

THE GOLDEN THREAD OF PROPHECY

Section #09a: Daniel 11:40-45

The Scope of Daniel 11:40-45

Divine Setting

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails...

"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them...

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." 9T 11-14

In the divine setting in the Spirit of Prophecy, she places the prophecies of Daniel 11, the final aspects of the prophecy, into a very clear last day setting; very, very clear. One of the things she says here gives us an understanding of how Daniel 11:40-45 is progressive in nature. There are many people that believe that at a specific point in time the Holy Spirit will be withdrawn from the earth. They believe that when probation closes, that's when the Holy Spirit is withdrawn; but the Bible prophecy says very clearly that the Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth; it shows progression.

What we are going to see in Daniel 11, is that it moves progressively; the Sunday Law is progressive in nature; the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit is progressive in nature; the judgments and close of probation are progressive in nature.

The Agencies of Evil

This is in reference to the statement of how the agencies of evil are consolidating and combining their forces: what are the agencies of evil?

Revelation 13:15-17 “*And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*”

- 1) **Military** – the causing
- 2) **Economic** – can’t buy or sell
- 3) **Religious** – the mark of the beast

Verse 15 says he will cause them to worship the beast or kill them—this illustrates Military Power. Verse 16 talks about receiving the mark of the beast—this illustrates religious power. Verse 17 says if they don’t worship the beast they can’t buy or sell—this is economic power. But something we need to understand more fully is in Revelation 16 where it talks about these same three agencies of evil but it gives a different name:

Revelation 16:13, 14, 19. 13 “*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*”

19 “*And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*”

Bible Prophecy lets us know that Babylon, the Great City, comes in three parts: The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. How are the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet equal to the military, economic and religious structures of the world? The Bible gives us the understanding in Revelation 13 that the United States is the muscle or the military force that’s going to be pushing this thing upon the world.

- 4) **Military** – the causing: United States—False Prophet
The economics, according to Daniel 11:43 come under the Dragon power.
- 5) **Economic** – can’t buy or sell: United Nations—Dragon Power
The religious is coming from the Papacy.
- 6) **Religious** – the mark of the beast: Papacy—Beast power

These structures are coming together and consolidating; and we see this transpiring in Daniel 11:40-45. Here you have these different powers that are struggling for the supremacy of the world; one is moved through different stages and becomes the ultimate leader at the end.

The Scope

Daniel 11:40-45, “*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.*”

Here we have the struggle between the Papacy and Atheism, which transfers to communism. The United States is the one who comes together with the Papacy to put down Communism, or Atheism. So there you see the Beast power.

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

The Glorious Land here is United States of America, the False Prophet.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 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.

Now here you have Egypt which is the Dragon Power. When we look in Isaiah we see that Egypt is the Dragon, that's Bible words—so we know that Egypt is the world, the United Nations, the Dragon Power. These powers are coming together towards the end of the world.

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. 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.”

We are going to see that the last 6 verses of Daniel 11 give us a sequential history, event after event leading to the close of human probation. Verses 40-45 are the events connected with the close of probation which are clearly presented, but multitudes have no more understanding than if they had never been revealed. When Michael stands up—that is the close of human probation. We will show that the last six verses of Daniel 11 show a sequential history leading to the close of human probation.

Daniel 12:1-4 “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

“I was shown a bright light, given by God to guide all who would walk in the way of salvation, and also to serve as a warning to the sinner to flee from the wrath of God, and yield a willing obedience to his claims. While this light continued there was hope. But there was a period when this light would cease.”

Now some might say that light is the Midnight Cry, but if you remember Sister White's first vision, that light shown *all* along the path—the Midnight Cry brought the Second Angel's Message into clarity which gives force to the Third. I want to suggest to you here that the Bright Light that goes until probation closes is the Third Angel's Message—which is put in very clear tones in Daniel 11:40-45. While this message is going forward, there is hope—but when it comes to its end, the light will cease.

“When he that is holy will remain holy forever, and when he that is filthy will remain filthy forever. When Jesus stands up; when his work is finished in the Most Holy, when there will be not another ray of light to be imparted to the sinner.

“But Satan flatters some, through his chosen servants, as he flattered Eve in Eden. Thou shalt not surely die, and tells them there will be a season for repentance, a time of probation, when the filthy can be made pure. The co-workers with Satan and his angels carry the light into the future age, teaching probation after the advent of Christ, which deludes the sinner, and leads the cold-hearted professor to carnal security. He is careless and indifferent, and walks stumblingly over the hours of his probation. The light is made to reach far ahead, where all is total darkness. Michael stands up. Instead of mercy, the deluded sinner feels wrath unmixed

with mercy. And they awake too late to this fatal deception. This plan was studied by Satan, and is carried out by ministers who turn the truth of God into a lie.” 2SG 276

I have not heard taught in Adventism that there is a second chance after probation closes, but there is a teaching in Adventism that goes along with it that has to do with the overcoming of sin and the righteousness of Christ—that somehow we’ll have a second chance that you don’t need to overcome sin—that somehow God will change our character when He comes. No! When the hours of probation cease—it’s done, and Daniel 11:40-45 gives us the evidence of what transpires leading to this happening.

