book as occurring mainly in the Grecian Empire. They feel that all the prophecies of Daniel were fulfilled then and that the book of Daniel has little meaning for today. Others have gone to the opposite extreme and suggest that everything in the book of Daniel will yet take place in the future. Since this view of the prophecies is not rooted in history, no one can be sure when they will take place. The method of interpretation espoused by this Prophecy Seminar, however, is consistent with the Biblical evidence. It sees the prophecies as beginning in Daniel's day but culminating in the end-time. Thus the prophecies span the ages, rooted in history but focused on the future. This has been the most consistent interpretation of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation by Jewish and Christian scholars from earliest times.

Lesson 2 will explore the exciting theme of the book of Daniel. Once the theme of the book is clear, we will begin our chapter study. Thrilling times are ahead of us as we unravel these fantastic prophecies and see how the various stories relate to the time of the end.

It is imperative to remember that the focal point of the book of Daniel is the time of the end - the end of the conflict between good and evil. it will be exciting for you to discover through your study that we today are indeed living in the time of the end foretold in the book of Daniel. What reassuring news for people everywhere who face the future with apprehension! And even more important, both **Daniel** and **Revelation** focus on Jesus Christ and reveal fantastic new amazing facts regarding Him and His plans for the future. It is our hope and prayer that you will get to know Him better in this Prophecy Seminar.

9. Is it your desire to know Jesus better through the study of the prophecies of the book of Daniel?

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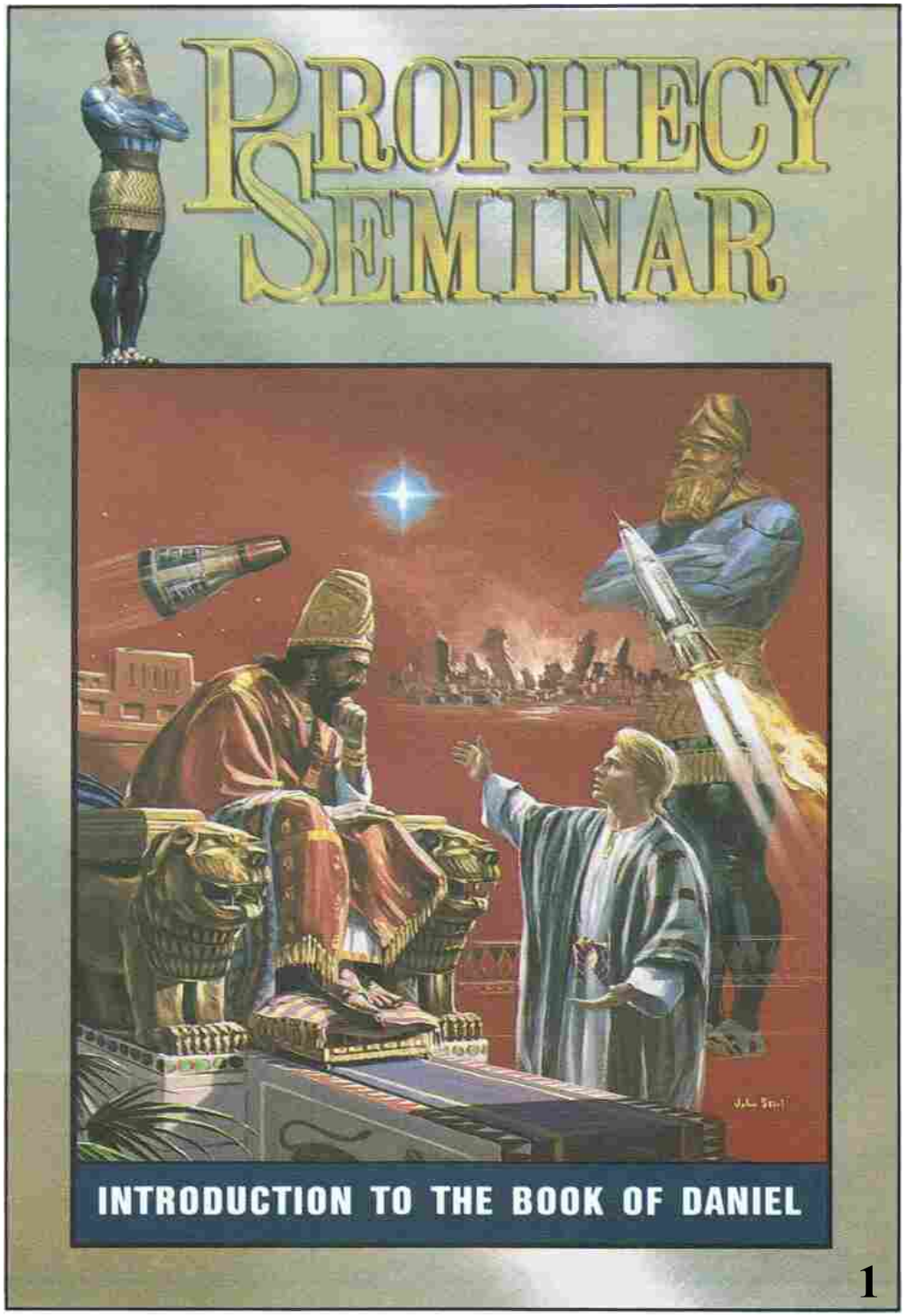

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Does the possibility of nuclear annihilation frighten you? Are you fearful that the world is on a countdown to the Battle of Armageddon? Are we headed toward some cosmic conflict straight out of Star Wars? What does the future hold for our world? Have you attempted to understand the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, but have been confused by all the symbolism of those prophecies? These and many other amazing questions will be answered through this Prophecy Seminar.

You are about to begin one of the most fascinating adventures of your life. What can you expect from this Daniel Prophecy Seminar? What will it do for you?

What the Prophecy Seminar Will Do For You:

1. You will understand the prophecies of Daniel and many of those in Revelation as you have never understood them before.
2. Your friends will be amazed at how much you will know about the books of Daniel and Revelation.
3. You will discover the amazing story of the cosmic drama unfolding between the forces of good and evil, and the ultimate triumph of Christ.
4. You will enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ as you get better acquainted with the One who delivers God's people.
5. You will find inner peace and security as you learn the truth that God is in control of world events.

Since the book of Revelation in the New Testament is the companion book to Daniel, we will be examining many similar prophecies in Revelation in order that we might better understand Daniel. These two Bible books are most intriguing. They are full of prophetic symbols. For some, this symbolism has been a barrier to understanding the message of the books, but this need not be. The exciting news is that **YOU** can understand the books of Daniel and Revelation! As you proceed through this special Prophecy Seminar, you will discover the meaning of the various symbols. You will understand the prophecies of the book of Daniel as you have never before understood them. The book of Revelation will also come alive for you.

NOTE: This does not mean that every time these words appear in Scripture they have symbolic meaning, but rather only in the symbolic prophecies such asthose found in Daniel and Revelation.

HOW TO INTERPRET DANIEL

There are four major prophecies in the book of Daniel: (1) Daniel 2; (2) Daniel 7; (3) Daniel 8 and 9; and (4) Daniel 10 through 12. Each of these prophecies covers the broad sweep of history from Daniel's day to the end-time. The focal point of each prophecy is the end of time.

1. We will discover that Daniel 2 gives us the broad outline of human history from Daniel's day to our day.
2. Daniel 7 covers the same time period with different symbols, and elaborates on a certain period in the time of the end.
3. Daniel 8 and 9 also cover the same ground, but add further details on the time of the end.
4. Daniel 10 through 12 likewise go over the same ground and further expand our understanding of the end-time.

The principle that Daniel uses is what is called "outline" prophecy in which world history is outlined from Daniel's day to the end of time, and each subsequent prophecy elaborates on the end-time. In employing this method, Daniel made certain that he rooted the prophecies in history, so that as we see them unfold we can constantly see where we are living in the stream of history. This Prophecy Seminar attempts to utilize this principle of interpretation which is so clearly enunciated in the book of Daniel itself. ln other words, we will discover that each of these major prophecies begins in Daniel's day, continues through history, and then focuses on the end-time. Amazingly, we will discover that we today are living in Daniel's predicted time of the end.

The student should be aware that other interpretations are suggested for the book of Daniel. Some have erroneously dated the book of Daniel in the 2nd century B.C. and have interpreted the events in the

they illustrate what the prophecies predict. **The stories reveal that what happened to Daniel and his friends in ancient Babylon are symbolic of the experiences of the people of God in the end-time.**

Always remember that the focal point of the book of Daniel is the time of the end - the end of the conflict between good and evil. In this seminar, we will study the entire book, chapter by chapter, including both the historical and prophetic sections. We shall study the historical section to discover the message there for the end-time, and then we will discover how the prophetic sections have predicted those very conditions in the last days. What an exciting study awaits us in the book of Daniel! ln addition, we will be studying the great key prophecies of the book of Revelation.

7. ls the study of prophecy important? 2 Peter 1 :19

_____,because "We have the_____

word , which you do well to _____ as a light that_____

in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning _____

rises in your hearts."

NOTE: The Bible says that prophecy is confirmed (sure); we should heed it. Instead of studying Bible prophecy to provide hope today, many people are turning to the occult, to spirit mediums and witches in an endeavour to understand today's chaotic world. The Bible asserts that real answers can be found only in prophecy. Prophecy is a light that illuminates our pathway, and the study of prophecy causes Christ (the Morning Star) to find a place in our hearts. We pray that this study of Daniel and Revelation will provide Christ-centered illumination in your life.

SYMBOLS OF PROPHECY

Much of the books of both Daniel and Revelation is written In symbolic language. In order to correctly interpret the prophecies, one must understand the Biblical meaning of the symbols. Once the symbols are understood, the prophecies make sense.

8. Give the Biblical meaning of the following symbols:

a. Beast Daniel 7:23 _____

b. Day Ezekiel 4:6 _____

c. Water Rev. 17:15 _____

Three Basic Premises Control Dur Study In This Prophecy Seminar:

1. The prophetic symbols in both Daniel and Revelation must be interpreted by the Bible itself. Private man-made interpretations have no validity whatsoever (2 Peter 1 :20). In order to understand the prophecies correctly, we must let the Bible explain them.
2. A correct comprehension of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation will give us a clearer understanding of Jesus Christ. Prophecy can be understood correctly only as it centers in and uplifts Jesus Christ.
3. Both Daniel and Revelation have much to say about the time of the end. Thus the focus of our study will be on the preparation needed for the end-time.

NOTE: Though this Prophecy Seminar embraces both **Daniel** and **Revelation**, special emphasis is given to the Book of Daniel - a much misunderstood book.

AUTHOR AND DATE

1 . Who ls the author of the book of Daniel? Daniel 1 2:4, 5, 9.

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NOTE: The testimony of the book is that it was written by the prophet Daniel. This is evident, not only from the testimony of Scripture as these verses indicate, but also by the fact that only a person who was intimately acquainted with Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon could have written the details of history revealed in the book of Daniel.

2. Did Jesus recognize Daniel as the author of this book? Matthew 24:1 5

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NOTE: Jesus told His followers to study Daniel's prophecies and seek to understand them. According to Jesus, they can be understood. In his same statement, Jesus recognized that Daniel spoke the words of the book of Daniel.

3. When was the book of Daniel written? Daniel 1:1

In the _____ year of the reign of Jehoiakim.

NOTE: Since the book was written by the prophet Daniel, it would have had to be written while the prophet lived, in the 6th century B.C. Daniel was taken captive to Babylon in 606 B.C. and lived on into the Medo-Persian reign, which began in 538 B.C. Hence, the book of Daniel must have been written sometime during those years.

