

A Prophetic Countdown To The Second Advent:

The Bible Interprets Itself Namely Daniel 11: 31- 45

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Daniel 11:31-45 is a formatted structure of verses: 31 and 45 acts a parenthesis, and within these parentheses are three clusters of texts 32-35, 36-39 and 40-44. 1) Verses 31- 35 unveils the papacy from its inception to the Great disappointment of 1844; 2) Verses 36-39 identifies the king of the North; 3) Verse 40-44 speaks to the time of the end- demarked by Gulf Wars,- Afghanistan Wars, and their aftermaths. Lastly, verse 45 climaxes with the headquarters for the battle of Armageddon setup on the Mount of Olives. Verse 31 tells us “And arms shall stand on his part...” (Dan.11:31). And in verse 45 the political support for, and the papacy self destructs.

The format creates a simple storyline parallel to that found in Revelation 13. The Papacy appears and persecutes, it receives a deadly wound and another political entity comes to the fore. “And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them

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Version, King James. *The Holy Bible*. Georgia United States of America: Pilot Brooks, Hull, 2008.

which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed” (Rev.13:12). As the operation of this second beast bears a semblance to that of the first, it is understandable if one errs in trying to identify the King of the North. It is to avert this pitfall that we need to observe a few rules which are applicable to the entire chapter and particularly to the Daniel 11:31-45.

Rules for Interpretation

a) The use of the definite article and the personal pronouns in Daniel chapter eleven do little, to help us determine who or what the particular entity is. It is the descriptive lines of text, which creates like a ‘frame’ within which we can ‘picture’ the particular entity; this is what bears sway in helping us determine who is being identified. I call this language structure *contextual descriptive*. It’s a type of “who the cap fit let them wear it” in its application. Since this is key to unveiling the ‘persons,’ then we cannot gloss over any set of texts, lines or phrases, because these are like the frames for ‘picturing’ the ‘persons’. Each element (phrase or line) of the frame must fit; yes, every line must be taken as part of the descriptive context, if we are to eliminate look- a- likes and identify the real.

b) In the earlier prophecies Jesus would have taught us some concepts which we were to carry forward. One of these is the concept of dualities. We learnt this from chapter two and seven where kings meant also kingdoms². And in chapter eight the final horn on the goat represented both the Pagan and Papal phase of Rome; consequently, chapter eleven has dualities also and all associated end time prophecies.

c) Another concept that is based purely upon fulfillment is what I call the *Rerun*.

² “Thou [art] this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth” (Dan 2:38, 39). “These great beasts, which are four, [are] four kings, [which] shall arise out of the earth” (Dan.7:17).

This is the name I have attached to the type of scenario, where the fulfillment of prophecy seems to be repeating itself, even within the confines of apocalyptic prophecy. A good example is the battle of Arbela symbolized by a Ram and a Goat with a notable horn, in Daniel chapter eight. The result was the most significant element in the countdown to Greek Supremacy. But the Greeks and the Persians fought several other battles across rivers.³ The *Reruns* would have helped God's people keep focused particularly at a time when there were no prophets.

The truth of the matter is, circumstances are not committed to a repeat of the same. The objective is the fulfillment of the prophecy to the letter; and an event may spiral as a *Rerun* for this to take place. In other words the apparent repetition heightens alertness on the part of those who are watching, but this never changes the general apocalyptic outline. The fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD was a classic *Rerun*; had it not been for a *Rerun* of the siege, the Christians would not have escaped. There are also *Reruns* in the prophetic fulfillment of the succeeding verses of Dan.11:36 – 45.

d) We must be consistent in our approach to the interpretation. Daniel's prophetic perspective is one, which is simply showing us how the geopolitical activities are acting as mile post in the countdown to the second coming of Christ; and also these create the climate for religious persecution. The various players (Kings or Kingdoms etc) and their geographic locations are real, North and South are relative and real. The prophetic fulfillments are generally sequential.

³ “And he came to the ram that had [two] horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power” (Daniel 8:6).
The Battles of Gaugamela or Arbela, Granicus, and Issus were all fought across rivers. (Wasson 2012)

e) Joseph's Rule

I use this rule given by Joseph when he said, “And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; [it is] because the thing [is] established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass” (Gen.41:32)⁴. By observation, this rule of ‘parallel prophecies,’ is applied in the book of Daniel. Clearly this is the reason for chapters two and seven, and chapters eight and eleven being parallel prophecies. Each pair starts at the same time and ends at about the same time, although succeeding one in each pair is an expansion of the preceding one. But while the prophecy of chapter eight ends with the papacy being broken⁵, chapter eleven expands that brokenness through the point its recovery. Therefore we need a parallel prophecy to that expansion in Daniel 11:31-45.

Praise that lord, Jesus has asserted that Revelation 13 continues the storyline from Daniel by showing us the papacy as a composite structure of the symbols from the first three Kingdoms of Daniel chapter seven. This is what Peter is saying, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation” (2 Peter 1:20). In other words no Prophecy is a stand alone. Prophecy is used to interpret prophecy. Once it is established by God, and He will bring it to pass, there will be a parallel prophecy.

f) Since we view chapter eleven as a parallel prophecy of chapter eight, a critical element that must come to the fore is the investigative judgment, or some perspective of it. This is an imperative since the focus of chapter eight is the cleansing of the sanctuary or the pre-advent

⁴ “And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good” (Gen41:4, 5).

