

the British Suez Canal. It remained his headquarters until 1917, when Jerusalem was surrendered to the British.

39. But, despite this and many other efforts to save their empire, the Ottomans and its three pashas, would all come to their end.

40. World war 1 was caused by the desire of Europe's nations to control the Ottoman territory, but by 1919 no one cared about the empire anymore. They all abandoned the empire and it collapsed from within.

41. In 1922 the empire ended with the banishment of the sultan. The abolishment of the caliphate ended the domination of Islam over the state in 1924.

42. The 3 pashas also came to their ends during the period of 1921-1924. The war to end all wars was ended in 1923 by the peace treaty that ended all peace.

The Time of Trouble

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."

43. Since the events that marked the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the world has been on a course of unparalleled trouble, both in spiritual and secular matters.

44. The worst wars in history have occurred since 1900.

45. More people have died from war, crime, and persecution in the 20th and 21st centuries than any other period in earth's history.

46. Natural disasters have increased rapidly since 1900 and continue to increase in size and frequency to this day.

47. Not only do we still contend with epidemic diseases, chronic diseases have reached epidemic proportions, largely as a result of man's wrong practices and methods.

48. In the 20th and 21st centuries, persecution has rivaled and surpassed that of the dark ages.

49. In Eastern Europe seventh-day Sabbath keepers were targeted under Nazism as never before in history. Many of the "Jews" killed in World War II were actually Christians who were labeled Jews because they kept the Sabbath.

50. Communism has converted many regions of the world to Sunday keeping. These regions did not keep Sunday before the 20th century.

51. The beginning of the time of trouble with the events of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, is the final sign post of prophecy before the close of probation and marks the beginning of the final message of mercy to the world before the door of refuge, "...as it was in the days of Noah," is

forever shut.

52. The world, as it did for 120 years before the flood, is now hearing the cry of repentance, the call to repair the breach in the law, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." And take refuge in the ark of Christ's righteousness.

53. More than any other time in history, the time of trouble is the most solemn for this world and its inhabitants for this trouble is the result of Heavens court reaching its final stage. During its time of occurrence the book is being searched by Heaven, to see who among all the people of the world who have professed the true God shall be found worthy to be delivered. It is the investigative judgment of the living prior to the standing up of Michael from His mediatorial work in behalf His people and guilty humanity.

54. At the close of this searching, Michael, or Jesus, stands up from His work of mediation in behalf of this world, the probation of this world ends, and the sentence is pronounced: "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.

Conclusion

Where are we in relation to Daniel 12:1, that verse we quoted at the beginning? We are in it, in the time of trouble, the time of the judgment of the living. We have reached the last sign post of prophecy and history this side of the close of probation, nothing more lies between us and the final battle of Armageddon, the second coming of Jesus, we have reached the end of the 11th hour of this earth's history, only minutes or perhaps even seconds remain on the great clock of history.

The last message of mercy is now going forth, it is the loud cry to come out of Great Babylon, Revelation 18, the fallen churches with their latest member (The Seventh Day Adventist Church), and abandon your self righteousness, escape the lukewarm spirit of the Laodicean church, look to Jesus alone and take refuge in the ark of Christ's righteousness. Are you ready to meet Jesus or will you be caught unprepared?

This is really, The End!

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Caught Unprepared Thoughts on the Time of Trouble



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This is the final scene before the second coming of Jesus. The events of this verse are the culmination of what all Christendom has been awaiting for centuries. But where are we in relation to this verse? Are we in it? Are we before it? How much before it? We need some signposts to tell us our location and fortunately these are provided in the previous verses and history.

Daniel Eleven

1. The book of Daniel covers world history from Babylon to the second coming four times.

2. The visions of Daniel 2, 7, 8 & 9, and 11, cover the same history but add new details each time.

3. The visions of Daniel 2, 7, and 8 & 9 are presented in symbols.

4. Daniel 11 and 12 are presented in plain language without symbols as stated by the angel in Daniel 11:2.

5. Daniel 11 deals primarily with 14 historical events relating mainly to 8 nations of history.

6. Daniel 11:2 points to Persia, and its campaign against Greece under Xerxes.

7. Daniel 11:3-4 presents the Greeks under Alexander the Great, the prophecy's first willful king/kingdom, his sudden fall, and division of his empire toward the four winds, the four points of the compass from the stand point of Daniel's homeland, Palestine.

8. Daniel 11:5-13 details the wars between two of these successors of Alexander, the kings of the south, Ptolemaic Egypt, and north, Seleucid Turkey and Syria, that would lead to the rise of the next great world power.

9. Daniel 11:14-16 introduces Rome, the prophecy's second willful power, and presents its intervention into Greek affairs.