THE SETTING OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

4. Who had conquered Jerusalem and taken Daniel captive to Babylon? Daniel 1:1

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NOTE: Because of their disobedience to God, the nations of Israel and Judah had been taken captive. Eventually the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, and most of the Jews were carried away to Babylon. The book of Daniel begins with Jerusalem being desolated by the heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar, and God's people being removed to a strange land. Our study will reveal that God can bring good out of every bad situation in which His people find themselves.

5. To what event does the book of Daniel point? Daniel 12:4,9,13

The _____ of the _____

NOTE: Even though the book of Daniel was written while God's people were captive in Babylon because of their sins, the focal point of the book is not the Jewish captivity but the time of the end. As we study Daniel, we must ever keep in mind that everything is pointing to the end of the world. You will discover that this gives the book of Daniel tremendous meaning for us today.

6. What are the two parts to the book of Daniel?

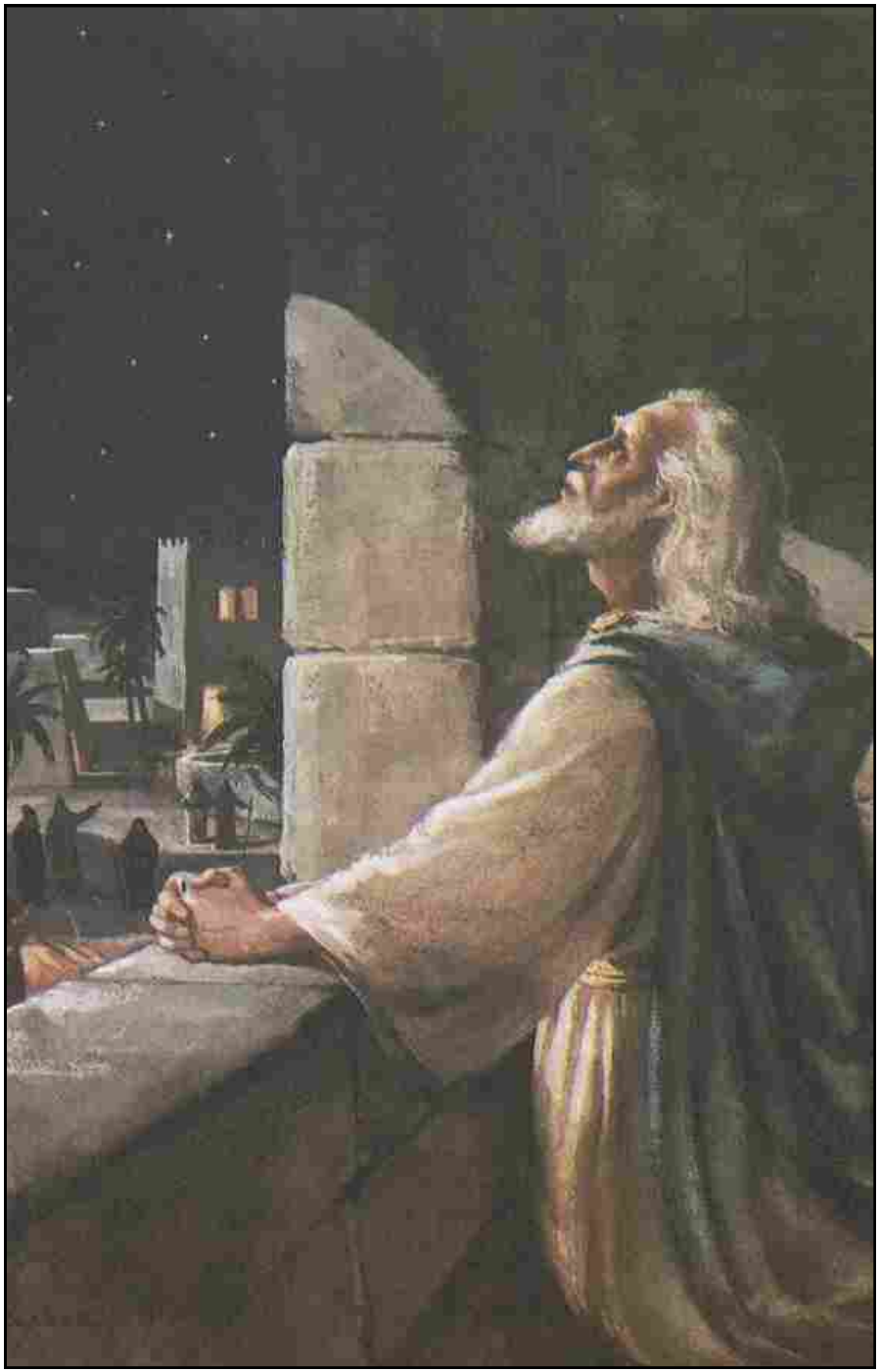
1. _____ 2. _____

NOTE: There are two basic sections to the book of Daniel:

1. The historical, found in the first half of the book, contains stories about Daniels day.
2. The prophetic, found in the latter part of the book, contains prophecies pointing to the end-time.

What the book of Daniel says about history provides a key that unlocks the meaning of history, while its prophetic section opens a window through which we see how the God of heaven is guiding the affairs of this world towards that great climactic event, the second coming of Christ.

Many people in their haste to quickly unravel the prophecies of Daniel have skipped the historical section and missed a lot of the meaning in the book. The stories of Daniel are not given simply as stories; rather



against principalities, against _____ , against the _____ of the _____ of this age, against spiritual hosts of _____ in the heavenly places."

NOTE: Christians are not in warfare with other people, but with unseen forces who are seeking constantly to destroy them. The New Testament clearly amplifies what was revealed to Daniel, that there is a great controversy going on between Christ and Satan, a battle being fought for every soul.

27. How can the Christian resist the adversary? Ephesians 6:11-13

"Put on the whole _____ of God."

28. What is this armour? Ephesians 6:14-17.

a. Having girded your waist with _____.

b. The breastplate of _____.

c. Having shod your feet with the preparation of the _____.

d. The shield of _____.

e. The helmet of _____.

f. The sword of the Spirit, which is the _____.

NOTE: Our only defence against the wiles of the devil is a firm trust in Jesus Christ, a deep personal relationship with Him, and continual study of His Word. This is the only way to meet the adversary. The central theme of the book of Daniel is the same as the central theme running throughout all Scripture. The book of Daniel reveals that there is a great cosmic conflict between Christ and His angels and Satan and his angels. Behind all the scenes of human history, unseen forces are at work. A battle is being fought for every soul. The book of Daniel can only be understood against the backdrop of this great controversy. The good news of the book of Daniel is that God wins the victory, Satan and his hosts will be defeated, and God's people will be delivered.

29. Do you wish to align yourself with Jesus Christ and triumph with God's people when Christ ends the great controversy?

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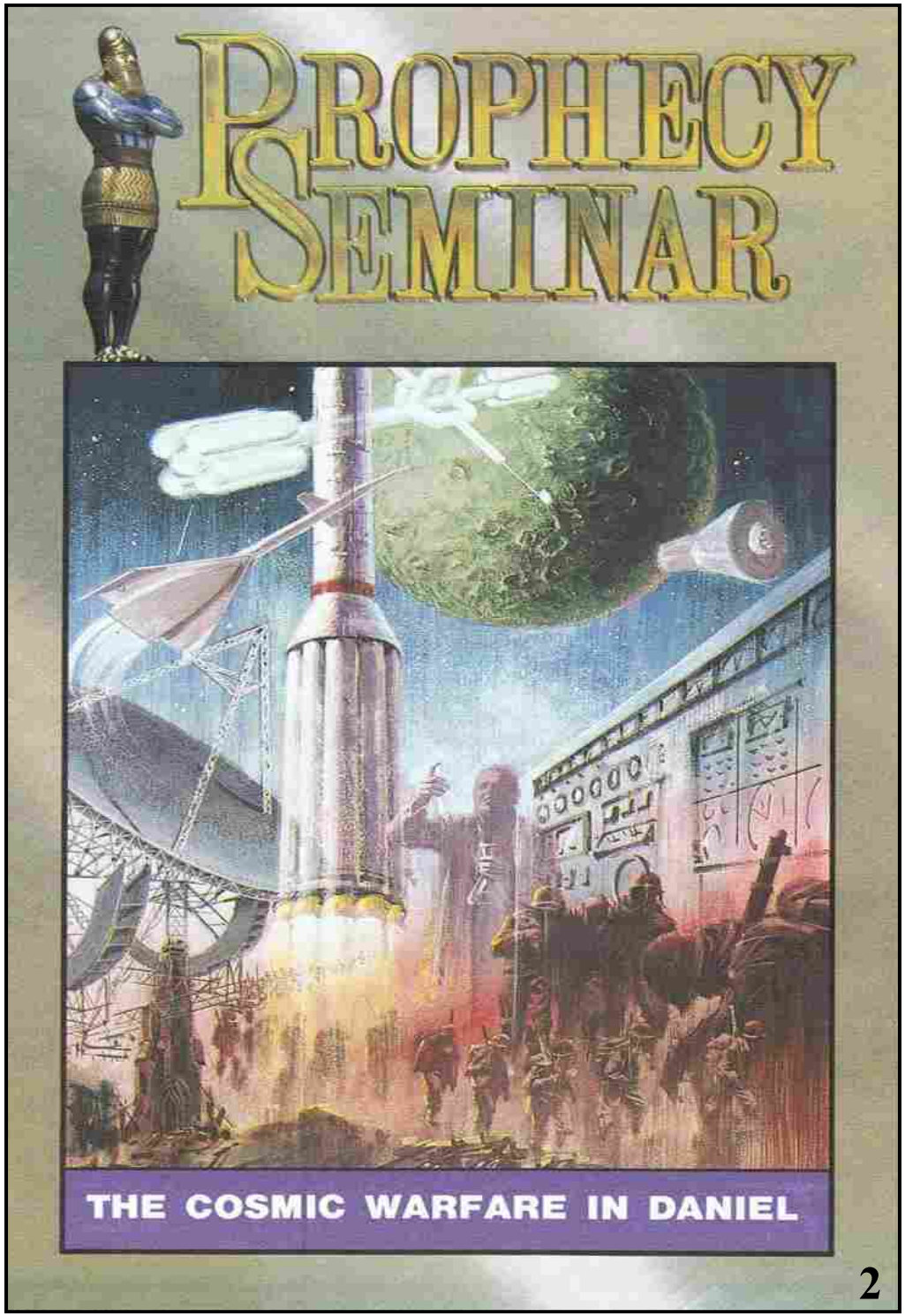


Cosmic warfare." It sounds like something coming out of Star Wars. Yet, strange as it may seem, the book of Daniel reveals a cosmic warfare going on behind the scenes. The rise and fall of empires and kingdoms are not simply happenings in world history. All that is taking place is a part of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. The book of Daniel can be correctly understood only when it is seen in the context of this cosmic struggle.

In order to understand any book, one needs to ascertain first of all what is the main theme of the book, what the book is trying to reveal. In this lesson we will draw aside the curtain and see that the central theme of the book of Daniel is this cosmic drama being played in ancient Babylon. What happened there is symbolic of the final great conflict which the prophecies of Daniel point out will take place in the end time. As Lesson 1 revealed, the stories of the book of Daniel dramatize what the prophecies are predicting. What happened to God's people in ancient Babylon is a foretaste of what will happen to God's people in the time of the end. Just as cosmic forces were at work against God's people in the time of ancient Babylon, so in the last days there are cosmic forces at work seeking to destroy those who are faithful to Jesus Christ.

1. **As the book of Daniel opens, who appears to be defeated? Daniel 1:1, 2.**

   King _____ and God's people.

   NOTE: The book of Daniel opens with a tremendous defeat for God's people. Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, is delivered into the hands of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and the people of God are taken into captivity. It appears that the evil Babylonians are winning in the struggle with God's people. In the world today evil often seems to triumph and good seems defeated. Daniel reminds us that the same seemed true in his day, also.

