. I am so grateful for real teachers and for the fact I don't ever have to be tossed and turned like the sea. I have faith, and it builds everyday. I now trust His word and whatever God says, that settles it for me. I don't question, I just want God to magnify it so that I can see with His eyes. I no longer want any of me, I want all of Jesus, the true lover of my soul. AMEN? I just want to tell everyone that God is real, and my Redeemer lives!"

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Rich Blessings

"I pray that God will continue to give you health, strength and an abundance of wisdom as you share the deep spiritual truth of His Word with the world. My husband and I gain rich blessings from listening to your presentations. Thank you so much for being a willing instrument in the hands of our wonderful Lord and Saviour."

MARGARET

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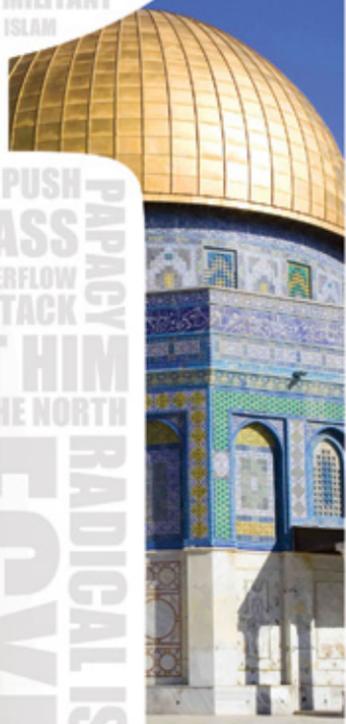
"We just saw Pastor Bohr's message *The Sanctuary Shall Be Cleansed, part 1* from *His Way is in the Sanctuary* series. It was so excellent and enlightening that we had to have the whole set and can't wait to gather our friends to view it with us. Our gratitude goes up to God and out to Pastor Bohr and his ministry for these crucial, judgment-hour messages!"

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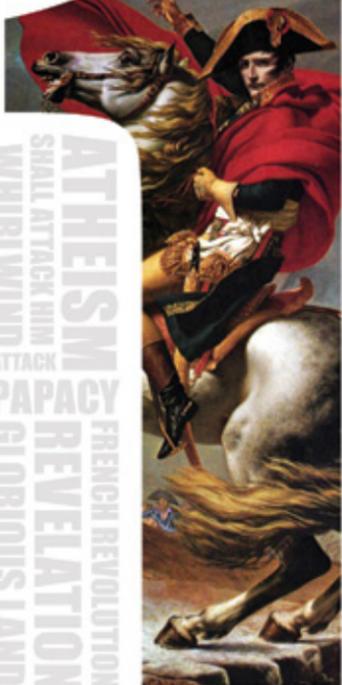
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BY STEPHEN BOHR

There is a passage in the book of Daniel which has always been a subject of lively discussion among Adventist theologians, Daniel 11:40-45. Until recently, most agreed that the king of the north represents the papacy and the king of the south represents atheism or secularism. But now a new view has appeared on the horizon that sees radical Islam as playing a significant role in the fulfillment of this prophecy. Those who have embraced this view have concluded that the events of 9/11 and the war against Al-Qaeda are so significant that they must be contemplated somewhere in Bible prophecy. This has sparked a new interest in the study of the fifth and sixth trumpets in conjunction with Daniel 11:40-45.

Usually, Ellen White has provided valuable guidance in the interpretation of difficult prophetic passages. But unlike other passages in the book of Daniel, Ellen White seems to be silent on the meaning of most of chapter eleven, particularly verses 40-45. Nowhere, to my knowledge does she ever **quote** these verses or even **echo** the terminology contained in them.

This seeming silence on verses 40-45 has led some to conclude that Ellen White had nothing to say about them. We therefore ask: **Did Ellen White have anything to say about the meaning of these verses, or does her apparent silence indicate that their meaning would remain a mystery until long after her death?** In this article we will seek to answer this question.

ELLEN WHITE'S USE OF DANIEL 11

To my knowledge there are only **three** primary Ellen G. White references to Daniel 11 (except for the one in *A Word to the Little Flock Scattered Abroad* to which we will make reference later).

One of these references is **indirect**, one is **general** in nature, and another is quite **specific**. Only in the specific reference does Ellen White actually quote any verses from the chapter (verses 30-36). Unfortunately, as stated before, she never quotes nor does she even allude to the language of verses 40-45, so it would seem well nigh impossible to know if or how Ellen White understood them.

ELLEN WHITE'S THREE QUOTATIONS

The first quotation is **indirect** because she does not specifically mention Daniel 11 but only **alludes** to it (all bold type is mine unless specified). In **1896** she wrote:

*"The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the **Ulai** [Daniel 8:2] and the **Hiddekel** [Daniel 10:4 and chapter 11], the great rivers of Shinar, are now in **process** of fulfillment, and all the events foretold **will soon come to pass.**"* TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS, P. 112

The second quotation is **general** and was written in **1909**:

*"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the **eleventh***

chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.” TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, VOLUME 9, P. 14

The third quotation was written in **1904** and is the only one where Ellen White actually quotes verses from Daniel 11:

“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 elev-enth of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the his-tory that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that ‘shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.’ [Verses 31-36, quoted.] Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.” MANUSCRIPT RELEASES, VOLUME 13, P. 394 (LETTER 103, 1904)

ANALYSIS OF ELLEN WHITE’S REFERENCES TO DANIEL 11

We must now examine more closely the three quotations above:

The quotation from *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 112 (1896) provides **two key items** of information:

- First, the prophecies of Daniel eight and eleven run concurrently and are

parallel. The prophecy by the Ulai was the one given in chapter 8 (Daniel 8:2) and the one by the Hiddekel was the one given in chapters 10 and 11 (Daniel 10:4).

- Second, both of these prophecies were in the **process of fulfillment** when Ellen White wrote in 1896. Unfortunately, Ellen White does not specify **how much** of the chapter had already been fulfilled when she wrote the statement. She merely stated that these prophecies were in the **process** of fulfillment.

The quotation in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 9, p. 14, adds some very valuable information: When Ellen White wrote this testimony in 1909, she stated that the prophecy of Daniel 11 had **nearly reached its complete fulfillment**. Thus we can be certain that in 1909, the process of fulfillment of Daniel 11 was in the **last few verses** of the chapter.

The quotation from *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, p. 394 (1904) contains some significant information that is not found in the other two.

