

## ***The French Revolution, 1789***

### ***Daniel 11:30-45***

The history of Daniel 11:30-36 is repeated in Revelation 13:1-8, which is a union of Church and State. E. G. White's treatment of verses 30 to 36, as a block, suggests that it is a single power here spoken of. We will allow history to tell us what power it was that precisely fulfills the specifications of the prophecy.

Those who understand the end-time issues in the book of Revelation are naturally inclined to try to fit those issues into the book of Daniel, particularly Daniel 11:40-45. But the connection between Daniel 11 and Revelation's end-time scenario is not based on verses 40-45, but rather on verses 30-36. The scenes of which, having met their fulfillment in history (the union of Church and State), will be repeated similarly in the future.

It was an alliance of Rome and the Franks (France) civil authority of enforcement of religious decree that gave power to the papacy from 538 to 1798. This union of Church and State is the definition of a "beast" power. Similarly, it will be the United States whose civil authority to enforce religious decrees will give power to Apostate Christian religions. The "image to the beast", that is the beast itself is then a union of Church and State; a religious and civil power. This union will command the citizens of the State to honor religious decrees under threat of the loss of liberty and in due time, even life itself. Religious decrees, enforced by civil authority.

The Pope is not the primary subject in verses 30-36; the Church is powerless without the civil authorities to enforce its dogmas. Verses 30-36 describe the civil rulers of France who were responsible for supporting the Pope. This is a symbiotic relationship in that the State also benefited from the influence and power of the religious side. In 1773 the Jesuit Order was dissolved by the Church under direct orders to do so by France. At that time, persecution almost wholly ceased. It is only when the state establishes and enforces religious laws that persecution happens. This is the lesson for the last days that is to be learned from verses Daniel 11:30-36. America will lead the world in the enforcement of religious law.

**VERSE 30. For the ships of Chittim** (Barbarian invaders) **shall come against him** (Rome): **therefore he shall be grieved, and return** (from the south, Judea and Egypt), **and have indignation** (anger) **against the holy covenant** (hatred toward faithful Christians) **so shall he do; he** (Roman Emperor) **shall return, and have intelligence with them** (the Bishops of Rome) **that forsake the holy covenant** (the papacy).

The prophetic narrative in this chapter now turns away from the Roman Empire, as Gabriel's narrative shifts to the circumstances of how Rome fell and the rise of the papacy.

"**The ships of Chittim**" were inclusive of many different groups/tribes of barbarian invaders flooding into the Roman Empire beginning in the fourth century and continuing into the sixth. They predominately came from Europe in a mass migration over decades and even centuries.

The ships of Chittim were based in North Africa and along the coast and islands of the Mediterranean Sea. The barbarians carried out their devastating attacks from 378 to 476. Attempts to stop the invasions were unsuccessful and both western and eastern Rome was forced to watch their provinces and cities pillaged; thus they were "grieved".

Rome blamed the faithful Christians for all the trouble in the land, and had "**indignation against the holy covenant.**" In their anger, they sought an alliance with the powerful Franks. The Germanic tribes were organized under King Clovis and had become a military force to be reckoned with. Clovis, having converted from paganism to Catholicism (496 AD), allied with the bishops of Rome.

The bishops had no civil or military power to enforce their religious decrees, though they certainly had the will and the desire to do so. The Roman Empire itself, in 476 AD, had lost the city of Rome and the last Emperor had fled for his life. With the alliance of the Franks, in combination with the remaining power of the Byzantine Empire (Turkey), there was now sufficient strength to subdue the barbarians. They would regain control, not only of Rome and the lost provinces but much of Europe as well.

In verses 30-36 we see how the civil forces were focused on achieving power and dominance with the triple alliance of the Franks, the Byzantine Empire, and the papacy. The role of the Pope was as a spokesperson welding powerful religious influence over the populace. Here is the call to support both “God and country”.

The power spoken of in verse 30 is civil, first pagan Rome, turning away from paganism and beginning to embrace Christianity in 313 AD with the conversion of Constantine. This union of Church and State would grow increasingly powerful after the fall of Rome and the conversion of King Clovis of the Franks to Catholicism. French Monarchs would, in turn, follow this union for the next 1,260 years.