2. **What ultimately happens to God's people? Daniel 12:1.**

   God's people will be _____

   NOTE: While the book of Daniel begins in apparent defeat for the people of God, it ends with complete victory for God's people, who will ultimately be delivered. While the book of Daniel reveals a cosmic drama between the forces of good and evil, it reveals that in the end good will triumph and God's people will be victorious.

THE MIGHTY DELIVERER OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The theme of the book of Daniel is the cosmic struggle between the forces of good and evil. In any warfare, there is a villain and a deliverer. The villain in this instance is Satan; the deliverer is Christ. Just as Christ delivered His people from the cosmic struggle going on in ancient Babylon, so He will be the final great deliverer of God's people in the time of the end. Let us notice how the book of Daniel presents Christ as the mighty deliverer of God's people.

3. **After Nebuchadnezzar cast Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the**

Lucifer. Lucifer became evil by choice.

19. **What did Lucifer attempt to do in heaven? Isaiah 14:13.**

    "I will _____ into heaven, I will exalt my _____ above the stars of God; I will also _____ on the _____ of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north."

    NOTE: Lucifer wanted to sit where God sat. He wanted to rule from where God ruled. He felt he could do a better job of ruling the universe than God could; thus he rebelled against God.

20. **As a result of Lucifer's rebellion, what happened to him? Revelation 12:7 -9.**

    Satan was cast _____ the earth.

    NOTE: Amazing! War took place in heaven. The rebellion that began with Lucifer finally resulted in his being cast out of heaven.

21. **Since Lucifer was cast out of heaven, whom does he seek to deceive? Revelation 12:12.**

    "Woe to the inhabitants of the _____."

22. **How does Satan deceive people? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.**

    a. Satan appears as "an _____ of _____."

    b. His ministers appear as ministers of _____

    NOTE: Satan does not appear as an evil being. He attempts to deceive people by professing to have great light and truth.

23. **Can Satan really work miracles or signs? Revelation 16:13, 14**.

    They are spirits of demons, performing _____."

24. **How effective are Satan's deceptions? Mathew 24:24.**

    To deceive, if _____, even the _____."

    NOTE: The deceptions of Satan in the last days will be so convincing that many will be deceived. Our faith cannot rest on miracles, signs or wonders; our faith can safely rest only on the Word of God.

25. **With whom does Satan wage war in the last days? Revelation 12:17.**

    With "the _____ , who keep the _____ of God, and have the _____ of Jesus Christ."

26. **With whom do God's people have to contend in the battles of life? Ephesians 6:12**

    "For we do not wrestle against flesh and _____, but

NOTE: Christ is on our side. He is for us, and not against us! He died for us.

13. Is Christ fully God? John 1:1-3, 14.

a. "The Word was_____

b. "And the Word became _____ and dwelt among us."

NOTE: Praise God, this One who became man is fully and equally God.

14. Was Christ also man? Hebrews 2:14-18.

a. "As the children have partaken of _____ and _____ He Himself likewise shared in the _____."

b. "To be made _____ His brethren."

NOTE: Not only is Christ fully God, but He is also fully man. He is one with us. God's great gift to us is the gift of Jesus Christ, who became man that He might redeem us.

15. Does Christ understand humanity? Hebrews 4:15, 16.

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our _____."

NOTE: As a man, Christ fully understands us.

16. How many members are in the Godhead? Matthew 28:19.

Father, _____ and Holy Spirit.

NOTE: The Bible indicates that there are three personal beings in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. While they are three persons, they are one in unity, character and purpose. Since the Godhead is united in its purpose toward man, the Godhead is totally on man's side. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all working for the salvation, redemption and deliverance of the human race.

THE OPPRESSOR OF GOD'S PEOPLE

17. What are the names that Scripture gives to the one who opposes Christ? Isaiah 14:12; Revelation 12:9.

_____, dragon, serpent, Devil, _____

18. Under the symbolism of the King of Tyre, God describes the creation of Lucifer. What kind of being was Lucifer when he was created? Ezekiel 28:12-15.

"You were _____ in your ways from the day you were created."

NOTE: God did not create a bad devil. He created a perfect angel named

fiery furnace, how many people did he see in the fire? Daniel 3:25.

"I see _____ men loose."

NOTE: While Nebuchadnezzar had only three men cast into the fire, he now sees a fourth one walking with the three.

4. Who is this fourth one who walks through the fire with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? Daniel 3:25.

The fourth is like the _____ of God."

NOTE: What revelation of God! As His servants go through the fiery furnace, the Son of God goes through the fire with them. Here is a tremendous picture of Jesus. He comes to deliver His people in the midst of their fiery trials. Jesus is the deliverer of God's people!

5. Describe the one who brings encouragement to Daniel in a later vision. Daniel 10:5, 6.

a. Clothed in _____.

b. Girded with _____.

c. His body was like _____.

d. His face like the appearance of _____.

e. His eyes like of _____.

f. His arms and feet like burnished in colour _____.

g. The sound of his words like the _____ of a _____.

6. Describe the being who appeared to John the Revelator in the book of Revelation. Revelation 1:13-16.

a. Clothed with a _____ down to the feet.

b. Girded about the chest with a _____ band.

c. His eyes like a _____ of _____

d. His feet were like fine _____

e. His voice as the sound of many _____

f. And His countenance was like the _____ shining in its strength.

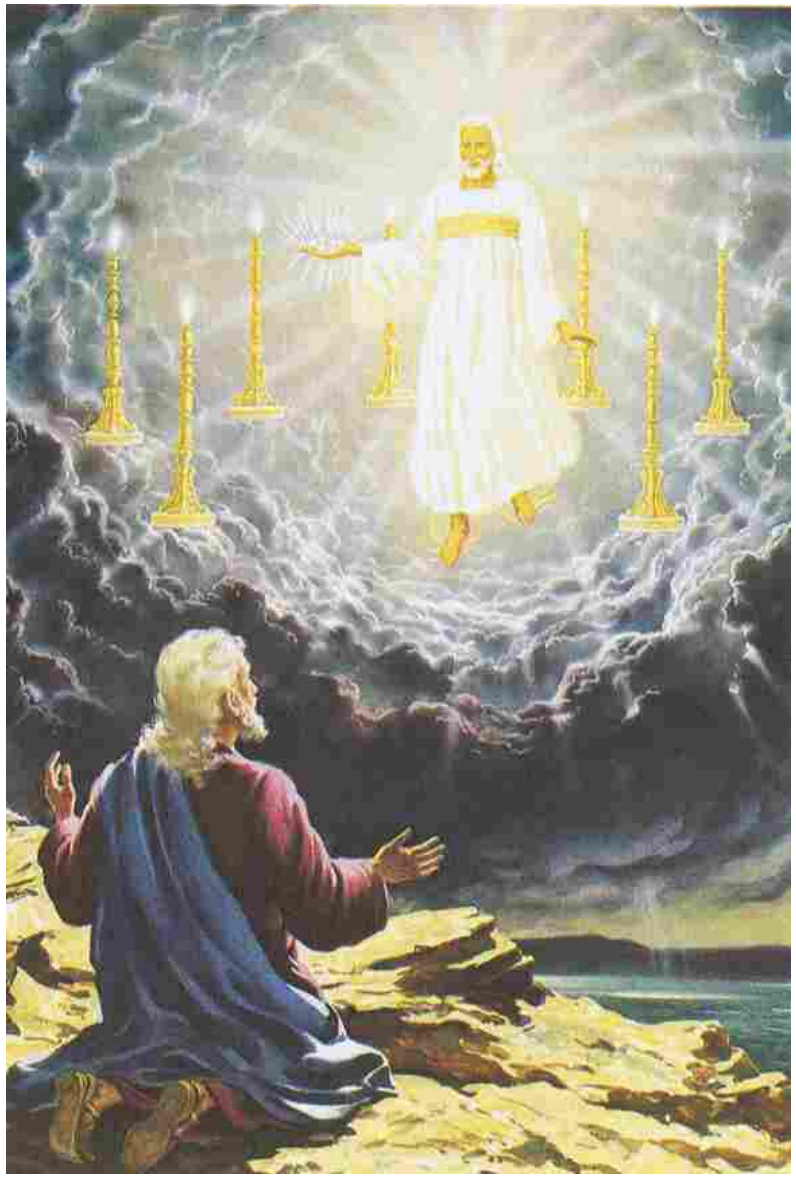
NOTE: In comparing the descriptions, it is obvious that Daniel and John the Revelator saw the same person.

7. Who Is this one who appeared to Daniel and John? Revelation 1:13.

The _____of Man.

NOTE: It is Christ Himself who is pictured as being the Son of man in Daniel and in Revelation. The One pictured as the deliverer, the One who has

constant communion with His servant in both Old and New Testament times, is none other than Jesus Christ!



WHO IS CHRIST?

Daniel has pictured Christ as the mighty deliverer, the One who appears in the

fiery furnace as well as the One who at times brings him assurance in his visions. Yet Christ was not born until 500 years after the time of Daniel. How can that be? It is essential that we carefully examine the subject of the identity of Jesus Christ before we delve more deeply into our study of the book of Daniel.

8. The Bible predicted the birth of Christ in what place? Micah 5:2.

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9. How does the Bible describe the one born in Bethlehem? Micah 5:2.

"Whose goings forth are from of old, from _____."

NOTE: The One born in Bethlehem did not have His origin in Bethlehem. The Scriptures clearly indicate that Christ pre-existed before His birth in Bethlehem. It tells us that He has been going forth from everlasting. If Christ is from there have everlasting, could never been a time when He was not in existence. This text indicates that His "goings forth" are from everlasting; in other words, He has continually gone forth to help His people from everlasting.

We have seen that Christ was active in Daniel's time by appearing in the midst of the fiery furnace with the three Hebrews, as well as appearing to bring encouragement to Daniel in vision. It would be well for us to examine other Old Testament passages illustrating Christ's involvement with His people.

10. Was Christ involved in the Creation? Colossians 1:14-16.

"For by Him all things were _____ that are in heaven and that are on earth."

NOTE: While the Father and the Holy Spirit clearly were involved in creative activity, the Bible also clearly indicates that Jesus Christ was involved in every aspect of creation. All things were created through Him and by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

11. Who was the Rock that was with the children of Israel as they journeyed out of Egypt and Into the Promised Land? 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

"That Rock was_____."

NOTE: Not only was Christ involved in the creation of the world, but this text reveals that He was the One who led Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. In that capacity, Christ worked with His ancient people. Thus we see that the One who stands for the people of God is none other than Jesus Christ.

12. What did Christ do for us? 1 Corinthians 15:3.

"Christ for our sins."

23. Do you wish to be loyal and obedient to God in the time of prosperity, that you, too, might be loyal and true to God when times of difficulty come?