In this statement, Ellen White explains that **much of the history** that had taken place in the fulfillment of this chapter **will be repeated**. The critical question then is this: Which history was she referring to? Fortunately we don’t have to guess because she immediately quotes verses 30-36. Then, right after she quotes these verses, she again repeats the thought that much of the history

that has occurred in fulfillment of their fulfillment will be repeated when she says: "Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place."

Clearly Ellen White understood that verses 30-36 (as well as verses 37-39 which she does not quote) had already been fulfilled in the past when she wrote. If verses 30-39 had already been fulfilled in the past, then the similar future scenes must be described in verses 40-45. Thus verses 30-39 describe events in the past while verses 40-45 describe events in the future.

It is important to realize that Ellen White is not saying that these verses have a dual fulfillment, one past and the other future. What she is saying is that much of the history that fulfilled these verses will be repeated. Stated another way, it is not the prophecy in verses 30-39 that will be fulfilled once again, but rather much of the history which fulfilled the prophecy in the past will be repeated in similar fashion in the future.

A REPETITION OF HISTORY

At this juncture in our study we must ask: **Why will the historical scenes of the past repeat once again in similar fashion?** The answer is not hard to find. The arrogant and persecuting power that is described in verses 30-39 is the Roman Catholic papacy as it behaved during its 1,260 year career. During this period, it joined church and state and used the sword of the state to persecute dissenters.

As is well known, at the end of the 1,260 years the papacy received a deadly wound when the state turned against it at the conclusion of the French Revolution. But this was not the end of the papacy's career. Prophecy predicts that after a period of convalescence the deadly wound will be healed (Revelation 13:3) when the United States will return the sword of civil power into the papacy's hand. Then the papacy will behave once more as it did in the past. Thus the history of the past papal oppression will be repeated in the future because the papacy will rise once again to power.

In summary, Ellen White believed that Daniel 11:30-36 was fulfilled in the past (and also verses 37-39 though she does not specifically quote them). She also believed that much of the history described in these verses would be repeated in similar fashion. If verses 30-39 had already been fulfilled in the past in Ellen White's day, then the future repetition of the history of these verses must be found in verses 40-45.

Notice the following three quotations on the past and future role of the papacy:

"The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. 'I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast' Verse 3." THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 579

"When our nation [the United States]

shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else that **giving life** [which means that it must have been dead] to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to **spring again** [which means that the active despotism that existed before died, only to live again] into **active** [which means that for a period the tyranny was inoperative] **despotism**.” TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, VOLUME 5, P. 712

“When the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for his people, that they might worship him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ,—when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law,—it is then that the final work of the man of sin will be revealed. Protestants will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the Papacy; by a national act enforcing the false Sabbath, they will **give life** and **vigor** [which means that the corrupt faith of Rome must have been dead for a period] to the corrupt faith of Rome, **reviving** [which means that her tyranny and oppression of conscience were dead for a while] her tyranny and oppression of conscience. Then it will be time for God to work in

mighty power for the vindication of his truth.” SIGNS OF THE TIMES, JUNE 12, 1893

In the light of the foregoing analysis we can safely conclude that the repetition of the scenes of the past career of the papacy which are described in verses 30-39 will be repeated once again in verses 40-45.

ELLEN WHITE’S VIEW OF DANIEL 12:1, 2

But, does Ellen White have anything to say about the events that are described in verses 40-45? Where would we even begin to look if she never quotes these verses or even alludes to their terminology? I believe the key is found in Daniel 12:1. Though Ellen White never quoted or even alluded to the language of Daniel 11:40-45 in the book *The Great Controversy*, she did quote the very next verse, **Daniel 12:1**. I believe that the place where she quotes Daniel 12:1 contains the key which unlocks her understanding of the immediately preceding verses.

WORKING DEDUCTIVELY

Because Ellen White did not quote or allude to the terminology of verses 40-45 in *The Great Controversy*, we cannot work from verse 40 forwards because we don’t know where her comments on verse 40 are found. What we must do then is work **deductively** from Daniel 12:1, 2 backwards.

Let’s take a look at Daniel 12:1, 2:

“At that time **Michael shall stand up,**

the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a **time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people **shall be delivered**, everyone who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

The bold type indicates that there are **four sequential events** in Daniel 12:1, 2:

- **The standing up of Michael**
- **The time of trouble**
- **The deliverance of God’s people**
- **The special resurrection**

Now let’s notice how Ellen G. White developed these four events in *The Great Controversy* but in **reverse order**, beginning with the fourth item on the list, the special resurrection:

- **GC 637:** Ellen White quotes Daniel 12:2 to describe the **fourth** item on the list, the **special resurrection** “Graves are opened, and ‘many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.’ Daniel 12:2.”
- **GC 635:** Ellen White describes the **third** item on the list. The chapter’s title is ‘God’s People Delivered’. At the beginning of the chapter she states: “The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats

in the forests and the mountains—still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity that the God of Israel will interpose for the **deliverance of His chosen.**” It will be noticed also that Ellen White concluded the previous chapter, *The Time of Trouble*, with a clear allusion to Daniel 12:1 where we are told that those who are written in the book will be delivered: “Glorious will be the **deliverance** of those who have patiently waited for His coming and whose **names are written** in the book of life.” p. 634

- **GC 616:** Ellen White describes the **second** item on the list by explaining the time of trouble through which God’s people will go: “The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the **time of Jacob’s trouble.**”
- **GC 613:** Ellen White begins the chapter on the *Time of Trouble* by quoting Daniel 12:1 and then amplifies the meaning of the standing up of Michael, the **first** item on the list. “Then Jesus **ceases His intercession** in the sanctuary above... When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God **without an intercessor.**”

SUMMARY OF ELLEN WHITE'S COMMENTS ON DANIEL 12:1, 2:

- GC 613: The standing up of Michael
- GC 616: The time of trouble
- GC 635: God's people delivered
- GC 637: The special resurrection

It will be noticed that Ellen White in *The Great Controversy* develops the events of Daniel 12:1, 2 in the precise order in which they appear in Daniel 12:1, 2.

IMPORTANCE OF THE EXPRESSION 'AT THAT TIME'

It is extremely important to realize that Daniel 12:1, 2 cannot be understood independently of its context. Daniel 12:1, 2 is actually a continuation of the flow of events that transpired in the previous verses. This is clearly indicated by the fact that Daniel 12:1 begins with a time reference, "at that time" which links Daniel 12:1 with what occurred previously in verses 40-45.

