The Golden Thread of Prophecy

Section #09f: Daniel 11:40-45

Coming to His End

It is very important and serious that we should understand these truths for our time and that it is important that we learn them quickly and the promise is that the Holy Spirit will teach those in a matter of weeks and months what took many years learning. Here is a very sobering quotation:

"If those who have been in the church for weeks and months have not learned the straightness of the way, and what it is to be Christians, and cannot hear all the straight truths of the Word of God, it were better that they were cut off from Israel. It is too late in the day to feed with milk. If souls a month or two old in the truth, who are about to enter the time of trouble such as never was, cannot hear all the straight truth, or endure the strong meat of the straightness of the way, how will they stand in the day of battle? Truths that we have been years learning must be learned in a few months by those who now embrace the Third Angel's Message. We had to search and wait the opening of truth, receiving a ray of light here and a ray there, laboring and pleading for God to reveal truth to us. But now the truth is plain; its rays are brought together. The blazing light of truth when it is presented as it should be can be now seen and brought to bear upon the heart. There is no need of milk after souls are convinced of the truth. As soon as the conviction of truth is yielded to and the heart willing, the truth should have its effect, the truth will work like leaven, and purify and purge away the passions of the natural heart. It is a disgrace for those who have been in the truth for years to talk of feeding souls who have been months in the truth, upon milk. It shows they know little of the leadings of the Spirit of the Lord, and realize not the time we are living in. Those who embrace the truth now will have to step fast. There will have to be a breaking up of heart before the Lord, a rending of heart, and not the garment." Ms. 1, 1854, pp. 2, 3. 1MR 33.4

Troublous Tidings

It is important for us to understand the message that is going to trouble the Papacy, and in order for it to trouble him, those who give the message must indeed know the message and live the message thus shedding light on the message.

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. 45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in (and) the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

cf. 5:1-6, 9 Daniel 5:1 "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone."

Remember in Daniel 1 how that Nebuchadnezzar when he conquered Jerusalem, took all the golden vessels out of the temple and brought them to Babylon and put them in the house of his gods. Now Belshazzar, his grandson, decides to bring these things out and put them into his idolatrous feast. They drink wine out of the vessels and he displays the candlesticks and other items in his banquet hall.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Sure, you can say that maybe it was just one of the lamps used to light the banquet hall but it does not seem like inspiration would have thus singled it out if it were just another piece of furniture. It let us know that he brought all these vessels in—then when the message came, God chose a particular place over against the wall where the candlestick was burning. It was the light from that candlestick that illuminated the message that he saw on the wall.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.
Daniel 5:9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonied.

Why does God choose to place his message over where the candlestick illuminates the wall? It comes clear when we know what the candlestick represents. In the sanctuary the candlestick represents Christ and also His Word. But it also represents the Holy Spirit and also in Revelation 1 it represents the churches.

Then Jesus puts all this together and says about His people:

Matthew 5:14 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We can take the understanding that the candlestick represents the church and the individuals within the church who are to give the message, are to shed light on the message—the tidings—that are to trouble the Papacy. In literal Babylon, it troubled the king of Babylon; in spiritual Babylon, it troubles the King of the North.

The message was written on the wall by God but the church is to shed light on that message shedding it abroad to the earth. But if our lights are not burning, if we don't understand the message, if we are not giving light to the message by our life and understanding, there is no way we can be a part of the group that trouble the Papacy. There is no way we can take part in that number who receive the Seal of God and the Latter Rain and give the Loud Cry.

This message greatly disturbs the papacy causing it to go forth with great fury to destroy God's people; and it is the message that the church gives or sheds light upon.

We have to step fast, we are about to enter into the time of trouble spoken of—we are right on the brink—the threshold—about to go over. But there are so many personal issues, so many little things that we hang our hat on, that we never step fast. We always stay in a stagnant position but it is time—time for us really to give light upon the message.

East and North

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."