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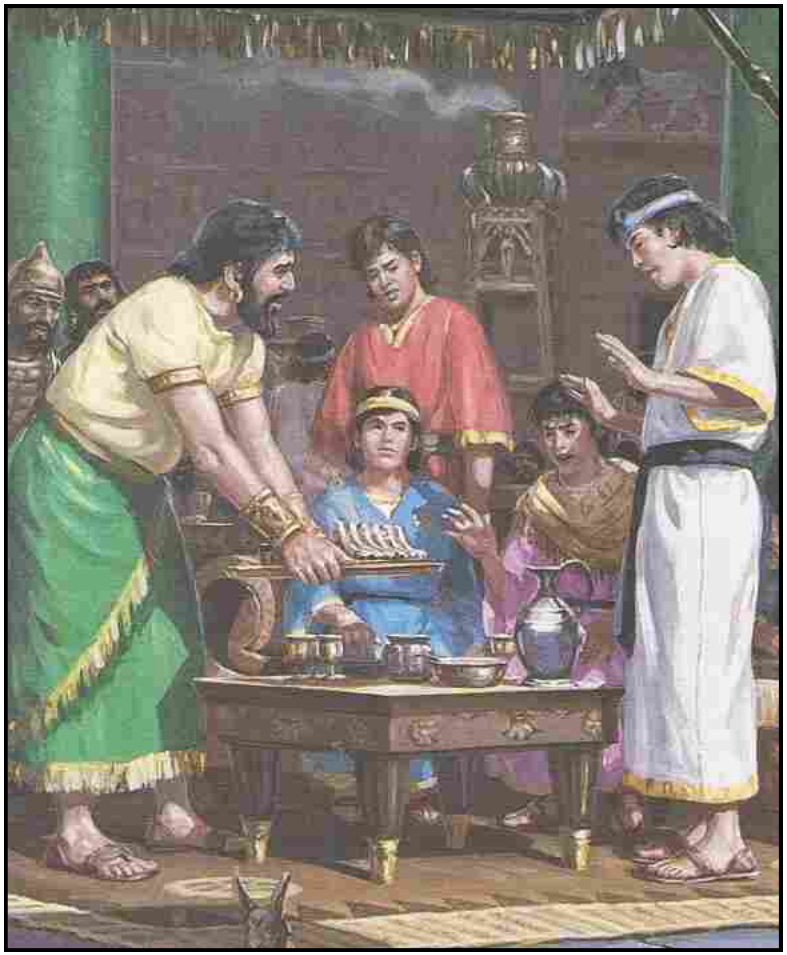

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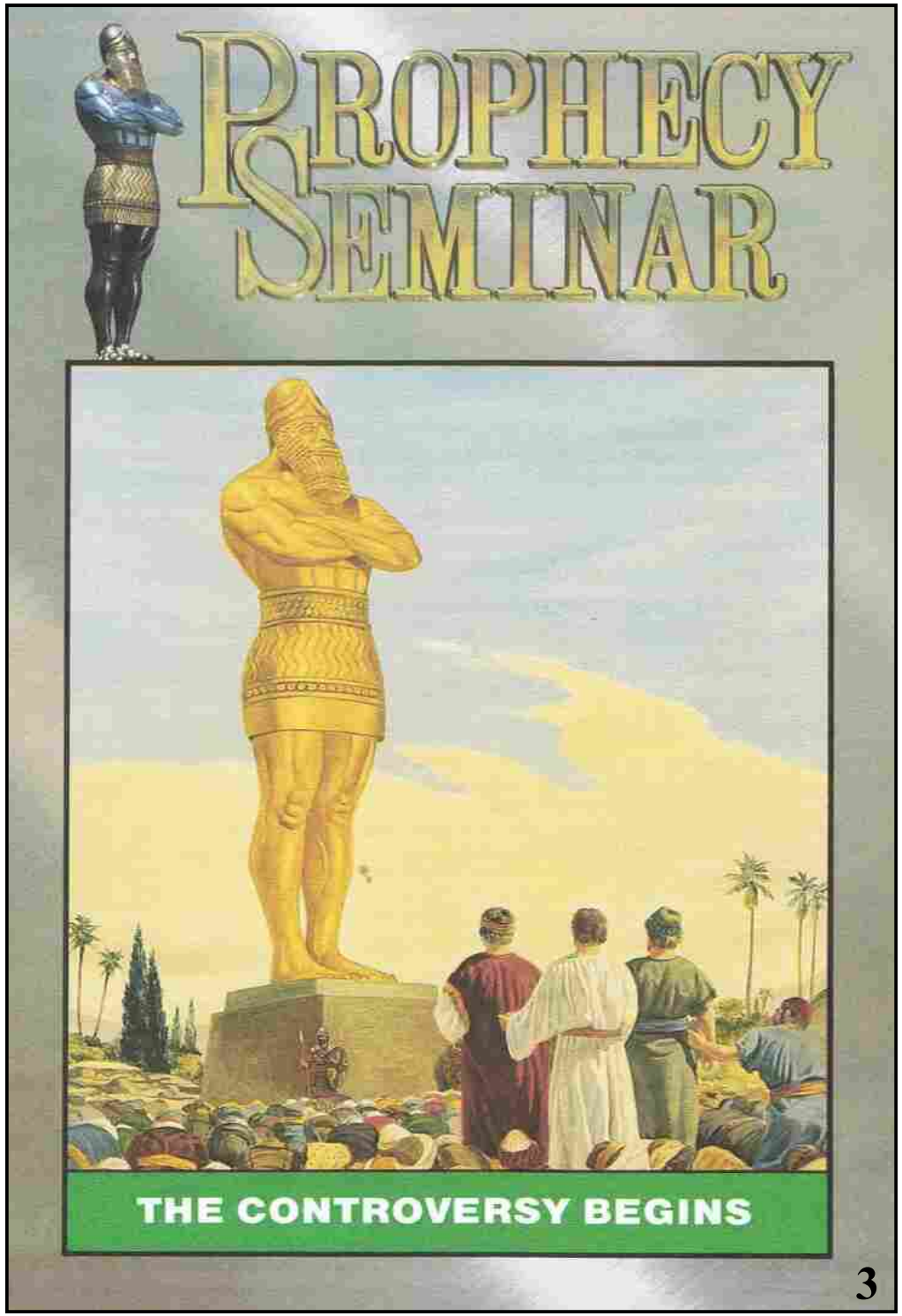


Conflict seems inevitable. In fact, conflict is one of the central themes of Scripture, as we saw in Lesson Two. The theme of the book of Daniel, as demonstrated in the events of ancient Babylon, is this same cosmic struggle between the God of heaven and the power of evil. The book of Daniel begins with Nebuchadnezzar's seeming defeat of the true God, but ends with a tremendous victory for the God of heaven. Nebuchadnezzar is shown again and again that God is still in control of human events. Remember that the focal point of the book of Daniel is the time of the end. Therefore, the events, stories and conflicts in the book of Daniel are to have an impact on us who are living in these last days.

There are two issues over which controversy arises in the book of Daniel. These are the issues of worship and obedience. We will see them illustrated very clearly in the historical portions of Daniel. These same issues will reappear in the prophetic section of Daniel, indicating that they are to be major issues in the final conflict.

1. **Name the specific instances in the book of Daniel where the issues of worship and obedience illustrate the great controversy theme.**

   a. Daniel 1:8 What Daniel _____

   b. Daniel 3:10 The gold _____

   c. Daniel 4:25 insanity _____

   d. Daniel 5:23 Belshazzar's _____ of the Lord's vessels.

   e. Daniel 6:11 Daniel's _____

   NOTE: Throughout the historical portions of the book of Daniel, we see how Daniel's obedience to God and worship of God is continually threatened. The issue is clear in the book of Daniel. Governments may try to impose legislation that inhibits or prohibits the worship of God or demands false worship. Only those who remain true and faithful to God will be delivered.

   Remember that the focal point of the book of Daniel is the end time. The prophecies of Daniel point to the last days when these issues will arise again. People in the end time will attempt to inhibit or prohibit true worship and impose false worship. The book of Daniel tells us clearly that God will have a victorious people who will overcome all these attempts to cause them to disobey or to pervert the worship of God. The issues in the book of Daniel are worship and obedience. The issues in the last days will be worship and obedience. How important it is that each of us remains faithful to God.

2. **Now do the prophecies of Daniel foretell the issue of worship and obedience? Daniel 7:25**

   a. "He shall speak _____ words against the most High."

   b. "Shall intend to change _____ and _____.

He knew that if he drank the king's wine and ate the king's junk food, he would be in a drunken stupor a good share of the time. He would be in no condition to resist temptation and could not maintain his loyalty to God. Therefore, it was of utmost necessity that he eat simply if he was going to be loyal to God when the really big tests came in Babylon.

DANIEL WINS THE TEST

20. At the end often days, who appeared in better health? Daniel 1:14, 15

_____ and his friends.

NOTE: Those who follow God's plan always eventually win.

21. Because of Daniel's faithfulness, what did God give him? Daniel 1:17

"God gave them _____ and _____ in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all _____ and _____ ."

NOTE: The knowledge and skill that Daniel and his friends possessed were not only due to their diet, although that played a role, but they were also given to them by the God of heaven because of their strict obedience to His principles. God always honours His children's obedience.

22. When they took their final examinations, how much better did Daniel and his fiends do than everyone else? Daniel 1:18-20

Ten _____ better.

NOTE: Daniel and his friends were the best scholars in the university. They did ten times better than anyone else in the realm. Don't miss the point! The reason they did ten times better was not that they were superior individuals, but because of their strict obedience to the God of heaven. There are many implications in this chapter for the rest of the book of Daniel. These four were not the only Hebrew youth confronted with the problem in Babylon. They were, however, the only four Hebrew youth selected for the university who remained faithful to God. They were also the four Hebrew youth who passed every other test in the book of Daniel. When we study Daniel 3 and the fiery furnace, Daniel 6 and the story of the lion's den, we see again and again that these four Hebrew youth are always faithful. Those who compromised on this first test, which seems to us to have been so very easy, evidently compromised on all the other tests that came. If we cannot remain loyal to God when the test is easy, we will not be loyal when the test is difficult. Today we live in a time of prosperity, when it is relatively easy to serve God. **If we cannot be obedient in this time, we will never be obedient when real trouble comes.**

14. What decision did Daniel and his friends make? Daniel 1:8

"But Daniel _____ in his heart that he would Not _____ himself with the portion of the king's _____ nor with the _____ which he drank."

NOTE: There was no question in Daniel's mind. Loyalty to God was more important than loyalty to the king. Here we see the beginning of the issue that will be illustrated again and again in the book of Daniel. God's faithful people are being brought into conflict, and the issue is obedience to God or obedience to man. Like Daniel, God's people in the end time will not hesitate to choose obedience to God over obedience to man. Daniel 1:8 is a key verse in the book. It vividly portrays why God could trust Daniel so implicitly in his experiences in ancient Babylon.

15. What did Daniel ask of the chief of the eunuchs? Daniel 1:8

"That he might not _____ himself."

NOTE: Daniel asked for an exemption — a bold request for a captive Jew!

16. How did the chief of the eunuchs view Daniel? Daniel 1:9

With" _____and _____."

17. How did the chief of the eunuchs respond to Daniel's request? Daniel 1:10

"I _____ my lord the king."

NOTE: The chief of the eunuchs was afraid that the health of Daniel and his friends would not be as good if they did not eat at the king's table. If that should happen, he would be held responsible and most probably would be killed. No wonder he was afraid.

18. What test did Daniel suggest? Daniel 1:11-13

A ten _____ test.

19. What did Daniel and his friends request to eat during the ten-day test? Daniel 1:12

"Give us _____ to eat, and _____ to drink."

NOTE: Daniel and his friends requested a very simple Judean diet. Daniel knew that while in Babylon he would be subjected to the fiercest tests imaginable. If he was to remain loyal to God, he must live and eat simply.

NOTE: Here in the prophecies we see the issue of worship illustrated in the little horn power of Daniel 7 as he speaks great words against the Most High. We see the issue of obedience illustrated in the little horn power of Daniel 7 as he thinks to change the times and the laws. The book of Daniel is concerned with these vital issues.

DANIEL'S CAPTIVITY

The controversy begins in Daniel with the captivity of Daniel and his friends by Nebuchadnezzar. In this first chapter, we will study the amazing story of how a young man and his friends faced some very severe tests which were inflicted by a despotic ruler. We will also note the implications that these tests have for the rest of the book of Daniel. The tests described in Chapter 1 seem very mild in comparison to the much greater tests to come later in the book. But the lesson of Chapter 1 is that only those who pass minor tests will ever pass the major tests. How important, then, that we be faithful to God at all times.