The Byzantine Emperor, Justinian also allied himself with this new union of Church and State. The papacy itself passed from the stage of history in 1798, via a “deadly wound”. In the future it will be active in the ‘Old World’, being replaced in the ‘New World’ by ‘apostate Christianity’. It will be Christians, in America, who will establish an ‘image’ to the first beast. This “new power”, the ‘two-horned beast’, will at first be a “lamb-like Nation”, with religious tolerance and freedom. But when it establishes an image of the beast, it will stand in violation of its own Constitution and direct opposition to the laws of God. It is then that it will “**speak like a dragon**”, just as the first beast had done. A nation speaks through its assembly that passes and enforces civil laws.

It will enforce the religious decrees demanded by apostate Christianity, in particular, a national Sunday law. As France enforced the religious decrees of religion (Catholicism), so will the image of that beast enforce by the civil power, religious law. Thus apostate Christianity in the New World will link hands with the papacy in the Old World. Apostate Christianity includes all those who have abandoned the basic concepts of religious freedom, but in particular violation of the fourth commandment. At that time, its cup of iniquity will be full. National apostasy will be followed by national ruin.

Just as the first beast did “**think to change times and laws**” (Daniel 7:25) so the image will do likewise. The word “think” is best understood as meaning to plan, to determine to take some action, not just “think”, but to act with purpose and intelligence.

The union of Church and State (France and the papacy) were not content to establish their authority and power only in the old Roman Empire areas but sought to export this new religion to the provinces of Europe as well.

America will act, in a similar manner when it sets up an image of the first beast. This will be a turning point in the history of the world that will ultimately lead to the whole world honoring the “beast” and the “image”. It will be the civil authorities, in America and around the world that will enforce religious decrees by persecution against those who stand in the way.

God’s faithful people, those who know they must obey God rather than man, will be treated as traitors and rebels. By all those who have “**indignation against the holy covenant**”, those who stand in opposition to laws of God.

**31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

In chapter nine Daniel speaks of desolations and abominations, *plural*. The word *sacrifice* is not in the original text. The word “daily” means “continual” and is a reference to all forms of religion, pagan or even so-called, Christian; any group that opposes the rise of this union of Church and State, the papacy. All of this opposition, in whatever form it may be found, had to be removed before Catholicism, the “desolation of abomination”, could be established. The ten horns of Revelation 13:1 are the ten divisions of the Roman Empire, following its collapse in 476 AD. Among them was a “little horn”, Catholicism. The ten divisions of Rome would become ten nations of Europe. For a time, “one hour” (*hóra, an indefinite length, Rev. 17:12*) these ten powers did give to the Bishops of Rome their power and authority. Pagan Rome had given way to Christian (Catholicism) Rome.

Church/State “**shall stand on his part.**” King Clovis of the Franks (France) and the bishops were benefitted by those sympathetic to the Catholic cause coming into the army to fight against those who opposed it.

America will, in a similar manner, benefit from those who sincerely believe the government must “take this country back to God”. Those who will stand in support of a national Sunday law, sincere though they are, will be sincerely mistaken.

**“And they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength”**. The city of Rome was the sanctuary of strength for the “little horn” which was greatly weakened when the Empire was divided in 330 AD. It was further weakened, *‘polluted’* by the civil wars between pagan, Arian, and Catholic faiths leading up to 508. **“And shall take away the daily [sacrifice]”**. The union of Church and State continued their campaign aggressively between 508 and 538 to take away any remaining opposition. Three of the “ten horns” (future nations) were utterly destroyed because they would not accept Catholicism. This union successfully established the **“abomination that maketh desolate”**, the papacy, first in 508 and it achieved absolute power in the year 538. This would prove to be especially **“desolating”** to God’s faithful for 1,260 years into the future.