The understanding of the east and north in prophecy furnish us with a key that will unlock the mystery of the message. We can look at the East and the North in Bible symbols. They have many representations that go together to make a complete whole. The first thing that we see very clearly is that it represents the coming of Christ, either first or second.

East:

The east is symbolic of the coming of Christ (first and second)

Ezekiel 43:1-4; "Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east."

Notice that the glory of the Lord was coming from the East.

Matthew 2:2, 9; "Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

24:27; "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Revelation 16:12 "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

This is NOT talking about the literal Euphrates, it is after the cross, and therefore the meaning is spiritual. Through the years people have tried to say the Kings of the East meant China, or Japan etc. No, No! That breaks prophecy, the Kings of the East and drying up the river Euphrates is representing the Coming of Christ.

North:

The north is symbolic of judgment.

Jeremiah 1:13-16; And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. 14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. 16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

God said He would send judgments and these are represented as coming from the North.

25:1, 2, 9; The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of

Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; 2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

25:9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

The 'families' of the North would come and bring God's judgments upon Jerusalem. North represents judgment while East represents Christ's coming.

Ezekiel 9:1, 2 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

Christ Himself

Isaiah 41:1, 2, 25-27 "Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. 2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow."

Isaiah 41:25 "I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun (east) shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon morter, and as the potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. 27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings."

The man shown as coming from the North and from the rising of the sun is a righteous man and that man is Christ.

This represents Christ as coming from the east and north and bringing good tidings of His righteousness. (The righteousness of Christ is a message that is connected with judgment) When East and North are combined it represents His Righteousness.

Luke 4:18, 19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Lu 4:21 "And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

This showed it represented Himself and the work he was to do and the message He was to bring. This is a message of good tidings. Now let us look at the original in Isaiah. There is a specific message connected with these good tidings to some that trouble others.

Isaiah 61:1, 2; "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;"

When Jesus proclaimed it in Luke, He emphasized the good tidings, but in the 3rd angel's message there is a second part. To God's true children it is good tidings of great joy, but to the rebellious, it is the day of the vengeance of our God.

Now some, when we begin to proclaim these messages and lay down the prophetic lines, get hung up and say 'well I can't see Christ in it. I don't see it'. They begin to be troubled and they get all flustered about certain points.

That is the same attitude the Papacy will have because he does not see Christ in it except as coming for judgment. If we don't understand this is the good tidings, the message of mercy for the world—we're actually told it is the last message of mercy. If we can't see that in these particular truths—what mind state do we have? We have the same mind state that the King of the North will have in the end. We need to focus and prioritize our lives and understand that we have to step fast!

As the Spirit of Prophecy says, there needs to be a rending of hearts and not garments—we need to put all the outside things away and quit playing church and get real! Tidings out the east and out of the north will trouble him—but it will give us the most wonderful message. It should give us the most wonderful feeling to know that Christ is about to come!

cf. Revelation 14:6, 7 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

"At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.

"This is the work outlined by the prophet Isaiah in the words, "O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isaiah 40:9,10.

"Those who wait for the Bridegroom's coming are to say to the people, "Behold your God." The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them. COL 415.5

In the churches sometimes we have a reading of affirmation of faith. Sometimes it is the 3 angel's messages and often when we get the third angel's message, things start to muffle down—it gets to the point where it is like we are afraid to say it. Why do we see it in that way? It is because the mind state is still like the mind of Babylon. We need to come out! We need to come out of this confusion of thought—because this is the LAST message of MERCY!

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This message is to bring us out—it is to build us up and when we understand it in this way then we can give glory to the message. Then the world can see Christ in us.

cf. 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."

The Sealing and Latter Rain

We've seen that the East represents the Coming of Christ and also Christ and His righteousness and the North represents judgment and also good tidings of Christ's righteousness. When we tie them together, that message of mercy is for the world but for a certain class it troubles them. Then it also represents the sealing and the latter rain.

