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### **Identities and Roles of the Kings of the North and South in Daniel 11:40**

Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated**; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. {Mar 30.4}

Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for **history will be repeated**. ... We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know. {Mar 30.5}

#### **Daniel's "Repeat and Enlarge" Motif**

As portrayed in Daniel's prophetic chapters 2,7, and 8, three sets of symbolic images were used to describe the character of each of four successively conquered nations – from metals (chapter 2), to beasts of prey (chapter 7), to sacrificial animals (chapter 8). Continuing the motif of "repeat and enlarge," chapter 11, written in chronological order, outlines the prophetic progression of literal dynasties, kings, emperors, and ruling powers, through which crucial detail was added. Additionally, chapter 11 creates an historical backdrop or template for the entirety of Revelation, which provides even greater prophetic and historical detail, guiding us to understand events down through our day, to the very end of time.

#### **Daniel Chapter 11 – Historical Interpretation of the Linear Succession of Literal Dynasties, Kings, Emperors, and Ruling Powers Reveals the Identities of the Three Sets of Kings of the North and South, and Provides a Template to Unlock End Time Prophecies in the Book of Revelation.**

In Daniel's 11<sup>th</sup> chapter the prophetic writings are no longer symbolic, but describe a linear progression of literal ruling powers, from Babylon, to Medo-Persia, to Greece, and finally to Rome in each of its four successive phases, as the pagan Roman Republic, the pagan Roman Empire, Papal Rome, and "Revived" Papal Rome.

**Daniel 11:1** Commencing with the collapse of Chaldean Babylonia in 539 BC when its transgression had come to its full, its conqueror, Medo-Persia, was permitted to rise to fulfill God's purposes through Cyrus II (the Great).

**Daniel 11:2** The three Persian kings to follow Cyrus the Great, including Cambyses II, Darius I the Great, and Xerxes I, known as "Ahasuerus" (Esther 1:1), more famous for his riches than his generalship, and conspicuous in history for the magnificent campaign he organized against Grecia, and his utter failure in that enterprise. After Xerxes I, the Persian Empire rapidly fell off the prophetic timeline as Persia was unable to represent the Lord to the world.

**Daniel 11:3** Grecia emerged the conqueror as Alexander the Great defeated Persian king Darius III Codomanus at the Battle of Gaugamela in 331 BC.

**Daniel 11:4** After Alexander the Great's meteoric rise to power from ages 20 to 30, and his ignominious death by 32 years old in 323 BC, Greece was eventually divided between 4 generals vying for control of the empire. By 305 BC, two generals emerged as dominant forces competing for rulership.

**Daniel 11:5** Seleucis I Nicator controlled the northern region of Babylonia, and Ptolemy I Soter controlled the southern region of Egypt. According to Daniel 11:5-16a, the emergent Seleucid and Ptolemaic dynasties strove for control over Greece. Thus began a central theme in Daniel 11 – the conflict between the kings of the north and south.

### **Overview of the Three Eras of Conflict Between the Kings of the North and South**

The conflicts between the kings of the north and south span three eras, and prove to be more than political unrest and competition for control between warring factions. The conflicts take place within the context of Satan's three attacks against Christ's threefold progressive work of salvation as depicted in the three domains of the **earthly sanctuary model, which is a shadow of the heavenly**. In each era, Satan unifies his ecclesiastic and civil agencies of church and state to secure legal enforcement to attack Christ's three successive phases of sanctuary ministries in His work of

redemption, ending with Satan's attempt to usurp the throne of God on the sides of the north by deceiving the world into drinking the wine of mandated worship. Simultaneously, during each era, God's pure church is called to proclaim the present truth of Christ's ministry for that age, enabling the gospel message to grow continually brighter until the perfect day of Christ's second coming.

Following is an outline of the three consecutive eras of kingly north-south conflicts, including the identities of each king, the critical transitional events polarizing the church between purity and apostasy, Satan's unified "seven-headed ten-horned" church-state attack on Jesus and His people during each of Christ's three sanctuary ministries, and the proclamation of present truth given by God's pure church during each era.

1. The First Conflict (Dan 11:5-22)

- a. The Era – Spanning just over 300 years, this first era commenced with the Six Syrian Wars (274 BC-168 BC) and ended with Christ's First Advent (27-31 AD).
- b. Kingly Identities – The King of the North, as the Seleucid Dynasty, occupied north of Judea in Babylonia, and the King of the South, as the Ptolemaic Dynasty, occupied south of Judea in Egypt.
- c. Church Polarization – Warring armies between the Seleucid and Ptolemaic Dynasties were geographically forced to travel through the fertile crescent and Judea to reach enemy forces. God's people in Judea were strategically positioned and used of the Lord to proclaim the present truth message of Christ's First Advent as man's Messiah and Savior. During the intertestamental period, many Jews lost sight of their divinely appointed charge as a special people to embody the gospel of Christ, and befriended the world with its values and mores, an act of direct enmity against God. Their continued apostasy led to Israel's denial of the Messiah and His message of redemption.
- d. Christ's Sanctuary Ministry and Satan's Assault – Israel's allegiance to Rome was instigated by Satan as they declared, "We have no king but Caesar," thereby unifying an apostate Israel with the pagan Roman Empire, embodied in the first of three seven-headed ten-horned monstrosities of church-state union, depicted as the "great red dragon" (Rev 12:3). This event brought forth the legal decree to kill Jesus as Israel united with the imperial Roman state. This perversion of church and state was Satan's amalgamation designed to destroy Christ's Outer Court Ministry, and to come against God's pure church in the early Christian era.

2. The Second Conflict (Dan 11:23-31)

- a. The Era – Spanning just over 200 years, this second era began with Roman Emperor Constantine I in 313 AD, and continued through the fall of the three "Arian" nations (508-538 AD), inclusive of the 30 years between setting up and establishing Papal Rome, and ended with the imperial rule of Justinian I.

- b. Kingly Identities – Babylon, the northern king, morphed into Rome in its Papal Phase, and Egypt, the southern king, morphed into the secular world in opposition to the papal agenda of world dominion. During this era, the King of the North was represented by emperors and monarchs serving the papal agenda of religious bigotry, particularly by Frankish King Clovis and Roman Emperor Justinian I. The King of the South opposed this agenda, instead espousing religious liberty, particularly by the so-called “Arian” nations of the Visigoths, Vandals and Ostrogoths.
  - c. Church Polarization – For 200 years after Constantine I raised Pope Sylvester to the position of the Caesars as Pontifex Maximus, the papacy worked tirelessly to overturn the Constantinian position of state control over the church, to church autonomy, and control over the state. Through a succession of papal decrees, the papacy turned the control to church over state by 538 AD, when it was enacted into law under the Justinian Law Code. Meanwhile, God’s pure church spread the gospel message of Christ’s ministry in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary as man’s Intercessor.
  - d. Christ’s Sanctuary Ministry and Satan’s Assault – Satan unified the apostate church and the pagan Roman Catholic papal system with a Catholicized pagan Roman Empire, embodied in the second of three seven-headed ten-horned church-state monstrosities, as the “sea beast” or “leopard-like beast” (Rev 13:1). Through this illicit union, it was Satan’s intension to obscure Christ’s “daily” Holy Place heavenly sanctuary Intercessory ministry, and to provide the visible Roman church with legal sanction to come against God’s pure church as it transitioned from the Apostolic Era (31-538) to the Wilderness Era (538-1798). The Roman Catholic papal system plagued God’s true witnesses for the next 1260 years.
3. The Third Conflict (Dan 11:32-45; 12:1-4)
- a. The Era – Spanning nearly 500 years, this third era commenced with the Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent (1545-1563), and will continue on until Christ’s Second Coming.
  - b. Kingly Identities – The kings of the third north-south conflict are identified through two successive time frames – the first, at the time of the end (around 1798), and the second, at the end of time (around the enactment of a National Sunday Law in America).
    - i. The first time frame (Dan 11:40a), at the time of the end, culminated at the end of the 1260 years of papal persecution of God’s pure church, when an atheistic France under Napoleon (King of the South), came against the papacy (King of the North), by taking the reigning pope captive in 1798, thereby inflicting the papal “deadly wound” (Rev 13:3).
    - ii. The second time frame (Dan 11:40b), at the end of time, will be fought on two successive fronts – the first, in America, the second, globally. The King of the North will be Satan’s combined forces of the beast, as the papacy, whose deadly wound is healed, uniting with the false prophet, as Apostate Protestantism, or daughters of the papal “harlot” (Rev 17:5). These represent all agencies that are professedly Christian, ideologically conservative, and politically right-wing. The King of the South will be Satan’s force of the dragon, representing all professedly non-Christian, “pagan,” civil, ideologically liberal, politically left-wing agencies. At the end of time, these two forces must clash in order to create social, political and financial chaos, so as to induce a biblically naïve populace to enact a

law enforcing a false day of worship to have all conflicting parties come into one mind, with the hope of ending the turmoil. The King of the North appears to prevail. One force, however, will remain to be reckoned with, God's pure church, which will not yield to Satan's agenda, but instead will adhere to God's Law and His sacred day of worship. It will be at this time that the two warring kings will coalesce into Satan's confederated forces as three unclean spirits like frogs (Rev 16:13 – the dragon, beast and false prophet), united to execute Satan's ultimate agenda, the annihilation of God's faithful remnant.

