



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 2

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Daniel 11:32-35. In Daniel 11, there is a controversy surrounding who the king of the north is in verse 40-45; therefore, we need to pay attention to the previous verses and follow the line of reasoning in order to get a full understanding of who this king of the north power is.

“...**There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is “present truth” that the flock needs now.** I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause.” {EW 63.1}

“We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. **The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that “shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.”** [Verses 31-36, quoted.] {13MR 394.1}

2. Read Daniel 11:32-35. When is the “time of the end”? **Answer:** The time of the end began in 1798 A.D. Let us confirm this point.
3. What time period is the “time of the end” connected to? Daniel 12:4, 6, 7

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4. How many years does the “time, times, and a half” represent? Revelation 12:14, 6; Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34

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5. Who reigned during the 1260 year period? Daniel 7:25, 21

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6. **Note:** The 1260 year period of Papal persecution of God’s saints began in 538 A.D. and ended in 1798 A.D. when the French army under general Louis Alexandre Berthier took the Pope captive. Therefore, the “time of the end” refers to 1798 when the Papacy’s reign ended.
7. Revelation 13:5 also speaks about the reign of the Papacy. How much time does the 42 prophetic months cover? **Answer:** 42 months x 30 days in each month = 1260 literal years
8. What happened to the Papacy at the end of the 1260 year time period, the time of the end? Revelation 13:3, 10

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“Power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” And, says the prophet, “I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.” And again: “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.” **The forty and two months are the same as the “time and times and the dividing of time,” three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7—the time during which the papal power was to oppress God’s people. This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity.”** {GC 439.2}

9. According to the Bible, what does it say will happen to the Papacy’s deadly wound? Revelation 13:3, 12

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10. The deadly wound being healed means the Papacy will regain the power it lost. What power did it have during the 1260 year period? Revelation 13:7

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11. Here is the theme of this lesson; since the Papacy will regain its power over the nations to persecute, we must see what she did in the past to know what will take place in the future. Read Revelation 13:10. It says the Papacy went into captivity and was killed by the sword. According to Daniel 11:33, what methods did the Papacy use to persecute God's people?
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**"In vain both ecclesiastical and civil authorities were invoked to crush the heresy. In vain they resorted to imprisonment, torture, fire, and sword. Thousands of believers sealed their faith with their blood, and yet the work went on. Persecution served only to extend the truth, and the fanaticism which Satan endeavored to unite with it resulted in making more clear the contrast between the work of Satan and the work of God."** {GC 196.3}

"When he was thus arrayed, "the prelates said, 'Now we devote thy soul to the devil.' 'And I,' said **John Huss**, lifting up his eyes toward heaven, 'do commit my spirit into Thy hands, O Lord Jesus, for Thou hast redeemed me.'"—Wylie, b. 3, ch. 7." {GC 109.1}

**"He was now delivered up to the secular authorities and led away to the place of execution. An immense procession followed, hundreds of men at arms, priests and bishops in their costly robes, and the inhabitants of Constance. When he had been fastened to the stake, and all was ready for the fire to be lighted, the martyr was once more exhorted to save himself by renouncing his errors. "What errors," said Huss, "shall I renounce? I know myself guilty of none. I call God to witness that all that I have written and preached has been with the view of rescuing souls from sin and perdition; and, therefore, most joyfully will I confirm with my blood that truth which I have written and preached."—Ibid., b. 3, ch. 7. When the flames kindled about him, he began to sing, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me," and so continued till his voice was silenced forever."** {GC 109.2}

12. Like the faithful reformers, as we go forward to "instruct many" people of God's truth, what will happen to us in these last days?

a) Revelation 13:17

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b) Revelation 2:10

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c) John 16:2

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d) Daniel 11:34

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**"As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God's downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes more bold and decided, the law will be invoked against commandment keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence, and other rewards and advantages, as inducements to renounce their faith. But their steadfast answer is: "Show us from the word of God our error"—the same plea that was made by Luther under similar circumstances. Those who are arraigned before the courts make a strong vindication of the truth, and some who hear them are led to take their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Thus light will be brought before thousands who otherwise would know nothing of these truths."** {GC 607.1}

13. What two things do we need to stand faithful to God, which the reformers of old had? Revelation 13:10
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14. Who also were threatened by the flame in Daniel 3? Daniel 3:14, 15
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15. What did the three Hebrews say that demonstrated their faith? Daniel 3:16-18
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16. In order for us to stand faithful in these last days, what must we say like Daniel? Daniel 1:8

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17. What test did they propose which demonstrated their patience and faith in God? Daniel 1:10-12, 18-19

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18. Read Daniel 11:33. It mentions “spoil.” When we stand faithful for God and our goods are spoiled or taken away, what should give us encouragement in that time? Hebrews 10:34, 36-37

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19. What instructions are given to us so that we may receive the promise of eternal life?

a) Hebrews 10:35

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b) Hebrews 10:38-39

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20. Read Daniel 11:35 and compare the word “fall” in that verse and in verse 33. Contextually, what does it mean that “some of them of understanding shall fall”?

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21. **Note:** Daniel 11:35 says that, when some of them fall, it will be “to try them.” This means that there is going to be a testing process for those who are chosen to be martyrs for Jesus and also for those people around them who are of the faith.

22. Whose faith was tested in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was taken? What did they do when they saw Jesus arrested? Matthew 26:31, 55-56

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23. After Jesus was arrested, what words did Peter say about him? Matthew 26:71-72

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24. What was the initial experience of the Protestant Reformer Jerome after the death of Huss?

**“The death of Huss had not resulted as the papists had hoped. The violation of his safe-conduct had roused a storm of indignation, and as the safer course, the council determined, instead of burning Jerome, to force him, if possible, to retract. He was brought before the assembly, and offered the alternative to recant, or to die at the stake. Death at the beginning of his imprisonment would have been a mercy in comparison with the terrible sufferings which he had undergone; but now, weakened by illness, by the rigors of his prison house, and the torture of anxiety and suspense, separated from his friends, and disheartened by the death of Huss, Jerome's fortitude gave way, and he consented to submit to the council. He pledged himself to adhere to the Catholic faith, and accepted the action of the council in condemning the doctrines of Wycliffe and Huss, excepting, however, the “holy truths” which they had taught.—Ibid, vol. 2, p. 141. {GC 111.1}**

25. **Note:** The experience of Peter and Jerome show us another application for the Daniel 11:35 when it says “some of them of understanding shall fall.” Primarily that phrase points to being a martyr. However, it also shows us that some who once knew and professed the truth will fall away and compromise their faith in God. Will you stand for the truth or will you fall away back into sin?

26. After Peter repented and was converted again to Jesus, Jesus told him that he would die. What words did Jesus say to Peter which He is also saying to us, even though we may be martyrs? John 21:18-19

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27. While some of us will be martyrs for Jesus, we can find encouragement in the life of Jesus. When did Jesus receive the strength to meet the crisis of the cross? Luke 22:42-43, 47

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28. What promise do we have in scripture about receiving strength? Deuteronomy 33:25

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29. Daniel 11:35 also mentions that the trials are to purge us and make us white. What did David pray in Psalm 51:7?

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30. When we pray for cleansing from our sins, God sometimes gives us trials to assist us in the work of character perfection. Once we overcome and remain faithful to God in the midst of trials, what will we do? Psalm 51:13; Daniel 11:33

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