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**A Prophetic History of Daniel  
11 for Today: the Great  
Controversy with Papal Rome  
Part 2**

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# **The Great Controversy with Papal Rome**

**Part II: Daniel 11:30-45**

# **Prophecies About the Papal Roman Empire**

**476 to 1798 AD**

# **Transition from Pagan to Papal Rome**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:30:**

**“For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he 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.”**

**Transition from Pagan to**

**Papal Rome**

**Fulfillment**

**“For the ships of Chittim**

**shall come against him:**

**therefore he shall be**

**grieved” Against whom is**

**this attack directed?**

# **Transition from Pagan to Papal Rome**

## **Fulfillment**

**The Spirit of Prophecy commented, “The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. . . . In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that “shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant” (13MR 394). Here prophecy introduced a new phase of Rome: Papal Rome**

# **Conflict of Barbarian Arian Kingdoms with Papal Rome**

## **Fulfillment**

**As a result of the attack of the ships of Chittim against the king of the North, papal Rome “shall be grieved, and return.” Rome’s desperate efforts to defeat the Vandals who ruled the Mediterranean seas, as well as invasions by other barbarian nations utterly failed. Thus Rome saw its provinces ravaged, and its ‘eternal city’ looted by other barbarian kingdoms such as the Goths, Huns, and Heruli, representing the first four trumpet scourges (Rev 8). These enemies of the papacy were kingdoms who had adopted the Arian form of Christianity that Catholics considered heresy.**



# **Papal Rome's Indignation**

**Fulfillment**

**Papal Rome's "indignation against the holy covenant" was revealed in its efforts to suppress the Holy Scriptures, the book of the covenant, and its persecution of Bible believers.**

**In time, by adopting pagan teachings into the Christian faith, the Roman Catholic Church became the dominant religion in the Roman Empire. Thus it obtained "intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant" through which it acquired military support against its enemies**

# **Conflict Between Barbarian Arian Kingdoms and Papal Rome**

**From this text onward a new phase of the king of the North begins.**

**The papacy is upset because of the barbarian invasions.**

**The papacy made desperate efforts protect the city of Rome, capital of the Roman church.**

**The papacy's "Indignation against the covenant" focused on the destruction of the heretics like the Goths, Vandals and Heruli..**

# **Papal Rome Corrupts God's Church**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:31**

**“And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate”**

# **Papacy Attacks God's People through Clovis and Justinian**

## **Fulfillment**

**Here begins the attack on God's people by the papacy after the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 AD.**

**The phrase "and arms shall stand on his part." reveals that the papacy is to be supported by the "arms" of secular powers. The rise of the papacy was especially due to the military support of Clovis, king of the Franks, and Justinian emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire.**

# **Papacy Corrupts God's Church**

**Fulfillment**

**“And they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength.”**

**The Catholic leadership would**

**“pollute the sanctuary of strength,”**

**the true church. It was the**

**introduction of pagan teachings and**

**traditions in God's church that**

**polluted the biblical teachings or**

**doctrines of true Christians.**

# **Contribution of Clovis to the Papacy**

**He was the first king to offer his military power to the Roman Catholic Church. He was baptized in 508 AD.**

**He was the first of the ten barbarian kingdoms to accept the Roman Catholic religion.**

**Through the military power of the Frankish kings, most of the other pagan kingdoms were forced to accept Roman Catholicism.**

**Contribution of  
Justinian to the Papacy**  
Justinian's revision of  
the Roman law code  
incorporated a letter  
making the pope the  
head over all churches  
in the Roman Empire.