- c. Church Polarization – Throughout the history of the seven churches (Rev 2-3), the Lord has maintained a pure church, in contrast to Satan's "Synagogue" of apostasy. At the end of time, God's people will spread the present truth gospel message of Jesus as our High Priest, completing the work of atonement, and preparing for His imminent Second Coming. Yet, many professed Christians, devoid of biblical truth, will reject God as their Lord and King, and, like previous eras, choose man as their civil and ecclesiastic master.
- d. Christ's Sanctuary Ministry and Satan's Assault – Christ's final sanctuary ministry as our High Priest doing the work of atonement in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, will be attacked by Satan's third and final seven-headed ten-horned church-state monstrosity, the "scarlet colored beast" (Rev 17:3), which will unite church and state on two successive fronts. The first will be in America as Apostate Protestantism in this country unifies with the American "Imperial" Legislature, instigating a National Sunday Law of coerced false worship, a direct attack on the Law of God, notably His 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, and His sovereignty (Dan 11:41). Through such measures it is Satan's intention to destroy God's pure church in America, inclusive of all who keep the commandments of God, have the faith of Jesus, and the testimony of Christ, which is the Spirit of Prophecy.

The second front will be global as all of Apostate Protestantism induces the rest of the world to follow America's example, thereby expanding the union of church and state on a global scale (Dan 11:42). This would serve Satan's final agenda of a Universal Sunday Law, enacted to enforce a global system of worship contrary to God's Law, with the intention of destroying God's pure seventh-day Sabbath keeping church worldwide (Dan 11:43-45a).

### **The Contextual Structure of Daniel Chapter 11**

The angel Gabriel gave Daniel a wide angle view of major events that would transpire between Daniel's day and the end of time, particularly in the context of the three north-south kingly conflicts. Critical transitional events that led up to and clarified these three conflicts, were left to be unearthed by the deep study of prophecy and history, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Only through prayerful, earnest search of the scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy will a cohesive prophetic picture be derived. Daniel 11 does not explain each event in full detail, but shows us, through the

Holy Spirit's lead, where to focus our studies of pertinent history necessary to clarify the transitions that unlock the specific events cited by Daniel.

The Revelation is an essential window into Daniel 11. Whereas Daniel provides the framework for the prophetic timeline, Revelation supplements this template as its complement.

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. {AA 585.1}

Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel. {17MR 19.1}

A careful study and interweaving of Revelation with Daniel 11 brings into focus the necessary detail within and between key verses of Daniel 11, to accurately unfold the events leading up to Christ's second coming. Seven distinct, yet overlapping streams of study emerge:

1. The three eras of conflict between the kings of the north and south, featured in Daniel 11.
2. Christ's three redemptive ministries, featured in Revelation 12, 13 and 17.
3. Satan's three seven-headed ten-horned civil and ecclesiastic attacks on Jesus and His people during each of Christ's three ministries occurring sequentially during Rome's last three phases of government, Imperial, Papal and "Revived" Papal, featured in Rev 12, 13, 16 and 17.
4. God's people witnessing and spreading the message of present truth during each of Christ's three ministries, featured in Revelation 12-18.
5. The progression of the seven churches, and repetition and culmination of their history at the end of time, featured in Revelation 2-3.
6. The progression of the seven seals, and repetition of the history of the first four "horses" and culmination of the last three seals at the end of time, featured in Revelation 6-8.
7. The progression of the seven trumpets, and repetition of the history of the first six trumpets during the time of the seventh trumpet at the end of time, featured in Revelation 9-11.

Finally, as we dig through God's Word, as for buried treasure, Christ emerges as the central theme throughout the prophetic record. We see God's glory in the face of His Son reflecting His righteous character to change us from glory to glory until His people, the body of Christ, His pure church, are perfectly joined together in Him. (Heb 11:40; Eph 2:21; 4:16). Even as God's people embrace Christ's righteousness, those who follow under the banner of either the king of the north or the king of the south resist God's mercy and love, and with hardened hearts, reject God's plea to "Come out of her, my people" (Rev 18:4). The great controversy between Christ and Satan,

and their respective obedient agencies, unfolds at each juncture until a new day dawns at the coming of Jesus.

"Let Daniel speak, let Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope." "The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'" {1954 LEF, PFF4 1150.2}

Christ our complete righteousness ... is to be the crowning contribution of prophecy. {1954 LEF, PFF4 1150.4}

### **The First Conflict Between the Kings of the North and South**

#### **The Era: Commencing with the Six Syrian Wars (274-168 BC) through Christ's First Coming as the Messiah (Dan 11:5-22)**

**Daniel 11:6-15** The first north-south conflict spanned just over 300 years, commencing with ancient Grecia throughout its six Syrian Wars (274-168 BC), influencing the union of church and state between an apostate Israel and the pagan Roman Empire to invoke Roman law of capital punishment in a bid to undermine Christ's First Advent and His Outer Court earthly sacrificial ministry, ending in 31 AD. This unified church-state juggernaut intended not only to kill Jesus, but also to destroy God's true witnesses in the early Christian church.

The two warring Grecian dynasties, the Seleucids in the northern region of Babylonia, and the Ptolemies in the southern region of Egypt, demonstrated man's way of governing during times of conflict and peace. The carnal mind, being enmity against God, was motivated by revenge and hunger for power, only to glorify and exalt self above all else. Rulers sought control by intrigue, deception, collusion, and intermarriage with the elite class of the opposing nation, and murder even of one's own family to eliminate anyone that might challenge the drive for supremacy, no matter what the cost.

All this is in glaring contrast to God's self-denying, self-sacrificing character of humility as the God of the universe reveals infinite strength with meekness. Governed by His beneficent Law of Life, where all things take to give, God's kingdom is safe and sustainable for eternity. Unlike the kingdoms of men, where the greatest of all is served by all, in the kingdom of God, the greatest of

all is the servant of all. In His kingdom, all receive God's love so that each selflessly gives that love to another, only to the glory of God.

The first kingly north-south conflict established two domains of Satan's agencies as distinguished from God's pure church. The first domain, Babylon, was situated north of God's people in Judea, and the second, Egypt, was situated to the south of Judea. Babylon would later morph into Rome, becoming the Roman Catholic Church and its papal hierarchy, and at the end of time, will encompass all professed Christianity under papal influence and control. Egypt would later morph into the secular world, inclusive of all that would be antithetical to the Roman Catholic system of worship and dogma. Ultimately, the kingly conflict will be fought between the "Babylonian" influenced northerly king representing all things professedly Christian, and the "Egyptian" influenced southerly king representing all things professedly non-Christian.

### **Role of God's People – True Israel**

God's plan was that ancient Israel, as God's chosen people, would carry to the world the message of the gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus. He called Abraham to the promised land, which was strategically situated in Judea at the crossroads between the two battling dynasties to their north and south. The Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Arabian Desert to the east were barriers to travelling armies, so each army was funneled through the fertile crescent into Judea as they journeyed to the land of their enemy. It was the charge of God's people to teach these sojourners the gospel message of Jesus and proclaim His First Advent as our Messiah.

### **Apostasy and Transgression had Come to their Full**

**Daniel 11:16** Just as Babylon and Medo-Persia failed to manifest God's purpose of living and fostering the gospel message, so did Grecia. By the end of the Six Syrian Wars in 168 BC, Grecia's transgression had come to its full (Dan 8:23). The southern Ptolemaic Dynasty obtained the protection of Rome during the reign of the boy-king Ptolemy V (203-181 BC) to defend against threats of northern Seleucid king Antiochus III. By 168 BC, the next Seleucid king, Antiochus

IV, invaded and occupied Lower Egypt. At the request of the reigning Ptolemaic joint rulers of Egypt, Rome once again intervened on Egypt's behalf. The Roman Senate, through its ambassador in Alexandria, Gaius Popillius Laenas, presented Antiochus IV with an ultimatum that he evacuate Egypt and Cyprus immediately. Fearing the consequences of a war with Rome, the king agreed to comply with the ambassador's demands (Dan 11:16a).

Thus, by 168 BC, Grecia abnegated its sovereignty and yielded to Rome as the more powerful nation. By 31 BC, Rome fully subdued Greece when Octavian Caesar conquered the forces of Egypt under Marc Anthony and Cleopatra VII at the Battle of Actium. Pagan Rome, then still a Republic since 509 BC, was to see its own collapse into an empire by 27 BC (**Dan 11:17-20**). Octavian Caesar became the first emperor of the Roman Empire, and ruled Rome at Christ's incarnation in Bethlehem. The Roman Empire remained pagan.

In 161 BC, the Jews allied with the Romans, choosing man as their protector rather than God. The Roman-Jewish Treaty was an agreement made between Judas Maccabeus and the Roman Republic, according to 1 Maccabees and Josephus. This treaty was the first recorded contract between the Jewish people and the Romans. The treaty was signed during the Maccabean revolt against the Greco-Syrian Seleucid kingdom. This eventually led to Jerusalem's fall to Rome when Pompey the Great came to Jerusalem to quell a dispute between two Maccabean brothers vying for the crown of Judea. Having been dealt with treacherously, Pompey sacked Jerusalem in 63 BC, which led to Judea becoming incorporated into a Roman province by 6 BC, thus robbing the Jews of their independence (**Dan 11:16b**).