Now the key question is: Where would we expect to find Ellen White's comments about what takes place before Daniel 12:1? The answer is unmistakable: It must be in the pages that immediately precede the chapter on the standing up of Michael and the time of trouble.

THE LITERARY STRUCTURE OF DANIEL 11:44B-45 AND 12:1

Now let's carefully consider the liter-

ary structure of Daniel 11:44b-45 as it relates to Daniel 12:1 in order to ascertain to what event the expression "at that time" refers to. A comparison of these two passages reveals that they are describing the same events in the same order but with a different terminology and emphasis:

Daniel 11:44b-45:

- A. The King of the North goes out to destroy and annihilate many (11:44b)
- B. The King of the North sets up the tents of his palace in a strategic place between the sea and the glorious holy mountain (11:45a)
- C. The King of the North comes to his end with none to help him (11:45b)

Daniel 12:1

- A. Michael stands up to defend His people (parallel to 11:44b)
- B. A time of trouble such as never was (parallel to 11:45a)
- C. God's people delivered (parallel to 11:45b)

Daniel 11:44b-45 and 12:1 are precisely parallel, but they portray a different emphasis. Whereas Daniel 11:44b-45 highlights the activities of the king of the north and its destiny for oppressing God's people, Daniel 12:1 focuses on the jeopardy of God's people at the hand of the king of the north and their deliverance by God.

This is the way that it works out: When the king of the north goes “out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many” (11:44b), Michael will stand up to protect and defend them (12:1a). When the king of the north places the tents of his palace in a strategic location to deliver the final death blow against God’s people (11:45a; vividly described in *The Great Controversy*, p. 635), they will go through a terrible time of trouble such as never was (12:1b), but the king of the north will “come to his end with none to help him” (11:45b) when God intervenes to deliver His people who are written in the book (12:1c). The expression “at that time” thus links Daniel 11:44b-45 with Daniel 12:1.

WHAT ABOUT DANIEL 11:44A?

But what about Daniel 11:44a? Here we are told that “tidings from the north and from the east will trouble the king of the north.” This phrase explains the reason why the king of the north will go out and attempt to destroy and annihilate many:

“But news from the east and the north shall trouble [alarm or disturb] him [the king of the north]; therefore he [the king of the north] shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.”

What is this news from the east and the north that so infuriates the king of the north that he seeks to destroy ‘many’? We must go to the book of Revelation for the answer because we are told that the book of Daniel is unsealed by the book of Revelation:

“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.” CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, P. 344

Revelation 7:2 describes an angel who ascends from the east having the seal of the living God. This angel comes to seal the faithful of God upon their foreheads. In contrast, the land beast will impose the mark of the beast on pain of death to those who refuse it (Revelation 13:15, 16).

Revelation 18:1-5 portrays a powerful angel who descends from heaven (the north according to Isaiah 14:13) and gives a clarion call for God’s people to reject the mark of the beast and to get out of Babylon before she is destroyed.

Thus the tidings from the north and from the east are identified by the book of Revelation as the message of the sealing and the call to come out of Babylon.

Ellen White concurs with this Biblical view. The chapter immediately preceding the one on the standing up of Michael and the time of trouble is titled *The Final Warning*. Ellen White begins this chapter in *The Great Controversy*, p. 603 by quoting Revelation 18:1, 2, 4 and 5. In perfect accordance with Revelation 7:2, she then describes on p. 605 the issue that will divide the world:

“While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience

to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the **mark of the beast**, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the **seal of God.**" THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 605

In the same chapter Ellen White goes on to describe the anger that this message will cause in the religious world:

"The power attending the message will only **madden** those who oppose it." THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 607

And, in the next chapter Ellen White flashes back to events that occurred before the time of trouble:

"The power attending the last warning **has enraged the wicked**; their **anger** is kindled against all who have **received the message**, and Satan will excite to **still greater** intensity the **spirit of hatred and persecution.**" THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 614, 615

Thus the news from the north is identified in Revelation 18 as the Loud Cry of the angel who descends from heaven (the north), and the news from the east is the message concerning the seal of God in Revelation 7. This message from the north and the east that is described in Daniel 11:44a fills the king of the north with fury to the point of wanting to destroy God's remnant as described in Daniel 11:44b.

THE BEGINNING POINT OF DANIEL 11:40-45

We have focused in this article primar-

ily on the events from Daniel 11:44 to Daniel 12:2. But if we continued moving backwards in *The Great Controversy* (before page 603) we would find, in **reverse order**, that Ellen White expounds upon each phrase of Daniel 11:40-45 ending with the chapter on *The Bible and the French Revolution* where the deadly wound of Daniel 11:40a is described (GC p. 265-288). Though she does not employ the terminology of verses 40-45, the sequence of events clearly reveals that she is discussing these verses.



In Daniel 11:40a we are told that the king of the south would **push** at the king of the north at the time of the end. Ellen White clearly identifies the beginning of the time of the end as the year 1798 when France dealt the papacy its deadly wound (GC, p. 356). The word 'push' does not adequately portray the idea of the text. The historical event

that is described by this word was not a friendly nudge or shove. The NIV translates “will engage him in battle” while the ESV translates “shall attack him.” That is, in the year 1798, some power described as the king of the south would attack the king of the north.

There is a wide consensus among students of prophecy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church that the king of the north represents the papacy, and until recently, there was a broad consensus that the king of the south represents secularism as it was manifested in the French Revolution. But times have changed, and some Adventist preachers, as they look at current events, are reinterpreting the king of the south as a symbol of militant Islam.

Literally and geographically speaking, the king of the south was Egypt because Egypt was the kingdom that was south of Israel (see Daniel 11:5, 8). But, in the end time we are not dealing with literal geographical locations but rather with global systems. Who is the king of the south, spiritually speaking? I believe that Revelation 11 (which is linked with the fifth and sixth trumpets) clearly identifies France as ‘spiritual Egypt’ (verse 8). While Babylon represents a global apostate religious system, Egypt symbolizes the secular powers of the world that threw off the yoke of papal Rome beginning with France. Revelation 17 explains that for a very short while at the end of time the secular powers of the world will once



again join together in unholy wedlock with the harlot, but in the end, the kings of the earth will hate the Babylonian harlot and destroy her.

