



SAVED TO SERVE

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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 6

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Daniel 11:41 to discover what is the glorious land, and who is it that enters into the glorious land to do the work of overthrowing.

“... **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 12:1. What does it mean when Michael stands up? **Answer:** The close of probation, according to our previous Bible studies in this series.
3. **Note:** Where can we find those events that lead up to Michael standing up? **Answer:** In Daniel 11:40-45. In our last study on Daniel 11:40, we discovered two primary dates: 1798, which is the time of the end, and 1989 when Pope John Paul II united with President Ronald Regan to overthrow the former Soviet Union. In today's study, we will cover Daniel 11:41, which shows us events after 1989.
4. Read Daniel 11:41. Who is the pronoun “he” mentioned there? **Answer:** The Papacy.
5. Let us confirm that the “he” represents the Papacy by using the formula for Bible interpretation. What is the Biblical formula for arriving at truth? Isaiah 28:9, 10; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Matthew 18:16 **line upon line; comparing text with text, spiritual point with spiritual point, two or three witnesses**
6. Which nation used the hand of persecution in an attempt to destroy God's people? Daniel 3:1, 14-15 _____
7. **Note:** This hand of persecution was raised against the three Hebrews over the issue of true worship.
8. Which nation is modern spiritual Babylon (Revelation 17:3-6) which also used the hand of persecution to destroy God's people? Daniel 7:25

9. **Note:** Notice carefully that the hand is a symbol of civil and religious persecution based on Daniel 3:14-15 and Daniel 7:25.
10. Read Daniel 11:41 again. Where will the papacy enter? _____
11. Which nation does the glorious land represent in these last days? **Answer:** The United States of America. To confirm this point, we need to use the Biblical formula for Bible interpretation, comparing scripture with scripture. We will study where the glorious land was in ancient times and why it was called the glorious land.
12. Using your Bible's marginal reference, what does the word “glorious” mean in Daniel 11:41? **Answer:** Goodly. See also the Strong's Exhaustive Bible Concordance Hebrew Dictionary, number 6643.
13. What place or territory was called the “goodly land” in the Bible? Read and compare Numbers 14:7 with Numbers 13:2

14. Again, what place or territory was called the “goodly land”? Read and compare Deuteronomy 3:25 with Numbers 33:51

15. What place or territory was called the “goodly land”? Deuteronomy 6:10; Genesis 12:5; Exodus 3:8

16. What was one of the primary reasons why God led the Hebrews from Egypt to the goodly land of Canaan? Exodus 8:25, 26

"Pharaoh now offered the Israelites permission to sacrifice in Egypt, but they refused to accept such conditions. "It is not meet," said Moses; "lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?" The animals which the Hebrews would be required to sacrifice were among those regarded as sacred by the Egyptians; and such was the reverence in which these creatures were held, that to slay one, even accidentally, was a crime punishable with death. **It would be impossible for the Hebrews to worship in Egypt without giving offense to their masters. Moses again proposed to go three days' journey into the wilderness...**" {PP 266.4}

17. Based on the following scriptures, what did the Hebrews experience in Egypt, which is why they had to flee?
Exodus 1:13-14; 3:8

"With great power, and with a mighty hand," God brought His chosen people out of the land of Egypt. Exodus 32:11...He rescued them from their servile state, **that He might bring them to a good land, a land which in His providence He had prepared for them as a refuge from their enemies.**" {PK, 16.2}

18. **Note:** We are going to prove again that the USA is the glorious land, a land of refuge for the persecuted and for the oppressed.

19. What beast is used to represent the persecuting power of Egypt? Ezekiel 29:3 _____

20. **Note:** God delivered the Hebrews from a dragon-like persecuting nation to the goodly land of Canaan.

21. The woman, God's faithful church, fled from what to find refuge from persecution? Revelation 12:13-14

22. What helped the woman and gave her a place of refuge from persecution? Revelation 12:16

23. What nation is represented by "the earth"? Revelation 13:10, 11 **Answer:** The United States of America

"The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. **God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges.**" {Maranatha, 193.4}

"The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, **it has been a land of liberty, and the glory of the whole earth...**" {RH, May 2, 1893 par. 10}

"In the seventeenth century thousands of pastors were expelled from their positions. The people were forbidden, on pain of heavy fines, imprisonment, and banishment, to attend any religious meetings except such as were sanctioned by the church. Those faithful souls who could not refrain from gathering to worship God were compelled to meet in dark alleys, in obscure garrets, and at some seasons in the woods at midnight. In the sheltering depths of the forest, a temple of God's own building, those scattered and persecuted children of the Lord assembled to pour out their souls in prayer and praise. But despite all their precautions, **many suffered for their faith. The jails were crowded. Families were broken up.** Many were banished to foreign lands. Yet God was with His people, and persecution could not prevail to silence their testimony. **Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty which have been the bulwark and glory of this country.**" {GC, 252.1}

24. When will the Papacy officially enter the glorious land, America, to use the hand of persecution? Daniel 11:41 Answer: At a time when our liberties have been revoked. The mere fact that the Papacy is coming to use the hand of persecution, means that our liberties are gone. This undoubtedly points us to the Mark of the Beast time period.

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness [Psalm 97:6]. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." {5T 451.1}

“...When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, **Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery**; it will be nothing else than **giving life to the tyranny** which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism.” {5T 711.4}

25. As we close, let us focus on Jesus' life and what He tells us to expect in these last days. What did Christ mention to His disciples that God's people will encounter just before His second coming? Luke 21:12

26. Did church and state lay hands on Jesus? What words did Jesus say to the religious leaders and soldiers who came to arrest him? Luke 22:52-53 (specifically verse 53)

27. During the crisis, into whose hands did Jesus commit His life? Luke 23:46 _____

28. Jesus was able to commit Himself to God on the cross because He had done it prior to the crisis. Likewise, we must also commit our lives to God now, prior to the Mark of the Beast, and during that time period. What did Jesus pray which prepared Him to meet the crisis? Luke 22:42

29. What gave Jesus encouragement to deny His will and go through the crisis, which should also give us encouragement? Hebrew 12:2

30. After denying His will, Jesus prayed more earnestly. What substance was He sweating? Luke 22:44 _____

31. After we commit our lives to God, what must we continue to strive against just as Jesus did? Hebrews 12:4

32. As we copy the perfect pattern, Jesus, we will receive strength from heaven to overcome sin and go through life's crises (Luke 22:43). However, if we fail to look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, like Peter, what will be our experience? Luke 22:54
