



SAVED TO SERVE

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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 3

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Daniel 11:36-39. 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 11:36. It is very important to note that the book of Daniel repeats and expounds on former points. What other entity exalted and magnified himself against God in the book of Daniel? Daniel 8:9, 11, 24-25

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3. **Note:** Notice that a horn represents a king in scripture (Daniel 7:24). So, the king that exalts and magnifies himself against God is the little horn power or the Papacy, Roman Catholicism.

4. What characteristics does Paul use to describe the Papal power (man of sin, son of perdition) in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4?

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5. Daniel 11:36 goes on to say that this king will “speak marvelous things against the God of gods.” What entity was this which spoke great words against the most High according to Daniel 7:24, 25?

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6. Read Daniel 11:36 again and focus on the last phrases. It says that the king will prosper until the indignation is accomplished. How long was this time of indignation when the Papacy prospered? Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:14, 6

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7. What does indignation mean in the Bible? Psalm 69:24; 78:49; 102:10 _____

8. The Papacy also received indignation or wrath. How does the Bible describe the wrath or indignation that the Papacy received? Revelation 13:3, 10

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9. In what year did the Papacy receive her deadly wound or the losing of its power over the nations? _____

“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}

10. **Note:** Read the following statement about the wrath that Papists received upon themselves during the French Revolution.

“All too well the people had learned the lessons of cruelty and torture which Rome had so diligently taught. A day of

retribution at last had come. It was not now the disciples of Jesus that were thrust into dungeons and dragged to the stake. Long ago these had perished or been driven into exile. Unsparing Rome now felt the deadly power of those whom she had trained to delight in deeds of blood. “The example of persecution which the clergy of France had exhibited for so many ages, was now retorted upon them with signal vigor. **The scaffolds ran red with the blood of the priests. The galleys and the prisons, once crowded with Huguenots, were now filled with their persecutors. Chained to the bench and toiling at the oar, the Roman Catholic clergy experienced all those woes which their church had so freely inflicted on the gentle heretics.**” {GC 283.2}

11. Prior to receiving this wrath upon herself, the Papacy prospered (Daniel 11:36). The Bible teaches that the Papacy will prosper again. Until what event will the Papacy prosper? Daniel 8:23-25 (last phrase of verse 25); Daniel 2:34, 44-45

12. We just learned that the Papacy will prosper until the Second Coming of Jesus. Since the Papacy historically prospered and afterward received wrath, the same will be repeated in the future. She will prosper again and then receive wrath or indignation in these last days. What event will signal God’s wrath to be poured out? Revelation 14:9-10

13. What will be the final wrath poured out upon the beast, the Papacy? Revelation 19:20

14. **Note:** Read Daniel 11:37. This verse is showing us that the Papacy doesn’t regard God in heaven but only thinks of magnifying itself. Furthermore, the phrase “nor the desire of women” shows us another identifying marker of the Papacy, since the priests are forbidden not to get married.

15. **Note:** Read Daniel 11:38. Who or what is the “God of forces” referring to? In the marginal reference of the Bible, the word forces points to “munitions” which means armies, military weapons, ammunition. The Papacy has indeed used armies and force to do her work of conquering and persecuting nations and so called heretics. Though the letter “G” in “God of forces” is capitalized, this is not saying that the Papacy honored the God of heaven. Rather, it points to the supreme might she feels since she is exalting herself above God and trusting in her power of force to have prosperity.

16. Compare Daniel 11:38 and Revelation 18:10-12. What similarities in the verses once again prove that this power is none other than the Papacy?

17. Read Daniel 11:39. The last phrase says that he “shall divide the land for gain.” Anyone who controls the riches of the world along with the lands and military is a world superpower. The Papacy did indeed divide land for gain during her history. What is the name of the treaty where the papacy was involved in dividing land for gain?

“**Treaty of Tordesillas, (June 7, 1494)**, agreement between Spain and Portugal aimed at settling conflicts over lands newly discovered or explored by Christopher Columbus and other late 15th-century voyagers.”