Babylon was the literal and geographical king of the north in Biblical times because it was the enemy that invaded literal Israel from the literal north. But today the king of the north is a global spiritual system of counterfeit religion—the Roman Catholic papacy. The papacy is certainly not literally north of literal Israel (it is actually west). We must therefore interpret the king of the north and the king of the south symbolically.

And what was the main characteristic of France in 1798? The spirit of the French Revolution was atheism, but actually, Daniel 11:40a involves far more than atheism. The genius of the Revolution culminating with the captivity of pope Pius VI was to secularize the government and separate it from its adulterous relationship with the church. In the course of several decades after the French Revolution, country after



country in Europe established secular governments separate from the dominance of the papacy. Ellen White has stated why the papacy has not been able to ascend to power once more:

*“Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed and Rome be **reinstated** in her former power, and there would speedily be a **revival** of her tyranny and persecution.”* THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 564

BEGINNING & ENDING POINT

So we have the following beginning and ending points for Daniel 11:40-45 in *The Great Controversy*:

Daniel 11:40a; GC p. 265-288:
 France ‘attacks’ the papacy and inflicts the deadly wound. The illicit love relationship between church and state is severed and thus the papacy is restrained.

Daniel 11:40b-11:43: Events that transpire between the deadly wound in 1798 and the Loud Cry (GC 289-605), **Daniel 11:44a; GC 605:**
 The Loud Cry and sealing message trouble the papacy.

Daniel 11:44b; 12:1a; GC 607 (flashback to the past in GC 614, 615):
 The rage of the wicked increases as the Loud Cry and sealing message is proclaimed. Michael stands up, closing the door of probation and defending His people from the rage of the wicked.

Daniel 11:45a; 12:1b; GC 613ff:
 A universal death decree against God’s people is signed as the king of the north sets up his tents in a strategic position to deliver the final death blow. This causes a time of trouble for God’s people.

Daniel 11:45b; 12c; GC 635ff:
 The king of the north comes to his end with none to help him because his supporters forsake him, and as a result, God’s people are delivered.

Daniel 12:2; GC 637:
 The special resurrection.

Thus the two reference points for the beginning and ending of Daniel 11:40-45 are the French Revolution at the beginning as described in GC 265-288 and the deliverance of God’s people and the special resurrection in GC 635,

637. In between these two reference points we have the events that Ellen White describes in GC 289-604. A careful study of these pages will reveal that Ellen White comments on all the details in verses 40b-43 without actually using the language.

ELLEN G. WHITE AND ISLAM

It is simply amazing how Ellen White vividly describes the events of Daniel 11:40-45 without ever quoting the verses or alluding to the language. Why didn't she just come out and quote the verses and then comment on them? There is a clear historical reason.

The original view of the pioneers was that the king of the north represents the Roman Catholic papacy. This is the clear view expressed in the pamphlet *A Word to the Little Flock Scattered Abroad*, coauthored by James and Ellen White in 1847. But, in the early 1870's Uriah Smith (who was the highly respected editor of the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*) changed the view of the pioneers by reinterpreting the king of the north as Turkey. You see, in Smith's day, Turkey was prominent in the news, so he changed the traditional view to fit current events.

James White was flabbergasted by Smith's new view and accused him of removing one of the landmarks of the Advent Movement. Things started getting nasty, and members began taking sides. In this context, Ellen White instructed her husband to desist of his

criticism. She knew that an understanding of Daniel 11:40-45 was not a matter of life and death at that time. Her main concern at the moment was to preserve the unity of the church. If Ellen White had quoted the verses of Daniel 11:40-45 and offered a view contradictory to Uriah Smith's, she would have been accused of nepotism, so she commented on these verses without quoting them or alluding to the language, knowing full well that someday someone would discover her view of the matter.

Significantly, in the eschatological portion of *The Great Controversy*, Ellen White does not mention Islam, even once, as playing any role in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy in the end time. It appears that Ellen White saw no prophetic significance to the rise of radical Islam. The same is true of the great chain prophecies of Scripture. There is no reference to Islam in the prophecies of Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Daniel 8 and 9, Revelation 12, Revelation 13, Matthew 24 and Revelation 17, neither is there any reference to Islam in the series of the churches and the seals.

Ellen White's silence on the role of Islam in Bible prophecy has puzzled some Seventh-day Adventist scholars who have concluded that Ellen White simply did not have all the light on end time events. At least one of these scholars has even reached the conclusion that Ellen White was wrong in her interpretation of the little horn as a symbol of the papacy and has reinterpreted it as Islam.

KING OF THE NORTH = ROMAN CATHOLIC PAPACY
KING OF THE SOUTH = ATHEISM/SECULAR GOVERNMENT

Don't get me wrong. I am not saying that Islam might not play a role in the **precipitation** of end time events as they are described in *The Great Controversy*. It is true that Islam might serve as the catalyst for the fulfillment of Bible prophecies concerning the United States and the papacy, but I do not believe that the rising power of militant Islam is contemplated directly by prophecy itself.

That is to say, in the light of the Biblical evidence I do not believe that radical Islam fulfills any specific end time prophecy but very well could serve as the catalyst for the fulfillment of prophecy. After all, radical Islam has brought the United States to prominence and has led it to flex its military muscles, it has made the curtailing of our civil and religious liberties easier, and it has also misdirected the eyes of Christians (and even a few Seventh-day Adventists) to the Middle East for the fulfillment of prophecy, thus hiding from view the powers that will play a role in end time events, the papacy and apostate Protestantism.



Time has proven that Uriah Smith's reinterpretation of the king of the north was wrong. Will we learn from his mistake? **Will we ever learn that the best way to understand prophecy is not to read the newspapers or to watch CNN but rather to study our Bibles?**



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HIDE IT & SHARE IT!

BY JUSTIN TOROSSIAN

It was the summer following my high school graduation.

For the three summer months before I began college, my Dad allowed me to work with him to earn money toward a car. When we weren't commuting two hours to a job remodeling some high-end retail stores, we would drive across my little home town of Angwin to my father's auto-shop to repair cars. On one of these days something took place that will be burned into my memory as long as I live.

That morning began no different than usual. In my devotions, the Lord led me to read Psalms 73, and two verses stood out to me above all the rest. "Memorize these verses!" came the strong impression. Getting a pen and piece of paper, I wrote them out. Soon I heard my dad's

voice, "Time to go!" and we were off.

