

Certain Sound



“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” 1 Cor. 14:8

What is Going on in the World Today?

Prophetic Study Guide 2010

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“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7

Daniel 11-12

“The secret *things* belong unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” Deuteronomy 29:29



What's Next?!

“I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars (column, palm-like spreading at top - LEX) of smoke.” Joel 2:30

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Daniel 11

1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.

The fourth king in Persia, Xerxes

The books of Daniel and the Revelation, employing the same principles of interpretation as in the other scriptures, ... that the prophetic symbols could be understood. The prophecies, so far as they had been fulfilled, had been fulfilled literally; that all the various figures, metaphors, parables, similitudes, etc., were either explained in their immediate connection, or the terms in which they were expressed were defined in other scriptures, and when thus explained, were to be literally understood.

Memoirs of William Miller - Bliss page 70

Mighty king of Grecia, Alexander the Great conquered Persia in 331 B.C. and all the populated world before his death in 323 B.C.. As he conquered, he set up provinces and rulers that would answer to him.

His kingdom divided - On the death of Alexander his four generals split the territory by cutting the map into four parts with a sword, ignoring the provinces that had been established. All his children were killed.

Plucked up, utterly destroyed for yet another kingdom. Rome followed Greece in the three earlier visions of Daniel.

Under the Roman Empire the king that becomes strong, stout is the third phase of Rome, the little horn with eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Daniel 7:8,20,21,24,25)

One of his princes in 1798 Napoleon became stronger than the Roman power and started taking territory formerly part of 'The Holy Roman Empire'.

The end of years - this king has somewhere been given certain years to rule. Daniel 7:25 says until a time and times and the dividing of time. Three and one half prophetic years equal twelve hundred sixty years. The third phase of Rome started to rule in 538 so the end of years would be 1798.

King's daughter - (church) Representatives of the church of Rome are sent to Napoleon to tell him to stop making war against Rome and get him to make an agreement to recognize the authority of Rome. Napoleon responded by sending his military to capture the Pope and bring him to France as a prisoner. "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death" Revelation 13:3

Given up - Without a Pope for some time the church was in disarray her supporters and participants ceased to function for the time.

Shall stand up - to rise to power

In His Estate - Replacing the fallen king - Rome

Branch of her roots - The Church of England branched off from the Roman Church under the reign of Henry VIII. England rose to oppose France and prevail with defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, April 18, 1815. During the Napoleonic wars, Napoleon took a great armada of ships and went to Egypt to fight the Battle of the Nile. He also took many books, professors and much wealth. He intended to prove his intelligence and sophistication as well as his military achievements.

Gods of France, coming from the French Revolution were 'Reason', 'The Goddess of Reason', 'Philosophy', and 'Evolution'.

England continued as king of the south until December 8, 1941.

9 So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

England at this time had colonies around the world yet after defeating Napoleon they did not try to colonize the conquered territory.

Intermarriage between all of the European ruling families is shown as war between sons. The Franco-Prussian Wars (1870-1871) assembled the Germanic states into a nation now called Germany.

WW I Was triggered by anger at the killing of the Archduke Ferdinand of Austria. The real reason was the aggression of Germany against its neighbors even if they wished to remain neutral.

Germany now as King of the North sets out a great army but is defeated by England and its allies. Armistice in November 1918, treaty of Versailles May 1919.

England and allies, at Versailles, exacted heavy reparation payments for the damage done and cost of the war as part of the peace treaty. They were not strengthened by it since none of the demanded payments were made.

Germany having built one of the most powerful armies, with the best equipment, and well supplied; after twenty years, comes again against England, with the goal of conquering the world.

Many stand up against the king of the south - The Axis Alliance included: Germany, Italy and Japan.

Robbers of thy people - The Soviet Union had done everything possible to shut down Christian and/or Jewish forms of worship. They entered WWII to establish the vision of world domination, they failed in this attempt.