# **Contribution of Justinian to the Papacy**

**Christians who  
remained faithful were  
persecuted by the  
secular Catholic  
powers obedient to the  
leadership of the  
clergy.**



# **The Setting Up of the Abomination of Desolation**

**The Catholic rulers within the Roman Empire would be instrumental in taking away the “daily” and replacing it with the abomination of desolation in 508 AD (Dan 12:11).**

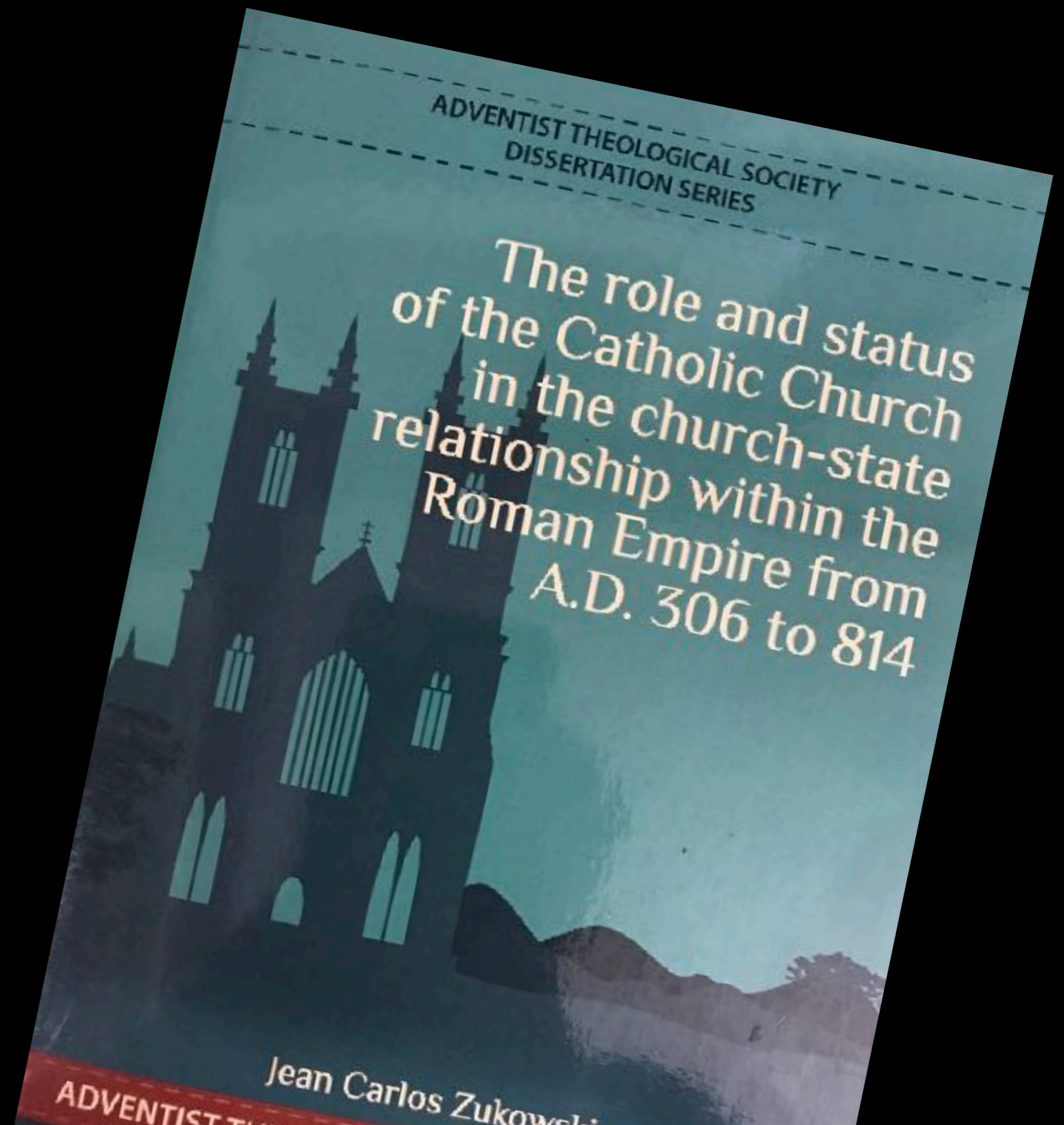
# **The View of the Daily Ministry of Christ**