After working till 3:00pm, we headed home to prepare for Sabbath. Immediately after turning onto the main road, we saw something that shocked us. Blinking hazard lights on the side of the road caught our eye, and we saw a woman half stumbling toward the middle of the road waving her left hand while clutching her chest with her right. Rolling down the window, my dad asked, "What's going on?"

"I... I think I'm having a heart attack!" she gasped. I jumped out and asked for her keys. "Get in, I'll drive you to the hospital," I said. As we sped down the road to the nearby St. Helena Adventist Hospital, I asked her what had happened. She said that her heart began beating incredibly fast (tachycardia), and that it had happened once a few years before. I noticed that her

breathing was becoming more rapid, and slowed the car so as not to contribute to her distress. “Ok Lord,” I prayed. “I’ve got to get her thinking about something besides her heart rate or it’s going to skyrocket and throw her into a heart attack!”

Then the thought came to me, “Share a Bible promise.” I went into my mental file-cabinets to find a verse to offer her peace, but it was as if they were stuck closed. Nothing was coming to mind, and I mean nothing. Finally, realizing that I needed to say something quickly, I asked her if I could pray with her. “Please, yes!” came her quick response. As we went to the throne of God in prayer, I could hear her breathing slowing, as a calm came over her. Before we knew it, I was parking the car, my Dad pulling in beside us.

As we walked into the ER, I assured her that everything would be alright. After I gave the front desk a brief explanation, they were ready to take her in. I handed her the car keys, and with an expression of fear mingled with gratitude, she looked me in the eyes and said, “Thank you. Thank you!”

A mixture of emotions ran through my heart and mind as my dad and I drove home. While I was glad that I could help by praying with her, I knew something major was missing. Why hadn’t a single Bible verse come to my mind?

We reached home and I headed for my bedroom. Turning the corner toward my bed, my eyes fell upon the answer to my question, written by my own hand that morning. I picked it up and read these words: “*Whom have*

I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever” Psalms 73:25, 26. There it was! This was the verse the Lord gave me in the morning to share with this woman! He knew that our path would cross with this woman in need. He knew her heart would be literally failing her. He knew she would need a reassuring word of promise. But how sad that I could not call it to mind, simply because I had not taken the time and made the effort to engrain it there—to hide His Word in my heart by memorization.

You can be sure that since then, I have memorized this text! And although a failure, that experience is a positive “beacon” that I look back on as a warning not only to always listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, but to memorize His Word! Listen to this powerful piece of advice from Grandma Ellen: “*Remember this. If you have made mistakes, you certainly gain a victory if you see these mistakes and regard them as beacons of warning. Thus you turn defeat into victory, disappointing the enemy and honoring your Redeemer.*” CHRIST’S OBJECT LESSONS, P. 332.

To God’s faithful followers down through time, hiding His Word in the heart and mind has always been a matter of importance. God instructed the Israelites to fix the Ten Commandments (and the rest of God’s law) in their memories. Not only were the adults to do this, but the children as well. To make this as effective and enjoyable as possible, they put the words of Scripture to

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Testimonies to the Church, vol. 3, p. 372

song! What better way to ingrain something in your mind than with a catchy tune, right? Even in spite of their times in apostasy, there were always a faithful few in Israel who held onto God’s word and the tradition of memorization. By the time Jesus was born, it was common that any good Hebrew boy of 14 years would have the entire Old Testament perfectly memorized! No wonder David could say with confidence, “*I delight to do Thy will O God, yea, Thy law is within my heart*” Psalms 40:8.

We also have Jesus’ example. It was with the sure word of God stored in His holy memory that Jesus battled and conquered the enemy in the wilderness (Matthew 4). The words, “*It is written*” were an evidence of His dependence on the Scriptures for strength and direction. As He saturated His mind with Scripture while growing up, He began to see the world and the plan of salvation through the eyes of God. And He wants the same for us! He desires our hearts to be so full of His word that it changes the way we see the world, the way we live. While the sooner we start the better, it is never too late to begin memorizing Scripture, because your memory will grow stronger with exercise.

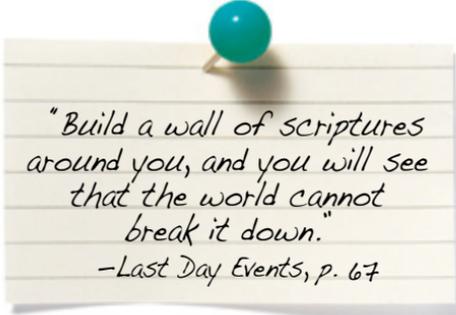
You may be thinking to yourself, “But I don’t have time!” Young people, spare moments are gold. “*Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets you may read a passage... thus fixing it in the mind.*” IN HEAVENLY PLACES, P. 138.

Always remember that God does not only want us to hide His word in our

hearts for ourselves... but for others. Remember that woman on the verge of a heart attack? What a comfort those words that God had impressed me to memorize that morning would have been to her if I had taken a Bible with me to memorize in my spare moments! The wise man Solomon put it this way: "A man has joy in an apt [suitable] answer: and how delightful is a timely word!" Proverbs 15:23, NASB. And when the opportunity arises to be God's mouthpiece to someone in need, He has promised to bring to your memory "whatsoever things I have said unto you" John 14:26. But if we have not heard, read, and by determined effort, memorized His word, there will be nothing in those mental file cabinets to retrieve when we need it most.

There are many practical ways to memorize the Bible. Everyone is different, so you may need to experiment to find the way that works best for you. Here are some ideas:

- Write the verses out on notecards and carry them in your pocket to review throughout the day.
- Record audio of yourself reciting the verses and listen to it, speaking along with it until you've got the verse down.
- Set a memory verse as the background of your phone, going over it in your spare moments.
- Invest in some Scripture Song CD's! I highly recommend Taylor Faaiu's "*Sing the Word* available at www.revelationofhopeministries.com. You can also find many on Amazon.com.



"Build a wall of scriptures around you, and you will see that the world cannot break it down."