Germany with a blitz attack takes the best defended cities of Europe. England's defeat at Dunkirk shows how badly weakened the nation was nor did any of its Allies have the power to withstand.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

In 1929 Mussolini and the Pope were declared to be the **Upright Ones** when the Lateran Treaty was made, establishing the temporal Papal kingdom.

Daughter of women = religious belief that is a merger of two or more religious beliefs.

A treaty was made between the Pope, Mussolini and Hitler in which the Roman church was to use its influence to keep the United States out of Hitler's wars. Once the United States entered WWII the church turned against Hitler.

Japan takes the islands and coast lands from the Aleutian Islands to India. On December 8, 1941, The **United States, the prince** enters WWII. in self defense, in response the unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Germany immediately declared war on The United States stating that since Japan was an Axis Alliance member they were obligated to go against The United States.

Driving the aggressor back to his homeland, a new concept in warfare. Germany and Axis nations shall fall and not be found as world powers.

Soviet Union stands up in the estate of fallen Germany as King of the North. Stalin, a raiser of taxes, instituted the 'Five-year Plan', when he realized that they needed a steel industry to replace the antiquated equipment and horses that they had entered WWII with. Stalin died in his private cell fearing everything and trusting no one.

A vile person - Khrushchev shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. Before he died he was reduced to a non-person and was buried in an unmarked grave instead of a Mausoleum as his predecessors were.

Prince of the covenant - Jesus. USSR at this time outlawed Christianity, boarded up churches and forbid worship even in private dwellings. Time of the Hungarian uprising.

League made with him he shall work deceitfully. At Yalta an agreement was made between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin: Europe would be divided under the three nations to be occupied for only a few years then they would be independent nations again. Russia dropped an iron curtain around the territory they held and thereby annexed these nations to their union.

Enter peaceably. The people of eastern Europe fought with the Russian army to drive Hitler's army out of their countries, only to find themselves occupied and controlled by the USSR.

The theory of socialism - communism - He shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

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.

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.

Two Super powers, Soviet Russia as king of the north, The United States as king of the south, now meet on the battle field. The war is called by the two puppet nations involved, 'The Korean War'.

Note: Each time the two king identified as North and South meet on the battle field they are positioned north and south. At Waterloo, Napoleon had positioned his army in well fortified valley, Wellington came from the south. WWI England entered France and fought Germany from the south. In WWII the Allies came in through France and fought from the south. In the Pacific The United States campaign of island hopping, driving them back to the fort of his own land then finally attacked Japan from the south. Both Korea and Vietnam the United States and allies were on the south, Soviet Russia and its allies fought from the north.

Forecast devices - Propaganda

Feed of the portion of his meat - Both the politicians and US Allies who were fed on foreign subsidies would not allow this war to be fought to gain the victory.

One table - The United Nations set a table on the thirty-eighth parallel near Panmunjom. It took six months to agree on the shape of the table, finally a round table with a tape across it was accepted. This made two sides without a head representative on either side.

It (the table) shall not prosper: for yet the end (goal reached) *shall be* at the time appointed. Some place in some prophecy there is an appointed time for the United Nations to rule the world.

Do exploits - do great things (to act, with effect - Lexicon) At this time Russia puts Sputnik into orbit and becomes the largest supplier of armament in the world.

--Future-- Time appointed he shall return - The time of next battle between these super powers will be revealed in advance, when an event takes place the time is set.

Former, or as the latter. These two super powers have been to war twice, in Korea and in Vietnam. Both have been described as police actions or limited warfare. The description given in prophecy (Joel 2) shows that the attack comes from that which goes over the wall without anyone paying attention to them.

Ships of Chittim (Kittim - Lexicon) The most feared vessels of war. Today the nuclear subs. "Vessels, with their living cargo, will be entombed in the great deep. ... they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the great battle of Armageddon." Maranatha 257

The sanctuary of strength - God's true church on earth. 5Testimonies 211 **Forsake the holy covenant** "Our country (United States of America) shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government" Last Day Events 131. When the cup of iniquity is full God will remove His hand of protection. "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds" Rev 7:1

Have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. Peace conference.