We will see that these verses are expounded upon in Revelation 13 thru 18, and that they show how the papacy’s deadly wound was inflicted and will be healed, it’s ascension to regain the throne of the world, and how it comes to its end.

Plainly Revealed Events We Must Know

“...in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready.” GC 594

“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.” 2SM 109

If we are standing on the threshold it means we are right there—we are about to cross over. But if we do not understand the events which we must know, we’ll be taken off guard when probation will close.

Future Events Will Be Understood

Here we are just laying down a broad overview; here is a beautiful promise which should encourage those who are told that prophecy cannot be understood until the events occur—here it says clearly that the Holy Spirit shows us ‘things to come’.

John 16:13 “Jesus said, “Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”

[John 16:13] The events of the future will be discerned by prophecy, and will be understood.” 1888 1055

“The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history.” 2SM 102

Increase of Knowledge

Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

"The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. The Scripture says, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, "Time shall be no longer." (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.

"In the first angel's message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject. 2SM 105-106

This increase of knowledge is directly connected with the third angel's message of Revelation 14; it is to do with the Papacy and the Sunday Law. God's people with this increase of knowledge will be prepared to stand in the latter days. And according to Revelation 14:1-5, this message is given by a people who have experienced revival. If you look at how Revelation is written and you go to chapter 14, it's talking about the experience of the 144,000 who have definitely experienced revival and reformation. Then you have the First, Second and Third Angel's messages and we see that those who give these messages with power have experienced the revival the 144,000 will have.

A Great Revival

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." 1SM 121

The most important thing for us to seek at the end of the world is revival therefore we should ask ourselves, how does it come? There are many people that study and look for revival in all the wrong places, they focus on outward reforms, the health message or dress reform—they focus on outward reforms to bring revival. But you can show from the Bible that the way Satan works is from the outside in; while Christ works from the inside out. Revival and reformation must blend, but you cannot have true reform without revival. How does revival come?

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those "that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

"Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the Word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. . . . When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival." FLB 345

What about the people who say they can't see Christ in it? As we come to understand these things connected with Prophecy, one thing will be understood—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided. Christ is revealed in all truth—we can't separate certain things and say 'this represents Christ but this doesn't'. Christ is the truth, He is

the Word—and it has been strategically shown that revival comes through the prophetic portions of God’s Word. If we as a people do not understand the message, we can’t have that revival; if we don’t have that revival, we don’t make up that number.

The promised revival is illustrated in the history of the Millerites.

There is a Bible principle that says on the testimony of two a thing is established—if you just take that one principle it opens up greater understanding of the Word. As we come further into the end of time events, prophetic principles are very important. It was very important in the beginning of the work to have proper principles, and in the end of the work the principles are very important. We must not have spurious principles of prophetic interpretation.

History Repeats

Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.”

God’s people do not remember their history, they forget the past and so are doomed to repeat it—but also they cannot understand prophecy in the way we need to understand it. There are so many spurious views of prophecy because the principles are not known or followed. History repeating is one of the clear principles laid out in God’s Word.

I want to show you why these principles are so important and how God looks upon prophets who teach prophecy if they don’t have strategic and very simple biblically based principles of prophetic interpretation.

Ezekiel 13:1 “And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.”

What Battle? The last battle of Armageddon, God is looking for a people to stand in this time period, but the prophets have done something that causes people not to stand. What have they done?

6 “They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.”

In other words, when they give a prophecy saying thus and thus but God hasn’t sent them, people listen to them hoping they can confirm it. But how can you confirm prophecy? Notice what it says:

Ezekiel 13:7 “Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. 9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.”

To consume what? The wall; God has a controversy with this wall the false prophets have put around the people. What was the false wall? It was the protection message of peace and safety—and the way they built this wall around the people giving them false security is by daubing it with untempered mortar.

If you are laying bricks and you don't mix the mortar just right, what happens to your brick wall? It crumbles if it is not tempered just right—if the mortar is not mixed just right, the wall falls apart. The wall of peace and safety around God's people in the end that the false prophets proclaim is 'Peace, Peace'. But the way they uphold the wall is by untempered mortar.

Ezekiel 13:14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; 16 To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

When you get false prophets, and I'm not talking about those who say they are a prophet; I'm talking about those who give false prophetic principles; false understanding of prophecy, the only way they can seemingly uphold it is by untempered mortar—false principles of prophetic interpretation.

If you have clear principles, there is no way you can have false understandings of prophecy! If the principles are sound, the wall will be sound. That is why principles were very important in the time of the Millerites and they are very important now! God gave Miller 14 principles and these principles they used—even against Miller himself when he started getting off track after the 1844 time period.