Revelation 7:1-3 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Who is this other angel?

"I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention." EW 118

The third angel's message is the sealing angel and he is seen in Revelation 7 as coming from the East. The 'message that troubles him'—he recognizes that he is coming to his end while God's people are being sealed.

"I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in an opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united, bound together by the truth, in bundles, or companies. Said the angel, "The third angel is binding, or sealing, them in bundles for the heavenly garner." EW 88

She saw a small company—why? Go back to what troubles them. The mind state of many are not gladdened and brought together in love by the message. But instead—what did Christ say? "I came not to send peace but a sword". And elsewhere: "I came not to send peace but division". What is the sword? It is the Word of God—it is making two classes. In the end, that Word that separates is the third angel's message.

Daniel 11:41-44 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. 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. 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.

Revelation 18:1-4 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

"God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth's history. The first and second angel's messages are still truth for this time, and are to run parallel with this which follows. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. "After these things," said John, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory." In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined." 1888 804.3

The 3rd message swelled to a loud cry is the angel of Revelation 18—it is the 4th angel. This is the message that is to seal God's people and it is seen coming from the east. We saw it start in September 11 2001—this process is already beginning and we are going through the time when two classes as being developed—those who are troubled—and those who accept the glad tidings.

The sealing and the latter rain are connected with the outpouring of the Spirit of God and the glad tidings.

"What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? <u>The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world</u>. As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, "He that is feeble . . . shall be as David; and the house of David . . . as the angel of the Lord." Zechariah 12:8. Every Christian saw in his brother a revelation of divine love and benevolence. One interest prevailed; one subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom." AA 48

"I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel." EW 271

"On page 33 is given the following: <u>"I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers;</u> and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully."

"This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfilment of that view is beginning to be seen. "The commencement of that time of trouble," here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." EW 85 (the 144,000)

In the chapter called 'The Shaking' in Early Writings we see described how this little group go through all kinds of problems and trouble and then a change comes over them and we are told it is the light of the 3rd angel. This changed gives them power to stand during the time when Michael stands up and the Seven Last Plagues are poured out. There will be many

martyrs. These people are given a very special role at the end of time and we can be among them. We should strive to be among them or it will never happen. We should include in our prayers asking for the Latter Rain and that we might be among the 144,000.

Wicked Enraged and Probation Closed

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."

cf. 12:1 "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."

"Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners.

"The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this <u>distinction will be so marked</u> that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, 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." Mar 199

"When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received "the latter rain," "the refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received "the seal of the living God." Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, "It is done;" and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11. Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven," is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

"When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.

"A single angel destroyed all the first-born of the Egyptians and filled the land with mourning. When David offended against God by numbering the people, one angel caused that terrible destruction by which his sin was punished. The same destructive power exercised by holy angels when God commands, will be exercised by evil angels when He permits. There are forces now ready, and only waiting the divine permission, to spread desolation everywhere.

"Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has enraged the wicked; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and Satan will excite to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution.

"When God's presence was finally withdrawn from the Jewish nation, priests and people knew it not. Though under the control of Satan, and swayed by the most horrible and malignant passions, they still regarded themselves as the chosen of God. The ministration in the temple continued; sacrifices were offered upon its polluted altars, and daily the divine blessing was invoked upon a people guilty of the blood of God's dear Son and seeking to slay His ministers and apostles. So when the irrevocable decision of the sanctuary has been pronounced and the destiny of the world has been forever fixed, the inhabitants of the earth will know it not. The forms of religion will be continued by a people from whom the Spirit of God has been finally withdrawn; and the satanic zeal with which the prince of evil will inspire them for the accomplishment of his malignant designs, will bear the semblance of zeal for God.