**32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

*“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall **he**...”* The subject of this sentence, the pronoun **“he”** continues to denote the successive French monarchs that followed King Clovis. This is Pepin, Charlemagne, and their successors who were allied with the papacy; those who **“do wickedly against the covenant”**. Along with men of influence in the community by flatteries and promises of honor, wealth, spiritual favors, and power. ***It was the civil arm of the alliance that carried out the terrible persecution of God’s people.***

One “arm” of this union of Church and State used threats of force, even unto death, while the religious arm used threats of spiritual and eternal damnation. There is no greater power than fear generated in the soul of man that he will suffer an eternal hellish loss. The civil arm of the French worked in unison with the religious arm of the Church to drive this point home and retain power over the people.

Those that **“knew their God”**, true Christians remained strong in the faith and took a courageous stand for the truth. They did so despite intense persecution.

**33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.**

As the State persecuted the Christians the faithful did instruct many in the ways of righteousness. Nevertheless, some 50 to 100 million martyrs paid with their lives for doing so.

**34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.**

God provided the help they needed, in that His people could flee into the wilderness and escape persecution. Help was also provided by the Protestant Reformation. However, many respected scholars of the Renaissance, prominent Christians, and fickle Christians were offered **“flatteries”**, money and goods to associate with the defectors.

**35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end, (1798): because it is yet for a time appointed.**

The length of papal reign spoken of in verses 30 to 35 was 1,260 years. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for **“a time, times and the dividing of time”**, so states Daniel 7:25. In Daniel 12:7 it is stated as **“time, times, and an half”**. In Revelation 12:14, as **“time, and times, and half a time”**. These are all 1,260 years beginning in AD 538 and ending at the **“time appointed”**, 1798 when the papacy received its deadly wound.

Jesus prophesied concerning the length of the 1,260 years of persecution brought to view in verses 30 to 35, saying: **“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand).”** Matthew 24:15. Verse 21 *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Verse 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”* Matthew 24:21-22 In 1773 persecution almost wholly ceased, fulfilling Matthew 24:22.

Jesus understood that His disciples could not bear the full knowledge of what was to come. In mercy, He mingled His prophetic utterances between two events. The first dealt with the coming destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, by Rome. The second period of persecution was against Christians. It was so severe and continued so long (1,260 years) the world would never see anything like it again. He left it to his disciples, and to us, to figure out when and how the details were to be applied as time moved forward.

Daniel 12:1 speaks of yet another period of such severe destruction the world has never seen and will never see again. This second period of destruction is not against the Christians. It is against the wicked. It takes place after the close of probation and leaves the surface of the earth in complete chaos. Such is the damage caused by the seven last plagues poured out just before Christ's return.

**Verse 36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.**

The king is Revolutionary France. Atheism puts itself above every god. Speaking against God is blasphemy. Atheistic France had great indignation against the papacy, which it almost entirely destroyed in the Revolution. In time it would be seen that the papacy was not destroyed, but instead had received a "deadly wound".

The power is spoken of in verses 30-35 is both civil and religious, a union of Church and State. France is "the king" in verse 36. It is a "new" power because of the dissolution of the Church/State alliance in 1798. The French revolution of atheism will now be detailed in verses 37 to 39.

In the Savior's conversation with His disciples upon Olivet, when He said the tribulation should be shortened. He gave the signs we were to look for. **"In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light."** Mark 13:24.

The 1,260-year prophecy terminated in 1798, but a quarter of a century earlier, in 1773, persecution had almost wholly ceased. This was accomplished by France commanding Catholicism to dissolve the Jesuit order. *After the days of persecution*, was the sun to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780 this specification of the prophecy was fulfilled.

The populace of France rose in rebellion against the state and the Catholic Church. The French National Constituent Assembly seized the properties and land held by the Catholic Church and sold them. On July 12, 1790, the assembly passed the Civil Constitution of the Clergy that subordinated the Roman Catholic Church in France to the French government. The last Monarch of France, King Louis XVI, and his queen, Mary-Antoinette, were imprisoned in August 1792, and in September the monarchy was abolished. In 1798, the Pope was taken prisoner and thus Catholicism received its 'deadly wound'.