-Last Day Events, p. 67

- Take advantage of Scripture memorizing tools like **ScriptureTyper.com** where you can join a fun and supportive community of other memorizers like you. They also have an excellent smartphone app for memorizing on-the-go. Another valuable website is **fast.st**, where you can find many free resources. (Visit scripture-typer.com and fast.st)

Memorizing the word of God is fun, rewarding, and powerful. And it will pay dividends for both this life, and the life to come as you equip yourself to impact your world. "For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword" Hebrews 4:12, NKJV. You will also experience spiritual growth like never before. The Lord asks us today, "My child, will you pledge to hide My word in your heart?" My prayer is that your answer be, "Yes Lord! Help me set up a plan to memorize Your word... and to follow it in Your strength!" You'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner.



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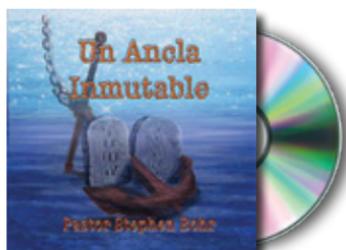
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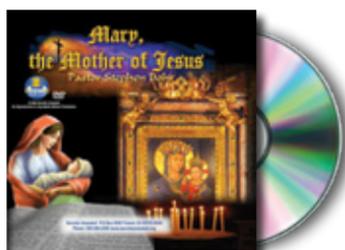
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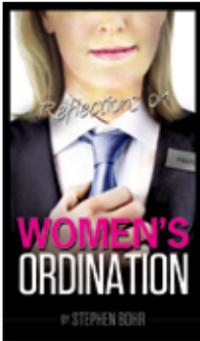


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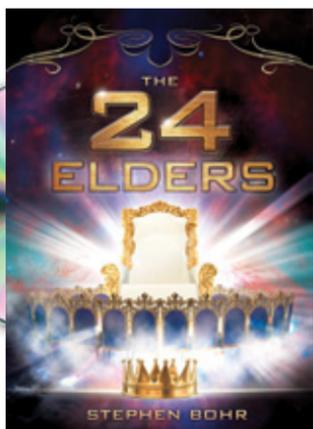
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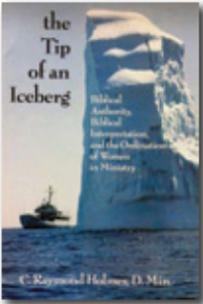
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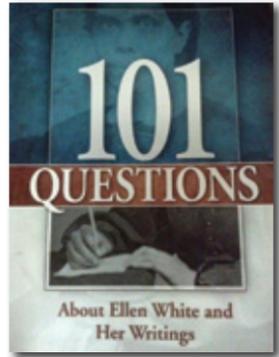
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OBESITY EPIDEMIC

30% (one out of three) children in America are obese or overweight. Among African-American and Hispanic children, it is even higher — 40% — almost half. Obesity rates have tripled in the last three decades.

There are about 60 medical causes of obesity, and none of them explains the current obesity epidemic. Our genetics have not changed in the last century, but the environment has changed dramatically.

If we eat more than we burn in exercise, we will store the extra as fat. While this principle is true, it doesn't explain

the massive epidemic of obesity we see today. Every nation around the world that has adopted our diet is experiencing a similar epidemic of obesity. This principle implies that everyone who is overweight is a glutton and a sloth. While it is true that food is more available and higher in calories, we eat more of it than in our past history, and we live a more sedentary lifestyle, when you look at the numbers carefully, this is not enough to explain what we are seeing today. It is not just a matter of eating too much and not exercising. It is *what* we are eating that is the real problem.

IS THERE SOMETHING INSIDIOUS AND POISONOUS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CAUSING OBESITY?

Is it all of the high fat foods in our diet? The answer is no. Over the last 40 years, the percentage of fat in the American diet has not gone up. It has actually gone down a little bit, while at the same time, obesity has been going way up.

So what has been going up? The amount of sugar and high-fructose corn syrup has gone way up and parallels the rise of obesity. The average American consumes 63 lbs. of high-fructose corn syrup per year in addition to all of the regular sugar in the diet. The total combined sugar intake per year in the U.S. is 130 lbs./person!

And, it is getting worse. Children are consuming more sugar per day than adults.

High-fructose corn syrup is a 50/50 mixture of about one-half glucose and one-half fructose. By the way, what is regular white cane sugar, also known as sucrose? It is a 50/50 mixture of one-half glucose and one-half fructose. One molecule of fructose and one of glucose are joined together by a chemical bond to make sucrose, and in less than a nano-second after coming in contact with our digestive enzymes, this bond is broken and we have glucose and fructose — same as high fructose corn syrup. **Inside of the human body there is no difference between sugar and high-fructose corn syrup — they are the same!** And they both are very harmful in the

amounts we eat — because of the high amount of fructose in them.

IT'S THE FRUCTOSE...

The glucose is no problem compared to the fructose. Fructose is a different molecule and is handled by the body in totally different ways and has totally different effects.

Sugar can become attached to protein molecules in our body and when it does, the proteins become nonfunctional. And, worse, they become targets for the body's immune system, and the resulting inflammatory response is the underlying cause of arteriosclerosis — heart attacks and strokes. These are called advanced glycation end products (AGEs). And, guess what? Fructose is **seven times more likely** than glucose to form these AGEs! And so, it is the most potent cause of heart

attacks and strokes, which are the number one cause of death.

Ghrelin is a hormone released from the cells that line the stomach when it is empty. Ghrelin goes to the brain and stimulates the appetite cen-



ters. Ghrelin says, “I’m hungry, lets eat!” Eating food suppresses ghrelin, and then we aren’t hungry anymore. **Fructose does not suppress ghrelin** — so we can load up on fructose and we are still just as hungry as before we ate.

Leptin is another hormone that has the opposite effect as ghrelin on the brain. Leptin says, “we’ve had enough food — you can stop eating now.” **Fructose lowers leptin levels in the blood**, and thus the normal suppression of the appetite center does not take place — so we remain hungry.

But, the most serious issue relating to our massive excess fructose intake has to do with how fructose is metabolized in the liver.

WHAT THE LIVER DOES WITH GLUCOSE:

Glucose is the energy of life. It is the carbohydrate found in bread, rice, and potatoes. It is the fuel we were meant to run on. When you eat these carbohydrates, 80% spread out through the body and are used directly by the muscles, brain, and other organs for energy. Only about 20% of the glucose goes to the liver where it is metabolized and made into glycogen (glycogen is the safe, clean way to store energy). All these are good very good things.