⁵ “And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand” (Daniel 8:25).

judgment.

g) Finally, if a symbol had no clear definition before, a new meaning given to that symbol in (say) the book of Revelation can be used everywhere. However if the symbol already had a meaning and was well understood before, the new symbol in Revelation is confined to the chapter where it is introduced in that book.⁶

Interpretation of Daniel 11: 31- 45

Verse 31-

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

This is the papacy as it commenced in 538 AD, we can note the similar expressions in chapter eight. “Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered... How long [shall be] the vision [concerning] the daily [sacrifice], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?” (Daniel 8:11, 12, 13).

⁶ For Example: “...the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches” (Rev.1:20). “And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified” (Rev.11:8). “And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth”(Rev.17:9). “And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Rev.17:15).

After Justinian Caesar's General Belisarius defeated the Goths, and Pope Silverius who was suspected of being sympathetic to Arianism was disposed of, Vigilius was appointed Pope in 538 AD. In the "History of the Christian Church," Dr. Schaff says, "Vigilius, a pliant creature of Theodora, ascended the papal chair under the military protection of Belisarius" (Schaff 1882).⁷ **'So the arms stood on his part.'** When in 538 AD the bishop of Rome ascended the throne under the protection of the state.

"they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength"

The heavenly Sanctuary is that place of safety and defence. The Hebrew transliterated word for strength is 'mauz' which means: a place or means of safety, protection. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The LORD [is] in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne [is] in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men" (Ps.11:3, 4). "Honour and majesty [are] before him: strength and beauty [are] in his sanctuary" (Ps. 96:6).

One way of polluting the Sanctuary of strength is to bring the Sanctuary into disrepute by challenging the legitimacy of Christ's Priesthood⁸. Paul tells us that type and antitype cannot co-exist as functioning entities. He said (speaking of Christ), "For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law" (Heb.8:4). The papacy set up an order of priest, and the Pope takes the title of God on earth. "Who opposeth and

⁷ "And arms shall stand on his part..." "History of the Christian Church," Vol, III fifth Edition p. 193

⁸ "they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength"

The Hebrew for pollute is **chalal** which means to pierce. **The Brown-Driver-Briggs concordance** gives a similar meaning including slain. Participles from the original word לָחַל-**"Po`al Participle מְחַלְלִים מִמְּשַׁעֲרֵינוּ מִחֻלָּהּ Isaiah 53:5 pierced, wounded because of our transgressions (of the servant of ", "' מְחַלְלֵינוּ מִדָּבָר"** (Bible Hub 2004-2021). The sanctuary or temple also represents Jesus, and to sin willfully is like crucifying the son of God afresh. (Heb.6:5, 6).

exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (2 Thess.2:4).

“Under the plea of raising funds for the erection of St. Peter's church at Rome, indulgences for sin were publicly offered for sale by the authority of the pope” {Great Controversy p.127 (White 1911)}. But, this action more than any other, is what can be considered as a pollution of the Sanctuary. The willful sinning is the equivalent of calling the blood of Jesus’ sacrifice an unholy thing (Heb.10:26-29).

“...and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate” This expression is similar to what is found in Daniel chapter eight to indicate the phase shift from pagan Rome to Papal Rome (Dan.8:10-12)

Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].

Very often, those in the corridors of power supported popery because of assurances which were given to them of greater power and stability. This made the reformers battle an uphill one, and at times it brought them in direct opposition to the ruling governments.

Daniel 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, [many] days.

The wise who fell by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, [many] days: “were... the Waldenses, Lollards, Hussites, Lutherans, Anabaptists, and Huguenots” {(God Cares 1 p. 296) (Maxwell 1981)}. The **many days** is a reference to the 1260 years (Rev.13:5-7).

This is the church at Thyatira existing historically in the midst of popery. This Jezebel (popery) was given (space) 1260 day to repent but she didn't. Jesus threatened that her wound was coming⁹. "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works (Rev. 2:21-23).

Dan.11:34 (first part) "Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help..."

The French Revolution was the little help the reformers received. However, nearing the end of the French Revolution in 1798; "At that time a French army entered Rome, and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile" (Great Controversy p. 266). This added to the little help that the reformers received. Revelation refers to this experience as **the infliction of a deadly wound**. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death...He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Rev.13:3, 10). This marked the end of Papal rule for a while and the emancipation of Protestantism.

Dan.11:34 (last part) "...but many shall cleave to them with flatteries".

History followed the natural sequence of events as they were prophesied. The French Revolution marked the end of the dark ages of 1260 years. This was followed by the emergence

⁹ "The nation was left to reap the results of the course which she had chosen. The restraint of God's Spirit was removed from a people that had despised the gift of His grace" {Great Controversy p.265 (White 1911)}.

of several churches posturing as heroes of the reformation, but carrying relics of popery in their bosoms. “The Protestant churches of America and those of Europe as well so highly favoured in receiving the blessings of the Reformation, failed to press forward in the path of reform... Therefore, religion again degenerated into formalism...Satan had again resorted to the plan of compromise, which led to the great apostasy and the formation of the Church of Rome” {Great Controversy p.297 (White 1911)}.