As we consider the circumstances and the formation of the union of Church and State, the rise of the papacy this will, in a similar manner be repeated. A new union of Church and State will be formed by the 'two-horned beast', America. This nation will **"have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant"**, apostate Christianity, and will in turn set up a mirror "image" to the first beast by Federal law. Sunday observance, enforced by civil authority.

**37. Neither shall he (France) regard the God of his father's, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.**

The state is a god in atheistic political theory, and France turned away from European Christianity. Easy divorce was introduced and the family was undermined. The desire of women is a stable marriage and family.

Three peculiar features must appear in the power which fulfills verses 37-39.

**(1)** It must assume the character described near the beginning of the time of the end (atheism). The French Revolution began in 1789 and the deadly wound marks the end of the 1,260 years of persecution in 1798. The "time appointed" (verse 35) was the termination of the 1,260-year prophecy.

**(2)** It must be a willful power.

(3) It must be an atheistic power.

Perhaps the two latter specifications might be united by saying that it's '*willfulness would be manifested toward atheism*'. The French Revolution alone answers to the specifications indicated in the prophecy, as the papacy has never been an atheistic system.

**“Neither shall”** Revolutionary France **“regard the”** Christian **“God of his father’s”**. France became an atheistic nation. Nor shall he regard **“the desire of women”**; easy divorce was introduced, the family was undermined and licentiousness prevailed. Nor would he **“regard any god”**. France magnified itself **“above all”** gods. In atheistic political theory, the state itself is a god.

**38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.**

Revolutionary France honored **“the God of forces”**, not God as the creator. Evolutionary atheism forms the basis of socialism and communism, then and today. This was exalted into a state religion and men worshiped the ‘forces of nature’ and not the ‘Creator of nature’.

This pagan god **“whom his fathers knew not”** would be honored **“with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things”**, as pagans are inclined to heap such things upon their idols.

**39 Thus shall he (France) do in the most strong holds (France exported its paganism and atheism to Europe by sword and influence) with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many (France’s atheistic socialism continues to dominate the culture and policy of the modern world), and shall divide the land for gain.**

The wealthy classes and nobilities had their businesses and estates confiscated and divided up among the poorer classes. This secured the votes of the common man and inadvertently encouraged a welfare state.

When the Revolution began there was anarchy on every front, from 1789 to 1799. During this time, France had been led by a series of committees, which resulted in much confusion of leadership.

The one constant was Napoleon, who quietly did as he deemed best for himself, according to his own will, to further his aims of conquering the world. For the military to be the “actual power behind the throne” is a common theme with revolutions. It is often a powerful General who rises to take control of the State, and this is what Napoleon would do, in due time, setting himself up as the new Monarch of France.

The paganism and atheism of France, in the times of the revolution, exalted itself above every god. France spoke **“marvelous things against the God of gods”** publicly challenging God to speak, to prove His existence in the times of this revolution.

### ***Napoleon’s Egyptian Campaign of 1798***

**40 And at the time of the end (1798) shall the king of the south (Egypt) push at him (Napoleon): and the king of the north (Turkey) shall come against him (Napoleon) like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships (the Turkish fleet in alliance with an English fleet); and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.**

The Turkish/English alliance would drive Napoleon back to France. Turkey would then regain control of the many countries Napoleon has invaded in his campaign. Verse 40 details some of these actions.

In 1798, Napoleon refused the French committee’s order to arrest the Pope in Italy. Napoleon was acting and doing that which was according to his own will. Instead of following this direct order, he began his military campaign against the king of the south, Egypt. He had little interest in the religion of the papacy, but he understood that people are more content and more easily controlled with some recognized form of religion. Removing the pope at that time would not only hurt the people but his own goals as well. He would deal with the papacy in his own time and way. His ultimate goal of a campaign against Egypt was to disrupt trade and then move to conquer

England. France was focused on its internal revolution at this time which allowed a measure of independence for him.

Napoleon waited patiently for the political winds to be in his favor. Upon his return from the Egyptian campaign by way of a 'coup' he became head of "The first Consul" in 1801. In 1804 he declared himself the king of France.

