



## SAVED TO SERVE

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

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Daniel 11:44 and discover what are the tidings from the east and north that will trouble the Papacy.

“...**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:** Here is a quick recap and overview of this lesson. In Daniel 11:41, we saw that the Sunday Law will begin in the United States of America. In Daniel 11:42 we saw that the Sunday Law will then spread to the other countries. In Daniel 11:43, it reveals that the Papacy will control the economies and military powers of the world. Finally, we will discover that Daniel 11:44 reveals that while the Papacy and her allies have control over the world and have already enforced a Sunday Law, tidings from the east and north will trouble them.
3. Read Daniel 11:44. A dictionary definition of the word “tidings” means news or information. Biblically, what does the word “tidings” mean? Romans 10:15; Isaiah 52:7

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4. **Note:** These tidings are the good news of the everlasting gospel which brings salvation to men.
  5. From which two directions are these tidings and messages coming? Daniel 11:44

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6. In the context of our study, who will proclaim God’s tidings? Romans 10:14, 15; Psalm 40:9

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7. Isaiah, the prophet, also mentions that someone will bring good tidings. Where do the tidings come from? Isaiah 41:25, 27 (Hint: Read Isaiah 41:25 carefully. This person comes from two directions. In what direction does the sun rise?)

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8. Who is Isaiah referring to which comes from the direction of the rising sun (the east)? Malachi 4:2 and 1 John 2:1. See also Malachi 1:11.

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9. What is this tiding and message from the east? Revelation 7:1-3

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10. **Note:** It makes sense why this tiding from the east, the sealing message, will trouble the Papacy because at that time, the Sunday Law would have already been enforced. The controversy between satanic agencies and heaven is all over worship, so when God’s people preach the sealing message, which includes God’s true day of worship, it will cause war between themselves and the Papacy.

11. Where is God’s seal found? Isaiah 8:16

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12. What are the three parts of a Biblical seal? Esther 8:8-9; 3:12-13

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13. Where do we find the name, title, and territory in God's law? Exodus 20:8-11
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14. **Note:** This is why the tidings cause war because the message of honoring God's Seventh-day Sabbath contradicts the Papacy's false teaching of worshiping on Sunday.
15. What took place in heaven? Revelation 12:7-9
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16. What did Lucifer desire which caused war in heaven? Isaiah 14:12-14; Matthew 4:8-10
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17. **Note:** Let us now transition to identify what the tidings from the north represent. To understand this subject, we must study Ezekiel 9:1-4.
18. Read Ezekiel 9:1-2. How do these six men speak which came from the north? **Answer:** With a loud voice. This message they are proclaiming with a loud voice is the loud cry message of Revelation 18:1-5 which takes place after the Sunday Law is enforced. This loud cry message calls sinners out of Babylon to be fully on the Lord's side.
19. In Ezekiel 9:4, what were they supposed to set upon the foreheads of men? Which type of men were to receive this mark?
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20. **Note:** The mark mentioned in Ezekiel 9:4, which comes from the men of the north, is the same as the seal of God mentioned in Revelation 7:1-3 and Revelation 14:1. The word "mark" simply means sign. In this scripture, the mark is used by God to identify His people. Also, notice that this mark which the people received in Ezekiel 9:4 saved them from destruction in verses 5-6, just as the seal of God will save God's people from His wrath - the seven last plagues and the second death.
21. According to the sequence of events in Daniel 11:40-44, when are the tidings from the east and north given? Are the messages given before the Sunday Law crisis, or after the Sunday Law crisis? See number 18.
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22. Read Isaiah 41:25 again. One application of this verse is referring to Jesus destroying the wicked. How is the destruction of the wicked by Christ illustrated in the last phrase of Isaiah 41:25? See also Daniel 2:43-45; Isaiah 64:8
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23. **Note:** Isaiah 41:25 is showing us that Christ's messengers will do a preparatory work of giving the gospel tidings which will trouble the Papacy. Afterwards, Jesus will come to destroy the unrepentant.
24. Read Daniel 11:44. How will Popery and her allies react to the tidings from the east and north? Daniel 11:44
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25. Let's look at three examples from scripture of how the Papacy will react to these tidings. How did Herod respond after hearing the tidings by the wise men from the east? Matthew 2:3, 13, 16
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26. **Note:** Read Matthew 2:2. We saw that the tidings came from the east. However, when you look beneath the surface of this passage, you will discover that the word "king" is also connected to the north. The following scriptures prove that the word "king" is connected to the north, which means that the tidings Herod received came from the north as well as from the east. Psalm 48:2; Isaiah 14:12-13. This point allows us to clearly see the great controversy between Christ and Satan. It is the battle of two kings: Jesus, the true King of the north battling with Satan, the counterfeit king of the north.
27. Let us look at another example of how the Papacy will react to the tidings from the east by analyzing the account of Elijah and Ahab. Read 1 Kings 17:1-3. In which direction did God instruct Elijah to flee?
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28. Read 1 Kings 18:1. Using logical reasoning, since Elijah fled to the east, when God told him to appear before Ahab, Elijah must

have returned from the east. What was the controversy about on Mt. Carmel? 1 Kings 18:19, 21, 23, 24

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29. How did Jezebel (a symbol of Popery) respond to Elijah's tidings from the east? 1 Kings 19:1, 2

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30. Jesus' life also teaches us about the tidings from the north and the east because He embodies them both (see Psalm 48:2; Malachi 4:2). How did the Jewish leaders react to Jesus who was bearing the tidings from the north and east? John 11:47-53 (Answer is in verse 53).

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31. Why were the Jewish leaders troubled because of Jesus? John 11:48

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32. Read the following quotations which summarize the experience of God's faithful messengers who will go forth to proclaim His tidings (3 Angels' Messages) and the persecution they will receive as a result.

**"Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them.** The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven. As the people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? the ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears and quiet the awakened conscience. **But since many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men and demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord," the popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it.**" {GC 606.2}

**"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}

**"Conscientious obedience to the word of God will be treated as rebellion.** Blinded by Satan, the parent will exercise harshness and severity toward the believing child; the master or mistress will oppress the commandment-keeping servant. Affection will be alienated; children will be disinherited and driven from home. The words of Paul will be literally fulfilled: "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12. As the defenders of truth refuse to honor the Sunday-sabbath, some of them will be thrust into prison, some will be exiled, some will be treated as slaves. To human wisdom all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments. The heart can be very cruel when God's fear and love are removed." {GC 608.1}

33. What will some of God's professed people be experiencing while the Papacy is being troubled by the tidings from the east and north? Amos 8:11-12

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34. Who are these professed followers of Jesus likened unto? Amos 8:13; Matthew 25:3, 8-10

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35. What will be the experience of God's faithful followers who receive and declare the tidings from the east and north? 2 Timothy 2:19

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