During the 400-year intertestamental period, the Jews lost sight of their divinely appointed charge as a special people to embody the gospel of Christ and, instead, befriended the world for its values and mores, an act of direct enmity against God. Their continued apostasy led to Israel's denial of the Messiah and His redemptive message, upon his prophetically determined arrival.

### **Overlay of the Book of Revelation**

The book of Revelation commences after Christ's ascension, and historically encompasses Rome in its three phases after the fall of the Roman Republic, including the pagan Roman Empire, Papal Rome, and "Revived" Papal Rome. Where Daniel 11 brings to light the three eras of conflict between the kings of the north and south, Revelation adds additional significant information to these three sequences by correlating them with Christ's three ministries. Revelation additionally correlates this threefold progression with Satan's attempt to thwart and destroy Jesus and His people through Satan's monstrous creation of an apostate church-state union symbolized by a seven-headed ten-horned dreadful and terrible creature.

### **The Seven-Headed Ten-Horned Great Red Dragon of Rev 12:3**

The first of three seven-headed ten-horned monsters, the "great red dragon" signified the union of Israel in apostasy with the pagan Roman Empire at the time of Christ's First Advent. The great red dragon symbolized pagan Rome, a civil agency of Satan.

The dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth is said to be Satan ( Revelation 12:9); he moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus the dragon is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome. {HF 271.2}

The seven-headed ten-horned monsters of Revelation always indicate the union of church and state, where the church chooses man over God as her protector and savior, using the legal and enforcing agencies of the state to preserve her institutions and enforce her dogmas.

**Daniel 11:21-22b** At the time of Christ, apostate Israel, although deeply rebellious against the Roman yoke, chose to invoke Roman law to have Jesus crucified, fulfilling the agenda of Satan's seven-headed ten-horned church-state creature of Rev 12:3. Their fate was sealed when they stated, in the heat of satanic zeal with the chief priests speaking on Israel's behalf, "We have no king but Caesar," (John 19:15), and the people cried, "His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matt 27:25), thereby pressing Pontius Pilate to decree capital punishment on behalf of the state against the Messiah in 31 AD , under the imperial rulership of Tiberius Caesar (Dan 11:22).

Israel's deep apostasy was the outworking of having gone adrift during the intertestamental period. They lost their connection with God and His Law, and became a people without vision or divinely guided direction (Lam 2:9; Eze 7:26). By losing sight of God and denying His Law, Israel brought upon itself its own destruction (Prov 29:18; Hos 13:9;14:1). Consequently, when Jesus came as Emmanuel, to be God with us, His own people not only did not prepare the world to recognize and follow Him, they themselves were unable to receive Him and proclaim Christ as their Messiah (John 1:10-11).

Israel's probation as God's chosen people came to its end in 34 AD (Daniel 9:24-27). The gospel message was given to the Gentiles. Never intended to be salvation by lineage, nationality, or works, the message in truth was that all who sincerely believe in Christ will receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of salvation in Jesus. But those that sought control over who could either give or receive this gospel would persecute those who faithfully represented Jesus and His redemptive message to a lost and dying world.

This same pattern of history would be repeated down through the end of time through the next two conflicts between the kings of the north and south, and Christ's next two ministries in the heavenly sanctuary. Satan would confound the world through conflict, unite the apostate church with the state, attempt to stultify the proclamation of present truth of Christ and His ministries, and turn the world against God's people. But Jesus, providentially working through His pure church, would prevail. The true message of salvation in Christ would do its intended work according to God's purpose.

### **The Second Conflict Between the Kings of the North and South**

**The Era: Commencing with Roman Emperor Constantine I in 313 AD and Continuing through Frankish King Clovis in 508 and Roman Emperor Justinian I in 538 AD (Dan 11:23-31).**

The second conflict between the kings of the north and south spanned just over 200 years, beginning with Roman Emperor Constantine I by 313 AD, continuing through the fall of the three

“Arian” nations (508-538 AD), and ending with the imperial rule of Justinian I. Justinian’s Law Code galvanized the union of church and state, enabling the apostate church and the pagan Roman Catholic papal system, joined with the pagan and Catholicized Roman Empire, to enforce a system of false worship, and obfuscate Christ’s “daily” Holy Place Intercessory Ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. This satanic union charged forward in an attempt to annihilate God’s pure church.

**Daniel 11:23-24** After the crucifixion of Jesus (Dan 11:22b), the linear arrow of time continued into a new era of conflict. Constantine I (306-337) emerged as the first Christian Roman emperor. With the Edict of Milan in 313, the Diocletian ten-year era of Christian persecution ended (Rev 2:10). Christians, as well as all other religions, were allowed to follow their faith without persecution, penalty, confiscation of property, or the threat of death.

Constantine saw the erosion of his empire hastened by clashing ideologies between paganism and Christianity. As a political maneuver to strengthen his power base by bringing unity to these opposing systems of worship, on March 7, 321 the nominally Christian emperor legally decreed his imperial Sunday law, mandating rest on the venerable day of the sun, a pagan holiday.

In 314 AD, Constantine elevated the Roman Catholic papacy to a position of power and affluence, investing reigning Pope Sylvester I (314-335 AD) with purple robes of royalty, a position retained by the papacy ever since. Pope Sylvester I then decreed that the solemnity and rest of the true seventh-day Sabbath, which had been established by God on the seventh day of creation, was transferred to the first day of the week, Sunday. His rationale rested solely on the pope’s reasoning that Christ was resurrected on the first day of the week.

The change of God’s “times and laws” were made without any Biblical justification (Dan 7:25), and, in step with her Satanic master, set a precedence for ecclesiastic authority of the visible Roman church even above God and His Word (Isa 14:13-14; 2 Thes 2:3-4). Man, a created being, arbitrarily changed the Creator’s plan for worship to his own, exalting self over God. The visible

church of Rome led the way of professed Christendom to worship on Sunday, an ordinary day of the week, rather than on the seventh-day Sabbath, which was blessed and sanctified by the Lord for man to come and join Him in rest. At the end of time, this day would become a test of allegiance, either to be remembered and kept holy as a sign of love and faith in our Creator, or to be negated with another day put in its place, Sunday, marking man's loyalty to God's arch enemy, Satan, who himself was ruled by the greatest tyrant of all, self.

**Development of the Papacy after Constantine I, Leading to the Setting Up (in 508) and Establishment (in 538) of the Papacy in Legal Union with the Roman Empire, Consummating the Illicit Union of Church and State**

(Excerpted from "AD 508 Source Book" by Heidi Heiks, pp *xix - xxi*)

Catholicism did not become the official religion of the Roman Empire until the Edict of the Emperors Gratian, Valentinian II, and Theodosius I, establishing Catholicism as the State Religion on February 28, 380. Ever since the church received recognition by the State under Constantine I, the church has waged a fierce battle for supreme control through the Theodosian law code and the church canons in order to overthrow any sect that she considered competition. These were labeled as "heretics" in order to drive them out of the empire by exile or death. The Edict of the Emperors Valentinian III and Theodosius II recognized the Pope as head of the Western Church in 445.

**Heretic:**

- a person believing in or practicing religious heresy.
- a person holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted.

ORIGIN Middle English: from Old French *heretique*, via ecclesiastical Latin from Greek *hairetikos* '**able to choose**' (in ecclesiastical Greek, '*heretical*'), from *haireisthai* '*choose*.'

**Strengthening of the Office of the Papacy Leading to a Church-State Union**

(Excerpted from "AD 508 Source Book" by Heidi Heiks, pp 65-72)

Pope Simplicius (468-483) began implanting church dogma into the legal belief system of Byzantine Emperor Zeno when in a letter sent April 6, 477 the Pope stated that because God awarded the Emperor his high position, then it should be the intention of imperial leadership to

protect the Christian faith. The Emperor was expected to obey godly decrees as the Christian leader, and in godly matters he should subordinate his leadership to priests and obey the guidelines laid down by the church.

In another letter to Emperor Zeno from Pope Felix III (483-492) sent in March 483, the Pope again affirmed that peace was returned to the universal Church after the heretics had been constrained, and the rule of the Emperor's piety had received the victory concerning its enemies. The Pope further acknowledged the Emperor as protector and defender of the orthodox faith.

According to Pope Gelasius I (492-496), the Emperor would not be allowed to self-importantly ignore churchly orders, because "God wanted your Majesty of the church to subject your neck in pious devotion." Gelasius further stated that the Christian religion was not a natural religion, but was given by God himself. Therefore, only the "dispensatories" or administrators of the church could give guidelines and authorize the spread of information about Christian norms and axioms. Thus, Gelasius promoted the clear separation between kingship and priesthood, but demanded the protection of the faith from the state with the force of arms.

In 494, Pope Gelasius I wrote to Emperor Anastasius declaring the theory of two swords, or two powers, governing the world, stating, "there are two... by which the world is chiefly ruled: the sacred authority of bishops and the royal power. Of those the responsibility of bishops is the more weighty insofar as they will answer also for the kings of men themselves at divine judgment." The popes did not claim to wield the temporal sword but to direct its proper use. This juridical understanding, where church governance was analogous to that exercised by temporal rulers, guided papal theory and practice in subsequent centuries. The two swords theory maintained that secular leaders were subject to the pope's spiritual authority.

