



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 4

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the first part of Daniel 11:40. In Daniel 11:40-45, there is a controversy surrounding who the the king of the north is, but we will clearly identify him in this study. To give context and relevance to this lesson, we will begin by looking at Daniel 12:1.

“...**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. **Note:** Read Daniel 12:1. Who does Michael the great prince represent? In the Bible, “prince” means ruler (Proverbs 8:16; Revelation 1:5). The name Michael in the Strong’s Hebrew Concordance (number 4317) means “who is like God.” Michael the great Prince is Jesus Christ. Let us prove this in the next few points.
3. How does Jude 1:9 describe Michael? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) What voice will the Lord use to awaken the faithful saints who died? 1 Thessalonians 4:16  
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  - b) Whose voice is heard when the dead are raised to life? John 5:25, 28  
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4. **Note:** The voice of the archangel is the voice of the Son of God. Jesus is the Son of God; therefore, Jesus is Michael the archangel!
5. How else is Michael described? Daniel 10:21; 12:1  
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6. What similar titles are given to Jesus? Revelation 1:5; Isaiah 9:6  
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7. In Daniel 12:1, Michael (Jesus) is seen standing up. Standing up is the opposite of sitting down. When Jesus ascended to heaven, He went to sit down at the right hand of the Father to intercede on our behalf (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 10:10-12). What does it mean when Jesus is seen “standing” in heaven? Luke 13:25-28; James 5:9; Ezekiel 9:3-6 (the phrase “gone up” means that the Lord rose up or stood up).  
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8. **Note:** We now know that when Jesus stands up, probation to accept Him as our Savior from sin closes. When will we know that this is soon to take place? Daniel 12:1 tells us “and at that time.” When is “that time” which Daniel 12:1 is referring to? The answer is found in Daniel 11:40. After the time of the end, when we begin to see the king of the north pushing back at the king of the south, then we will know that Michael is about to stand up.
9. Read Daniel 11:40. It brings to view the time of the end. In what year did the time of the end begin? **Answer:** In 1798 A.D. Compare Daniel 11:40; 12:6-7; Revelation 12:14, 6.
10. Read the first phrase of Daniel 11:40. It says “the king of the south [will] push at him.” The word “him” is a pronoun; this means that the noun was mentioned in previous verses. Who is the “him” referring to, which is spoken about in verses

36-39? (Reflect on our previous lesson for the answer).

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11. Let us now begin to identify who the king of the south is. The Bible says that the king of the south will push at the king of the north. What does the word “push” mean? Daniel 8:4; 2 Chronicles 18:10

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12. The power that overthrew the Papacy during the time of the end was the king of the south. In 1798 (the time of the end), which nation overthrew the Papacy? 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}

13. The nation of France is also spoken of in Revelation 11:7 (remember that a beast represents a nation - Daniel 7:17, 23). In Revelation 11:7, who is the “them” referring to which France warred against and killed? Revelation 11:3-4

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14. What does the candlestick represent in scripture? Psalm 119:105

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15. **Note:** Notice that the two witnesses, the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks are all symbols of the Word of God, the Old and the New Testament. Revelation 11:6 says that they have power to shut the heaven so that it does not rain, and they have power to send plagues on the earth. Only God’s Word can do these things. Also, notice that it was God’s Word that shut the heavens in the time of Elijah (1 Kings 17:1) and plagues being poured out upon the earth are seen in both the Old and the New Testament.

16. Read Revelation 11:8. We know that Jesus was not crucified in Sodom or Egypt. What does this mean “where also our Lord was crucified”? John 15:20; Luke 21:12

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**“But blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible among the fiendish deeds of all the dreadful centuries, was the St. Bartholomew Massacre. The world still recalls with shuddering horror the scenes of that most cowardly and cruel onslaught. The king of France, urged on by Romish priests and prelates, lent his sanction to the dreadful work. A bell, tolling at dead of night, was a signal for the slaughter. Protestants by thousands, sleeping quietly in their homes, trusting to the plighted honor of their king, were dragged forth without a warning and murdered in cold blood.”** {GC 272.1}

17. France had the characteristics of Sodom and Egypt as described in Revelation 11:8. What principles from Sodom and Egypt did France adopt?

a) Genesis 19:4, 5 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Exodus 5:2; Psalm 14:1 \_\_\_\_\_