**This view explains the “daily” in the context of the heavenly sanctuary ministry of Christ. This presents the idea that the Catholic powers took away the understanding of Christ’s mediatorial ministry in the heavenly sanctuary and put in its place the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass, the papal abomination.**

# **508 AD and the Setting Up of the Abomination of Desolation (Dan 12:11)**

**A prominent study by Jean Zukowski on church-state relations within the Roman Empire shows Clovis involvement how the papal abomination replaced the daily pagan abomination in 508. Before this date emperors were in control of the state and church, With Clovis a church and state functioned as equal partners. The church gave their decisions to the state and the state executed them.**

# 508 AD and the Setting Up of the Abomination of Desolation (Dan 12:11)



# **The View of the Daily Ministry of Christ**

**Problem: There is no information showing that in 508 AD anything took place regarding the mass. It was already fully established since the end of the fourth century.**

# **Papacy** Changes both **Paganism and Christianity**

## **Fulfillment**

The **papacy** impacted the teaching of salvation of both paganism and true Christianity. The **papacy** replaced their teachings with the heretical doctrine of salvation through the papal system of a human priesthood of the abomination of desolation

# **Papal Persecution in the Dark Ages**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:32, 33**

**“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.”**

# **Papal Persecution in the Dark Ages**

## **Fulfillment**

**Those who discard the covenant are those who do not care about God's plan of salvation under the new covenant. They become corrupted by papal flatteries that may consist of the bestowal of wealth, honors, or position.**



# **Papal Persecution in the Dark Ages**

**Yet not everyone will fall for the papal flatteries. Those who know their God shall teach the Gospel to many. This work results in a time of great tribulation of God's people that would be fourfold: through the sword or murder, by the flame or burned at the stake, by captivity or imprisonment, and by spoil or confiscation of property. Prominent among those who suffered severe persecution were the Waldenses, Albigenses, Huguenots, etc.” The “many days” most likely refers to the prophetic time period of persecution which is the 1260 years of papal tribulation.**

# **Help of the Protestant Reformation**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:34**

**“Now when they shall fall,  
they shall be holpen [helped]  
with a little help; but many  
shall cleave to them with  
flatteries.”**

# **Help of the Protestant Reformation**

**Fulfillment.**

**Many of God's faithful witnesses were killed during the Dark Ages of papal persecution.**

**However, prophecy indicated that they would receive a little help. This help was given through the Protestant Reformation as an encouragement to remain faithful. Yet, not everyone embraced the Reformation from worthy motives. In areas where the Reformation became popular some became Protestant through flattery**

# **Persecution after the Reformation**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:35**

**“And some of them of  
understanding shall fall, to  
try them, and to purge, and  
to make them white, even to  
the time of the end: because  
it is yet for a time appointed.”**

# **Catholic Counter Reformation**

**Fulfillment.**

**This text describes the period following the Papal Counter Reformation after the Council of Trent. Many of God's faithful witnesses who understood shared the gospel would fall. They would be tried by the papal persecutions following the Reformation and the subsequent devastating wars of religion. These persecutions would purify them so they will be clothed with Christ's righteousness. This period of intermittent persecutions would continue, according to the text, "for a time appointed" till "the time of the end," which began at the end of the 1260 years in 1798 when the secular power of the papacy was abolished by the edict of the French Republic.**

# **Blasphemous Character of the Papacy**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:36**

**“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished for that that is determined shall be done.”**

# **Blasphemous Character of the Papacy**

## **Fulfillment**

**The character of the king of the North, the papacy, in this text shows that he is identical to the man of sin in 2 Thes 2:4 and the little horn power of Daniel 8:25. Both have been identified as the papacy. Furthermore, this king shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, like the little horn of Daniel 7:25, who is also the papacy.**

# **Blasphemous Character of the Papacy**

**All these blasphemous actions the king of the North performs with success till God's wrath or indignation shall be accomplished at the end of the 1260 years with the deadly wound in 1798, ending the secular power of the papacy.**