This is the church at Sardis. The statement in verse 34 speaks about the many that are insincere while Revelation speaks to few sincere ones. “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy” (Rev.3:4). But the same believers move on to the Philadelphian experience, so we can see the pretenders in the Philadelphian Church. Here they are: “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee” (Rev.3:9).

Clearly, the devil attempted to drown or dilute the few sincere believers with a flood of pretenders. Revelation chapter twelve speaks about this effort on the devil’s part as becoming noticeable at the end of the dark ages (1260 years) the period of Sardis.¹⁰

This begs the question, what would a wise God do if the sincere ones are in the diluting

¹⁰ “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood” (Rev.12:14, 15).

mixture of unbelieving pretenders?¹¹ He longs to have those near who worship Him in spirit and in truth. I know what our loving heavenly father would do; He would call His people out (ekklésia) from amidst the mix multitude.

The defendants In the great Disappointment of 1844

Daniel 11:35 And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed.

Daniel chapter 2 shows us the executive phase of the judgment, chapter 7 shows us the court officials being seated and the advocate Jesus entering for the investigative phase. Chapter eight sets the date for the pre-advent judgment and in retrospect the prosecutor is presented in both chapters 7 and 8. The institution of Rome persecuted Gods people accusing them of being heretics. Consequently, the defendants appear in chapter eleven at the very commencement of the investigative judgment.

At verse 34 we saw the church of Sardis and those who “**cleave to them with flatteries**” were identified in the Philadelphian group as those who “say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie”. And we saw also the deadly wound at verse 34. But the story line follows from Revelation 13¹². The Beast appears persecutes God’s people, receives a deadly wound and then the saints

¹¹ Water-“The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Rev.17:15)

¹² Rev.13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months.
 Rev.13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
 Rev.13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

appear.”He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints” (Rev.13:10).

Here is the patience¹³ of the saints. Whenever we think about patience we think about waiting, or facing a delay; or having to endure a while longer. Let us see if the messages given to this group are saying the something more or less. To the church at Philadelphia Jesus says “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience...” (Rev.3:10). What is this word of His patience? Did He tell them to wait, persevere or endure a little longer any time? Perhaps we can look at verse 35 itself to see if patience is suggested.” And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed (a delay)” (Dan.11:35).

Which group of people made a mistake about the time of the end or the time when time ends and it caused them to be face a sifting process which contributed to their own spiritual preparedness for the very event? Answer, the advent believers of 1844. This is the great disappointment.

“Interwoven with prophecies which they had regarded as applying to the time of the second advent was instruction specially adapted to their state of uncertainty and suspense, and encouraging them to wait patiently in the faith that what was now dark to their understanding would in due time be made plain”{Great Controversy p, 391 (White 1911)}.

In The chapter on “Prophecies Fulfilled” of Great Controversy E. G. White says that as a

¹³Patience – “hupomoné ...Definition - a remaining behind, a patient enduring Usage endurance, steadfastness, patient waiting for.” (Bible Hub 2004-2021).

run up to the great disappointment a passage of scripture in Habakkuk 2:1-4 was useful in publishing a chart.

“No one, however, then noticed that an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the vision--a tarrying time--is presented in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry..." {Great Controversy p. 392 (White 1911)}.

Other passages of scripture which she said encouraged the group were:

“Son of man, what [is] that proverb [that] ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? .. For I [am] the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it...The vision that he seeth [is] for many days [to come], and he prophesieth of the times [that are] far off. ” (Ezekiel 12:22, 25, 27.)

“And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings” (Rev.10:11)

“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry” (Heb.10:36, 37).

In 1844, the time when time ends, and the time of the end were still in the future so the statement “ it is yet for a time appointed” in verse 35 referred to both (duality).

But a closer examination of Habakkuk 2:3 shows that the expression “For the vision [is]

yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie” is saying what Daniel 8:17 is saying, “Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end [shall be] the vision.”

Therefore verse 35 is the great disappointment of 1844 since it has a message of patience and its construction reflects the wording of Habakkuk and the entire text is descriptive of the disappointment its aftermath.

Let look at the second segment of the passage verses 36 to 39. These verses will help us identify the King of the North.

Daniel Chapter 11: 36 -39

Before we launch into the explanation here a timely reminder is in place. The descriptive context is critical to identifying the entity. Therefore every line or element of the frame must fit for the picture of the person to appear.

11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Who is this king that “**shall do according to his will**”? Which nation acts as a law unto itself in this world? Which nation sponsors treaties and laws for others to sign but does not sign? Which nation is blessed with prosperity, till the indignation (wrath)..? Who is this that exalted himself and magnified himself, above every god, at a time when a deadly wound had been inflicted on the previous king? Was it the same king or is it another? In the scheme of things, given the parallel in the format of Revelation thirteen; which power comes to the fore after the

papacy received the deadly wound? (Remember... “holpen with a little help?”(Dan.11:34))

Which Nation comes to the fore after the saints appeared in Revelation 13:10? So which Nation comes to the fore and prominence, at the time God’s people are receiving the sanctifying truths (“to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white”), to prepare them for the time of the end? Should we suddenly revert to the former power because he “speaks marvelous things against the God of gods”? Wait a minute, doesn’t the beast with lamblike horns of Revelation thirteen speak like the dragon (marvellous things)? There are only two powers which have predetermined roles associated with end time, America and the Papacy; if verse 36 has not made it clear which one is being identified then 37 will.

