

Statement No. 7
A Simple, Understandable View for Evangelism
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Statement: Daniel 11 with the Papal King of the North and Islamic King of the South is a simple and effective method for presenting the Adventist understanding of prophecy and testing truths to the public. From verse 23 on, every antecedent of a third person pronoun “he” or “him” is either the little horn/King of the North or Islamic King of the South. Not only is this a simple way to understand the chapter, it is also a non-offensive way of reaching Muslims, Catholics, secular people and for reviving interest in our own members and young adults.

Many Muslims are tired of the violence done in the name of Islam and they appreciate that there will be people from both Islam and Christianity who follow the true God of love, truth, peace, and forgiveness. The identity of the little horn/King of the North power is as simple as pointing out that in the time of the crusades and the Ottomans, the so-called “Christian” world followed the Papacy during the conflict with Islam. Then we can ask: If our current conflict with Islam increases and it once again becomes a holy war, who will the “Christian” world follow? Almost everyone will say the Pope. It is now that easy to identify the papacy as the end time power.

The Sabbath is also very easy to present within this context. The Papal-led Christians changed the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday. Caliphate Islam changed the day of worship from Sabbath to Friday. Note that the Sabbath and Sabbath keepers get caught in the middle, just like Jerusalem and Israel! You can read the Qur’an through and you will not find one verse that says to worship on Friday. It actually speaks favorably of the Sabbath. Friday is a tradition. You can read the New Testament through and you will not find one verse that says to worship on Sunday. It actually speaks favorably of the Sabbath. Sunday is a tradition. So the day of worship shows if you are following God and His covenant or human tradition. Other truths that are in the context of Daniel 11 include: Salvation, Judgement, Coming of Jesus, Plagues/Tribulation, good and bad Resurrection (this includes State of the Dead and 1000 years) and eternity with God/Heaven and New Earth. When following the sequence of Daniel 11, these truths come out as a story of the interaction with God, His truths and history. This helps people make more sense of these truths as an interconnected system rather than as individual truths. The sequence of Daniel 11-12 counters the sequence of events as taught by futurists, without losing the interest of very many futurists. I have found that if I break the sequence of Daniel 11-12 I lose many futurists. Daniel 11-12 seems to be designed by God to reach today’s world.

The advertising for Islam And Christianity in Prophecy is more effective because of the subject matter. Fulfilling prophecy adds urgency for acting on the truths presented. Because we naturally have all these topics in the context of Daniel 11 we do **not** get accused of advertising one thing and presenting another. Our members especially appreciate the honesty in advertising.