# **Papacy Departed from the Teachings of the NT Apostles**

**Prophecy of Dan. 11:37:**

**“Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.”**

# **Papacy Departed from the Teachings of the NT Apostles**

## **Fulfillment**

**The papacy departed from the beliefs and practices of the NT apostles and supplanted its teachings with pagan traditions. It no longer followed “the God of his fathers.” In addition, it did not regard “the desire of women.” This is reflected in the teaching that required clergy to be celibate. This teaching is called a doctrine of devils (1 Tim 4:1, 3). Many other teachings instituted by the papacy show that he does not “regard any god” but will “magnify himself above all.”**

# **Idolatry of the Papacy**

**The Prophecy of Daniel 11:38**

**“But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things”**

# **Idolatry of the Papacy**

## **Fulfillment**

**The papacy shall “honor the God of forces.”**

**In place of the true God who freely offers to everyone the gospel of grace and salvation, the papacy uses force in spreading their teachings.**

**As history has overwhelmingly shown, the papacy forms alliances with secular powers and uses their political, economic, and military force to achieve its goals of world domination.**

# **Idolatry of the Papacy**

## **Fulfillment**

**The Papacy honors “a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.”**

**Many commentators have identified the “god whom his fathers knew not” in the Roman Catholic worship as the Virgin Mary. Her position in the Catholic Church is similar to that of Jesus Christ.**

**She mediates grace and forgiveness to sinners.**

**Her images are covered with gold, silver, and precious stones, gifts of the faithful worshipers.**

**Other objects of idol worship are the saints who are believed to intercede for the worshipers.**

# **More Papal Idolatry**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:39**

**“Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.”**

# **More Papal Idolatry**

## **Fulfillment**

**The strange god is again a reference to Mary as an intercessory mediator. The papacy has elevated the humanity of Mary to the level of deity, which is pure idolatry. She has become an indispensable support in daily living for those who believe in her role in salvation. As a result, her reputation has “increased with glory” as a source to obtain eternal life.**

**Mary has been honored as patron saint to protect cities, provinces, countries, and continents. Various vocations or professions claim her as patron saint.**

# **Prophecies During the Time of the End**

**1798 to Christ's Return**



# **The War Between the Kings of the South and the North in the Time of the End (Dan 11:40-43)**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:40**

**“And at the time of the end shall the  
king of the south push at him: and the  
king of the north shall come against  
him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and  
with horsemen, and with many ships:  
and he shall enter into the countries,  
and shall overflow and pass over.”**

# **The War Between the Kings of the South and the North in the Time of the End**

**The passage of Daniel 11:40-45 deals with events in prophetic history since the “time of the end” that began in 1798.**

**The king of the North is still papal Rome.**

**At the time of the end the king of the South attacks the king of the North,**

**The Cross-Centered  
Interpretation of Prophecy  
(Daniel 9)**

“Seventy Weeks Are Determined Upon Thy People”  
490 Years

7 Weeks

Stoning of Stephen  
Israel's Probation Ended

62 Weeks

Transition of God's  
Covenant People  
from **Literal** Israel  
to **Spiritual** Israel

457

BC

34

AD

# **The Cross-Centered**

## **View of Prophecy (Dan 9)**

**Prophetic concepts in the Old Testament**

**Literal geographic meaning**

**God's people: Literal Israel**

**Location: Palestine, glorious land**

**Enemies (kin): Literal Edom, Moab, Ammon**

**Enemies (Gentiles): Literal Babylon, Egypt,  
Libya, Ethiopia**

# **The Cross-Centered**

## **View of Prophecy (Dan 9)**

**Prophetic concepts in the New Testament**

**Spiritual global/universal meaning**

**God's people: Spiritual Israel**

**Location: World, spiritual glorious land**

**Enemies (kin): Spiritual Edom, Moab, Ammon**

**Enemies (Gentiles): Spiritual Babylon, Egypt,**

**Libya, Ethiopia**

# The Prophecy of Daniel

## 11:40

In the light of a Christ-centered or Cross-centered prophetic interpretation, the king of the South in the time of the end refers to spiritual Egypt that opposes the papacy on a global worldwide scale.