WHAT THE LIVER DOES WITH ALCOHOL:

Alcohol (ethanol) as found in beer, wine, or hard liquor is a poison that does a lot of bad things to the brain, and acute alcohol toxicity is the cause of a great amount of evil and misery in the world. But, alco-

hol is also a slow poison because of how it is metabolized in the liver, resulting in much disease. Alcohol is also a carbohydrate, but it cannot be metabolized like glucose, and it cannot be made into glycogen in the liver. Instead, it is processed by the mitochondria and made into fat — which is stored in the liver as little droplets of fat inside the cells — this is what we call fatty liver. Fatty liver is not normal; it is a disease state that is a sign of a dysfunctional liver. This fat is also made into VLDL and transported through the blood to the fat cells where it can be stored as fat.

Lots of beer equals lots of fat equals the “beer belly” — that central obesity that is so characteristic of one with a regular daily intake of beer.

WHAT THE LIVER DOES WITH FRUCTOSE:

The liver cells are the only cells in the body that can metabolize fructose — no other cells can handle this toxic sugar. So, the liver must metabolize 100% of the fructose we take in. How is it metabolized? Exactly the same way as alcohol. It is made into droplets of fat resulting in a fatty liver and transported as VLDL to the rest of the body to be stored as fat — resulting in a “fructose belly” which is the same as the “beer belly”.

Fructose produces the things we refer to as the metabolic syndrome: obesity, hypertension, heart disease, type-2 diabetes and arthritis. Fructose produces inflammatory substances increasing the overall inflammatory state of the body. **Our obesity epidemic today is a result of a fructose epidemic, a sugar epidemic.**

WHAT ABOUT FRUIT?

Doesn't fruit have fructose in it? Yes, that is why fruit is sweet. But when God puts something toxic in the food he always packages the antidote with it — so that it is rendered harmless when we eat it. What is the antidote to fructose? Fiber! Everywhere you find fructose you will find fiber. **The more fructose, the more fiber.** Consider sugar cane, very high in fructose and very high in fiber. Have you ever tried to eat sugar cane? How much can you eat? How much watermelon can you eat?

Fiber reduces the rate of carbohydrate absorption from the intestines. It makes us feel full and satisfied with our meal sooner, and it reduces fat absorption as well. All these are anti-obesity measures. The fiber content of a fruit is directly proportional to the fructose content of the fruit. Basically, it means that you can't get too much fructose from fruit. It is all counteracted by the fiber content of the fruit. You have to take it to a factory and remove all the fiber to make it into refined sugar. Then, we create all the problems caused by fructose.

THE SUGAR HAS GOT TO GO

Exercise is good and it makes the body healthy, but **you cannot out-exercise a bad diet.** The sugar has *got* to be eliminated if you want to lose weight. Eating fruits and vegetables is good for you, but unless you also cut out sugar, **you cannot lose weight by adding more fruits and vegetables to the diet.** Bottom line: you have to eliminate refined sugar and high-fructose corn syrup from the diet.

SUGAR ADDICTION

When researchers examined the direct effects of sugar on the brain using specialized brain scans, it was discovered that **sugar is as addictive as cocaine.** And, we have all become addicted to it.

But, we can be a new creation in Christ Jesus! He overcame the temptation on appetite in our behalf. And, He invites us to follow Him. He rose from the tomb and said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." And, this resurrection power is to be infused into us to live a victorious life. He is "able to keep us from falling." But (as symbolized in baptism) the rising to this new victorious life of power is preceded by death. This sugar-addicted "old man," the "flesh" "wherein dwelleth no good thing," must be crucified, put to death. Paul said, "I die daily."

Jesus said, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." He led the way and will be with you every step of the way. You can eat a clean diet of the fruits, grains, and vegetables as given to us in Eden. You don't have to add 130 lbs. of refined sugar and high-fructose corn syrup to it. Eating clean is not a punishment — it is a reward. Freedom from the adverse effects of this toxic food additive is one of the greatest gifts God offers to this present diseased generation.



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Things Old & New



Lesson # 12

(Matthew 13:51,52; Christ's Object Lessons p. 124-134; II Corinthians 3:13-18)

Introduction

The parable we will study today reads like this: “Therefore, every **scribe** which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an **householder**, which **bringeth forth** out of his treasure things **new and old**.” What is represented by the householder? What is symbolized by the treasure? What is meant by the act of “bringing forth” the treasure? What are the new and old things which are brought forth?

The Householder

1. In a limited sense, who is represented by the householder? “*The faithful householder represents what every _____ of the children and youth should be.*” (Christ's Object Lessons (COL), p. 131)
2. In a broader sense, who is represented by the householder? “*Through endless ages will the faithful _____ bring forth from _____ treasure things new and old.*” (COL, p. 134)

The Treasure

1. What is represented by the treasure? *“The great storehouse of _____ is the _____ of God.”* (COL, p. 125)
2. In what three ways does God speak to us? *“The great storehouse of truth is the word of God—the _____ word, the book of _____, and the book of _____ in God’s dealing with human life. Here are the _____ from which Christ’s workers are to draw.”* (COL, p. 125)
3. Which is the only way we can grasp and appreciate the sciences of the natural world? *“If the follower of Christ will _____ His word, and _____ it, there is no science in the natural world that he will not be able to grasp and appreciate.”* (COL, p. 125)
4. Which is the most reliable means to gain a knowledge of God? *“But it is in the _____ word that a knowledge of God is most _____ revealed to fallen man. This is the treasure house of the _____ riches of Christ.”* (COL, p. 126)

Sharing the Treasure

1. The householder felt compelled to bring forth his treasures. What will happen when we receive the gospel treasure into our heart? *“All who receive the gospel message into the heart will long to _____ it. The heaven-born love of Christ _____ find expression.”* (COL, p. 125)
2. What will happen as we make known the treasures of Christ’s grace? *“And as they make known the rich treasures of God’s grace, _____ and still more of the grace of Christ will be _____ to them.”* (COL 125)

Things Old and New

1. What is represented by the things old? *“Christ as manifested to the _____, as symbolized in the _____ service, as portrayed in the _____, and as revealed by the _____, is the riches of the Old Testament.”* (COL 126)

2. What is represented by the things new? *“Christ in His _____, His _____, and His _____, Christ as He is manifested by the Holy _____, is the treasure of the New Testament.”* (COL 126)

3. How do the truths of the Old Testament compare with those of the New? *“The word of God includes the Scriptures of the Old Testament as well as of the New. One is not _____ without the other. Christ declared that the truths of the Old Testament are as _____ a those of the New.”* (COL 126)

4. What relationship exists between old and new truth? *“The old truths are all _____; new truth is not _____ of the old, but an _____ of it. It is only as the old truths are _____ that we can comprehend the new.”* (COL 127)

Two Dangerous Errors

THE FIRST ERROR: Claiming to believe in the Old Testament while rejecting the New:

1. What grave mistake did the Jews commit in the days of Christ? *“There are those who profess to believe in the _____ Testament, while they reject the _____. But in refusing to receive the teachings of Christ, they show that they do not _____ that which patriarchs and prophets have spoken.”* (COL 128)

2. What did Jesus say to the Jews after healing the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda? “Ye search the _____; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of _____. And ye will not come to _____, that ye might receive life.” (John 5:39-40)

Note: Irony of ironies, the Jews were searching for eternal life in the Scriptures yet they rejected the life giver of the Scriptures!