3. What did Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, do to Jerusalem, the city of God? Daniel 1:1

He _____ it.

NOTE: In ancient times when kings besieged a city, they completely surrounded the city, cut off its water and food supply, and waited until the inhabitants gave up. This was a terrible ordeal for the people in Jerusalem.

4. Who allowed Nebuchadnezzar to capture Jerusalem? Daniel 1:2

The _____ of heaven.

5. Why did God allow Judah to be taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar? Jeremiah 2:11-13

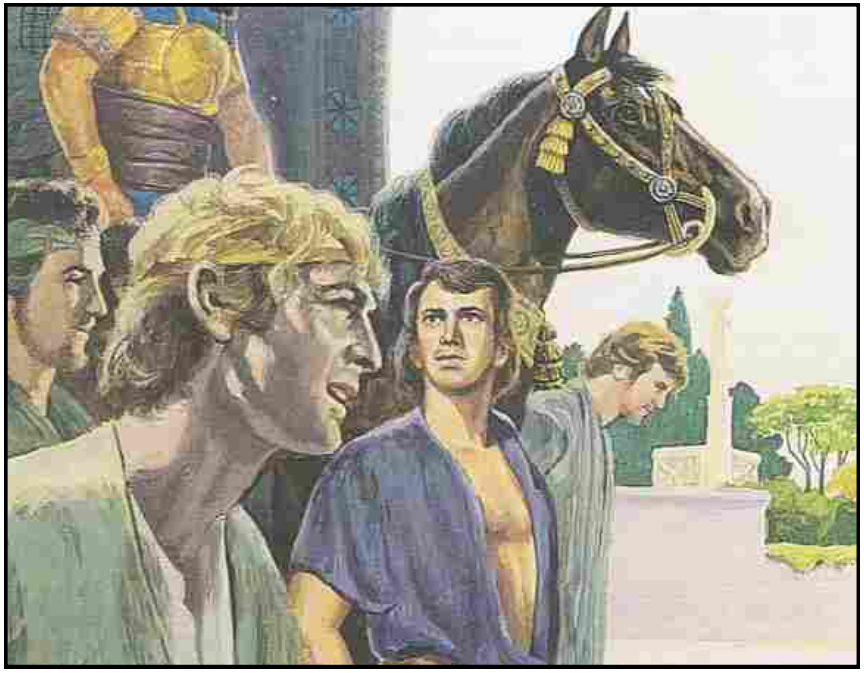
"Has a nation _____ its gods, which are not gods? ... They have _____ Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves... _____ cisterns that can hold no water."

NOTE: Through the prophet Jeremiah and other Bible prophets, God had predicted the warfare of the Babylonians against Judah because they had forsaken the Lord, had ceased to worship Him, and were disobedient to the Word of God. False worship and disobedience led to Israel's captivity.

6. Who seems to be winning the conflict as the book of Daniel opens? Daniel 1:2

The gods of _____

NOTE: The book of Daniel begins with an apparent defeat for the true God, but let us not forget that it ends with a glorious triumph for Daniel's God. Evil may appear to prosper now, but someday God's truth will magnificently triumph.



7. What kind of people did Nebuchadnezzar choose from among the captives of Judea to be educated in the schools of Babylon? Daniel 1:3, 4

a. "Of the_____ descendants."

b. "Young men in whom there was no _____

c. "Good looking, gifted in all _____, possessing _____."

d. "Quick to _____."

8. How long was the educational process to last? Daniel 1:5

Three _____

9. Out of all the children of Judah who entered into the schooling, who are the only four youths named in the Biblical record? Daniel 1:6

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

10. What Babylonian names were given to these four youth? Daniel 1:7

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

NOTE: In an attempt to totally Babylonianize these youth, they were given new names to signify their loyalty to Babylon and to the gods of Babylon. The name, Daniel, means "God is my judge". His Babylonian name, Belteshazzar, means "Bel protects the king's life". Bel was one of the popular gods of Babylon. The name, Hananiah, means "Jehovah is gracious", while the Babylonian name, Shadrach, refers to an allegiance to the Babylonian god, Marduk. The name, Mishael, meaning "who belongs to God", became Meshach, a reference to another Babylonian god. The name, Azariah, meaning "Jehovah helps", was changed to Abednego, "servant of the god, Nabu."

DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS ARE TESTED

11. What was to be the diet for those who were selected for this special education? Daniel 1:5 (855) [855].

"The king's _____, and... _____ the which he drank."

12. What had God told the Israelites about drinking wine? Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:31

"Wine is a _____, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not "_____." Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it _____ around smoothly."

13. What foods had God forbidden the Israelites to eat that might well have been on King Nebuchadnezzar's table? Leviticus 11:2-8

The _____ animals.

NOTE: What a dilemma for these Hebrew youth! Although they were captives, they were being treated like royalty. They could even eat the king's special food and sit at his table, but to do so meant to be disobedient to the God of heaven. To fail to eat at the king's table meant to be disobedient to the king of Babylon who was treating them so favourably. Yet Daniel and his friends did not hesitate in making a decision.

27. After hearing the interpretation of the dream, what did Nebuchadnezzar say about Daniel's God? Daniel 2:47

"Truly your _____ is the God of gods, the Lord of kings."

NOTE: Having seen that God is in control of world events, even the heathen Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that Daniel's God is above all the heathen gods of Babylon.

28. As a result of their faithfulness, how were Daniel and his Mends promoted by Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 2:48, 49

Daniel was made "_____ administrator over all the wise men of Babylon". The king "set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the _____ of the province of Babylon"

NOTE: How quickly the picture has changed! From apparent defeat, captivity in Babylon, and re-education into Babylonian society, Daniel and his friends, because of their faithfulness to the God of heaven, are elevated to be some of the chief rulers in Babylon. God always honours our commitment to Him.

29. Recognizing that God is in full control of earthly events, are you willing to let Him have full control of your life?

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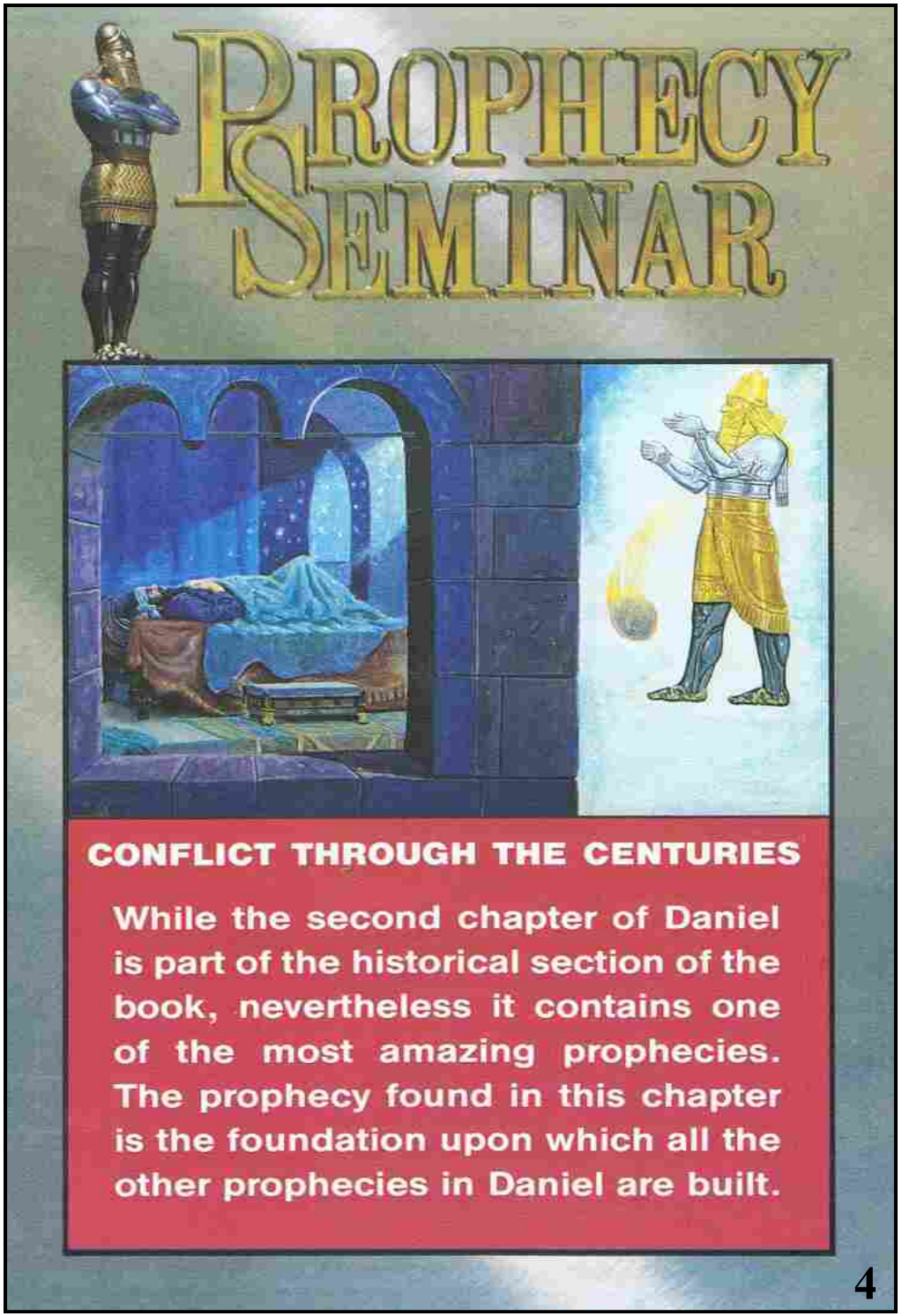

In order to comprehend the prophecies of Daniel, the principle of **REPETITION** in **OUTLINE** prophecy must be understood. An outline prophecy is one that covers the whole span of time from the prophet's day until the second coming of Christ. Daniel 2 begins with the Babylonian Empire and culminates in the return of Jesus Christ. All of the prophecies in Daniel cover the same basic outline; however, each subsequent prophecy adds significant details that were not included in the initial one. In other words, the rest of the prophecies expand what is initially covered in broad sweeps in Daniel 2. The focal point of each expansion is always on the end time. Thus, when we finish our study of the book of Daniel we will have an accurate and somewhat detailed history of the world from Daniel's day to the end of time.

Another factor that we should keep in mind in trying to understand the prophecies of Daniel is that the only nations that are mentioned in Daniel's prophecies are those nations that affect the covenant people of God. Some wonder why China and other great nations of antiquity were never mentioned in Scripture. The reason is simple—the Bible is only concerned with those nations that impact on God's chosen people. Therefore, the various empires that appear in Scripture are those that come in contact with the covenant people of God. Let's begin this fascinating study of Daniel 2 and discover how accurately God has foretold world history.

1. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar one evening? Daniel 2:1

"Nebuchadnezzar had _____."

2. What request did Nebuchadnezzar make of his wise men the next morning? Daniel 2:2-4

"To tell the king his_____."

NOTE: These Babylonian wise men professed to be interpreters of dreams; thus the king was not making an unusual request. It was something that they were accustomed to doing.

3. What was different about the king's request to interpret the dream this time? Daniel 2:5

"_____ the dream to me."

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar could not remember the dream.

4. Were the Babylonian wise men able to interpret the dream? Daniel 2:6-11

_____

NOTE: The wise men of Babylon were totally discredited. They were unable to reveal the king's dream. If the king could have recalled the dream, they could have devised some interpretation. They professed to have supernatural power, but when they could not reveal the dream to the king, they showed

23. Will the European continent ever be united again? Daniel 2:43

"They will not _____to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay."