10. Daniel 11:17-22 covers Caesar and his rise to power and sudden stumble and fall, and his two successors, Augustus, a raiser of taxes, who ruled Rome's golden age and Tiberius, a vile person, under whose rule the prince of

covenant, Jesus Christ, was to die.

11. Daniel 11:23-27 discusses God's people relative to this new power, Rome, at this time, and the war between Augustus, Antony and Cleopatra.

12. Daniel 11:28 references the persecution of God's people by the Roman Empire and the Siege of Jerusalem.

13. Daniel 11:29 and the first part of verse 30 presents the change of the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to Constantinople under Constantine, and the fall of western Rome.

14. Daniel 11 the last half of verse 30 and verse 31 details the removing of paganism from the territories of what was once the Roman Empire and the setting up of the abomination of desolation, the Papacy, in the 6th century.

15. In Daniel 11:32-34 is presented the Papal persecution of God's people and the help sent to God's people by the Protestant Reformation.

16. Daniel 11:35 states that this Papal persecution is to continue until the time of the end, which time came in 1798 when France captured the city of Rome and took the Pope prisoner, ending papal power over Europe.

The Third Willful King

Verse 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."

17. Here is introduced France, the 3rd willful power of Daniel 11, every other time a willful king has been introduced we see a new and conquering power come upon the scene, and so France is now introduced in the French Revolution of 1789-1799. After the introduction of the time of the end in verse 35, we are now presented with the conquering power that brought this end to papal supremacy that would mark the commencement of this momentous time.

18. France, in its revolution, magnified itself above every God in its declaration of atheism, in this it also spoke marvelous things against the God of gods, for it was particularly against the God of the Christians that their attacks were directed.

Verse 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."

19. France disregarded the God of his fathers by rejecting Christianity, which had been the religion of France for over a thousand years and of all Europe for hundreds.

20. France disregarded the desire of women by being the first country in Europe to legalize homosexuality, setting the stage for the world's current view on the subject.

21. France disregarded all gods by turning to atheism.

Verses 38-39

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

22. France honored the god of forces by attempting to use their own power and the force of arms to spread and protect their democracy and ideology.

23. France worshiped a god his fathers knew not by setting up the goddess of reason, the literal deification, in the emblem of a woman, of reason and logic.

24. France divided the land of the nobles into small pieces and sold them to the highest bidder, thus dividing the land for gain.

The King of the North

Verse 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."

25. In 1798 war commenced between Egypt and the French, the war would end in the conquest of Egypt by France.

26. The king of the north, or the Ottomans, which now ruled the territory once ruled by the northern division of Alexander's empire, came against him, France, like a whirlwind.

27. The Ottomans came against the French with cannons, which were pulled by horses and resembled chariots, horsemen, and many ships, for the Ottoman fleet was seconded by that of the British.

28. The Ottomans, pursuing the retreating French from Syria, where they had come to meet the Ottomans, entered into and overflowed many of the countries of the region in their pursuit of and reconquest of the territory taken by the French.

Verses 41-43

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

But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."

29. Edom, Moab, and Ammon escaped out of his hands. These regions lay east of the Jordan River, leaving them out of the way of this conflict, therefore they escaped the hands of the advancing Ottomans.

30. The Ottomans chased Napoleon back into Egypt and seized it from him, Egypt, in this conflict, did not escape.

31. The Ottomans took back control of Egypt thus gaining control over the treasures of gold and silver, and all the precious things of Egypt.

32. The Libyans and the Ethiopians were left as the border countries of newly recaptured Ottoman Egypt, in the time of the Bible Ethiopia encompassed both Sudan and Eritrea.

Verse 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."

33. Tidings, or rumors, from the north and east troubled the Ottomans. This was fulfilled by the Russian pressure exerted upon the Ottomans from 1800 to 1917.

34. In response to Russian pressure, the Ottomans went forth to utterly make away many, initiating the Armenian Genocide, which reached its most severe stage in 1915. More than 1 million Armenians would die. To describe the horrors of this massacre, the term genocide was literally coined to describe it. Many other Christian groups were included in the Ottoman massacres, including the Greeks and the Assyrians. In all, more than 3 million Christians were exterminated.

Verse 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."

35. The word here translated palace is a Persian word, and here in Daniel 11:45 is the only place it is used in the Bible, it referred to the palace tent of the Persian Shah, which he used for military campaigns.

36. The prophecy says the tabernacles of this tent were to be moved to Jerusalem, or a portion of the Ottoman government, relating to a military campaign, was therefore to be moved to Jerusalem.

37. During the time of World War 1 and the worst phase of the Christian genocides, three pashas ruled the Ottoman Empire, Enver, Talaat, Djemal.

38. In 1915 under his appointment as head of the fourth army, Djemal Pasha, representing in his person, one third of the Ottoman government, moved his headquarters to Jerusalem for the purpose of launching a campaign against