



SAVED TO SERVE

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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 8

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will continue to study Daniel 11:41. We have previously discovered that Daniel 11:40-41 cover the years 1798 and 1989 to the National Sunday Law. This lesson will identify who the "MANY" are in the various countries that shall be overthrown, when the National Sunday Law is enforced. Also, we will discover what it means to be "OVERTHROWN" from scripture.

"...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 11:41 for context. It says that "MANY" shall be overthrown. Who are the "MANY" that shall be overthrown at the National Sunday Law? 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

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3. Let's analyze their experience to discover the reasons why they were overthrown. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-11.

- a) Verse 6 _____
- b) Verse 7 _____
- c) Verse 8 _____
- d) Verse 9 _____
- e) Verse 10 _____

4. **Note:** Matthew 7:21-23 is another scripture that describes the "MANY" that will be overthrown. Let's read Matthew 7:13-21 for context and analyze it to discover the reasons for their overthrow.

5. Based on Matthew 7:22, what will "MANY" say to God?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

6. What will Jesus say to "MANY" people? Matthew 7:23

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7. This class of people undoubtedly points to individuals in the church who knew God's will but chose not to do it. Even though they did "good" works in the name of Christ, why will Jesus reject them?

- a) Matthew 15:8 _____
- b) 1 Corinthians 13:2-3 _____
- c) James 2:17-18 _____

8. Based on the context of Matthew 7:13-27, which person does Jesus compare the “MANY” with: the wise man or the foolish man? Matthew 7:24-27
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9. What do the rain, floods, and winds represent? Deuteronomy 28:24; Psalm 90:5; Revelation 7:1
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10. And at which event will God pour out His wrath upon the wicked? Revelation 14:9, 10
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“As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; **and when the test is brought,** they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. **When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith,** these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.” {GC 608.2}

“The Lord has shown me clearly that **the image of the beast** will be formed before probation closes; **for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.** . . .” [Revelation 13:11-17 quoted.] . . . {7BC 976.2}

“And the LORD shall cause **his glorious voice to be heard,** and shall show the lighting down of his arm, with **the indignation** of his anger, and with **the flame of a devouring fire,** with **scattering,** and **tempest,** and **hailstones.**” {GC 635.2}

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. **The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work.** The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. **Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.**” {1SM 204.2}

11. Where else in the book of Matthew can we find a parable about wise and foolish people?
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12. Compare Matthew 7:21-23 and Matthew 25:8-13. What did the foolish virgins say in Matthew 25:11 which the “MANY” also said in Matthew 7:21, 22?
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13. Read the following quotations to examine yourself and to clearly see what the experience of the foolish virgins is.

“The class represented by the foolish virgins are not hypocrites. They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's working. They have not fallen upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and permitted their old nature to be broken up. This class are represented also by the stony-ground hearers. They receive the word with readiness, but they fail of assimilating its principles. Its influence is not abiding. The Spirit works upon man's heart, according to his desire and consent implanting in him a new nature; **but the class represented by the foolish virgins have been content with a superficial work. They do not know God. They have not studied His character; they have not held communion with Him; therefore they do not know how to trust, how to look and live. Their service to God degenerates into a form...**” {COL 411.1}

“This is the class that in time of peril are found crying, Peace and safety. They lull their hearts into security, and dream not of danger. When startled from their lethargy, they discern their destitution, and entreat others to supply their lack; but in spiritual things no man can make up another's deficiency. The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul...” {COL 411.2}

14. **Note:** Read Luke 13:24-28 to see another example of the “MANY” who will be overthrown. In verse 24, it says that “MANY” will “seek” to enter into heaven but will not “strive” to enter in. One meaning for the word “seek” in the Greek Dictionary of the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (2212) is “desire.” Therefore, this means that “MANY” people will be lost because they will desire to be saved but will not strive or put forth fervent effort to make it in. While we cannot be saved by our works, works are still necessary as evidence of our faith.

“...Desires for goodness and true holiness are right so far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. **Good purposes are right, but will prove of no avail unless resolutely carried out. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians; but they made no earnest effort, therefore they will be weighed in the balances and found wanting.** The will must be exercised in the right direction. I *will* be a wholehearted Christian. I will know the length and breadth, the height and depth, of perfect love.” {2T 265.2}

15. Read 2 Chronicles 14:9-13. What does it mean to be overthrown? _____
16. Read Job 19:6-11. What does it mean to be overthrown? _____
17. Job 19:10 says their hope will be removed like a tree. Why will they be destroyed and their hope removed like a tree? Compare Job 19:10 and Luke 13:6-9

18. According to Psalm 141:6, where will “MANY” people be overthrown? _____
19. In order not to be overthrown and lost in these last days, what lessons should we learn from the stony ground hearers? Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21

20. In the parable of the stony ground hearers, it was the sun that scorched them and caused their overthrow. According to Ezekiel 8:16 through Ezekiel 9:1-6, what is the connection between the sun and the “MANY” who are overthrown? **Answer:** The people who will be destroyed or overthrown according to Ezekiel 8 & 9 are those who worship the sun! It is the National Sunday Law crisis that will bring persecution and tribulation upon God’s faithful people in these last days, but those who will give up the Sabbath truth and become offended in that time of persecution will worship on SUN-day and be overthrown.
21. What must be our experience so that we will not be overthrown? Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 7:3

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” {Mar 200.2}

“The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God.... **Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works.** These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.” {5T 213.2}

“**Everyone must now search the Bible for himself upon his knees before God, with the humble, teachable heart of a child, if he would know what the Lord requires of him.... Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.** Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost....We are too easily satisfied with our attainments. No one need say that his case is hopeless, that he cannot live the life of a Christian. Ample provision is made by the death of Christ for every soul. Jesus is our ever-present help in time of need. Only call upon Him in faith, and He has promised to hear and answer your petitions....Oh, for a living, active faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial.... It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character.... "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."...What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman.” {5T 211-216}