

Statement No. 2
The primary context of Daniel 11 is Daniel 8-12
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Statement: Daniel 11 is a part of the 3 part interpretation of the vision of Daniel 8. This means that we should take the whole context of Daniel 8-12 into account when developing our interpretation of Daniel 11.

Many scholars have recognized the context of Daniel 11 to be Dan. 8-12. Roy Gane brought this out at the October, 2019 Daniel 11 conference. Uriah Smith says, “This prophecy, says Bishop Newton, may not improperly be said to be a comment and explanation of the vision of chapter 8; a statement showing how clearly he perceived the connection between that vision and the remainder of the book.” D&R p.327

The vision is Dan. 8:1-14
1st Interpretation Dan. 8:15-27
2nd Interpretation Dan. 9:24-27
3rd Interpretation Dan. 10-12

The order of the interpretations seem to demonstrate the order in which the SDA understanding of the Daniel 8 vision has developed. (See my article in *Adventist Today* - <https://atoday.org/progressive-present-truth-in-daniel-8-12/>)
Present truth for the 1840s is Daniel 8: 2300 days and judgement. It is still true today, but not the newly presented prophetic truth.
Present truth for the 1880s is Daniel 9: righteousness by faith. It, too, is still true today, but neither is this the newly presented prophetic truth for today.
Truth that can be newly presented for today is in Daniel 11 and 12. Daniel 11:40-45 specifies that this is a message for “the time of the end...”. When we understand and present this message, then the repeat (repeat of 1840-44) proclamation of Revelation 10 will be fulfilled and the final understanding of Daniel’s vision will soon be followed by the case of probation the setting up of God’s Kingdom (Daniel 12:1-3).

The EGW quotes in statement 1 show that there will be a repeat of the messages of 1840-44. This is just what John says in Rev.10, which matches the sequence of presentation in Daniel 8-12.

If Daniel does not understand the Daniel 8 vision until he gets the vision of 10-12, what makes us think we have the “correct” understanding without chapters 10-12. Adventists as a whole have ignored Daniel 11. As a result our understanding of prophecy has grown stale and many of our members and our community have lost interest in our prophetic message. To revive the interest in prophecy we should move to the 3rd and final interpretation in Daniel 10-12.

This repetition of the 1840-44 understanding fits in some ways with the Uriah Smith viewpoint as well as the Islam as the King of the South viewpoint. (See further below)