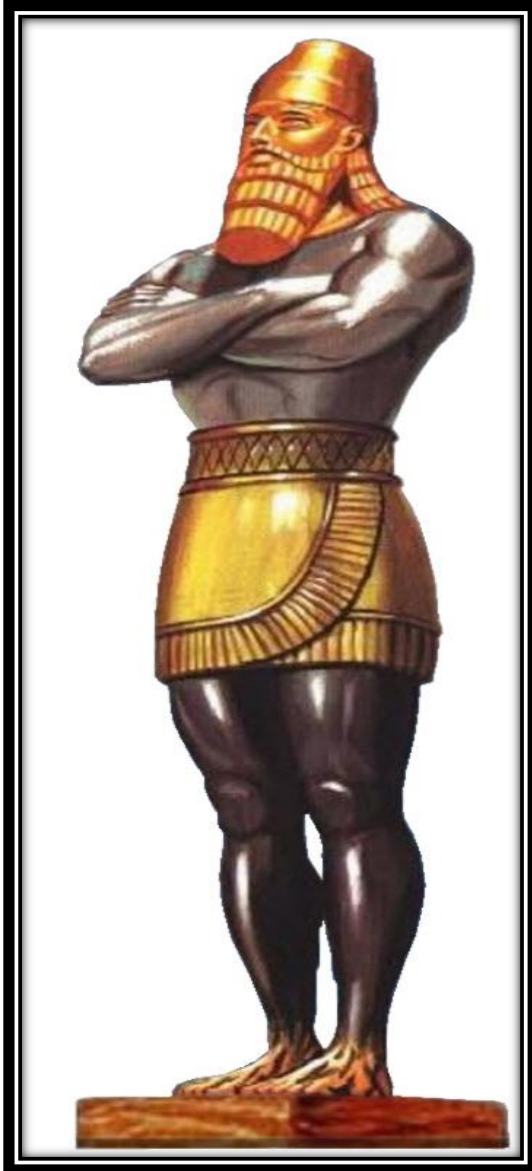


Daniel 11:44-45 and Daniel 12:1-4

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DANIEL and the REVELATION



Daniel 11:45 and Daniel 12:1-4 are “present truth”

Verse 44 is the Crimean War of 1853 to 1856

DANIEL 11:44 But tidings out of the east (Persia, now Iran) and out of the north (Russia) shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many.

In this verse, “**tidings**” are military intelligence reports; which at times may be based on rumor or an intelligent guess. This intelligence (“tidings”) was coming from two areas, north of Turkey, which was Russia and east of Turkey, which was Iran (Persia).

The Caliph had a right to be troubled, despite the claims by Russia and Iran that they had no plans of invasion, their movements indicated otherwise. The Caliph launched a pre-emptive strike against the primary and more powerful antagonist, Russia in 1853.

Thus began the ‘Crimean War’ from 1853 to 1856. It was soon realized that Russia and Persia had been conspiring to invade and conquer Turkey. The Turks, with the help of European powers (primarily a naval fleet), did prevail against both Russia and Persia. Thus verse 44 fulfilled. This was the last significant prophecy that has been fulfilled since 1856. We have had many “signs” of His soon return, but no direct prophetic event has been fulfilled since verse 44.

From this point, attention has been focused on how and when verse 45 might be fulfilled, which is the “**Eastern Question**”. This was the focus of students of prophecy since 1856 and it remains and should remain, our focus today. Verse 45 has been “present truth” since 1856. It will be followed, Daniel 12:1, which is the CLOSE of probation!

45 And he (Turkey) ***shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain*** (literally, the Mt. of Olives); ***yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.***”

The “**he**” in verse 45 is the current king of the northern division of Alexander’s Empire, which was divided to the four winds of heaven in Daniel 11:4. “**He**” (the king of the north) will “**plant**” (to place or establish) the seat of his government (“***the tabernacles of his palace***”) “***in the glorious holy mountain***” (Israel). This is the Mt. of Olives, or at least that is the general area. The king, at the time of this writing, is Recep Erdoğan, the current President of Turkey.

Russia, for centuries, has desired to control the 'Turkish Straits', which run through the center of Constantinople. These narrow sea passages (the straits) unite the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. This is the only access point for the Russian naval fleet, which is based on the Crimean Peninsula. It is of supreme importance to Russia, and thus to the world.