11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

If the expression ‘God’ is creator God then both powers would be eliminated. The American dollar and constitution alludes to its trust in the creator. Also the Papacy claims to represent creator God on earth. So this term God is a figure for something or someone that was treated as God. The question then is: Who or what, historically, was treated or revered as God? While you ponder on this question, we can look at the next phrase with a little more ease. The statement “nor the desire of women” is an easy one to work out, so we can talk a lot about this. A woman in prophecy is a symbol for church or a religious organization (Lam.2:2,13; IICor.11:2, Rev.12).

This power from the onset, does not want to be identified with any church... yes? “...Nor regard the desire of women”, or the recognized Church. And since this can be a rallying point for us, we can unite as we figure out this question. Which earthly Government took an official

position to distance itself from Church, and has a vital role to play in the end time scenario? You got it? Is it the same power that speaks like the dragon (Rev.13:11)? It's in the mind already so no need to call names.

Have you realized that at this point the Papacy has been eliminated? The Papacy is about church. And, in apocalyptic prophecy a woman always represent church or religion except when she is mentioned along with men or children (Dan.11:17).

American Constitution- The First Amendment states:¹⁴

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The "*nor regard desire for women*" is a reference to the unwillingness on the part of this King to recognize a church or religion.

“Article 1 Section. 1. “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives”.

Section 9: Clause 8 : No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States:”

In Monarchal systems, the kings were revered as God. This “God of his fathers” was written out by the constitution. “No title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States”, no king etc. As a matter of fact, the word ‘republic’ comes from the Latin *res publica*, or "public thing," and it refers to the construct of a government where, the citizens conduct affairs for their benefit and not for that of the state or ruler. The statement in verse thirty-seven is simply identifying the ‘lamb like’ horns of **“Republicanism and Protestantism,”** depicted in Revelation 13:11.

¹⁴ (Documents 2020) Archives.gov. (2013, February 21). *Charters Of Freedom*. Retrieved from http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html

11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

“In his estate,” means instead of or in the place of; the expression is common throughout the chapter. The rendering of this phrase must be understood in the context of what was said before. This king or power has chosen to honour the god of forces in the place of any *god* (even the god of his fathers, the desire for women, or any god). But what is critical to the interpretation of this text, is the word for **forces**. From the Strong’s concordance the transliterations: “*maoz or mauz: a place or means of safety, protection.*”¹⁵ The short definition is stronghold. But where it is used in the text it more refers to a thing of protection or defense, in war situations, a shield, helmet, defensive munitions; hence the reference in King James translation used *mauzzim*, which considers it more a means of protection given the context. Therefore the King honours defensive mechanisms in place of any *god*.

The reference section of the King James Version shows that the word for **forces** in verse 38 is **munitions**. This word has its history, but briefly speaking, the general term is **weapons of war**. The God of munition is a figure for the nation’s whole hearted commitment to investing in arms and defence. The best of science and technology is invested in national defence. There is not another nation on earth that spends more on arms than all the other nations put together. America spends upwards of 500 billion dollars on Arms every year representing \$1750, per

¹⁵ מַּזְזִים (*mā·‘uz·zîm*), *Bible Hub-Online Bible Study Suite*. (n.d.). Retrieved July 3rd, 2016, from Biblehub.com: <http://biblehub.com/>

capita.¹⁶ All other high spending nations are well below the 70 billion dollar mark. Only Israel has a per capita expenditure in the range of 1000, because of the comparatively small population while their budget is very much smaller below 50 billion and this is not without significant US ‘subsidies’. Per capita expenditure on arms is well below \$75.00 for most NATO countries only Russia rises to a \$450.00. Does this answer the question: What nation after 1844 (Great Disappointment) has been making a god of weapons of war?

Men of old died for the King or Queen. Wars were waged in honour of the Monarchs. But here is a power that is prepared to invest in the honouring of its name, its defence, and strategic interest. These and a brand of democracy have displaced the god of his fathers. The quest for world supremacy (“a strange god”) has become a god also.

Dan. 11:39 “Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge [and] increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain”.

“Thus shall he do...” what did he do? This phrase “thus shall he do” is translated by most other versions as an action against the most strong holds or fortresses of munitions. The Hebrew transliteration for the word do is *asah*. The same word can be used for the entire expression because it means also to accomplish. And there is a string of other meanings in the concordances. What really emerges finally has a lot to do with whether the context is a continuum or a new one all together. Given the consistency with which the events of war or major conflicts are framed in

¹⁶ Eugene Wittkopf, Christopher Jones, Charles Kegley. (2008). *American Foreign Policy: Pattern Process*. Retrieved from www.armscontrolcenter.org/archives/002244.php).

the chapter, that is, within the context of King of the North and King of the South, it would be inconsistent to site a major conflict outside of the regular expressions.

Asah should not be interpreted to mean that the King attacks or works against the most strong holds, but that he accomplishes the same in the most strong holds. In continuing the context from the text above, “thus shall he do”, means that whatever he did in the preceding experience is what he does in the succeeding one. Looking at the text again, we see that “in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds...” (Dan.11:38, 39). He honours the god of munitions, with gold and silver etc. in the most strong holds. This is the most appropriate rendering as given by the King James Version.

