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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 11, PART 9

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Daniel 11:42 to discover who will stretch their hand upon the countries, and what the land of Egypt represents in the verse's context.

“...**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 11:42. Based on our previous studies, who is the “he” mentioned in that verse? Daniel 11:36; 7:24-25 **Answer:** The Papacy.
3. What does Daniel 11:42 say the Papacy will do?

4. What does it mean that the Papacy will stretch forth his hand? Daniel 3:15; Luke 21:12

5. Where will this persecution go according to Daniel 11:42? _____
6. **Note:** Understanding prophecy in the Bible is like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. In order to put all the pieces together, you must see the full picture. Where in the Bible do we see the full picture of this prophecy that soon, the Papacy will bring persecution upon the countries of the world? We find it in Revelation 13:11-17. Once the Sunday law begins in America, it will then go to the other countries or nations of the world. This is the interpretation of Daniel 11:42. Let us confirm these points.
7. Read Revelation 13:11, 12. “The earth” in these verses have two applications. What is the primary meaning of the earth in these verses? **Answer:** The primary meaning of the earth in Revelation 13:11-12 is the United States of America, a scarcely populated area at the time of its discovery by European pilgrims and settlers. Revelation 17:15 tells us that waters represent peoples, multitudes, and nations; so by contrast, the earth would be a largely uninhabited region. Revelation 12:15-16 then confirms that the United States of America was the “earth” that helped the church when they were fleeing persecution from the Papacy during her reign.
8. What is the second meaning of the term “earth” in Revelation 13:11-12? See Revelation 13:7, 8

9. **Note:** Since the earth represents the United States of America and also the countries or nations of the world, the Bible is showing us that persecution from the National Sunday Law will begin in America and then go to the whole world. Let's go back to Daniel 11:41-42 to see the same prophetic picture.
10. Where will the Papacy enter first, according to Daniel 11:41? _____
11. Read Daniel 11:42 and notice the word “also.” Also is a comparative word which compares two things. After the Papacy enters America, the glorious land, where will he enter next? Daniel 11:42

12. Read the last phrase of Daniel 11:42. It says the land of Egypt shall not escape. What will Egypt not escape? Compare Daniel 11:41 and verse 42

13. **Note:** In a previous study, we saw that Edom, Moab, and Ammon were symbolic figures. Likewise, Egypt in Daniel 11:42, is symbolic just as Edom, Moab, and Ammon were.

14. What does Egypt represent? Ezekiel 32:2

15. **Note:** Compare Revelation 15:1-3 with Exodus 15:1-4 and Exodus 9:13-14. In the last days, the seven last plagues will be falling upon the wicked inhabitants of the entire earth. In Exodus, the plagues fell upon all the land of Egypt. The Israelites who were delivered from Egypt, sang a song of triumph just like the redeemed who will gain the victory over the world (the beast and its image) will sing a song of triumph. The redeemed will stand upon a sea of glass as conquerors just like the Israelites stood as conquerors after the Egyptians drowned in the sea. Thus, Egypt is a representation of the world. Finally, read 1 Corinthians 10:2, 5, 11 to see that the experience of the Israelites in Egypt is a type of what will happen in the world.

16. **Note:** See the following statements below to confirm that Egypt represents a type of the world.

“When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. **The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people.**” {GC 627.3}

“Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? **Because professed Christians are not dead to the world.** It is easy living after we are dead. **But many are longing for the leeks and onions of Egypt.** They have a disposition to dress and act as much like the world as possible and yet go to heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the strait gate and narrow way.” {1T 131.2}

“...**Pride, covetousness, and love of the world** have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. Grievous and presumptuous sins have dwelt among us. And yet the general opinion is that the church is flourishing and that peace and spiritual prosperity are in all her borders. **The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt.**” {5T 217.1, 2}

17. Read Daniel 11:42 again. Notice that the Papacy will use the hand of persecution in Egypt, a representation of the nations of the world. When it says Egypt will not escape the persecution, it means that God's people in the various parts of the world will experience both civil and religious persecution. However, what did God use to deliver the ancient Israelites from the Egyptians, and what will God use to deliver His people from persecution in these last days? Hebrews 8:8-9 **He used and will use His hand**

18. Now, we are going to share with you the three times God has called His people out of Egypt, out of the world.

a) Who does the Bible call God's firstborn which was called out of Egypt? Hosea 11:1; Exodus 4:22, 23

b) Which group of people also received a call to come out of Egypt or out of the world?

“The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led His people in the advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. In the great disappointment their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea. Had they still trusted to the guiding hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844, had received the third angel's message and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed, and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people.” {GC 457.2}

c) Lastly, who will receive the call to come out from Egypt, the world and Babylon? Revelation 18:4; John 10:16 (*Further study: Revelation 18:4 doesn't say the word Egypt but 2 Kings 24:7 links Egypt and Babylon together*).

19. **Note:** These three calls to come out of Egypt and the world typify the 3 Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Let us now analyze what it actually means to come out of Egypt.

20. When God calls us out of bondage, what does He give to us so that we do not return to sin? Exodus 20:1-17

21. What is the house of bondage? John 8:32-36; Galatians 5:1

22. Even though the Israelites had left the literal location of Egypt, what did they not keep? What was the condition of their hearts? Hebrews 8:8-9; Psalm 78:12-13, 8

23. What does God desire to do for us to help us gain the victory over our stubborn, rebellious heart? Hebrews 8:10

24. **Note:** The Bible confirms that just like ancient Israel, many people have been called out of Egypt and the world by God, yet they are still harboring the sins of Egypt in their hearts. Let us analyze 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 to see what sins God wants us to surrender to Him.

a) Verse 7 _____

b) Verse 8 _____

c) Verse 9 _____

d) Verse 10 _____

25. What does the Bible say about Moses' education? How long did it take for him to unlearn and learn again? Acts 7:21-24, 29-30

26. What helped Moses to forsake the ways of Egypt? Hebrews 11:24-27

27. Verse 26 _____

28. Verse 27 _____

27. Who else had to leave Egypt? What does this mean for us? Matthew 2:14-15; Hebrews 4:15-16