# The Prophecy of Daniel 11:40

In the context of events of 1798 and the French revolution the power that was to arise against the Bible according to historicists and Ellen White (GC 265, 266) was a form of **atheism** similar to that of **ancient Egypt** under Pharaoh.

From that time on **modern atheism** began its worldwide attack on the **papacy**.

Next the **king of the North** launches an offensive against the **king of the South**.



**The **King of the North** Enters the  
Glorious Land and Many Countries,  
but Some Escape (Dan. 11:41).**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:41**

**“**He** shall enter also into the glorious  
land, and many countries shall be  
overthrown: both these shall escape  
out of **his hand**, even Edom, and  
Moab, and the chief of the children of  
Ammon.”**

**The **King of the North** Enters the  
Glorious Land and Many Countries,  
but Some Escape (Dan. 11:41).**

Here we deal with the  
invasion of a revived **papacy**  
into “the glorious land”  
which refers to spiritual  
Israel with its dwelling place  
throughout the world.

The **papacy** will invade the  
Protestant world through  
the ecumenical movement.

**The **King of the North** Enters the  
Glorious Land and Many Countries,  
but Some Escape (Dan. 11:41).**

The text further states that  
“many countries or peoples  
will be overthrown.” The  
**Roman Church** will accomplish  
this through the inter-religious  
dialogue aimed in winning over  
the cooperation and support of  
Protestants and followers of  
other religions.

# Escape of Moab, Edom and Ammon

The prophecy predicts that “Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” will escape being conquered by the **papacy**. Isaiah prophesied that at the end of time they will be reclaimed (Is 11:11, 14).

These three groups represent God’s people in the apostate religious systems of spiritual Babylon who reside throughout the world, and they will positively respond to the loud cry of the three angels’ messages

# The **King of the North** Decisively Conquers **Spiritual Egypt** and Its Allies **Libya** and **Ethiopia**

Prophecy of Daniel 11: 42, 43

“**He** shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of **Egypt** shall not escape. But **he** shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of **Egypt**: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”

# The **King of the North** Conquers

## **Spiritual Egypt and Its Allies**

Now the **papacy** will attack what is left of the **atheistic power of spiritual Egypt**.

In the OT, Libyans and Ethiopians supported **Egypt** in its wars. **Spiritual Libya** and **spiritual Ethiopia** represent those countries dominated by **Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and other non-Christians** who have supported the **communistic block nations** against **Christian nations**. When these powers see the success of the **papacy**, they will give it their support.

# **Tidings from the East and North Bring About the Final Persecution**

**Prophecy of Daniel 11:44:**

**“But tidings out of the east and  
out of the north shall trouble **him**:  
therefore **he** shall go forth with  
great fury to destroy, and utterly  
to make away many.”**

# Tidings from the East and North Bring About the Final Persecution

Despite the success of a revived **papacy** and its worldwide victory over the **king of the South** and its allies, there remains an obstacle to the worldwide dominion of the **king of the North** that is caused by tidings out of the East and out of the North.



# **The Mission of the Loud Cry Message (Rev 18:1)**

**In the Old Testament the North is the literal place of God's dwelling (Ps 48:1-2; Is 14:13).**

**The East is the literal place from where God's glory comes (Ezek. 43:1-4).**

**During the time of the end, both East and North can be considered in a symbolic sense as God's dwelling places from where deliverance comes.**

**In this context the tidings out of the east and out of the north are the messages of the three angels of Rev. 14:6-12 that proclaim the righteousness of Christ and unmask the deception of the **king of the North**.**

# Final Battle of the **Papacy**

In this final battle just before the close of probation, “many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ’s sake in standing in defense of the truth” (*Maranatha*, p. 199).