<p>ch. 7:8, 25 36 Is. 14:13 37 Heb. as for 38 <i>the almighty God, in his seat he shall honour, yea, he shall hon- our a god, whom, etc.</i> Or, stead 38 Or, 38 <i>munitions</i> Heb. 38 <i>Mauzzim, or, God's protectors</i> Heb. 38 <i>things desired</i> Heb. 39 <i>fortresses of munitions</i> Heb. 39 <i>a price</i> Is. 21:1 40 Ezek. 38:4 40 Rev. 9:16 Or, 41 <i>goodly land</i></p>	<p>38 But ^Nin his ^Nestate shall he honour the God of ^{NN}forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and ^Npleasant things. 39 Thus shall he do in the ^Nmost strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall ac- knowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for ^Ngain. 40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him ^Rlike a whirlwind, with chariots, ^Rand with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.</p>
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In the construct of the statement, the King or nation invests the best of finances and

intelligences on the ethos of supremacy and does so also in “most strong holds”¹⁷. This expression (most strong holds) carries a dual meaning, as far as I am concerned. It refers to both the fortresses of munitions (Military Bases), and the powerful nations where these military installations are, because the text continues by saying, that he shall cause them to rule over many (who them?). So, the United States of America has made a god out of weapons of war (National defence), fortified with arms, and established military bases (most strong holds) in some of the most powerful nations (most strong holds) of earth, and caused (and causes) them to rule over many.

The nations of Europe were stockpiling arms from the American industries long before World War I. America Joined the war in Spring 1918. President Wilson of America, on January 8th, 1918 presented his peace proposals to the American Congress, known as the ‘Fourteen Points and Four’ principles. On November 5th, 1918, Wilson sent a note to the Germans. The civil unrest in Germany had caused the Kaiser (the Monarch) to flee to the Netherlands. Germans agreed to an armistice and expected a peace settlement to be based upon the fourteen points. In Wilson’s fourteen points, he said “A ‘League of Nations’ should be formed to protect world

¹⁷ “**Strong’s**The Hebrew word for “most strong” מְצוּרָה mauz- a place or means of safety, protection.

The NAS Exhaustive Concordance - defense (4), fortress (4), fortresses (3), helmet (2), protection (2), refuge (3), safety (2), strength (5), strong (1), stronghold (9), strongholds (1). **Strong’s** The Hebrew word for “holds” is מִבְּצָרָה mibtsar or mibtsarah – means fortification NASB Translation besieged (1), fortifications (5), fortified (17), fortified cities (1), fortified city (1), fortress (3), fortresses (1), strongest (1), strongholds (6), tester (1), well-fortified (1)” (Bible Hub 2004-2021) *Bible Hub-Online Bible Study Suite*. (n.d.). Retrieved July 3rd, 2016, from Biblehub.com: <http://biblehub.com/>.

So what is the “most strong holds” A military base”

peace in the future” (Fuller, 2010)¹⁸. He made the League of Nations an essential part of the Treaty of Versailles with Germany. But America did not sign the Treaty of Versailles to become a member of the League of Nations, although the idea was theirs¹⁹. They reasoned that it would involve them in more foreign affairs and could lead them into more wars and conflicts. In brief America wanted to be able to act independently with regards to its foreign policy (“**and the king shall do according to his will**”).

Dividing the Land for gain: “...and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain”(Dan.11:39).

The war devastated Europe. The Austria-Hungary and Russian Empires were demolished and as a consequence Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland were established. On 1st November 1922, the Grand Assembly of Turkey abolished the Ottoman Sultanate resulting in the departure of Sultan Mehmed VI. As a result, the Turkish Nationalist Grand Assembly became the Government of Turkey. A vast amount of territories and peoples that were formally the Ottoman Empire²⁰ were subdivided into many new nations. Consequently, what was lost by the defeated nations of Turkey, Germany, and Austria were gained by France and Britain mainly.

¹⁸ Fuller, R. (2010, June). *The Treaty of Versailles - 28th June 1919*. Retrieved from rpfuller.com: <http://www.rpfuller.com/gcse/history/2.html>

¹⁹ Brebenel, S. (n.d.). *Why did the United States Congress refuse to ratify the Treaty of Versailles*. Retrieved from Globalpolitician.com:<http://www.globalpolitician.com/print.asp?id=1637>

²⁰ Clark, J. L. (2011, 8 02). *World War I and the Continuity of control in the Middle East*. Retrieved from nfinetesque.net: <http://infinetesque.net/articles/2011/Modern%20Middle%20East/World%20War%20I/>

Ruling over many and dividing the land for gain

The land fallouts from World War I were the granting of mandates by the League of Nations. A mandate was an authorization to a member nation to govern a former German or Turkish colony. There were three classes of mandates or mandated territories.²¹

TERRITORY/S	GOVERNING NATION
<p>CLASS OF MANDATE A</p> <p>Iraq and Palestine (including modern Jordan and Israel)</p> <p>Turkish-ruled Syria and Lebanon</p>	<p>Great Britain</p> <p>France</p>
<p>CLASS OF MANDATE B</p> <p>Tanganyika (which is now part of Tanzania)</p> <p>Most of the Cameroons and Togoland</p> <p>Ruanda-Urundi (now Rwanda and Burundi)</p>	<p>Great Britain</p> <p>France</p> <p>Belgium</p>

²¹ *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. (2013). Retrieved from britannica.com: <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/361608/mandate>

CLASS OF MANDATE C	
South West Africa (now Namibia)	South Africa
New Guinea	Australia
Western Samoa	New Zealand
The islands north of the Equator in the western Pacific	Japan
Nauru	Australia/Britain and New Zealand

World War I effectively destroyed many monarchies (“The God of his fathers”) and reduced the international leadership power of Europe. Not only was Europe weakened politically, but economically as well, and ended up indebted to America, who was now an ‘Independent’ Super Power, with greater political influence than before. The nations of Europe benefited economically from the mandate system, and were able to liquidate their indebtedness (“and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain” (Dan11:39)).