There is a writer of the 1940's and 50's, Pastor Louis Were, he has some very strong and important prophetic principles, very sound principles—but the interesting thing is when you start reading some of his writings, he diverges in places from his own principles. When it comes to Revelation 17, instead of saying Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, Papal Rome the United States, the United Nations and the resurrection of the Papacy, when the deadly wound is healed—he see Egypt, Assyria—and so he puts it all out of context. He diverges from his own principles.

Principles are very important! In our next section we are going to look at eight prophetic keys that unlock Daniel 11 with clarity.

1 Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

“We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's

people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth. . . .

"Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know..."

"As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days; and He says, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." TM 116

"Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of God's people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year's almanac. The record is to be kept in mind, for history will repeat itself. The darkness of the mysteries of the night is to be illuminated with the light of heaven. . . ." PM 175

"When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time." RH, August 19, 1890

We need to understand something and I'm referring to the Sealing; the Sealing in a very clear and concise way is the Sabbath; but Sister White makes the statement that the Sealing is not just the Sabbath, but it is a settling into the truth both spiritually and intellectually. We can have the intellect all day long, but if we don't have an experience in Christ there is no power.

The experience in Christ comes from the understanding of the prophecy—they go hand in hand. It is much more than an intellectual breakdown of verses—it's an experience, it's an abiding influence.

"The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people." GC 393

Millerite History

In the parable of the Ten Virgins, you can go verse by verse and put dates of the events in Millerite history as this parable was fulfilled.

Matthew 25:1-13 "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. [March 21, 1844—the first disappointment]

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. [August 12-17, 1844—the Midnight Cry]

Within this history there was an increase of prophetic knowledge directly connected with the message of the hour, which came as new light.

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." Matthew 25:5-7. In the summer of 1844, midway between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

"That which led to this movement was the discovery that the decree of Artaxerxes for the restoration of Jerusalem, which formed the starting point for the period of the 2300 days, went into effect in the autumn of the year 457 B.C., and not at the beginning of the year, as had been formerly believed. Reckoning from the autumn of 457, the 2300 years terminate in the autumn of 1844." GC 398

The Midnight Cry was new light which woke up the virgins; it gave them understanding of the date of October 22, 1844. It was connected with the message they were already preaching but it showed them the exact date.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

There were also events that transpired that gave force not only to the message but to the movement. These events brought power to the movement and also vindicated the principles of interpretation the Millerites were using.

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840.

"At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." GC 334-335

Pastor Louis Were, although he did not have all the detail that we are going to put forth here, in the 1950s, saw very clearly that the Papacy and Protestantism would come together to bring down communism. And he said that would be based on Daniel 11:40. Now he came under

flack for some of the things he was preaching there in Australia; the brethren didn't accept it. But what would have happened if we had published that in the periodicals of the day? What if we were saying before 1989 that communism would fall based on an alliance between United States and the Papacy? People would have been thinking we were crazy, but when it happened—a great impetus would have been given to the movement; men of learning would have joined in; they would have seen that our understanding of prophecy was correct; the principles we were using were sound; and the work would have rapidly extended.

The reason it hasn't happened is because we are sleeping. We're Laodicea, while they were Philadelphia. If it would have happened, and I'm sad to say 'if'; we could have been home by now! But we were sleeping.

The Millerite movement was based upon the 2300 days prophecy in Daniel 8:14. The increase of knowledge and the corresponding increase of power were based on that message.

Our message here at the end of the world is also based upon the book of Daniel and the specific message is found in the last six verses of chapter eleven. The increase of knowledge that will prepare a people to stand has been identified as relating to the papacy and the Sunday law. These events are the last six verses of Daniel 11.

In the Millerite time period, those who understood the message and its increase of light experienced revival. The same is promised to us at the end of the world.

The great light in the vision shone all along the path—but some would look at the light and say that it wasn't from Christ—some would say, "No, God has not led us out so far," but Jesus would raise His lovely right arm and light would shine along the path—in other words, an increase of light strategically placed along the path would come to give God's people hope and stability. Daniel 11:40-45 gives that to us if we will receive it—but much more than hope and stability, it will bring the promised revival if we understand it and bring it into our life.

End Time Promise

"[Daniel 12:9, 4, 10, 13 quoted.] The time has come for Daniel to stand in his lot. The time has come for the light given him to go to the world as never before. If those for whom the Lord has done so much will walk in the light, their knowledge of Christ and the prophecies relating to Him will be greatly increased as they near the close of this earth's history." MS 176, 1899

The promise is that if we will receive the light and walk in it—we will see and experience Christ and our knowledge of Him will greatly increase. Those who say that they don't see Christ in it; it's because they are not walking in the light.

The beginning of Adventism was built on the message from Daniel 8:14—the Judgment Hour message and we are still under that message—but the end time message is also a message from Daniel—Chapter 11:40-45.

The Millerite message was that Judgment was beginning; our message is that judgment is soon to end.

Our message is that Jesus is coming soon, but prior to that, probation is about to close. We all need to be sharing this message—all of us can share it with our families and friends.

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