**“This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. During the Revolution, in 1793, “the world for the first time heard an assembly of men, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their united voice to deny the most solemn truth which man’s soul receives, and renounce unanimously the belief and worship of a Deity.”—Sir Walter Scott, Life of Napoleon, vol. 1, ch. 17. “France is the only nation in the world concerning which the authentic record survives, that as a nation she lifted her hand in open rebellion against the Author of the universe. Plenty of blasphemers, plenty of infidels, there have been, and still continue to be, in England, Germany, Spain, and elsewhere; but France stands apart in the world’s history as the single state which, by the decree of her Legislative Assembly, pronounced that there was no God, and of which the entire population of the capital, and a vast majority elsewhere, women as well as men, danced and sang with joy in accepting the announcement.”—Blackwood’s Magazine, November, 1870. {GC 269.4}**

“France presented also the characteristics which especially distinguished Sodom. During the Revolution there was manifest a state of moral debasement and corruption similar to that which brought destruction upon the cities of the

plain. And the historian presents together the atheism and the licentiousness of France, as given in the prophecy: "Intimately connected with these laws affecting religion, was that which reduced the union of marriage—the most sacred engagement which human beings can form, and the permanence of which leads most strongly to the consolidation of society—to the state of a mere civil contract of a transitory character, which any two persons might engage in and cast loose at pleasure.... If fiends had set themselves to work to discover a mode of most effectually destroying whatever is venerable, graceful, or permanent in domestic life, and of obtaining at the same time an assurance that the mischief which it was their object to create should be perpetuated from one generation to another, they could not have invented a more effectual plan than the degradation of marriage.... Sophie Arnoult, an actress famous for the witty things she said, described the republican marriage as 'the sacrament of adultery.'—Scott, vol. 1, ch. 17." {GC 270.1}

18. Read Daniel 11:40 again. What will happen after the king of the south pushes at the king of the north?

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19. **Note:** In 1798 when the king of the south (France) overthrew the Papacy, the Papacy received its deadly wound - meaning that it lost its power over the nations and their armies. But for the king of the north to "come against" the king of the south, it means that the deadly wound has to be healed. Has the Papacy regained its ecclesiastical and civil authority over the nations of the earth as yet? No, but it soon will. This shows us that Daniel 11:40 covers the time period of 1798 to the present. When the Papacy's deadly wound is about to be healed, what two laws will be prevalent in society which came from France, the king of the south? Legalized sodomy and atheism. Notice that legalized sodomy is the same as legalized atheism because homosexuality is not according to God's way and an atheist will not choose to follow God's way.

20. Where will the deadly wound be healed first? Which nation will help to bring the Papacy and its principles back to world power? Revelation 13:11-12

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#### Supreme Court Declares Same-Sex Marriage Legal In All 50 States (June 26, 2015)

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/06/26/417717613/supreme-court-rules-all-states-must-allow-same-sex-marriages>

21. As we begin to close, read Revelation 11:3-4. Notice that leading up to the time of the end in 1798, God gave power to the proclamation of the Word and to His saints so that they could be witnesses for Jesus. Since God gave power then, we must expect and seek after the same heavenly power in these last days.

22. How will the gospel be preached to bring the end of the world? Mathew 24:14

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23. Who is a witness? 1 John 1:1-3

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24. **Note:** Earlier in the lesson, we saw that the two witnesses represented the Word of God. Let us now look at two more applications for God's two witnesses.

25. When Paul was speaking to King Agrippa, what two things did Paul draw from to share truth with Agrippa?

a) Acts 26:1, 13-16; 9:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Acts 26:27; 2 Peter 1:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

26. **Note:** Paul shared both his experience and the writings of the prophets or God's Word with King Agrippa. The Word of God mingled with our testimony are another application of God's Two Witnesses.

27. By what means will we overcome Satan and his evil devices against us in these last days? Revelation 12:11

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28. Here is another application for the two witnesses. What two things must we learn from in order to be God's witnesses?

a) 1 John 1:1 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Psalm 19:1; Job 12:7-10 \_\_\_\_\_

**"The word of God reveals His character. He Himself has declared His infinite love and pity. When Moses prayed, "Show me Thy glory," the Lord answered, "I will make all My goodness pass before thee." Exodus 33:18, 19. This is His**

glory. The Lord passed before Moses, and proclaimed, "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Exodus 34:6, 7. He is "slow to anger, and of great kindness," "because He delighteth in mercy." Jonah 4:2; Micah 7:18." {SC 10.2}

"God has bound our hearts to Him by unnumbered tokens in heaven and in earth. **Through the things of nature, and the deepest and tenderest earthly ties that human hearts can know, He has sought to reveal Himself to us. Yet these but imperfectly represent His love...**" {SC 10.3}

29. What two things will Jesus give unto us as we learn from His two witnesses, the Bible and nature? Acts 1:8; 10:38-39

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