World War II (A Rerun)

The League of Nations failed to maintain peace when Communist Russia, Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, and Imperial Japan later challenged the Versailles peace. The challenge was met head on with America entering World War II, only after the bombing of Pearl Harbour. Fire

came down from heaven in the sight of men, when Hiroshima and Nagasaki were devastated by atomic bombs, and the rest is history.

The aftermath of World War II was the dissolution of the League of Nations, which resulted in the remaining Mandates being placed under the trusteeship of the United Nations, subject to future discussions and formal agreements; this was a stipulation of the Yalta Conference. With the exception of South-West Africa, most of the remaining mandates of the League of Nations eventually became United Nations Trust Territories.

The Europeans governing these mandates benefitted tremendously economically, and were able to pay off their debts from the wars. By having political access to these territories, they were able to gain concessions, and tap into their resources, markets, lands, and labour.

The establishment of the State of Israel 1948 and the labeling of the Mount of Olives as Holy ground by the United Nations was the thorn in the Eagles nest, and this, more than anything else, made permanent the unsettled state of affairs in the Middle East region.

Since the term “most strong holds” or fortresses of munitions, in the first place refers to military bases, it would seem to me that notwithstanding the World War I’s settings, post World War II crystallizes the predictions most aptly. And what we are really seeing is the fulfillment taking place cumulatively. Because it was after World War II that America established more military bases in the “most strong hold” of the world (keep in mind that the term has a dual meaning). Notice also that America’s International influence and power had increased to the point where he became King of the North.

Now we can reread verses 38 and 39 and, appreciate the place of World Wars I and II and how the reruns function to spiral the fulfillment to maximization. Now the stage is set for the King of the North, and the King of the South confrontation.

The Nations which featured in the mandate system are still in all the affairs of the Middle East and Africa. They are France, England and Belgium; with France and England being on the Security Council of the United Nations.

Daniel chapter 11:40-44

11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

The cold war with its SALT I and SALT II treaties, and mutual assured destruction (MAD) as a stalemate, did cast shadows over America's King of the North title. But in 1989 the Berlin Wall fell. There was a new world order. The nuclear warheads as hardware devices of the SALT treaties between USSR and America were dismantled. Consequently, America by the strength conventional arms became the undisputed King of the North. Meanwhile Iraq began to prevail in its war with Iran and became the King of the South. The Stage was now set for King of the North and King of the South conflict of 1990 Gulf War I. The sooner they both qualified as Kings of North and South respectively, the sooner they met in conflict and this, at **the time of the end**.

The Time of The End

E.G. White and her contemporaries had the same assumption as many today, that “the time of the end,” is descriptive of the last days. But, God in His wisdom concealed the true meaning along with the associated prophecies until actual the time of the end should have started. These prophecies are now being opened together with an understanding of what the time of the end is all about.

“The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." Daniel 12:4.”{AA 585.1}She said this in 1911.²²

Gabriel used the term in Daniel chapter 8 in obedience to Jesus, who commanded him to explain to Daniel when the living saints were to be judged or exonerated.²³ Daniel fell asleep while Gabriel was speaking. “Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright” (Dan.8:18). After Daniel was awakened, and Gabriel quite naturally repeated the explanation using a different event of the same time frame- “...the last end of the indignation...” (Dan.8:19).²⁴ This is the indignation of

²² The Acts of the Apostles. 1911. Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911. 633 pp. [AA] (White, Acts Of the Apostles 1911)

²³ Dan.7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Dan.8:16 And I heard a man's voice between [the banks of] Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this [man] to understand the vision.

8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end [shall be] the vision.

²⁴ 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end [shall be].

the nations, which happens to be running parallel with the time of the end (the judgment of the righteous living).

Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come: and the time of the dead, that they should be judged²⁵, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great²⁶; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth²⁷. The respective list of the 2nd apartment events is given in this text for clarity: The Judgment of the righteous dead, the judgment of the righteous living and the wrath of God or close of probation. Again there is a bit of parallelism showing that before the wrath of God is the indignation of the nations or the judgment of the living. When God is rewarding or exonerating His own.

“I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced” (EW p. 36).²⁸

"The commencement of that time of trouble," here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, **while Christ is in the sanctuary**. At that time, while **the work of**

²⁵ Judgment of the righteous dead.

²⁶ Judgment of the righteous living.

²⁷ Close of probation or wrath of God.