Pope Gelasius I worked to move the papacy away from a form of Constantinian Christianity under the Theodosian law code of the pagan Roman Empire to further distance the civil power from any internal interference in church procedures and dogmas. He maintained that the direction

of the church was not the affair of Caesar, who was granted strictly secular authority. Rather, the church was the sole responsibility of the priesthood. By 495, Pope Gelasius I was the first pope at a Roman synod to be saluted as “Vicar of Christ”.

By 501, during the papal reign of Pope Symmachus (498-514), the church council in Rome pronounced sentence on October 23, 501, that no human court could judge the pope; God alone could do that. Thus the pope was officially exalted above every other man. Avitus, Bishop of Vienne, had declared that to question the authority of the Pope of Rome was to overthrow not only the bishop alone, but the whole Episcopate.

Yet, the union of church and state would not be without dire consequences. Once the church controlled the state, severe persecution of God’s true people would be the inevitable result.

### **Religious Liberty vs Religious Bigotry – The Three “Arian” Nations Fall (Dan 11:25-30)**

**Daniel 11:24-28** Standing between papal supremacy and papal impotence were three nations in Western Europe who legally espoused religious liberty. Anathema to the papal agenda of world dominion, the papacy determined that these nations must be obliterated. To this end, the papal hierarchy tenaciously and deceptively influenced Frankish King Clovis, the first Catholic monarch of Western Europe, to do their bidding. He was to wage war against Alaric II and the Visigothic kingdom due to its legally mandated freedom of conscience to worship according to one’s own dictates. The Roman Catholic Church sought to destroy all strongholds of religious liberty, thereby enabling the Church to press its agenda of religious bigotry and persecution of “heretics,” or all who refused adherence to Roman Catholic dogma. In 508, at the Battle of Vouillé, Clovis’s mission was successful. The Visigoths were fully routed, no longer a threat to the papal scheme.

Alaric’s legal code, known as the Lex Romana Visigothorum, or the Breviary of Alaric, was adopted by Clovis and used to set up the papacy and its hierarchy to a position of power in Clovis’s government. Roman Catholic bishops were included in the original writing of the law document to ensure Catholic inclusion in Alaric’s kingdom, which promoted religious liberty. Because of

Roman Catholic input into the Visigothic Law Code, the papal hierarchy was nominated to positions of legal and political power in Alaric's government. These positions of power, legally mandated by Alaric, were maintained by Clovis's government.

**Daniel 11:29-30** With the fall of the Visigoths, two additional "Arian" nations remained to be annihilated, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths. Rome previously had two bitterly unsuccessful naval incursions attempting to route the Vandal Fleet under their king Genseric. The first failed assault was under Western Roman Emperor Majorian in 460, and the second abortive attempt was under Eastern Roman Emperor Leo I in 468. The Vandals, demonized by the papacy as "Arians," were again attacked in 533/4 at Carthage, the Vandal base in North Africa, by Roman Catholic Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian I with his General Belisarius. The Vandals were successfully conquered as a nation.

A third offensive, against the Ostrogoths, who also championed religious liberty, would prove to be the downfall of "Arian" influence. In fact, it would completely undermine the influence of religious liberty in Western Europe, which had up until this time successfully restrained the papacy from taking its position as "head of all the holy churches of the empire; head of all bishops, and the true and effective corrector of heretics," as officially decreed by Justinian I in March of 533. In 535, Emperor Justinian I dispatched General Belisarius to land his forces in Sicily where he took the island for use as a base against Italy. In 536 he captured Naples, then in 536-538 he successfully defended Rome against the Goths, then moved north to take Mediolanum (Milan) and the Ostrogothic capital of Ravenna in 540, where he captured the Goth king Witiges.

Belisarius entered Rome on December 10, 536 to defend the city. The Goths resolved to dispute his possession of the city by regular siege, which they commenced in March 537. The whole nation of the Ostrogoths had been assembled to siege Rome, but after one year and nine days, their army was destroyed by frequent and bloody combats under the city walls. In March 538, they raised the

siege, burned their tents, and retreated in confusion, with numbers scarcely sufficient to preserve their existence as a nation or their identity as a people.

**Daniel 11:31** Now nothing stood in the way of the pope's exercising the power legally conferred upon him by Justinian five years earlier. Commencing March, 538, the Justinian Law Code was finally put into effect, naming the pope as head of all churches of the Roman Empire, giving the papacy the power to correct heretics, and establishing canon law of the Roman Catholic Church as civilly binding. The arms of the state were now used to enforce the dogmas and preserve the institutions of the visible church of Roman Catholicism, to the exclusion of all other faiths. Religious liberty came to its end, and religious bigotry emerged to persecute the true worshipers of God.

### **Identity of the Kings of the North and South during the Second Era Conflict**

Babylon, over time, was equated with Rome, and Egypt over time was equated with the secular world. Even during the early church formation, Peter characterized Rome as Babylon (1 Peter 5:13). The principle of Babylon signifying Rome, matured with the emergence of the Roman Catholic Church and the papal hierarchy as a dominant force in Western Europe. By 538, having risen to the level of religio-political control in the Roman Empire and Western European Monarchies, the northern king was fully embodied by the papacy. During the papacy's rise to power, the northern king was represented by papal agencies enlisted to do its will. Having no army of its own, the papacy united with the state as its protector and enforcer. This included the agencies of Clovis and Justinian I, each instigated to drive their armies to crush religious liberty in the name of the Roman Catholic system.

The king of the south was always in opposition to the king of the north. During the era of the papal run-up to power, particularly from 508 to 538, the king of the south was represented by opposing forces to papal oppression and religious bigotry. These included Alaric II and the

Visigoths, and the other two “Arian” nations of the Vandals and Ostrogoths, each legally supporting religious liberty, to the exclusion of papal control over the conscience of man.

### **Overlay of Revelation – The Seven-Headed Ten-Horned Sea Beast of Rev 13:1**

For 200 years after Constantine I raised Pope Sylvester to the position of the Caesars as Pontifex Maximus, the papacy persistently worked to overturn the Constantinian position of state control over the church, to church autonomy, and control over the state. Through a succession of papal decrees, the papacy, by 538 AD, successfully turned control to church over state, enacted into law under the Justinian Law Code. The beast of Rev 13:1, also called the “sea beast,” or leopard-like beast,” came into full view as the dominant persecuting world power for the next 1260 years. This union of church and state was the crowning glory of Satan’s Roman seven-headed ten-horned church-state monster of Rev 13:1.

Satan’s second church-state union was put into effect with the fall the last of the three “Arian” nations. The attack of the first union, between an apostate Israel and the pagan Roman Empire, was against Christ in His Outer Court Ministry as our Sacrifice. This second attack, spurred by the union of the Roman Catholic Church under papal leadership with a Catholicized Roman Empire, came against Christ in His Holy Place ministry as our Intercessor.

The visible church and its papal hierarchy sought to take man’s attention away from Christ’s “daily” Holy Place Intercessory Ministry (Dan 11:31). The priestly class blasphemously claimed to forgive sins, even to being God’s vicar on earth. They further claimed to be the sole teacher of God’s Word, and taught their congregation to pray through man, as priest, pope, or even dead “saints” of Roman Catholic canonization. The Eucharist was practiced daily, signifying the crucifixion of Christ continually. This perception obscured Christ’s heavenly ministry, distracting man’s attention from Jesus and things eternal, instead focusing on the works of man, at best temporal and transient. To enforce its dogmas, the papal institution relied on the arms of the state to pursue “heretics” who would dare to think for themselves and believe contrary to the visible

Roman church. Like Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon of old (Dan 3:6), Papal Roman "Babylon" invoked the same decree to worship according to a false system devised by man, or be killed.

**Role of God's people – The Apostolic Church (31-538 AD) and the Church in the Wilderness (538-1798 AD) (Dan 11:32-35)**

**Daniel 11:32-35** As the Roman Catholic papal system was in transition between 508 and 538, becoming fully established in its lead religio-political role, God's pure church went through its own transition from the Apostolic Church since the time of Christ, to the Church in the Wilderness after 538, when the pure church was forced to flee papal persecution (Rev 12:14). For 1260 years, from 538 to 1798, the papacy, ostensibly through its control over civil agencies, would doggedly hunt and mercilessly torture and kill God's true people. The pure church kept the commandments of God and were, therefore, Seventh-day Sabbath keepers. This enraged the papacy, which was seeking to enforce its own doctrine of Sunday worship to the exclusion of the true Seventh-day Sabbath. The pure church continued to spread the gospel of Jesus even under the specter of martyrdom.

Many of pure faith risked their lives for the sake of their Savior as they taught and exemplified the unadulterated truths of the Bible in its original form. Their teaching pointed to Christ's Holy Place Ministry as man's Intercessor, through Whom man could pray directly to God. They knew that Christ's guidance of His pure church was intimate and unwavering, continually protecting His people, yet permitting adversity to chasten and mature His church as members of His own body, being made fit to be with Him for eternity.

Each was directly led by the Holy Spirit into all truth and was shown things to come through God's Word, without the requirement of priestly interpretation. The true church understood that the Holy Spirit gave us discernment between right and wrong in the eyes of God, and convicted us of sin, righteousness, and judgment, pricking our conscience without another man acting on the Holy Spirit's behalf. The Bible was to be accessible equally to all seekers of truth, to be read

directly in one's own native language, rather than being cloistered in the basement of well-guarded citadels of the Roman church, accessible only in an antiquated Latin tongue that none but the scholarly and priestly class could understand.