One of his first acts was to allow a new pope to be elected. This, it could be said, was the beginning of the healing of the "deadly wound. It should here be noted that the wound will not be entirely healed until the power to command heretics to death is returned to the pope. And the image formed in America will, in a similar manner, acquire the same power against God's people. Verse 40 was fulfilled in 1798. In Daniel 11:35 and 12:7, the phrase "***the time of the end***" is connected with the end of the "***time, times, and a half***"; the 1,260-year prophecy termination. This was the same year Napoleon invaded the king of the south, Egypt, who 'pushed back'. But Egypt was no match for the well-disciplined French troops and was defeated.

In 1798 the king of the north was Caliph Selim III of Turkey. Ruler of the northern territory of Alexander the Great's divided Empire. The king of the north came against Napoleon ("**shall come against him**") by declaring war on France in 1799. Turkey came against Napoleon "**like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships**". England allied itself with Turkey and sent Lord Horatio Nelson's fleet of ships to assist in defeating Napoleon. "**And he**", the king of the north, Caliph Selim III of Turkey, entered into the countries involved in this invasion and "**overflowed and passed over**" (was victorious) in the battle just described.

Thus we can be certain that the identity of the pronoun '**he**' in the sentence, "**and he shall enter**" is the king of the north. This lets us know that the remaining pronouns in this chapter all refer to the king of the north, Turkey.

**41 He** (the Caliph of Turkey) **shall enter also into the glorious land,** (Palestine, see Dan. 11:16) **and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.**

He, Caliph Selim III of Turkey reclaimed the territory of Palestine, which Napoleon had just taken. Edom, Moab, and Ammon are south-east of modern Jordan and the Dead Sea. These areas were outside the limits of Palestine and thus they escaped the ravages of war. In their haste to come against Napoleon, the Turks had taken the most direct route, directly south through Syria and modern-day Israel to arrive in Egypt.

**42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.**

Caliph Selim III of Turkey came against all those who were or might be allies of France, and this included Egypt itself. Egypt desired to be released from the oppressive Turks and the Egyptian Mameluke control, preferring French rule. But they did "**not escape**". The Turks were victorious against France and continued to hold Egypt as a province.

**43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.**

Turkey held "**power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt**" and forced Egypt to pay to the Turkish government a certain amount of gold, silver, and 600,000 measures of corn along with 400,000 of barley.

"**The Libyans and the Ethiopians**" were the unconquered Arabs, who sought the friendship of the Turks and were tributary to them while maintaining a degree of independence.

**Verse 44, Fulfilled in 1856**

**44 But tidings out of the east (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 occasionally, an intelligent guess. This intelligence was coming from two areas, the literal north, which was Russia, and the literal east, which was Persia (Iran).

The Caliph had a right to be troubled, despite the claims by Russia 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.

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, did prevail against both Russia and Persia. Thus verse 44 was fulfilled, and this verse remains the last significant prophecy to be fulfilled since 1856. It is a "way-mark" prophetic event.

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 or should remain our focus today. This has been and will remain, "present truth" until this verse is fulfilled. And when it is, Michael shall "stand up", Daniel 12:1, and probation for mankind will cease.

**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**" will "**plant**" (to place or establish) the seat of his government "**the tabernacles of his palace**" "**in the glorious holy mountain**". This is Israel, literally the Mt. of Olives. The king, at the time of this writing (2020) 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 straits unite the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. This is the only access point for the Russian naval fleet based on the Crimean Peninsula. It is of supreme importance to Russia and the world. It has been said, he who controls the Straits, controls the commerce of Europe.

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. When that happens, Turkey "**shall come to his end**", because "**none shall help him**". "**And at that time shall Michael stand up**", Daniel 12:1. Every case for every person who ever lived, or is then living will have been decided and probation will 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.

Verse 45 then must be seen 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 comes 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 will conquer Israel and move 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. Every wind of doctrine is 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 with certainty what they believed.

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, will honor the fourth commandment, the seventh day, Saturday at any cost.

When the first part of verse 45 is fulfilled it will be a serious wake-up 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 in 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 been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week. “**And the whole world wondered after the beast...**” Revelation 13:3.

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.