"As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration. It will be urged that the few who stand in opposition to an institution of the church and a law of the state ought not to be tolerated; that it is better for them to suffer than for whole nations to be thrown into confusion and lawlessness. The same argument many centuries ago was brought against Christ by the "rulers of the people." "It is expedient for us," said the wily Caiaphas, "that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50. This argument will appear conclusive; and a decree will finally be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death. Romanism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New will pursue a similar course toward those who honor all the divine precepts.

"The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. "Thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. . . . All faces are turned into paleness. Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:5-7." GC 613-616

Blocking the Message

Daniel 11:45 "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas [and] in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

PLANT: 5193 – A primitive root; properly to strike in, that is, fix; specifically to plant (literally or figuratively). :--fastened, plant (-er).

TABERNACLES: 168 – From 166; a tent (as clearly conspicuous from a distance). :--covering, (dwelling) (place), home, tabernacle, tent.

He wants all to know it—here he comes with his proud exalted attitude to come between God's people and the seas—to block the message. God's people are giving the tidings from the north and the east and he stands in the way trying to block the message from getting to the people.

PALACE: 643 – Apparently of foreign derivation; a pavilion or palace tent. :--palace.

"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas AND the glorious holy mountain…"

Further information is given us here in this verse:

TABERNACLES: Notice two things here; first a Tabernacle has religious inference—it refers to religious power. ALSO this is plural and so refers to both Rome and her daughters who are now in union.

PALACE: A Palace is where a King lives and refers to the civil power.

So we are shown a Church-State combination here opposing God's message and people.

Seas: these are the people of the world—and the king of the north takes his stand to try to prevent this message from reaching the people.

Revelation 17:15 "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

Glorious Holy Mountain:

Daniel 9:16, 20 "O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. 20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;"

cf. Isaiah 2:2, 3; "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

2 Kings 19:31; "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this."

Psalms 2:6; "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

Isaiah 51:16 "And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people."

Glorious holy mountain = Jerusalem = Zion = house of the Lord = Holy hill = God's people. So the Papacy comes between God's people giving the last message of mercy and the seas representing the people of the world, to try and stop that message from reaching the people.

Does he plant them in the holy mountain?

Using the prophetic law of "First and Last Mention" we will see that Babylon does not enter in to Jerusalem in the end.

Opposites in First and Last—in Genesis we have the world polluted by sin in revelation we have sin removed and the world re-created.

Adam the first brought sin into the world then the second Adam—Jesus—takes sin from the world.

In Daniel in the beginning Babylon comes in and besieges Jerusalem—in the end we see God's people that trouble Babylon.

Daniel 1:1, 2 "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar"

Daniel 11:45; "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in [and] the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."
12:1 "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."

Isaiah 14:12-14; "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

Lucifer wanted to be like the Most High—there were things that he wanted to do: he wanted to exalt his throne above the stars—this refers to civil power. He wanted to sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north—this is the church or religious power. He wants to sit upon or conquer God's people.

Psalms 48:1, 2 "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. 2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

cf. Isaiah 14:14-22 "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? 18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. 19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. 21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. 22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD."

He talks about how Lucifer wants to sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north but it says it will not happen. Instead God will kill him and bring him down to the sides of the pit—to hell. Then it lists all the things that will happen to Babylon; it never comes in to conquer God's Holy people. Michael stands up for His people.

Two Classes

"There are only two classes in the world today, and only two classes will be recognized in the Judgment,--those who violate God's law, and those who keep His law. Two great

opposing powers are revealed in the last great battle. On one side stands the Creator of heaven and earth. All on His side bear His signet. They are obedient to His commands. On the other side stands the Prince of darkness, with those who have chosen apostasy and rebellion." RH, May 7, 1901

The Battle of Armageddon

Revelation 16:13-16 "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. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Armageddon means Megiddo

Literal Megiddo lies between the seas of the Mediterranean, Galilee, and Dead Sea, and Jerusalem (the Glorious Holy Mountain).

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Revelation 16:12 "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

cf. 17:16 "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."