Christ's true witnesses knew that God alone forgives us of sin and cleanses us of all unrighteousness. This was not left to an earthly agent in the form of confession and absolution. The pure church also taught the truth that Christ died once and for all, and was not to be continually crucified by the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Mass, in which the bread and wine were claimed to become the actual body and blood of Jesus. It was God's design that He be fully and equally accessible to all humanity, being no respecter of persons, so that all might "be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:24)

### **The Third and Final Conflict Between the Kings of the North and South**

**The Era: Commencing with the Founding of the Jesuit Order (1540) and the Counter-Reformation (1545-1563) and Concluding with the Second Coming of Christ (Dan 11:36-45;12:1-4)**

### **The Two Phases of the Final Conflict Between the Kings of the North and South**

The conflict's third and final emergence will span nearly 500 years, commencing with the Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent (1545-1563), and will continue through Christ's Most Holy Place High Priestly Ministry of Atonement in the heavenly sanctuary, which commenced in 1844. This last conflict will unify church and state to violate Christ's ministry in the Most Holy of Holies by launching an assault against God's Law. Apostate Protestantism will unite with the American "Imperial" Legislature, instigating a National Sunday Law of coerced false worship. Through such measures it will be Satan's intention to destroy God's pure church in America, inclusive of all who keep the commandments of God, have the faith of Jesus, and the testimony of Christ, which is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Through this final conflict, the rest of the world will be induced to follow America's example, thereby expanding the union of church and state into a single global confederation of Satan's

forces, ultimately leading to Satan's final agenda of a Universal Sunday Law enacted to enforce a worldwide system of worship contrary to God's Law, and to destroy God's pure seventh-day Sabbath keeping church internationally. Revisiting the Babylonian law first seen in the time of Nebuchadnezzar, and repeated at the time of Papal Rome during its 1260 years of persecution, at the end of time, when Papal Rome will be "Revived," history will once again be repeated as the same coercive decree will be enacted – worship according to man's law (on Sunday) and not according to the Creator's Law (on Sabbath), or be killed.

The final north-south kingly conflict will take place in two distinct and successive phases – first, at the time of the end, and, finally, at the end of time. The first phase, at the time of the end, culminated at the end of the 1260 years of papal persecution of God's pure church, when an atheistic France under Napoleon (representing the king of the south in its first phase) came against the papacy (representing the king of the north in its first phase) by taking the reigning Pope Pius VI captive in 1798 (Dan 11:40a).

But this state of affairs will not last. Each king will mature into its second, and final phase, to again clash their seemingly antagonistic religio-political ideologies at the end of time. Both still Satan's agencies, the king of the south will transition into all professedly non-Christian, politically "left," relatively liberal ideologies, making up the dragon of Satan's civil agencies, and the king of the north will transition into all professedly Christian, politically "right," relatively conservative ideologies, making up Satan's ecclesiastic agencies of the beast, as the papacy, and false prophet, as Apostate Protestantism. Their conflict will only serve to bring humanity into acceptance of Satan's ultimate objective of unopposed world dominion as he engineers both sides to war against each other.

It has been Satan's aim all along to unite his confederated forces, whether professedly Christian or professedly non-Christian, in the destruction of any vestige of God's remaining pure church at the end of time, so that he will never be proven wrong, alleging that God's Law is grievous and

cannot be kept. It will be seen that God's Law can be kept by sinful man fully yielded to Jesus, being dead to self and hid with Christ in God.

### **The King of the North – (First Phase) “at the Time of the End”**

Emergent from the pit of Roman Catholic corruption and brutal persecution was the Reformation. Its strongest voice was that of Martin Luther. Motivated by disgust for the papal hierarchy and its collection of “indulgences,” thereby claiming to have the authority to forgive man of his sins based upon how much money the sinner could contribute to the papal coffers, Martin Luther wrote a series of 95 “Theses” denouncing this anti-Christian practice, which he publicly posted on the door of his church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This act marked the beginning of Protestantism, as Christians throughout Europe banded together to protest the Roman Catholic perversions of gospel truth. The Bible, now studied by the common man in his own language, brought forward the pristine truths that Christ imparted through his prophets and apostles, and directly spoke during his earthly ministry. Papal error was exposed in the light of God's unerring Word, and the Roman Catholic system began to rapidly collapse throughout its previous strongholds in Europe.

**Daniel 11:36-40** It should be noted that Dan 11:32-35 depicts the papal atrocities right up to the Reformation and Protestant movement, and leads up to Dan 11:36, which commences the third and final north-south kingly conflict. The King of the North of v36, referring to the same controlling entity in v30 {13MR 394.1}, that is, Rome in the form of the papacy, would “do according to his will.” This occurred nearly 1000 years after the papacy was established by Justinian in 538, after the commencement of the Reformation in 1517. So, something of major significance had to occur at this juncture that would put the papacy in a position of unchallenged control just at the time it was losing its ecclesiastic and civil influence throughout Europe.

As the pure church was gaining ground, Satan raised his own counterattack in the form of the Counter-Reformation, proposed by his agent, Ignatius Loyola. Loyola proposed a three-pronged

counter assault on the Protestant movement – first, train a corps of men to infiltrate the “heretical” movement and work single-mindedly for its ruin; second, continue to eradicate “heretics” by force through the Inquisition; and third, convene the Council of Trent to firmly establish Counter-Reformation measures, which would become codified as Church canon.

With such diabolical intentions, Loyola launched his new Order, the “Company of Jesus,” on August 15, 1534 with six other young, brilliant and ambitious men of like mind. On September 13, 1539, Pope Paul III gave his verbal approval in favor of Loyola’s scheme. Loyola then wrote the “Constitutions” of his new Order, sanctioning any and every means at their disposal to destroy all opposition to papal global supremacy.

His central doctrine of “the ends justify the means” became the guiding principle for all his followers, so long as the ends were favorable to the Roman Catholic Church and his Order. After carefully studying Loyola’s geo-political design, Pope Paul III christened the Order on September 27, 1540 with the papal bull entitled “On the Supremacy, or Rulership, of the Church Militant.” The Order was renamed the “Society of Jesus,” also known as the Jesuits. An army for the pope, the Jesuits exhibited a zeal and obedience, even unto death, to a single figure alone, their Jesuit General, also known as the “Black Pope” (donning black robes). Ignatius Loyola was the first in this lineage.

The combination of the Jesuit General, or “Black Pope,” with the papacy, spearheaded by the “White Pope,” created a “combined papacy” intended to squelch or control all opposition to its designs. The launching of the Counter-Reformation with the Council of Trent (1545-1563) saw a formidable enemy of Protestantism arise to defend the papal agenda at any cost. So fierce was their commitment that for the next nearly 500 years this institution of Roman Catholicism infiltrated virtually every secret society and subversive agency to trigger chaos in the secular and ecclesiastic worlds until their ends were established. Their objective was the complete annihilation

of Protestantism and any institution, kingdom, or nation that would stand in the way of unopposed global papal dominion.

### **The King of the South – (First Phase) “at the Time of the End”**

Just as the King of the South of the Ptolemaic Dynasty in Egypt opposed the King of the North of the Babylonian Seleucid Dynasty, and the three “Kings of the South,” the so-called “Arian” nations of Western Europe who espoused religious liberty, opposed the papal agenda of religious bigotry, so the King of the South at the end of time will oppose the papal King of the North. But this opposition will become convoluted, as both sides will be orchestrated by the same force from beneath, not so much to destroy each other, but to ultimately combine forces to entirely eradicate God’s pure remnant church.

**Daniel 11:40a** The “time of the end” was around the conclusion of the 1260 years of papal persecution, which legally ended in February of 1798, when Pope Pius VI was taken captive by Napoleon’s General Berthier. The plot behind the “deadly wound” of the papacy in 1798 was telling of the dynamism of the conflict between the kings of the north and south in their second and final phase at the end of time.

The Jesuit Order was instrumental in orchestrating the pope’s capture. The Order was intrinsically seditious, and was ousted by nearly every country it sought to control, including Italy. By 1763, Pope Clement XIII was forced to expel the Jesuit Order from Italy. In retaliation, the Jesuits poisoned the pope, leading to his untimely and agonizing death. The next pope, Clement XIV, failed to reinstate the Order, and was also poisoned to death for his failure. This clearly tempered additional papal intervention.

The Jesuit Order, known for “payback” or revenge on those that ousted them, orchestrated the Napoleonic Wars under Napoleon Bonaparte to overthrow every government that forced the Order’s removal from that country. This included Italy. So on February 15, 1798, Napoleon’s General Berthier took the reigning Pope Pius VI captive, and by legal decree and popular vote

declared a new Roman Republic. The Justinian Law Code of the Roman Empire came to its end, as did the 1260-year era of papal oppression.

The papacy was dealt its “deadly wound” (Rev 13:3). Napoleon represented an atheistic France, “the legitimate result of Rome’s suppression of the Scriptures. It presented the most striking illustration ever witnessed of the working out of the teaching of the Roman Church” {HF 166.2}. The Napoleonic Wars took place in an atheistic context. Without the Bible as their guide, and revering reason over the Holy Spirit, France was plunged into a godless state with horrifying convulsions. Instigated by the Jesuit controlled Jacobins, driving the intelligentsia of France to create a “One World Order,” and creating the “third estate” of the commoner to rally for a communistic state, France became a killing field. The heart of man waxed cold. The sanctity of monogamous marriage was profaned. The seven-day week, created by our Creator, was altered, thereby denying the true Sabbath. The monarchy was completely out of touch with the needs of the people. Man turned against man. The Reign of Terror (1793-1796) was the inevitable result. So shocking was the debasement of humanity that the conclusion was a return to the Bible and a reconnection with the God of Creation. Sadly, however, this state of human degradation was to serve as a type of what was yet to be experienced at the end of time, but on a global scale.