NOTE: Men have tried to unite Europe throughout history. Charlemagne, Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler and others have done their best to unite Europe, but these words of Scripture have stopped every would-be world ruler. Bible prophecy clearly states that the world will remain divided for the rest of history. Remember, God is in control of earthly events!

THE STONE KINGDOM

24. Who will set up the final kingdom? Daniel 2:44

"The God of _____

NOTE: The next great universal kingdom will be the kingdom of God.

25. What will God do to the kingdoms of earth when He sets up His kingdom? Daniel 2:44

"It shall break in _____ and _____ all these kingdoms."

NOTE: God's kingdom will not be a takeover of earthly kingdoms. He will completely consume, destroy and blow away all the kingdoms of earth. The New Testament says that God will create a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1). God's kingdom will be everlasting (Daniel 2:44)

26. What is represented by the stone kingdom? Matthew25:31-34

The kingdom of _____

NOTE: The Scripture declares that when Jesus Christ returns to earth the second time, He will crush the kingdoms of earth and establish an everlasting kingdom that shall have no end. What exciting news! Jesus Christ is coming again! God is in control of human history! All history is moving toward this climactic conclusion when the Son of God shall return in majesty to bring in the kingdom of everlasting righteousness. Nebuchadnezzar may have thought (in Chapter 1) that he had defeated the true God, but very quickly he was shown that God is ruler over all, that human events are under His control, and that ultimately God will win the conflict. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the ten divisions of the Roman Empire may have sought to usurp divine authority and destroy the people of God, but all earthly kingdoms will ultimately be crushed by the coming of Christ. Thank God, He will win the great controversy!

gold, so the kingdom that followed Babylon was inferior to her. In 538 B.C. the kingdom of Medo-Persia came on the scene of action. Led by Cyrus, Medo-Persia conquered Babylon and reduced it to ruins. Medo-Persia ruled the world from 538 B.C. to 331 B.C.

19. What metal would represent the kingdom that would follow Medo-Persia? Daniel 2:39

The third kingdom of _____

NOTE: Even the Medo-Persian kingdom would not last forever. Alexander the Great led the Greeks to conquer the Medes and the Persians in the battle of Arbela in 331 B.C., and the kingdom of Greece, the brass kingdom, came upon the scene of action.

20. What metal represents the fourth kingdom that should come? Daniel 2:40

_____

NOTE: The kingdom that followed Greece was the iron monarchy of Rome, which ruled the world from 168 B.C. to A.D. 476. This is the kingdom that dominated the world when Jesus was born. With unerring accuracy Daniel has foretold world history for 1000 years. The rise and fall of these various empires — Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome — are clearly foretold in the Bible. God knows in advance what is going to happen. He is clearly in control of human events. Amazingly, God had foretold that there would be these four world empires and no more.

21. What would be the condition of Europe after the breakup of the Roman Empire? Daniel 2:41, 42

"The kingdom shall be_____... partly strong and partly fragile."

NOTE: As prophesied, when the Roman Empire ended in A.D. 476, it was not taken over by another world kingdom. Instead, as the Bible so clearly foretold, barbarian tribes conquered the Roman Empire and divided it. Ten of these tribes eventually became modern Europe. They were: the Ostrogoths, the Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Alemanni, Anglo-Saxons, Heruli, Lombards, and Burgundians. Seven of them still exist today in Europe. For example, the Anglo-Saxons becamethe English, the Franks became the French, and the Lombards became the Italians. Daniel 7 will tell the fascinating story of the power that destroyed three of these ten divisions.

22. Would these ten kingdoms ever seek to unite? Daniel 2:43

"They will _____ with the seed of men."

NOTE: Through marriage, alliances and other means, men would attempt to unite the European continent once again.

clearly that they had no supernatural power at all.

5. In his wrath, what was Nebuchadnezzar's command concerning all of the wise men of Babylon? Daniel 2:12, 13

"To _____ all the wise men of Babylon."

NOTE: In his rage, Nebuchadnezzar commanded all to be slain, even the wise men who were not present. Daniel, as a recently graduated wise man, evidently was not in this first audience before the king. But the death decree included him.

DANIEL'S RESPONSE

6. When Daniel learned about the death decree, what request did he make of the king? Daniel 2:14-16

`To give him _____, that he might tell the king the

_____.

7. Having been granted his request, what did Daniel do? Daniel2:17, 18

"Made the decision _____ to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.... that they might seek mercies from the God of

_____ concerning this secret."

NOTE: Daniel and his friends went to the one Source they knew that had the answer to the king's dream—they went in prayer to the God of heaven.

8. When did God reveal the dream to Daniel? Daniel 2:19

"In a _____ vision."

9. As Daniel blessed and praised God for revealing the dream to him, he enumerated seven things which the dream tells about the God of heaven. List those seven things. Daniel 2:21, 22

a. "He changes the _____ and the _____

b. "He _____ kings and raises _____ kings."

c. "He gives _____ to the wise."

d. " _____ to those who have understanding."

e. "He reveals _____ and _____ things."

f. "He _____ what is in the _____."

g. "The light _____ with Him."

NOTE: This is the essence of what the prophecy of Daniel 2 reveals. God is in control of the events of human history. The rise and fall of empires appear as if happening by the will of men, but Daniel 2 reveals to us very clearly that God is behind all human events. Nothing happens that God is not already aware of and has not allowed. How comforting it is to know that God still is in control of the events of the earth. Sometimes we may not understand what is happening in our world today, but Daniel tells us clearly that God is in control.

10. What request did Daniel make of Arloch? Daniel2:24, 25

"Do not _____ the wise men of Babylon."

11. To whom does Daniel give the credit for being able to interpret the dream to Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 2:26-30

"The God of _____."

NOTE: None of the other wise men could reveal the dream. Only Daniel could. Yet Daniel does not claim superior intellect or wisdom. He clearly gives the credit to the One who revealed the dream to him — the God of heaven

THE DREAM AND THE INTERPRETATION

12. What did Daniel say the king saw in his dream? Daniel 2:31

"A great _____."

13. List the various elements that make up the image. Daniel 2:32, 33

a. The head of _____

b. The chest and arms of _____

c. The belly and thighs of _____

d. The legs of _____

e. The feet partly of _____and partly of _____

14 What did the stone cut out without hands do to the image? Daniel 2:34

"It _____ the image.. .and broke them in pieces."

15. What did the stone become? Daniel 2:35 (857) [857].

"A great _____ and filled the whole earth."

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar was obviously sitting on the edge of his seat. Daniel had clearly revealed to him the dream that the God of heaven had given him. Now he anxiously wondered what the dream meant.

16. Who now gives the interpretation of the dream to Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 2:36, 45

Daniel and _____

NOTE: Daniel could only give the interpretation that the God of heaven had revealed to him in vision, and we will do well to take it just as He gave it. The best way to interpret the Bible, and the best way to interpret the prophecies, is to let the Bible, itself, explain the symbols.



17. What does the head of gold represent? Daniel 2:37, 38

Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, _____

NOTE: The king was regarded as the titular head of the state. That is why Nebuchadnezzar represented Babylon, the empire that began the prophecy. Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom ruled the world from 606538 B.C., as one of the mightiest empires of antiquity, one that could aptly be described as the head of gold. Notice that the prophecy begins with Daniel's time.

18. Was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom to last forever? Daniel 2:39

_____.

NOTE: Succeeding kingdoms would be inferior to Babylon, but they would rule in their turn. Babylon would not last forever. Just as silver is inferior to

'Worship _____ who _____ heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

NOTE: At the same time that a decree is given to worship the image to the beast, God sends a message into all the world that calls people to worship the Creator. The issue of the last days is the same as the issue in Daniel's day, that of worshipping God according to His commandments.



24. Where will those who get the victory over the beast and his image ultimately stand? Revelation 15:2

On the _____ of _____.

NOTE: Just as God had a victorious people in Daniel's day, He will have a victorious people in the end time. Their concern will not be deliverance, but faithfulness to God. They will remain as true to Him as did the three Hebrews. They will serve God even in the face of death.

25. Are you willing to make serving God the chief priority of your life?

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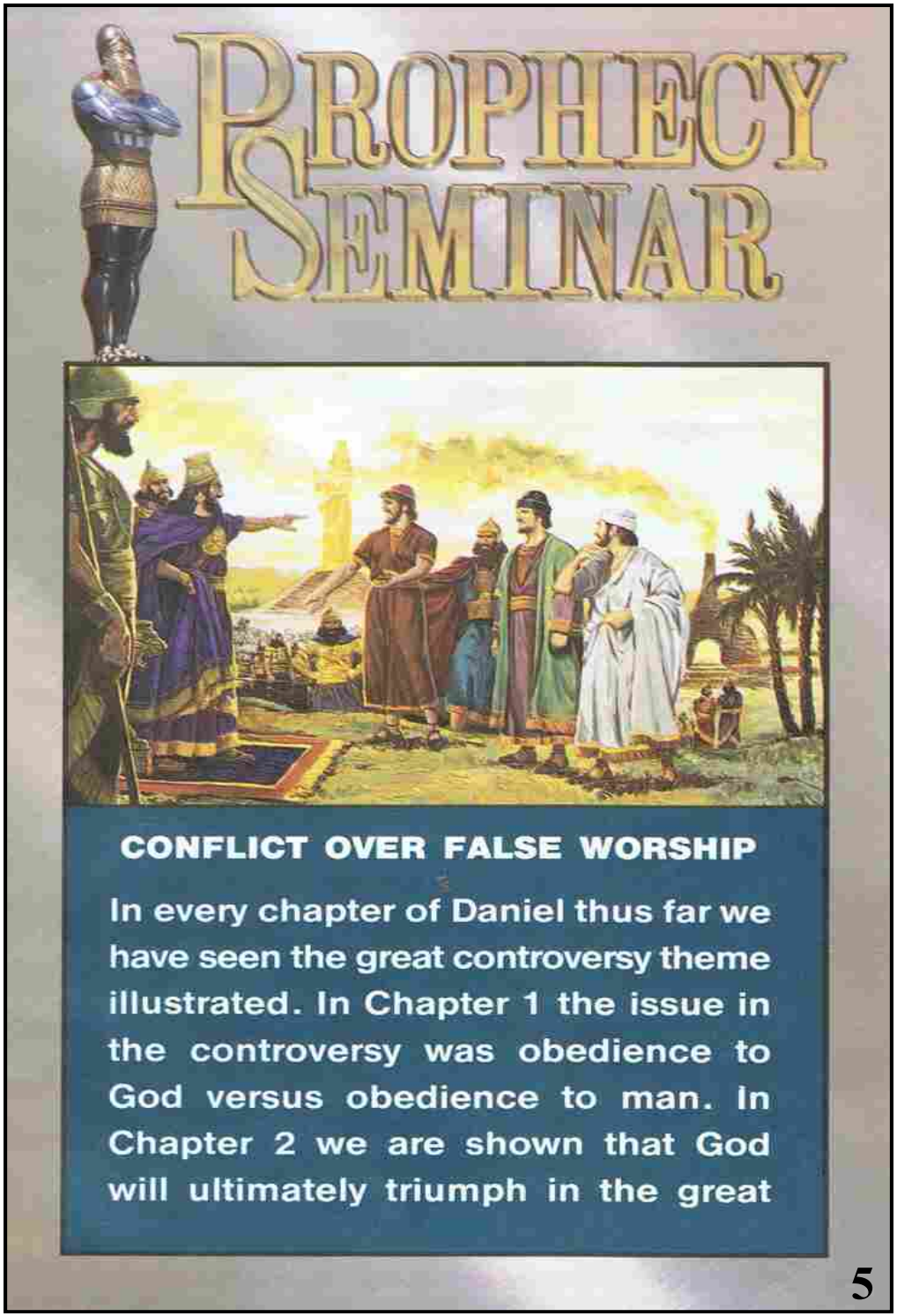


controversy. In Chapter 3, we are introduced to the other main issue in the book of Daniel over which there is conflict, the issue of worship. Here we have an attempt to impose false worship. We see three Hebrew youths standing firmly for God when the whole world worships falsely. Remember, the stories in the book of Daniel illustrate the crisis that God's people will experience at the close of earth's history. Daniel's

three friends were tempted to worship falsely in ancient Babylon, yet ~r resisted; likewise, God's people in the last days will be commanded to worship falsely, but will refuse. They will have such a solid relationship with God that no one can compel them to worship falsely.