Arms shall stand on his part - The arms (military powers) were taken in verse six from the King and his daughter (his church) "she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm:" Daniel 11:6. The King now has the military power of powerful nations support him. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. ... For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Revelation 17:13,17 "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Revelation 13:3 **Sanctuary of strength** - In the Heavenly Sanctuary, that Moses built a copy of, is embodied the entire 'Plan of Salvation'. "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make" Exodus 25:8,9.

Take away the daily - The Continual (Lexicon). To think to change any part of the Plan of Salvation, is to pollute the Sanctuary. To replace any of the Commandments or the teachings of Christ is to take away the continual. "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:7. The command that Jesus gave is clear: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20

Abomination of desolation - the idolatrous standards of the Romans. GC26

Flatteries = the worst form of deceit.

32 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*.

33 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.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

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.

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

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.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he

People that do know their God shall be strong, and do great works. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:28,29

To try them - Persecution sifts those who are followers of men from the followers of the Lamb. See Rev.14:4

"These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time. ...In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service." Great Controversy 399

Time appointed "*it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished." Daniel 12:7. Three and one-half years to rule through the image of the beast. "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Revelation 17:17

King that does his will and **exalts himself**, and magnify himself above every god = Rome "...that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; ...And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:20,21,25

God of his fathers - Tradition of the Fathers takes precedent over the Scriptures.

Desire of women - The wishes of other churches that have joined with the god of Rome in the Ecumenical movement. "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." Isaiah 4:1

A strange god - The Devil impersonates Christ and confirms the false teachings are to be considered as the truth.

shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Daniel 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.

Three kings King of the North

King of the South

Him, the King that does his will and exalts himself

Both the king of the North, (Russia) and the King of the South, (The United States of America), turn on the Roman King to destroy him and his church. "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. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:16-18

Whirlwind - All encompassing war

Note: "This world is a theatre. The actors, the inhabitants of the world, are preparing to act their part in the last great drama. God is lost sight of. There is no unity of purpose, except as parties of men confederate to gain their ends. God is looking on. His purposes in regard to his rebellious subjects will be fulfilled. The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama,—Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect." Bible Training School 2/1/1903

Tabernacles of his palace between the seas (people). The Willful King puts his authority between all the people on earth and God's government.

Glorious holy mountain - The Government of God and His Authority.

Michael stands up - Jesus stands up from the investigative judgment, probation closes and the proclamation "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. And, behold, I come quickly;" Revelation 22:11,12

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.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

“Wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Daniel 12 verse 10

“The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.” Psalm 111:10

Seal the book - to the time of the end. Sealed until 1798. Not all will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll. The scroll of history must be laid beside the prophecy in order to understand the gap that causes the sealing in this prophecy.

Now, in the twenty-first century, is the period in history that many are rushing to and fro as never before (i.e. world travelers, rush hour) even going around the earth multiple times a day in satellites. Only two hundred years ago, to travel meant; to walk, ride a horse, donkey, camel etc. or ride in a carriage or sailing boat. Knowledge has increased with the storage and retrieving methods that have been expanding at a rate that was not available until the last half century. Computers have given each of us the ability to search a given subject, pull up a mass of information to study, expand my knowledge and store that knowledge for others.

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy had waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.” Manuscript Releases Volume One 99

Sealed till the time of the end - Time period called ‘time of the end’ is from 1798 till the Second Coming.

From the abomination of desolation is set up - twelve hundred sixty days for the image of the beast to rule.

Twelve hundred ninety days of ‘Time of Trouble’ for who accept the Creator God and keep His Commandments.

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days

Stand in thy lot - The prophecies that were given to Daniel were especially for the last days, just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

“In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire.” Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -9-25-1883