3. What did Jesus say to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the evening of the resurrection? “O fools, and slow of _____ to believe all that the prophets have spoken: _____ not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his _____?” (Luke 24:25-26)

Note: Make sure to study Luke 24:31-32. Was it only their physical sight which was opened? Why did their hearts burn within themselves as Jesus opened unto them the very same Scriptures which they had studied many times before?

4. How did Jesus prove to these two disciples that He was the Christ? “And beginning at _____ and all the _____, he expounded unto them in all the _____ the things concerning _____.” (Luke 24:27)

5. What did Jesus say to His disciples later on in the Upper Room? “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be _____ which were written in the law of _____, and in the _____, and in the _____, concerning _____.” (Luke 24:44)

6. The apostle Paul spoke of a veil which the Jews had upon their hearts. What is represented by this veil? “But their _____ were blinded: for until this day there remaineth the same veil in the reading of the _____ Testament.” (II Corinthians 3:14).

Note: Reading the Old Testament without discerning Christ is to have a veil of unbelief upon the heart and mind.

7. What was the only way for this veil to be removed? “Which veil is _____ away in Christ ... Nevertheless, when it [better: “they”] shall _____ to the Lord, the veil shall be _____ away.” (II Corinthians 3:14-16)

Note: This exposition by the apostle Paul draws upon the experience of Moses in Exodus 34:28-34. When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai, the congregation of Israel refused to see the glory on his face. Paul, picking up on this, states that the Jews of his day were committing the same mistake. They searched the writings of Moses but failed to see the glory of Christ in them. In other words, they were reading the writings of Moses but were blinded to the fact that Christ was at the very center of them. It was in this sense that they had a veil upon their hearts and their eyes were blinded.

8. What was Stephen’s appearance when he was brought before the Jewish Council? “And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his _____ as it had been the face of an _____.” (Acts 6:15)

Note: The face of Stephen shone just like the face of Moses had some fifteen centuries earlier.

9. Who was at the very center of Stephen’s sermon before the Jewish Council? “Which of the prophets have not _____ fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed _____ of the coming of the _____ One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and _____.” (Acts 7:52)

10. **THOUGHT QUESTION:** Saul of Tarsus was the ringleader at the stoning of Stephen. Did Saul have the veil over his heart at this point? In what sense? _____

11. When Saul’s eyes were opened, how did he look upon his past advantages as a Jew? “Yea doubtless, and I count all things but _____ for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus _____ Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of _____ things, and do count them but _____, that I may win _____.” (Philippians 3:8)

THE SECOND ERROR: Claiming to believe in the New Testament while rejecting the Old:

1. What is said about those who claim to accept the New Testament but reject the Old? *“In rejecting the Old, they virtually _____ the New; for both are parts of an inseparable _____. No man can rightly present the _____ of God without the gospel, or the _____ without the law.”* (COL 128)

Note: Many people today claim to be “New Testament Christians.” They accuse Adventists of being “Old Testament Christians.” Are they right in their assessment?

2. THOUGHT QUESTION: What do you think Ellen White meant when she said: *“The law is the gospel embodied, and the gospel is the law unfolded?”* _____

God’s Treasure House of Truth

1. How much may we grasp of God’s treasure house of truth? *“The work of our Redeemer on this earth is and _____ will be a subject that will put to the _____ our highest imagination. Man may _____ every mental power in the endeavor to fathom this mystery, but his mind will become _____ and _____. The most diligent searcher will see before him a boundless, _____ ocean.”* (COL 128-129)

2. How may we best comprehend God’s compassion? *“We shall understand God’s _____ just in proportion as we appreciate His _____ for us.”* (COL 129)

3. What does the heart become when it receives the word of God? *“The heart that receives the word of God is not as a pool that _____, not like a broken cistern that loses its _____. It is like the mountain stream fed by unfailing springs, whose cool, sparkling waters leap from rock to rock, _____ the weary, the thirsty, the heavy laden.”* (COL 130)

4. What happens to the minister when he is in constant contact with God's treasure house? *"The minister will not preach over and _____ the same set discourses. His mind will be open to the _____ illumination of the Holy Spirit."* (COL 130)

5. What else is said about ministers who make the word of God their constant study? *"There will not be a fund of _____, oft-repeated ideas. The tame, dull _____ will cease. The old truths will be presented, but they will be seen in a new _____. There will be a new _____ of truth, a clearness and a power that all will discern."* (COL 130-131)

6. How will the children and youth look upon the word of God when the teacher brings out treasures from it? *"Under a _____ instructor the word will become more and more _____. It will be as the bread of life, and will never grow _____. Its freshness and beauty will attract and _____ the children and youth."* (COL 132)

7. What does Ellen White say about the hidden treasures of the Jewish economy? *"The significance of the Jewish economy is not yet _____ comprehended. Truths _____ and _____ are shadowed forth in its rites and symbols. The _____ is the key that unlocks its mysteries."* (COL 133)

8. What other jewels of God's treasure house must be brought forth in the last days? *"As we near the close of this world's history, the _____ relating to the last days _____ demand our study. The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we _____ to understand."* (COL 133)

9. For how long will Christ bring out new treasures from His treasure house? *"The themes of redemption will employ the hearts and minds and tongues of the redeemed through the _____ ages... Forever and _____ new views of the perfection and glory of Christ will appear. Through _____ ages will the faithful Householder [notice the capital "H"] bring forth from His treasure things new and old."* (COL 134).

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