# Final **Papal** Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant Ends in the Defeat of the **King of the North**

Prophecy of Daniel 11:45:

“And **he** shall plant the tabernacles of **his** palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet **he** shall come to **his** end, and none shall help **him.**”

# Final **Papal** Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant

“**He** will pitch his royal tents  
between the seas toward the  
beautiful holy  
mountain.” (New English  
Translation)

Here is the final attempt of the  
**papacy** to destroy God's  
remnant that survived the final  
onslaught of persecution.

# Final **Papal** Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant

**His** strategy is to put **his** royal tents, or the center of the false **papal** worship, between the seas toward or facing the beautiful or glorious holy mountain.

The **papacy** will place its apostate worship in the midst of peoples of the world, leading them toward the beautiful or glorious holy mountain, God's remnant, in a final global attack to destroy them.

# **The Place to Escape is in the Glorious Holy Mountain in the Glorious Land**

**The glorious holy mountain is located in the spiritual glorious land. Mount Zion is the mountain of God's holiness and His holy hill (Ps 48:1, 2; Ps 2:6). Furthermore, God's people are compared with Mount Zion. (Ps 125:1).**

# **Last Invitation for Deliverance**

**It is the last message of mercy that will be proclaimed from spiritual Mount Zion by God's remnant, the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

**In the Final Offensive of the  
King of the North, the Papacy,  
“Will Come to His End, with  
No One to Help Him.”**



# Summary of Visions of Daniel

	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Daniel 11
Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion with Eagle's Wings		
Medo Persia	Chest and Arms of Silver	Bear with Two Ribs in Mouth	Ram	vs. 2 4 kings
Greece	Hips of Brass	Leopard with 4 Heads	Goat with Notable Horn and 4 Horns	King of North and King of South
Pagan Rome	Legs of Iron	Nondescript Beast	Little Horn	16-29 King of the North King of South (Egypt)
Papal Rome		Little Horn	Little Horn larger	30-45 King of the North

# **Conclusion (1)**

**This study has used the historicist method of interpreting the apocalyptic prophecy of Daniel 11.**

**It followed a Christo-centric, cross-centered interpretation in which kingdoms, countries, and places before the cross are interpreted as having literal meanings and after the cross as having spiritual and global meanings.**

# Conclusion (2)

This approach is based on the understanding that the 70-week prophecy of Daniel 9 reveals that at the end literal Israel in Palestine was replaced as God's covenant people by spiritual Israel, located worldwide.

The transition from literal to spiritual Israel had a profound effect on the interpretation of prophecy whose fulfillment takes place in the Christian era after the cross. Names such as **king of the North**, **king of the South**,

# **Conclusion (3)**

**Glorious land, Glorious holy mountain, Edom, Moab, Ammon, Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia must be interpreted in a new-covenant spiritual sense. Failure to do this or an inconsistent use of this principle of prophetic interpretation has led to confusion in the understanding of Daniel 11.**

# **Conclusion (4)**

**To arrive at the proper meaning of the text, both the study of the text and historical events need to be taken into consideration in every detail of the text. If one aspect of the text does not fit the proper explanation of the whole, one needs to look for another interpretation, until all elements of the text fit.**

# **Conclusion (5)**

**Great care should be taken with using arguments based on literary structures recommended by non-historicist scholars. Their reasoning is based on a non-historical interpretation that leads to conclusions that conflict with the continuous-historicist interpretations.**

# **Conclusion (6)**

**Consequently, we find that there are many conflicting views on Daniel 11. It is therefore commendable to follow the highly effective rule of prophetic interpretation used by the early Adventists:**

# **Conclusion (7)**

**“To know whether we have the true historical event for the fulfillment of a prophecy. If you find every word of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is literally fulfilled, then you may know that your history is the true event. But if one word lacks a fulfillment, then you must look for another event, or wait its future development. For God takes care that history and prophecy doth agree, so that the true, believing children of God may never be ashamed.” (Wiliam Miller)**



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