The parallels between Daniel 3 and Revelation 13 are striking. In this lesson, we will examine carefully the story in Daniel 3 and consider a few of the general parallels to Revelation 13. However, in Lesson 24, we will examine in much greater detail the parallels between Daniel 3 and Revelation 13, and how they impact our day.

The events of Daniel 3 occurred several years after those of Chapter 2 when Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image and the king acknowledged Daniel's God as a God of gods. Although Chapter2 ends with Nebuchadnezzar apparently beginning to follow the true God, Chapter 3 provides evidence that he no longer is doing so. Nebuchadnezzar, like many of us, slipped back into his former ways. Yet how patiently God bore with Nebuchadnezzar, until he finally submitted to the true God.

THE GREAT IMAGE SET UP

1. Describe the image that Nebuchadnezzar set up. Daniel 3:1

a. "An image of _____."

b. "Whose height was _____ cubits"

c. "and its width _____ cubits"

d. "He set it up in the plain _____."

NOTE: In defiance of God, Nebuchadnezzar made an image all of gold to indicate that his kingdom would last forever. This image was the opposite of the image of Daniel 2, which was made up of various metals and indicated a succession of empires. A cubit was about 18 inches, which would make the image about ninety feet high and nine feet wide. It was erected on the plains of Dura and would have been an imposing sight.

REVELATION 13 AND THE IMAGE TO THE BEAST

What happened to the three Hebrews in ancient Babylon is comparable to events that will transpire in the last days. Revelation 13 pictures for us a parallel scene to Daniel 3. Let's notice the similarities:

18. What does the two-horned beast command the people of earth to do? Revelation 13:11,12

"To _____ the first beast."

NOTE: The issue in the last days has to do with worshipping the beast. The command to false worship is a key thought in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

19. After bringing fire down from Heaven and performing other signs, what does this beast declare that the people should make? Revelation 13:13,14

"An _____ to the beast."

NOTE: Once again, in Revelation, an image is erected.

20. What are people asked to do to the image of the beast? Revelation 13:15

_____

21. What will happen to those who refuse to worship the image of the beast? Revelation 13:15

"Cause them to be_____."

22. What other restrictions will be placed upon those who refuse to worship the beast and receive his mark? Revelation 13:16, 17

"That no one may _____ or _____ except one who has the mark."

NOTE: Economic restrictions and finally a death penalty are passed upon those who refuse to worship the image of the beast or receive the mark of the beast. Lessons 10 and 24 will clearly identify the beast and his mark, as well as the image to the beast. In this lesson, we can already see that the issues are identical to Daniel 3. In both chapters, people are commanded to worship an image, and are threatened with death, but they remain faithful to the commandments of God.

23. When the beast calls for people to worship Its image, whom does God ask them to worship? Revelation 14:7

14. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see in the fire? Daniel 3:25

_____.

NOTE: Although three men were thrown into the fiery furnace, Nebuchadnezzar now saw four men.

15. Who was the fourth one in the fire with the three Hebrews? Daniel 3:25

The _____ of _____.

NOTE: What a beautiful truth! God did not free the three Hebrew youth from going through the fire, but He walked through the fire with them! That's the kind of God we have. We may undergo many trials in our lives, there may be many difficulties, but the assurance of Scripture is that the Son of God walks with us through the fire. In the last days, when God's people go through the terrible trials that will come, they can have the same assurance that the three Hebrews had and know that the Son of God will walk through the fire with them.

16. How did Nebuchadnezzar address Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when he called them out of the fire? Daniel 3:26

"_____ of the Most High _____."

NOTE: This experience gave Nebuchadnezzar a tremendous revelation of the true God. God patiently worked to win Nebuchadnezzar to Himself. So God works to win every human heart.

17. After seeing this display of God's power, what decree did Nebuchadnezzar make? Daniel 3:27-30(859) [859].

That any people, nation, or language which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap;

because there is _____ other _____ who can deliver like this."

NOTE: God must have smiled as Nebuchadnezzar made this decree. Surely He was happy that Nebuchadnezzar felt so strongly about Him, but Nebuchadnezzar had much to learn. God does not accept forced worship. Even if the government decrees that everyone should worship God, the only service acceptable to God is that which springs from a heart filled with love. God does not want people to worship Him because the government says so, but only because they have fallen in love with Him.

2. Who were invited to the dedication of the image? Daniel 3:2, 3

"The satraps, the _____, the _____, the _____,

the _____, the _____, the _____, and all

the _____ of the provinces."

NOTE: Most key leaders in the realm of Babylon were invited to the dedication of this statue. There had recently been a rebellion in Babylon and the king questioned the loyalty of his subjects. The dedication of the image would be an opportunity for everyone in the realm to pledge their loyalty to the government. Not to bow down would be considered treason. Perhaps there were other Jews present as well. But only three stood firm for God.

3. What were all these rulers to do when the music sounded? Daniel 3:3-5

"Fall down and _____ the gold image."

NOTE: Notice that false worship was the issue faced in Daniel 3. The issue was that of worshipping the image.

4. What penalty would be received by those who failed to worship the Image? Daniel 3:6

They "shall be cast immediately into the midst of a _____ fiery

_____."

A REFUSAL TO WORSHIP FALSELY

5. What charge did the Chaldean make concerning certain Jews? Daniel 3:7-12

"They do _____ serve your gods or worship

the gold image which you have set up."

NOTE: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego must have stood out very prominently when the entire crowd bowed down at the sound of the music. It would have been very easy to rationalize that they weren't really worshipping the image if they bowed down. This would have shown their loyalty to the king, but they knew that loyalty to God was involved. Therefore, they would not bow down

6. What commandment forbade false worship? Exodus 20:4-6

The _____ commandment: "You shall not make for yourself a

_____ image.... You shall not _____

down to them nor serve them".

NOTE: For the three Hebrews to bow down and worship the golden image would be disobedience to a commandment of God. Notice that the issues of worship and obedience to the commandments of God are both illustrated in this story. Remember that the focal point of Daniel is the last days. Later in this lesson, as we compare this chapter with the book of Revelation, we will see that the time will come in the last days when true worship will be forbidden. People will be commanded to worship contrary to God's commandments, but His people must always be obedient.

7. When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were brought before King Nebuchadnezzar to answer the charges against them, how did he threaten them? Daniel 3:13-15

"You shall be cast immediately in the midst of a burning fiery _____ ."

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar gave the three Hebrews a second chance. He could have had them thrown in at their first refusal to worship.

8. Did the three Hebrews need time to think it over? Daniel 3:16

"We have _____ to answer you in this matter."

NOTE: This expression simply means that they did not need a long time to think about it. Before they came to the plain of Dura, they had made the decision that they would not yield, no matter how they were threatened. Nothing could intimidate them to worship falsely. Obedience to God was more important than a display of loyalty to the king that involved false worship.

9. How did the Hebrews respond to Nebuchadnezzar's offer of a second chance? Daniel 3:17, 18

"Our God whom we serve is able to _____ _____ from the burning fiery furnace. ..But if not, . . . _____ do not serve your gods, nor will we _____ the gold image."

NOTE: What a tremendous testimony of faith! This is the key verse in the entire passage. If God delivered them, that would be fine; but even if He didn't, they would still serve Him. Their faithfulness to God did not depend upon their deliverance. Theirs was not a selfish obedience to. God, but an obedience that sprang from a principle. So it will be with God's people in the last days. Whether God delivers them from persecution or even certain death is not the key factor. The only thing that really matters is that they love God and are obedient to Him.



THE FIERY FURNACE

10. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to the Hebrews' defense? Daniel 3:19

He commanded that the furnace be heated seven _____ hotter.

11. What happened to the soldiers who threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the fiery furnace? Daniel 3:22

They were _____.

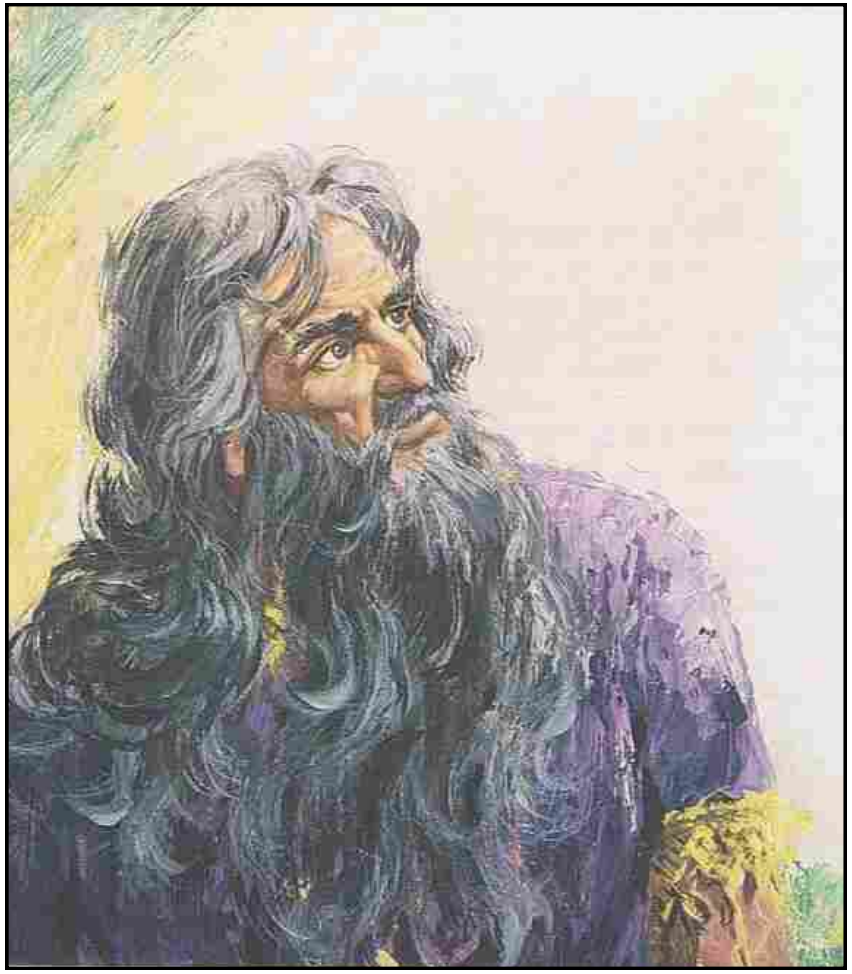
12. How were the three Hebrews thrown into the furnace? Daniel 3:23

They "fell down _____ into the midst of the burning fiery furnace".

13. When Nebuchadnezzar looked inside the furnace again, what did he see? Daniel 3:24, 25

They were _____, walking in the midst of the fire, and had no _____.

NOTE: When the Hebrews were thrown into the fiery furnace, the only things destroyed were the ropes that bound them. Rather than harming them, the fire loosed them.