²⁸ Early Writings of Ellen G. White. 1882. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1945. 324 pp. [EW]

salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry**,”
(EW p.86)²⁹

Therefore the Time of the End demarks that period when the closing works of salvation is taking place at the time the nations are angry. A coalition of approximately 30 nations came together under American supervision to fight the first Gulf War. The largest coalition is the history of the world. What a way to demark the last end of the indignation?

“...the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind...”

Iraq invaded Kuwait on 2nd August 1990. Kuwait was a close friend of America, and a purchaser of American war planes and arms. This type of relationship represented an American interest. The King of the South pushed at him.

Notice how the King of the North is pictured as coming against him like a whirlwind. Operation **Desert Storm**³⁰ was the name given to the first military offensive by America. With the world’s support, America threw everything at Saddam. A tornado touches down from a thunder cloud, that may be ten or more miles high, and where it touches down the whirlwind is devastating. In ancient warfare, the most tactical, offensive elements in battle were the horsemen, chariots, and ships; these were reminiscent of the strength of the army. This Gulf War was a very high tech battle. Here smart bombs were featured, and ‘fire and forget’ missiles, launched from

²⁹ Ibid p.86.

³⁰ Britannica, E. (2013). *Persian Gulf War*. Retrieved from britannica.com:
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/452778/Persian-Gulf-War>

helicopter gunships, made vehicular travel by the enemy a nightmare. And there were the 2000 pound bombs, that, when dropped from B52 bombers flying on the edge of space, could penetrate ten-foot thick, reinforced concrete. This made bomb shelters underground traps. And cruise missiles, which when fired from loaded War Ships, struck targets that had been mapped out by satellite pictures tens of miles inland. These were part of the whirlwind. The fearsome Scud missiles of Saddam's arsenal were disarmed by the installation of Patriot missile batteries, even in the land of Israel (the Holy Land). During this War, the American forces flew approximately 2000 sorties (attack or assault air planes, fighter jets, bombers, and helicopter gunships) every two hours for over two months ("shall overflow and Passover"). The allied forces were overwhelming (overflow) and the aerial assaults (pass over) were responsible for their victory.

Dan.11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

Dan. 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

Dan.11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps.

Initially, many Middle East countries had a fall (similar to the Ottoman Turks) when they gave up their strong anti American positions to join the coalition for American interference in

‘Arab lands.’ In the after math of the second Gulf War (Rerun) many fell politically. The Text specifies a few, but Revolutions were more than in the few. Jordan took Saddam’s side just to escape internal wrangling and Jordan occupy’s the same area today as Edom, Moab and Ammon.

King Hussein of Jordan was back in good graces with the west after the War, they understood his move. So Jordan would not succumb to any revolution. The few mentioned were Egypt and Libya³¹ which fell in 2011 the year of the American Troop withdrawal from the second Gulf War. (Rerun)

“and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps”. At the commencement of both Gulf Wars, Ethiopia³² was having their worst famine in its history and receiving American grain. Both nations are doomed to be at his steps. As to what this means fully... we will have to watch and see.

“...But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt...” (Dan.11:43)

³¹ “Beginning March 19, a coalition of U.S. and European forces with warplanes and cruise missiles attacked targets in Libya in an effort to disable Libya’s air force and air defense systems so that the UN-authorized no-fly zone could be imposed” (Britannica 2021).

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Libya-Revolt-of-2011#ref300033>

³² Krishnan, S. D. (1998, March). *PDF-Changes in Poverty in Rural Ethiopia*. Retrieved from csae.ox.ac.uk: <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/workingpapers/pdfs/9807text.pdf>

Vidal, J. (2003, April 18). *The guardian*. Retrieved from Guardian.co.uk: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2003/apr/18/famine.ethiopia>

The statement is a figure for the wealth of the region. The fallouts from the second Gulf war (Rerun) is the ‘colonizing’ of the crude oil output from the region³³, and American shale oil boom which started in 2014. Meanwhile political strife continues to affect Libyan oil production.

Daniel 11:44 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.

The Gulf Wars I and II were followed by Afghanistan War I and II in 2001 and post 2003 (flare up of hostilities) respectively. The first War of 2001 was precipitated by a war of words (“**out of the east and out of the north**”) after the 9/11 incident³⁴. This campaign was a most brutal one, where the most sophisticated weapons in America’s arsenal was used. Soldiers captured were not treated as prisoners of war, but were sent to Guantanamo in Cuba and other holding cells in Europe. The Expression: “**utterly to make away many**”³⁵ means to ear mark for

³³ “The US announced a withdrawal of its forces from northern Syria in October, but has since said it would retain around 500 troops to guard oil facilities” (News 2021).

<https://www.bbc.com/news/50464561>

The Washington Post Carried similar headlines.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2019/10/22/trump-claims-he-has-secured-oil-syria-heres-whats-really-going/>

” Before the 2003 invasion, Iraq's domestic oil industry was fully nationalized and closed to Western oil companies. A decade of war later, it is largely privatized and utterly dominated by foreign firms” (Juhasz 2013). <https://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/19/opinion/iraq-war-oil-juhasz/index.html>

” The Egyptian government encourages international oil companies (IOC) to participate in the oil and gas sector. More than fifty IOCs are currently operating in the country. Egypt hopes to achieve self-sufficiency in petroleum products by 2022” (Administration 2020).