### **King of the North – (Second Phase) at the End of Time**

**Daniel 11:40b** After receiving its “deadly wound” in 1798, the papacy would seek to strengthen and unify itself to accomplish its never forgotten agenda of world dominion. The papacy, as the crowning glory of Satan’s creation to ensnare man’s mind and control his conscience, would pursue its master’s plan to exalt Satan over God, witnessed principally in the promulgation of a false sabbath as pagan Sunday worship, thereby denying our Creator and His plan of salvation.

Historically, by the fourth century, Constantine I codified Sunday worship by decree in 321. By 364, the Roman Catholic Council of Laodicea established an anti-Sabbath canon that made

worshipping on the true Sabbath anathema to the church. The history of both of these events will be repeated in our day.

At the end of time, Satan will make the Law of God, particularly the Fourth Commandment, the central issue, not just in the church, but also in the civil world. Through his civil and religious agencies, he will seek to create a law enforcing Sunday worship and ban worship on God's true Sabbath, thereby negating man's allegiance to his Creator and enforcing allegiance to Satan as the usurper.

To accomplish his end, Satan will bring his north and south kingly agencies into conflict. This will embroil America, and soon afterward the entire world, in a clash of ideologies that will cause man to demand a law of worship that otherwise would not be accepted. Satan will have the mutually antagonistic mature forms of the kings of the north and south come against each other. The same agencies that put atheistic France in conflict during the French Revolution (1789-1799) will orchestrate the conflict and bring the world into chaotic disarray.

The mature form of the king of the north will first emerge in America, but only after this country's Constitution is completely repudiated or rejected, and the nation is plunged into chaos. The Protestant movement will fully apostatize and demand a law mandating Sunday observance in America, enforcing worship to bring the country back into a semblance of balance after being thrust into political, economic and social crisis (Rev 13:11). A fearful populace will comply, as will a pressured legislature.

The combined efforts of the harlot and her daughters (Rev 17:5), that is, the beast as the papacy, and the false prophet as Apostate Protestantism, will create a unified force as the mature and final phase of the king of the north, driving their agenda for a One World Church. These professedly Christian agencies will clash against the mature form of the professedly non-Christian agencies, representing the civil agencies of the dragon that will comprise the king of the south, which will vie for a One World Government under a completely totalitarian regime, as global communism.

The irony is that the papal beast, on one hand aligned with the false prophet, at the same time aligns itself with the dragon, thereby controlling both sides of the contest. This is simply the harlot of Rev 17:3 riding the entire scarlet colored beast of church-state union at the end of time, directing both the ecclesiastical (church) and civil (state) agencies to unify in favor of the papal agenda of world dominion. The papacy has no allegiance to either side as “she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow” (Rev 18:7). This was precisely Israel’s state just before it crucified Jesus and brought upon itself its utter ruin {GC88 17.2}.

### **Overlay of the Book of Revelation – The Repetition of the History of the Four Horses (of the Seven Seals) and Seven Churches, and the Rise of National and Global Chaos**

The driving force behind human history is God.

In the annals of human history the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as dependent on the will and prowess of man. The shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, behind, above, and through all the play and counterplay of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will. {Ed 173.2}

In the biblical prophetic narrative, the Lord provides a glimpse into the pertinent history that will be repeated in our day, giving us an idea of the events that will precipitate a National Sunday Law in America and, soon to follow, a Universal Sunday Law globally. Historically, during the progression of the seven churches and seven seals, the first four seals which were sequentially opened during the first four church eras, characterized a pattern that will be repeated in our generation, leading to national and global chaos, persecution, and satanic control over man’s conscience.

The first seal of the white horse during Ephesus demonstrated the work of Christ in His early church as the gospel message went forth to bring souls into God’s kingdom. Seeds of the gospel of Jesus were planted universally. This naturally incurred the ire of Satan and his agencies, and persecution resulted during the second seal of the red horse during Smyrna. With the emergence of Christianity as an increasingly popular doctrine, religio-political pagan forces feared losing

control over the conscience of the masses, with associated financial losses. To counter this growing incursion, sincere Christians were hunted and killed. To end church oppression, Constantine decreed the legitimacy of Christianity in his empire. This brought in the third seal of the black horse during the era of Pergamos. Compromise entered the church, and was inevitably followed by apostasy. It was during this black horse period that Constantine established his empire's first Sunday Law in 321, soon followed by an anti-Sabbath Roman Catholic Church Canon established at the Council of Laodicea in 364. Not until the fourth era of Thyatira and the opening of the fourth seal of the pale horse did the inquisition and crusades emerge throughout the imperial realm with rampant execution of God's pure church, who were Sabbath-keeping "heretics" to Romanism.

In our day, the template laid out in history will be repeated. The white horse will reemerge as the straight testimony of Christ's righteousness, which is the testimony of the True Witness of Rev 3:18 proclaimed to the seventh church, Laodicea. Given by God's people imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, the message is the third angel's message of Rev 14:6-13 in verity, and will swell to the loud cry of Rev 18:1-4.

As this message is heralded by God's consecrated messengers sanctified in Jesus, it must necessarily bring persecution, known as the shaking, to all who are in Christ.

I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen. I was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. It will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver of the testimony, and it will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. This straight testimony, some will not bear. They will rise up against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. {RH, December 31, 1857 par. 5}

The red horse will again rear its head and the church will be shaken such that all that can be shaken will be, except for those who are firmly rooted in the Rock of Christ.

To quell the persecution, the black horse will then resurface to entice nominal Christians into positions of worldly authority, position and fame, bringing compromise into the church. God's

remnant church will appear to fall, but won't. Many of God's brightest lights will go out, but many others from other denominations that hear and respond to the swelling loud cry will fill the ranks of God's pure church at the end of time. Each will take a stand for the Lord even in the face of sanctions, including death.

It was during the black horse in the history of the seven seals that the first "National" Sunday Law was decreed in Rome. Because history will be repeated, the National Sunday Law in our country will be enacted during the repetition of the history of the third seal in our time (Dan 11:41; Rev 13:11; 17:12) followed, as it was historically, by an Anti-Sabbath Law forbidding true Sabbath worship. The preceding persecution will be severe and will precipitate public demand for intervention to end the stupendous crisis. Once a law is legislated, the pale horse must immediately come into view and with it, martyrdom on a massive scale. It is then that the fifth seal emerges in its final form {20MR 14.3}. Many of the saints of the remnant pure church will yield their lives for the sake of Jesus to save their lives for eternity in Christ.

The rest of the world will come into lock step with America {6T 395 (1900)}. This country, having legislated contrary to God's Law, an act of national apostasy, will incur the withdrawal and wrath of God, to be swiftly followed by national ruin {LDE 133.5}. America's transgression will come to its full. Judgments will be severe. Apostate Protestantism in America will, through legislative pressure, hand this country over to the papacy and to the world powers (the ten kings of Rev 17:12) aligned with her for global dominion {7BC 983.5; 3SM 392.4,5}. This nation will "be humbled into the dust" {1T 259.1}.

Yet, Babylon, the fallen system of worship perpetuated by the papacy and enjoined by Protestantism in apostasy, will not have fully fallen until all nations and all of Christendom have been stupefied by the false doctrine of church and state unification {7BC 983.5} (Dan 11:42; Rev 13:12; 17:13). It is then that Satan will confederate all the corrupt powers to come against the last of God's remnant people. The dragon as Satan's civil agencies, the beast as his papal agencies,

and the false prophet as his apostate protestant agencies, first in America, and then globally, will ally with the kings and inhabitants of the earth that accept allegiance to the usurper to this world and choose to believe a lie, to their eternal loss (Rev 16:13-14).

Once all have solidly decided for or against God, human probation ends, commencing “a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time” (Dan 12:1). It is then that the sixth seal concludes with the coming of Jesus in the clouds of glory with his angelic army to deliver the multitude of sleeping saints from their graves, and the living remnant 144,000. It is also then that the onlooking universe and heavenly host will observe in silent awe a people completely recreated in the image of God, having the character of Christ, whose faces will shine with the glory of God, even in sinful flesh but without a trace of remembrance of sin (Rev 8:1 {4SP 437.2}). With the faith of Jesus, they will have suffered and endured trials to the uttermost, standing before an Almighty God without an intercessor, tasting the cup that Christ fully consumed from Gethsemane to Calvary. Jesus will have completed His work so that all in Christ will have been made perfect and fit for heaven (Heb 11:40).

### **King of the South – (Second Phase) at the End of Time**

**Daniel 11:40b** Just as the King of the North will confederate Satan’s forces of professedly Christian agencies, including the “beast” and the “false prophet” of Rev 16:13, so will the King of the South bring Satan’s professedly non-Christian forces of the “dragon,” representing civil dogma steeped in paganism. The two kings will hold distinctly different end-time agendas.