Because of the importance of the Turkish Straits, a consortium of European powers has continually prevented any one single nation from acquiring control of them. It is for this reason alone that Turkey has enjoyed the help and support of other nations. The last part of verse 45 declares this support will be removed. Why? Because Turkey will have left that area and when he does, he is no longer in control of the 'Straits'. There will be a scramble by other world powers to take control, and Russia will certainly be number one among them! When the Turk has abandoned Constantinople, for whatever reason, Turkey "***shall come to his end***", because "***none shall help him***". No one will "help" the Turk because he is no longer in control of the 'Straits'. There will be a scramble among the nations to gain control from whoever (primarily Russia?) that has taken over this important access point.

With the Turk removed from control and an international scramble for power and authority over that access point then: "***And at that time shall Michael stand up***", Daniel 12:1. When Michael stands up, every case for every person who ever lived, or is then living will have been decided, and probation will close. We won't know for certain WHEN this happens, not even the devil will know for sure. But we WILL know that these events are rapidly unfolding and this is a huge 'sign' that probation is about to close! As it was in the time of Noah, when the door of the Ark was closed, at that time probation for the Antediluvian world closed and great destruction followed. But the people, not even Noah, knew for sure that probation had closed. Noah could have made an intelligent "guess" that it had, based on the closing of the Ark's door.

Verse 45 is in two parts

1. Turkey invades Israel and being victorious, by either outright conquest or by the submission of the Jewish nation to the invading power, will then establish the new seat of its government (***the tabernacles of his palace***) in that place.

2. Following this, the king of the north (Turkey) will come to his end because "***none shall help him***".

We have established, based on the specifications given us in verses 36 (France) to 45 (Turkey) who the actors are, what they are going to do, and where the action will take place. The king of the north, Turkey conquers Israel and moves the seat of its government to that place. The whole world will see these events as they begin to unfold. Many will recognize they are of Biblical proportions. When they ask you, "*What does this mean?*" What will you tell them?

In the time of Jesus, when the Jewish leadership, was asked about the prophecies pointing to the Messiah, they answered with uncertainty. Any given verse could mean this, or it could mean exactly the opposite. This left the people in greater confusion than before they made inquiries! This history is repeating today. There is much confusion among Seventh-day Adventists about what the last verses of Daniel 11 mean. Why? Because we, as a people, have rejected the counsel of the prophet that tells us the book "Daniel and the Revelation" has the ANSWERS! We just don't believe the prophet.

As a result, there is every wind of doctrine being offered on the prophecies of the return of the Messiah, as detailed in Daniel 11. Confusion reigns, but it was not so with the Seventh-day Adventist pioneers. They knew for a certainty in what they believed and Ellen White endorsed their positions many times over. We just don't believe HER! Nor did the Jews believe the prophecies of Daniel pointing to the first coming of the Messiah.

Daniel 12:1, "***And at that time***", there will only be two groups: those who will be granted everlasting life and those who won't. Will verse 45 be fulfilled before or after the national and international Sunday laws, which constitute the "mark" of the beast? Such laws will demand that a false Sabbath, the first day of the week, Sunday be honored. The "*whole world will wonder after the beast*" in honoring this false Sabbath. With one exception, the people of God, even under the threat of arrest

and the most severe punishment, they will honor the fourth commandment, the seventh day, Saturday at any cost. The first part of verse 45 will likely be fulfilled BEFORE a national Sunday law is passed.

When the first part of verse 45 is fulfilled it will be a serious wakeup call. Its fulfillment will lead directly to a "*loud cry*". Just as a final warning came in the time of Noah before the doors of the Ark closed. Another came in the time of the Jewish Nation when Jesus spoke of an "abomination of desolation", which came in AD 70. So it will be again just before the close of probation, for all of mankind. God's people, giving to the world the last message of mercy, "***come out of her my people.***" This is the purpose of and the very essence of the message of Daniel 11:45. This verse will lead to the "*most precious message*", righteousness by faith in Jesus. When it appears that it is hopeless when it appears that all is lost, it is faith in Jesus and HIS righteousness alone that will sustain God's people.