“**In 1493, after reports of Columbus’s discoveries had reached them, the Spanish rulers Ferdinand and Isabella enlisted papal support for their claims to the New World in order to inhibit the Portuguese and other possible rival claimants. To accommodate them, the Spanish-born pope Alexander VI issued bulls setting up a line of demarcation from pole to pole 100 leagues (about 320 miles) west of the Cape Verde Islands see Cabo Verde.** Spain was given exclusive rights to all newly discovered and undiscovered lands in the region west of the line. Portuguese expeditions were to keep to the east of the line. Neither power was to occupy any territory already in the hands of a Christian ruler.”

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Treaty-of-Tordesillas>

18. **Note:** Let us transition now to heart conversion. Many times when people do evangelism, they may think that the ultimate goal is to liberate people from the Catholic Church and other fallen denominations; yet they do not realize that the principles of Babylon may still be in their own hearts. What do the following verses tell us are the underlying problems and sins of the Papacy? Daniel 11:36, 37

19. In whom did the evil desire originate to reject God’s way and follow their own way? Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:15, 17

20. What did Satan tell Eve would be the consequence if she rejected God’s way for her own? Genesis 3:3-6

“Here the father of lies made his assertion in direct contradiction to the expressed word of God. Satan assured Eve that she was created immortal, and that there was no possibility of her dying. He told her that God knew that if they ate of the tree of knowledge their understanding would be enlightened, expanded, and ennobled, making them equal with himself. **And the serpent answered Eve, that the command of God forbidding them to eat of the tree of knowledge was given them to keep them in a state of subordination, that they should not obtain knowledge, which was power.** He assured her that the fruit of this tree was desirable above every other tree in the garden to make one wise and exalt them equal with God. He has, said the serpent, refused you the fruit of the tree which is of all the trees the most desirable for its delicious flavor and exhilarating influence. **Eve thought the discourse of the serpent very wise. She viewed the prohibition of God unjust.** She looked with longing desire upon the tree laden with fruit which appeared very delicious. The serpent was eating it with apparent delight. She longed for this fruit above all the fruit of every variety which God had given her a perfect right to use.” {RH February 24, 1874, par. 13}

21. Apart from the fact that we all are born with a sinful nature, where was the desire to have our own way cultivated? Consider the account of David with his children. 1 Kings 1:5, 6
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“Adonijah had ever had his own way, and he thought that if he made a demonstration showing his desire to reign, David would yield to his wishes. But David was true to God and to his convictions (Manuscript 6a, 1903). {2BC 1024.7}

“...Any child that is permitted to have his own way will dishonor God and bring his father and mother to shame... By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God.” {5T 325.2}

“Children who are allowed to have their own way are not happy. The unsubdued heart has not within itself the elements of rest and contentment. The mind and heart must be disciplined and brought under proper restraint in order for the character to harmonize with the wise laws that govern our being. Restlessness and discontent are the fruits of indulgence and selfishness. The soil of the heart, like that of a garden, will produce weeds and brambles unless the seeds of precious flowers are planted there and receive care and cultivation. As in visible nature, so is it with the human soul.” {4T 202.4}

“Should she [the mother] not let her child have his own way now and then, let him do just as he wishes, permit him to be disobedient? Certainly not, for just so sure as she does, she lets Satan plant his hellish banner in her house. She must fight the battle of that child which he cannot fight himself. That is her work, to rebuke the devil, to seek God earnestly, and never to let Satan take her child right out of her arms and place him in his arms.” {CG 272.3}

22. What is one of the primary things that is destroying marriages today? **Answer:** A spouse demanding his or her own way in sin.

“...If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties. Angels have been grieved and God displeased by the hours which have been spent in justifying self.” {EW 119.1}

23. What does Jesus say in John 14:6? _____

24. Jesus desires us to choose His way so that we can be set free from the bondage of sin and self. When we desire to have our own way, what kind of liberty do the unconverted desire? Galatians 5:13, 19-21
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25. When a person chooses to follow his or her own way in sin, what will be their end result if they choose not to turn back to God? Proverbs 16:25; Psalm 73:3, 11-12, 16-19
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26. What did Jesus pray when He was tempted to choose His own way in the Garden of Gethsemane? Luke 22:42-44
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“All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us.” {DA 668.3}

27. What does Jesus reveal to us in order to impress us to choose His way? Isaiah 53:1-6
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