The northern king will embrace One World Religion, to which societies and governments, in this king’s mind, should rightly yield. Such a universal religion will be intended to embody all that the world religions would claim to hold in common, with differing doctrines relegated into insignificance.

The southern king will embrace One World Government, to which, in this king’s mind, all nations should rightly yield. Having one nation stronger or wealthier than another will be regarded

as tipping the balance away from the “greater good,” and should, therefore, be unacceptable in the eyes of all other nations. Equality will be the drive behind the development of universal government, law, social systems, economies, education, health care, public welfare, business, and all other systems of human interaction and culture.

The final phase of the King of the South will be inclusive of distinctly non-Christian and typically “leftist” liberal ideologies such as progressivism, collectivism, totalitarianism, communitarianism, authoritarianism, communism, socialism (including social justice and social democracy), fascism and Nazism. Its broader inclusion would envelop the many other principally pagan “isms” of political, social and non-Christian orientation, including spiritualism, occultism, and Mohammedanism (Islam) in its religio-political form of seventh century Arab imperialism. Further embraced would be the belief system of atheism and scientism, when it takes on the faith and zeal of a religion, particularly with its more recent doctrine of evolution.

The mature King of the South will ultimately represent the dragon at the end of time, ostensibly coming into conflict with the beast and false prophet.

### **The Final North-South Kingly Conflict**

The two kings will be pitted against each other at the end of time with the perceived agenda of eradicating opposing ideologies. But the more accurate agenda will be an oligarchical control of the many by the few. Hence, the broader systems of totalitarian control will be advocated. Satan will work continuously from beneath, keeping the true agenda hidden. Secret societies will be formed and will band together to accomplish this aim of global hegemony.

Yet beyond all the political intrigue, another agenda will make itself known. Satan’s studied modus operandi, codified by the “Hegelian Dialectic,” will be to create instability instigated by conflict, all the while controlling both sides of the conflict to bring about his desired outcome that no one will otherwise be willing to accept were it not for the increasing desire to end the political, economic and social turmoil. The intention of the conflict will be to create pain and unrest, so that

those embroiled in the conflict will yearn for resolution, no matter what the cost. In this final confrontation, Satan will pit the “dragon” as the liberal, politically left King of the South, against the “beast and false prophet” as the conservative, politically right King of the North, seemingly trying to eradicate each other. For a National Sunday Law to come into existence, the King of the North, championing the agenda of coerced worship according to man’s tradition, will appear victorious over the King of the South (Dan 11:40b). This war will be waged on American soil.

Satan’s ever-present desire is to be worshiped and to control the conscience of man, forcing man to bow to Satan’s will. Therefore, civil and religious liberty are anathema to Satan’s government and character. His final attack must be levied against a people and its government that embrace both. Consequently, the attack is against the last stronghold of these liberties in the United States of America (Rev 13:11).

Satan has launched a multipronged assault to destroy the foundation of our government – the Constitution with its Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. We have witnessed the steady erosion of these God-inspired documents. The last item to fall, as the moral hub of the Constitution, is the First Amendment. Already in serious jeopardy are the freedoms of speech and the press, and the redress of grievances. But the central point of attack will be the freedom of worship. It is this issue that will be instigated during the escalating conflict between these final two “kings.”

In the end, however, these two kings will unite in Satan’s culminating agenda of the conquest of the world, which will become one global empire. The “10 kings” of Rev 17:12-14, as the global power elite, will conspire with the papacy for world dominion, each using the other for power and influence. Together they will, with demonic zeal, rally the world for Satan’s final and decisive conflict – the Battle of Armageddon. All of Satan’s confederated forces, the dragon, beast and false prophet, combined with the forces of all the rest of the world, will come against God’s remnant church, embodied in the last of His people, the 144,000 (Rev 16:13-16).

But just as Satan's attempts to kill Christ and eradicate His people have been unsuccessful throughout history, so will his final attempt to destroy the 144,000 also fail. The archenemy's forces will be confounded in this final battle. In their perplexity, they will turn against each other and destroy one another as they realize they have followed a false god and been misled from the truth, only to reap eternal loss.

### **Overlay of the Book of Revelation – The Seven-Headed Ten-Horned Monster of Unified Church and State Reemerges as the Scarlet Colored Beast of Rev 17:3**

The third and final appearance of seven-headed ten-horned church-state Roman monster, called "the scarlet colored beast," will occur during Christ's Most Holy Place heavenly sanctuary High Priestly Atoning Ministry, but in two phases. The first phase will be the unification of the ecclesiastic agency of Apostate Protestantism in the United States with the civil agency of the Imperial American Legislature, no longer allied with the truth of Christ's teachings as found in His Word (Rev 13:11). Pressured by an Apostate Protestant initiative, America's legislative body will succumb to a breach of separation of church and state, and enact a National Sunday Law in contrast with God's Law of remembering the seventh-day Sabbath, to keep it holy. With the passage of this Law, enforcing worship contrary to the repudiated First Amendment, Papal Rome will have its deadly wound healed (Rev 13:3) and will become "Revived" Papal Rome, now working through her daughters of the false prophet, who hand over this country to the power of the papacy and the global elite.

The second phase of this last Roman church-state beast will be the unification of the ecclesiastic agency of Apostate Protestantism globally with the civil agency of a Global Empire directed by a pagan power elite (ten kings) who are allied with the papal agenda of world domination (Rev 17:11). It will then be that Babylon will have completely fallen, and God's global remnant army will go forward with the full power of the Holy Spirit to call all the world to come out of this corrupt system of false worship and return to the God of Creation, worshipping Him in truth and

in Spirit (Rev 18:4).

### **A Brief Comment on the Civil Identity of the Seven Heads in each Era**

The book of Revelation describes three distinct seven-headed ten-horned creatures. All three represent Rome. Daniel saw the Roman creature having ten horns upon its one head (Dan 7:20). John the Revelator was given a vision of seven heads having ten horns. In Rev 17:10, John saw that in his time, five heads had already fallen, one was still there, and one was yet to come.

The nation of Rome was different from the preceding three nations in Daniel's vision (Dan 7:19) in that it transitioned through four successive time periods, each having its own system of government. In its first time period, the Roman Republic had five simultaneously governing "heads" – executive, legislative, judicial, military, and administrative/financial. These five fell all at once when the Republic collapsed in 27 BC. It was then that the sixth head of the Roman creature (Rev 12:3) emerged as the imperial head of the Roman Empire, existing at the time of Christ and when John wrote "one is". The imperial sixth head yielded to the seventh head when the head of papal power emerged as Papal Rome in 538 (Rev 13:1).

Daniel saw the same creature, but was only shown a single head with all ten horns on this one head (Dan 7:20). In Revelation, all ten horns are on the seventh head (Rev 13:1). The ten horns of Revelation's seven-headed creature are the same as the ten horns on the one head that Daniel saw. They both saw the same head of papal power. The ten horns represent the ten civil monarchies supporting the emergence of papal power in Western Europe, laying the foundation for the union of church and state. The heads, in prophecy, are governing entities. The horns are the ruling powers of monarchies and nations. The seventh head received its deadly wound in 1798, but will be resurrected with the passage of a National Sunday Law in America as the healed seventh head of papal power in a "Revived" Papal Rome (Rev 17:5).

John was shown the seven-headed creature not just for his day, but for ours. History will be repeated. America as a Republic will fall, and all five of its governing heads (executive, legislative,

judicial, military, administrative/financial) will collapse simultaneously, just as they did in the Roman Republic. Further repeating Rome's history, just as the sixth head of the Roman Empire decreed a Sunday Law in 321AD, so will America as an empire, under the power of the sixth imperial head, legislate a National Sunday Law in direct opposition to the repudiated First Amendment's separation of church and state. It is then that the healed seventh head of papal power emerges in America, and this country will become "Revived" Papal Rome, or "Papal America."

Babylon is fallen, is fallen (Rev 14:8; 18:2). With legally enforced Sunday worship, contrary to God's 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, the first fall occurs when Apostate Protestantism in America turns this country over to the papacy{7BC 983.5; 3SM 392.4,5}. America's sovereignty will be abnegated. Babylon, as the system of false worship, will fall again when the final extension of "Revived" Papal Rome is ushered in worldwide. As a result, Satan's end game of global church-state unification becomes the "eighth," which is "of the seven" governing systems of end-time Rome in America. The eighth, as a Global Empire, emerges when the papacy joins in league with the global power elite of the "ten kings" for universal dominion (Rev 17:11). But, just as national apostasy leads to national ruin, so will universal apostasy lead to universal ruin. Humanity's probation will close, the wicked will be lost to eternity, and Christ will come to deliver His own.

### **Overlay of the Book of Revelation – The Seven Trumpets and the Destruction of America**

Another significant overlay of Revelation over the template of Daniel includes the seven trumpets. The historicist view was accepted by the pioneers of Adventism from 1853 to 1903, and was corroborated both by history and by biblical exegesis of Rev 8-11. Briefly, according to this interpretation, the trumpets were a call to God's people to come together in holy convocation, and sounded a warning to God's opponents that those wanting to kill God's people will have judgments fall upon them that will bring upon them the very destruction they sought for God's pure church.