In AD 66-70, when Judea and Jerusalem were under assault and siege by the Romans, the Christians in Jerusalem understood that the times of the "*abomination of desolation*" had come. This was, in part, the time Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:15-22. In these verses, Jesus mixed His message of warning for His generation and for the generations to come. He left it to each generation to consider the matter and how it would apply personally to them. These generations to come included those in the times of the French Revolution. That time of tribulation was 'shortened' (verse 22) in 1773, twenty-five years before the 1260 year prophecy terminated. For the last generation, ever-increasing tribulation will end only with the return of Christ.

In AD 66 when the opportunity for the Christians to flee Jerusalem had come, they were to take immediate action to escape. Judea and Jerusalem would soon be 'desolated' by this 'abomination' of pagan Rome. Heeding the warning, not a single Christian lost their life, while a million Jews were slain, and many were sold into slavery.

When the people of God see the first part of verse 45 being fulfilled, they must make their final preparations for leaving the cities. When the **first part** of this verse **is fulfilled**, **they must leave the cities!** *YOU, friend, have been warned, just as the Jews were warned before AD 66 and AD 70.*

Sunday laws will follow verse 45, how long before a national law is enacted? We are not told. When it is, it will be extremely difficult, and in many cases impossible to leave the cities. Economic ruin, confusion, anarchy, and crime will be rampant, national ruin will follow. The cities will become very dangerous, especially for the people of God who chose to honor the fourth commandment, even at the peril of life itself.

When you see events in the middle-east beginning to come to pass, then you may know that time is short. When Turkey conquers Israel, the end of all things is even at the door! This will add great impetus to the final efforts to warn the world of the soon-coming Savior. A “*loud cry*” will begin. Those who know, understand, and teach this prophecy are called “*the wise*”. They will know that the time of the end is at hand. They know that great destruction is imminent. Whatever remains to be done, must be done quickly. There will be no recovery from the coming destruction, only increasing calamity, pestilence, earthquakes, and storms of unprecedented magnitude, worldwide economic ruin, chaos, and anarchy on every hand. It will end only with the return of Christ in the clouds of glory. Amen!

Catastrophes that will precede the close of probation and the seven last plagues, will result in the wicked declaring them to be judgments of God. What solution will they offer? “*Take this nation back to God!*” How to do that? By the observance of national and even international Sunday laws!

It is within the time frame of the fulfillment of Daniel 11:45 and Daniel 12:1 that the devil will personate Christ. Devils will be working miracles, calling down fire from the heavens, seemingly miraculous healings of people. They will announce that the Sabbath has changed from the seventh to the first day of the week. “***And the whole world wondered after the beast...***” Revelation 13:3.

It will be of little value to God’s people if verse 45 is fulfilled after the Sunday laws are passed. The fulfillment of verse 45 can be likened to the animals going into the ark. Once the animals were in, the door was shut, and the desolation would soon begin. When God’s people see the events leading to the fulfillment of the first part of verse 45, this can be likened to seeing Noah building a ramp for the animals. When the animals began to enter the ark, probation was closing, when the door was shut, probation was closed. Though for a time, everything seemed

perfectly normal, the days, like any other, continued for a week. Then the rains came, and grew in intensity, leaving the entire planet desolated. Even Satan himself feared for his life.

Daniel 12

The first four verses of chapter 12 are a continuation of chapter 11

1 And at that time shall Michael (Christ) stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

In answer to the question of his disciples concerning the sign of His coming and the end of the world, Christ had pointed out some of the most important events in the history of the world and of the church from his first to his second advent in Matthew 24. Namely, the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, the great tribulation of the church under the Roman pagan and papal persecutions AD 538-1798, the darkening of the sun and moon (1780), and the falling of the stars (1833). These events, concerning God's Church, are now all past.

The next and last great time of trouble, such as the world has never seen, specified in Daniel 12:1 does not come against the Church but to the wicked of this world. In Matthew 24 Jesus mingled these "times of trouble". The one against the Church, which was to be cut short (persecution almost wholly ended in 1773). And one for the wicked nations of the world, in the form of seven last plagues, which occur after probation has closed and just before Christ's return.

2 And many (only some) of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life (the righteous), and some to shame and everlasting contempt (those who pierced and reviled Christ).

3 And they that be wise (teachers of truth) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness (lead others to the truth) as the stars forever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end (sealed until 1798): many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased (knowledge of the prophecies especially).

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