

Statement No. 1
Path to Unity: Primary Scripture, Secondary EGW
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Statement: EGW does not explain Daniel 11 but she does tell us the attitude that we need, and *how* and *when* we come into unity on the final vision of Daniel.

First our attitude:

“If a brother differs with you on some points of truth, do not stoop to ridicule, do not place him in a false light or misconstrue his words, making sport of them; do not misinterpret his words and wrest them of their true meaning. This is not conscientious argument. Do not present him before others as a heretic, when you have not with him investigated his positions, taking the Scriptures text-by-text in the spirit of Christ to show him what is truth. You do not yourself really know the evidence he has for his faith, and you cannot clearly define your own position. Take your Bible, and in a kindly spirit weigh every argument that he presents, and show him by the Scriptures if he is in error. When you do this without unkind feelings, you will do only that which is your duty and the duty of every minister of Jesus Christ.” 12MR 376.1

Next she indicates how we come into unity:

“The time has come for **Daniel to stand in his lot**. The time has come for the light given him to go to the world as never before. If those for whom the Lord has done so much will walk in the light, their **knowledge of Christ** and the **prophecies relating to Him** will be **greatly increased** as they **near the close of this earth’s history**” Manuscript 176, 1899. (bold is mine)

Stand in his lot is a reference to the Daniel 11/12 vision. So as we near the close of earth’s history, we will have a great increase of knowledge on Daniel 11/12, the part referenced and the one we don’t agree on yet. She wrote this in 1899, indicating that we would not get it from her writings such as GC or from our pioneers’ writings. We will get the great increase of knowledge from the **study of Daniel**.

Next she gives **when** this will happen:

“The God who gave Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth's history will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at the appointed time they give the loud cry. All the messages given from **1840-1844** are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.... The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, **for the signs of the times are fulfilling**; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God's appointment that will swell into a **loud cry**. Then **Daniel will stand in his lot**, to give his testimony.” 21MR 436, 437 (bold is mine)

Here she says the 1840-44 message will be repeated and will be based on Daniel 11/12 (Daniel will stand in his lot-Dan. 12:13). Next she explains the meaning of 1840-44.

“At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from **1840 to 1844** the work rapidly extended.” GC 335.1

Note: It was the fall of Ottoman Islam as a superpower that started the sequence of events of 1840-44, and in the previous quote she said they would be repeated in the “Loud Cry”. Based on these 2 quotes we should expect a repeat of the following elements or events of the 1840-44 Millerite movement:

1. Islamic Turkey falls from its superpower as predicted -1840.
2. This brings “impetus” or power to the Millerite prophetic movement.
3. The learned and leaders join the prophetic movement.
4. They proclaim the judgement and the return of Christ, but Christ does not return.

The “Loud Cry” is a repeat of 1840-44 & linked to Daniel 10-12:

1. Fall of Radical, or Caliphate by force Islam, as predicted in Daniel 11:40-43.
2. This brings power to the “Loud Cry” prophetic movement because of fulfilling prophecy from Daniel 10-12 at the time of the “Loud Cry”.
3. The learned and leadership join after seeing the predicted fall of Islam. (Currently more and more preachers and scholars are taking Islam as the KOS seriously because current events seem to be fulfilling indicators in the biblical text.)
4. The “Loud Cry” proclaims the approaching end of the judgement and the final warning message to the world, and Christ does return.

We need to carefully study Daniel 11 because it is likely the catalyst for the “Loud Cry”. This final or “correct” message from Daniel 11 will be found by Bible study, not from the writings of EGW and the pioneers. This means that we should, together, take the challenge of searching for truth in the areas of dispute. We are all human and likely have some error in each of our viewpoints. This means that we should build bridges and not burn them, because we are not completely certain which way we will each be crossing these bridges as the “Loud Cry” begins. We will not likely agree until we enter the time of the “Loud Cry”, when the “correct view” of the Daniel 11 prophecy is vindicated and made obvious by prophetic fulfillment. In the meantime, our differences can be used as “iron sharpening iron” as we work together to find God’s truth and share it with the world.