The first four trumpets characterized the destruction of the Western Roman Empire, commencing in 395 and continuing to its end in 476. This left a power vacuum in Rome which

was filled by the Bishop of Rome, or the papacy, and contributed to the pope's rise to power by 538. The fifth and sixth trumpets, also known as the first two "woes," were judgments against the Eastern Roman Empire, leading to its abnegation of sovereignty in 1449 by the strong arm of the reigning Ottoman sultan, and its collapse in 1453 at the hands of the Turkish Muslim Ottoman Empire, followed, in turn, by the abnegation of sovereignty of the Ottoman Empire in 1840. The two trumpets of Islamic incursion served to limit papal expansion as Muslim forces surrounded Europe to the west in Spain, to the south in North Africa, and to the east as far as the Austrian border. These last two trumpets were called woes in that the Islamic influence was a religio-political force of growing imperialistic strength to be reckoned with, spreading a doctrine devoid of Christ as the Son of God, and often by the use of force.

The seventh trumpet, also called the third "woe," commenced in 1844 at the beginning of the Advent Movement, and will end with Christ's Second Coming (Rev 10:7; 11:15-18). It will be during this era that the Lord will create an end-time people that will be found wholly in Christ, perfectly reflecting His glory and righteous character.

Historically, the first four trumpets sounded during the transition from Constantine to Justinian, enabling the papacy to fill the power vacuum in Rome. The first two woes did not commence until after Dan 11:31, marking the date of 538 and the rise of Papal Rome. The book of Daniel does not address the Islamic movement per se, but stays focused on the papal influences first in Europe, then in America and, finally, globally.

It can be appreciated that Muslim influences constrained papal expansion with competing ideologies and equivalent use of forceful measures, including population expansion designed to sway the political climate in its favor. The prophetic focus on Islam in the three last woes correlates with the final conflict of the kings of the north and south. The southern king at the end of time is inclusive of all professedly non-Christian ideologies, including Islam. These will band together to confront the king of the north and its professedly Christian ideologies. But both sets

of “kings” are agents of Satan, designed to embroil the world in conflict to force the issue of coercive worship, and, ultimately, destruction of God’s pure church who keep all of God’s commandments, including the 4<sup>th</sup>. God’s remnant will not compromise their faith and bow to a false sabbath, as Sunday, a mark of Rome’s ecclesiastic authority self-proclaimed over God’s. Their allegiance is to the Creator alone, and they will stand for the right, giving glory to God.

Islam is part of a global picture at the end of time. Its role is best ascertained from the woes of Revelation, and can be appreciated as Revelation is overlaid on Daniel, particularly when clarifying events that must transpire at the very conclusion of the prophetic timeline. This is also the timeframe where history of Ancient Rome’s collapse is repeated in the collapse of the American Republic, followed by collapse of an American Empire, followed by the collapse of papal power in a “Papal America” and globally just prior to Christ’s second coming (Rev 17:10). When the world is thrust into a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, we will witness the repetition of the dynamism of the French Revolution and ensuing civil war {Ed 227.6-228.1-2; Ms 114, 1899, 5MR 305.4}.

### **God’s People at the End of Time**

At the end of time, as the kings of the north and south intensify their conflict, God’s people, His remnant church, will be instrumental in clarifying the issue of worship, not so much from a political perspective, but from a biblical view. These will be a people that will have transitioned from the pure church in the wilderness to the pure remnant church at the end of time (Rev 12:17).

The intensely persecuted pure church in the wilderness strongly influenced Martin Luther and was, therefore, seminal to the Protestant movement. Protesting the papacy and the monarchy, this movement sought religious and civil liberty in another land. Sailing across the Atlantic, they found a home in America where civil and religious freedom eventually flourished. With inspired wisdom and uncompromising commitment, men like Roger Williams rallied for and won the separation of church and state. Embodied within the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,

church and state separation became the moral hub of the Constitution, and ensured that neither the papacy nor the monarchy would any longer persecute God's pure church.

Tragically, the First Amendment also ensures that papal incursion into this country will ultimately lead to this country's demise, since religious freedom enables the perverted doctrine of Roman Catholicism to inveigle its way into the culture of a new America. Inevitably, like the cancer it spread in the old world, it will once again spread its deadly tentacles of corruption and persecution in the new.

The remnant church understands and proclaims Christ's final ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, where he is ministering as our High Priest in the Most Holy Place, doing the work of atonement, or judgment, and the cleansing of sin. This cleansing occurs not only in the Most Holy of Holies where He is officiating, but simultaneously in the hearts of those who willingly submit to His miraculous work of recreating His image in fallen humanity.

A distinguishing quality of God's remnant church is that each keeps the commandments of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath, and has the faith of Jesus, and the testimony of Jesus, or the spirit of prophecy (Rev 12:17;14:12;19:10). God's end-time people are chosen to spread the gospel of Christ, heralding the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, righteousness by faith, the message of healing and wholeness in Christ, and proclaim the soon coming of Christ's second advent. They will be in one accord regarding the essential elements of prophecy, and will clearly explain Satan's end-time agenda of coercing man's attention to pay Satan homage and allegiance.

Central to prophecy is the revelation of Jesus Christ and His love and longsuffering for his pure church throughout the ages. At the end of time, Christ will have wrought His miracle in humanity by transforming a people who perfectly reflect His character and faithfully keep His Commandments. Throughout time, Jesus has been preparing His church to become His Bride, to be delivered at His Second Coming. The "first-fruits" of His Bride, the 144,000 (Rev 14:4), are

those who will persevere through the culminating cataclysm of the seven last plagues and Jacob's "time of trouble." These will not taste death, but will, at Christ's Second Advent, be translated even as the innumerable saints sleeping in Christ are resurrected from their graves, to be caught up together in the clouds of glory, to be with our Lord forever more.

### Commentary on Hermeneutics

Miller's Rules of Bible Interpretation Pertinent to this Study:

1. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study. 2 Tim. iii. 15, 16, 17. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.2}
2. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible. Matt. v. 18. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.3}
3. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. Ps. xix. 7-11; cxix. 97-105. Matt. xxiii. 8-10. 1 Cor. ii. 12-16. Eze. xxxiv. 18, 19. Luke xi. 52. Mal. ii. 7, 8. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.4}
4. To understand doctrine, bring all the Scriptures together on the subject you wish to know; then let every word have its proper influence, and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in an error. Isa. xxviii. 7-29; xxxv. 8. Prov. xix. 27. Luke xxiv. 27, 44, 45. Rom. xvi. 26. James v. 19. 2 Pet. i. 19, 20. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.5}
5. God has revealed things to come, by visions, in figures and parables; and in this way the same things are oftentimes revealed again and again, by different visions, or in different figures and parables. If you wish to understand them, you must combine them all in one. Ps. lxxxix. 19. Hos. xii. 10. Hab. ii. 2. Acts ii. 17. 1 Cor. x. 6. Heb. ix. 9, 24. Ps. lxxviii. 2. Matt. xiii. 13, 34. Gen. xli. 1-32. Dan. ii., vii., and viii. Acts x. 9-16. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.6}
6. Visions are always mentioned as such. 2 Cor. xii. 1. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.7}
7. How to know when a word is used figuratively. If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally; if not, figuratively. Rev. xii. 1, 2; xvii.3-7. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.8}
8. Figures always have a figurative meaning, and are used much in prophecy to represent future things, times, and events; such as mountains, meaning governments; beasts, meaning kingdoms. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.9}
9. To learn the true meaning of figures, trace your figurative word through your Bible, and, where you find it explained, put it on your figure, and if it makes good sense, you need look no further; if not, look again. {1977 PGD, FSDA 299.10}
10. Figures sometimes have two or more different significations; as day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time. {1977 PGD, FSDA 300.1}
11. Parables are used as comparisons to illustrate subjects, and must be explained in the same way as figures, by the subject and Bible. Mark iv. 13. {1977 PGD, FSDA 300.2}
12. To know whether we have the true historical event for the fulfillment of a prophecy. If you find every word of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is literally fulfilled, then you may know that your history is the true event. But if one word lacks a fulfillment, then you must look for another event, or wait its future development. For God takes care that **history and prophecy doth agree**, so that the true, believing children of God may never

be ashamed. Ps. xxi. 5. Isa xiv. 17-19. 1 Pet. ii. 6. Rev. xvii. 17. Acts iii. 18. {1977 PGD, FSDA 300.3}

13. The most important rule of all is, that you must have faith. It must be a faith that requires a sacrifice, and, if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires, character, living, occupation, friends, home, comforts, and worldly honors. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of God's word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe, so long as one of these motives lies lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit his word. And we can have confidence that He that takes notice of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of his own word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in his word, from erring far from the truth, though they may not understand Hebrew or Greek.

#### Additional Interpretive Principles Pertinent to the Study of Daniel Chapter 11:

1. It is written in literal, non-symbolic language, describing literal kings, dynasties, emperors and ruling powers.
2. It is a chapter of prophecy and history, written along a linear timeline, repeating and enlarging the previous prophetic chapters of Daniel, especially 2,7 & 8.
3. It is a template supplemented and complemented by Revelation, which together yield a pattern for the fulfillment of end time events.
4. The prophecies are not repeated, but their histories are, and when rightly understood, provide substantial detail regarding end time events.
5. To be comprehended with any accuracy, it must be in harmony with the symmetry of the preceding prophetic chapters of Daniel, and with the Spirit of Prophecy, and with reliable sources of recorded history.
6. Accurate interpretation must remove no pillar of our faith.