³⁴“Bush eventually calls on the Taliban regime to “deliver to the United States authorities all the leaders of al-Qaeda who hide in your land,” or share in their fate” (Relations 2001) <https://www.cfr.org/timeline/us-war-afghanistan>

³⁵ **charam: accursed. Definition:** to ban, devote, exterminate

“But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction” (Dan. 11:44. ESV).

(Watch 2021) *CBC News*. (2009, May 21). Retrieved from cbc.ca:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/story/2009/01/22/f-gitmo.html>

destruction base on the Hebrew interpretation. Both presidents Obama and Trump said those POWs returned to terrorism.

So what we are seeing so far is the growth in military and economic capability of the beast with the lamb like horns. Bear in mind that it is "...to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev.13:5). Daniel is simply looking at the geopolitical side of things and how this materializes.

Before we look at verse 45, let us gaze briefly at the fallouts from the gulf wars and the ending of Daniel chapter eleven.

““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. "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. . . . Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate. . . . The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth." Isaiah 24:1-8.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. . . . The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down, for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan!

the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate." "The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." Joel 1:15-18, 12." {9T 15.1}³⁶

6,278 000 persons from mainly the Middle East were given asylum in Europe between the years 2012 and 2020. This represents 41% of those who applied.³⁷ Many who made it to Europe used GPS to find the way hiking through the cornfields in Croatia for example. E.G, White is saying that when Daniel chapter eleven is ending it serves as a trigger to open up other end time prophecies. Also, this initiation of the mass movement of people in proximity to the Gulf Wars, affirmed the commencement of the Time of the End³⁸.

But the catastrophic mass migration in Isaiah 24 initiated by ISIS and other rebel attacks on the Syrian and Iraqi governments, consisted mainly of Moslems. Initially, even those migrating from elsewhere besides the Middle East were Moslems. Ironically, the drought³⁹ while it is a reality across the world, it is also a figure for the movement of Islam. A comparison of the

³⁶ White, E. G. (1948). *Testimonies for the Church - Volume nine*. USA: Pacific Press Publications.

³⁷ Eurostat . 04 27, 2021. https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Asylum_statistics (accessed 05 03, 2021).

³⁸ Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

³⁹ Howard, B. C. (2015, Feb 12). *Worst Drought in 1,000 Years Predicted for American West*. Retrieved from National Geographic: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/02/150212-megadrought-southwest-water-climate-environment>

symbolism of Revelation 9 and that of Joel 1 and 2 attest to this⁴⁰. So clearly what we have here is a prophetic interlock, because the paired presentations of mass migration and drought has a duality in the drought.

And what we are really witnessing here is the ending of the 6th Trumpet. “And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates” (Rev.9:13,14). The command was for Islam to expand to all cardinal points. But by 1550 when the Ottoman Empire was fully set up Islam did not cover territories of the four cardinal points to the fullest. They are now there, and the ratio is one in every five persons. This rapid deployment on the part of Abaddon is not without its significance. (I am constrained by time here).

Also these very fulfillment are referred to by E.G. White in the book Education as the fore shadowing of the plagues.

⁴⁰ Joel 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten

Rev. 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth:

Joel 1:6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth [are] the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

Rev.9:8 ... and their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions.

Rev.9:7 And the shapes of the locusts [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men.

Joel2:4 The appearance of them [is] as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

They have the key of the bottomless Pit- the ability to create destruction and disrepair.

Rev.9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Rev.9:11 And they had a king over them, [which is] the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [is] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath [his] name Apollyon.

Joel 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

“Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear. "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof... They have transgressed the..." (Education p.180)⁴¹

Daniel Chapter 11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Kings rule from their palaces, so the tabernacles of his palace must be the temporary representations of his rule or influence. In a nutshell the headquarters for the one world government consisting of the ten nations⁴² would be established on the Mount of Olives. Here each of the ten nations may have an ‘ambassadorial’ office within one major complex. This will be the headquarters for the battle of Armageddon⁴³. This attempt to annihilate the saints causes Jesus to stand. “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, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Dan. 12:1)

⁴¹ Education. 1903. Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1952. 324 pp. [Ed]

⁴²Rev. 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Rev.17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

⁴³ Rev.17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful

“...between the seas in the glorious holy mountain...” The Mount of Olives is that glorious holy mountain. And the battle of Armageddon having begun here will end here.⁴⁴ Clearly this is the devil’s attempt to set up his kingdom’s Headquarters exactly where the New Jerusalem is to rest.⁴⁵

“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof...and there shall be a very great valley.” Zech. 14:5, 4... As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it” (White, *The Faith I Live By* 1958)⁴⁶

“yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him”

None shall help them, for they will self destruct.⁴⁷ So while the King of the North is the ringleader and would have played a leading role in empowering the beast, the others he caused to rule over many through (League of Nations and United Nations) global organizational structures

⁴⁴ Zech.14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zech.14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zech.14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, [and there shall be] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

⁴⁵ Isa.14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north

⁴⁶ *The Faith I Live By*. 1958. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1973. 426 pp. [FLB]

⁴⁷ Rev.17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Rev,17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

would share in his reward.⁴⁸ Joel tells us of his demise in the land of Israel situated between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. This happens after God's people would have prayed earnestly for deliverance in the context of the drought (Joel.2:11-19).⁴⁹

⁴⁸ Joel 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern [army], and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

⁴⁹ Rev.17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

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