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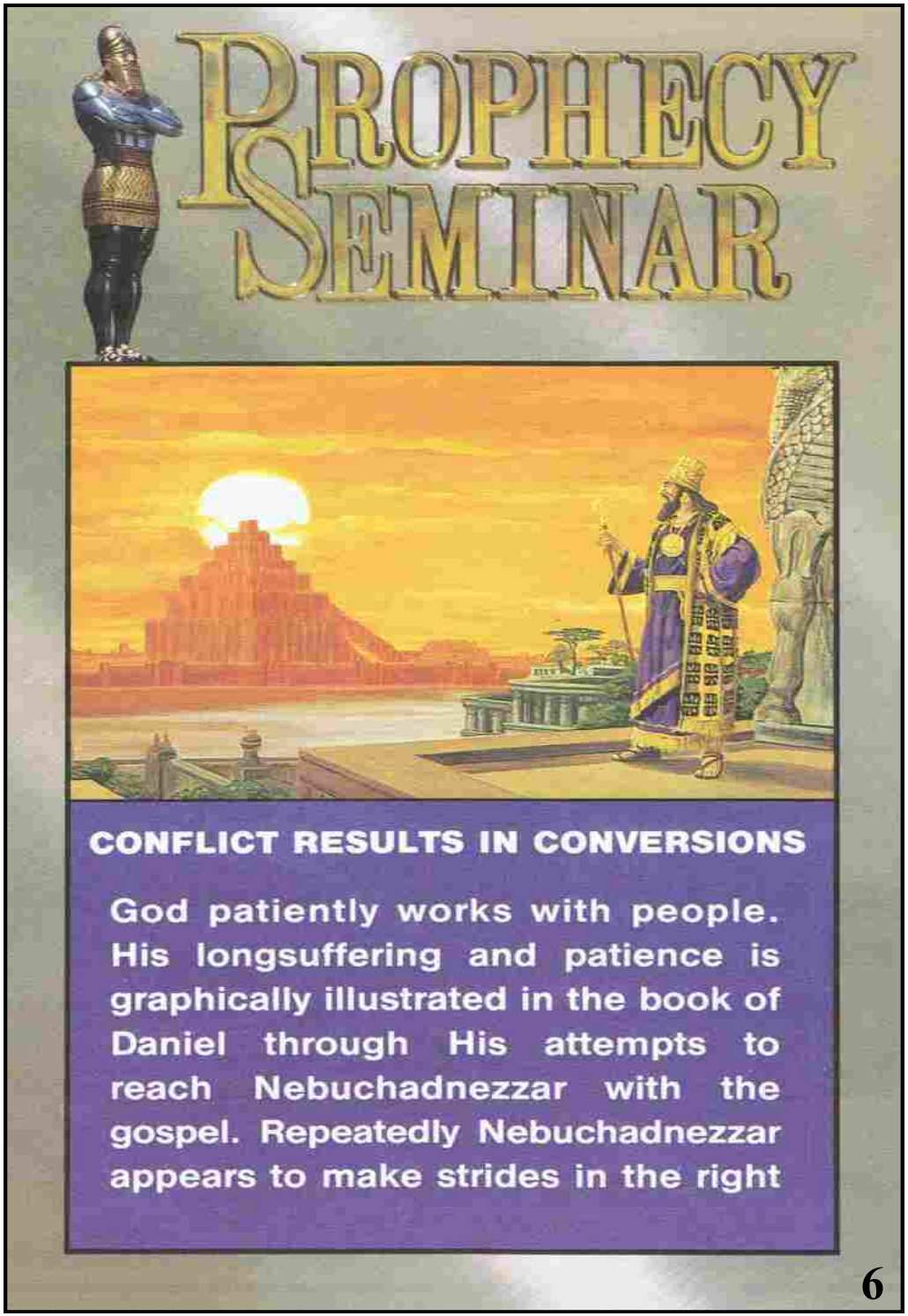

direction, but then relapses. Finally, in Chapter 4, God is forced to take drastic steps. As a result, it seems that Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges the true God.

We must never forget that God is as patient with us as He was with Nebuchadnezzar. Even though we slip and fall, He still loves us. He wants to save us more than we want to be saved. As you study Nebuchadnezzar's story, we pray that you will be drawn closer to Jesus. Remember that everything in the book of Daniel, including this story of Nebuchadnezzar, is focusing on last-day events. The only people who will overcome in the final days are those who have a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, individuals who have been truly converted to God. Before Daniel gives us the graphic details of last-day events in the prophetic section, he makes certain that we understand the need for conversion.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

1. Who is the author of Daniel 4? Daniel 4:1 (859) [8591.

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NOTE: Chapter 4 is the only chapter in the book of Daniel not written by Daniel himself. This is Nebuchadnezzar's testimony, the story of how he found God. The very fact that he tells all the sad details of his resistance to the God of heaven is evidence that he had finally experienced a change of heart.

2. What did Nebuchadnezzar hope to reveal through his testimony? Daniel 4:2, 3

'The _____ and _____ that the Most High God has worked for me."

3. Who did Nebuchadnezzar call in when he had his dream this time? Daniel 4:4-6

"All the _____ men of Babylon."

4. Could the wise men interpret the dream? Daniel 4:7

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NOTE: In Chapter 2, the wise men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what his dream was. Now, in Chapter 4, they know the dream, but they still cannot tell the interpretation to the king. With each new revelation of the true God, the wise men become more stubborn in their rebellion against Him, while, in contrast, Nebuchadnezzar yields to the God of heaven.

20. What are four steps that people must take in coming to Jesus?

a. _____ that God loves them. John 3:16

b. Let the Holy Spirit _____ them to _____.

(Repentance means to turn away from sin in sorrow.) Acts 11:18

c. _____ their sins to Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:9

d. _____ their heart's door and _____

Jesus in. _____ Revelation 3:20

21. When people take these four steps and invite Jesus into their lives, will their prayers be answered? Mark 11:24(981)1995].

_____ "Whatever things you ask when you pray,

_____ that you receive them, and _____

will _____ them."

NOTE: When people in simple faith pray and invite the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts, to rule their lives, they can know that He has come in. The Bible says it happens when people believe it. Not because they are good, not because they feel something special, but because Jesus has promised to come in when He is invited to come in.

22. Will you pray the prayer of acceptance below and invite Jesus into your heart right now, that you may receive the same peace that Nebuchadnezzar experienced?

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"Dear God, I recognize that I am a sinner. I have been trying to rule my own life. I have failed miserably. I need Jesus Christ in my life. I know that You love me, that You have sent Your Son to die for me. I invite You to come into my heart right now. Thank You for coming in. In Jesus' name, Amen."

NOTE: It took God over thirty years to reach Nebuchadnezzar but, at long last, Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged Him as the true God. No longer did Nebuchadnezzar exalt himself; instead he exalted and praised the God of heaven. Once people recognize God as the rightful ruler of their lives, they have true peace.

HOW GOD SAVES PEOPLE TODAY

What God did for the ancient Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, He wants to do for men and women today. God is eager to save people now, just as He was to save Nebuchadnezzar. Sometimes He has to permit us to go down to the very gutter before He can lift us up and redeem us, but He will allow whatever needs to happen in order to reach us with the truth of the gospel. God did not save Nebuchadnezzar because he was good. He was a proud and arrogant ruler. Yet God loved him and looked for the fruits of grace which He extended to him. Sometimes people feel that God cannot save them because of what they have done, but the story of Nebuchadnezzar ought to encourage everyone that God can save people in spite of their past experiences.

17. How does God save people today? Ephesians 2:8, 9

"For by _____ you have been saved through _____

... not of _____lest anyone should boast."

NOTE: Grace is the unmerited favour of God. People do not deserve it; they do not earn it. It comes as a free gift through faith in Jesus Christ.

18. What does the apostle Paul call salvation? Romans 6:23

"The _____ of God."

NOTE: Salvation is free. People cannot earn it or work for it They can only reach out and accept it.

19. What must person do to accept the free gift of eternal life offered by Jesus Christ? Acts 16:30, 31

"_____ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will

be _____."

NOTE: The word "believe" means to have implicit trust, confidence and faith in Jesus Christ. It is not referring to mere intellectual assent. People must, like Nebuchadnezzar, allow God to fully control their lives.

5. Who does Nebuchadnezzar now call in before him? Daniel 4:8,9

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6. Fill in the blanks regarding the vision that Nebuchadnezzar related to Daniel in Daniel 4:10-18 (859-60) (859-860].

a. He saw a _____ and its height was _____.

b. "The tree grew and became _____; its height reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the _____ of all the _____."

c. The tree was to be _____ down.

d. Leave the _____, bound with a band of iron and bronze.

e. The stump was to be _____ with the _____ of heaven.

f. "Let him graze with the _____on the grass of the earth."

g. "Let his heart be changed from that of a man, let him be given the heart of a _____."

h. "Let _____ times pass over him."

7. What was the purpose of the dream? Daniel 4:17 (860) [8601.

"That the living may know that the Most High _____in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will."

NOTE: Only when people allow God to rule their lives are they truly converted.

DADNIEL'S INTERPRETATION

8. How did Daniel respond when he heard the dream? Daniel 4:19

He "was astonished for a _____ ."

NOTE: Daniel knew that this was a difficult message for Nebuchadnezzar. He knew that the king could have him killed for stating what this dream clearly revealed. Daniel did not gloat that a calamity was about to fall upon Nebuchadnezzar, but showed the real concern of a true servant of God. God's people never rejoice when the wicked suffer. They have pity and concern for people who are outside of Christ.

9. Who did Daniel say that the tree represented? Daniel 4:20-22

King _____.

10. What was to happen to Nebuchadnezzar during these seven years? Daniel 4:23-25

`They shall _____ you from men, your dwelling shall be with the _____the field, ... shall make you eat _____.. wet you with the _____of heaven."

NOTE: What aterrible prediction! Nebuchadnezzar was to go insane. He who thought he could rule the world so well was to behave like a dumb animal.

11. What did God hope Nebuchadnezzar would learn through this experience of insanity? Daniel 4:25

"That the Most High _____ in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar must learn the basic gospel truth. He must be willing for God to rule his life. It is God who sets up kings; it is God who dethrones kings. Again the message of God comes through: God is in control of world events. God is vitally interested in people and wants them to recognize Him as the rightful ruler of their hearts.

12. Was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom to be sure during this period of insanity? Daniel 4:26

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13. What counsel did Daniel give Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 4:27

"_____ _____ your sins by being righteous, and your _____ by showing mercy to the poor."

NOTE: The only way that Nebuchadnezzar could avoid the tragedy before him was to turn his heart over completely to God. Only by total commitment of his life to God would he be able to avert the coming calamity. He must acknowledge God as the rightful ruler of his life.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S INSANITY AND REFORMATION

14. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar one year later? Daniel 4:28-33

"That very hour the word was _____ concerning Nebuchadnezzar."

NOTE: God is so patient. Even after His fateful warning, He waited one full year, hoping that Nebuchadnezzar would respond. Sometimes God has to let people sink to the depths before they recognize their need of Him. This is what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. The prophecy was fulfilled to the letter and the king was insane for seven years.

15. Who did Nebuchadnezzar bless when his sanity returned seven years later? Daniel 4:34

"The _____ _____."

16. "What are the last words of Nebuchadnezzar's testimony? Daniel 4:35-37

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, _____and _____ and _____ the King of heaven, all of whose works are _____, and His ways _____. And those who walk in pride He is able to_____."

Revelation 18:4, 5

"Come_____ of her, _____ people."

NOTE: Interestingly, God states that He has people who are still in Babylon. Just as some people in ancient Babylon were faithful to God, so today some of God's people are in modern spiritual Babylon. But God is calling His people to come out of spiritual Babylon before His final wrath is poured out upon her. Spiritual apostasy may be in the very airwe breathe in the last scenes of earth's history. How important that we remain loyal and true to the Scriptures. That is our only safety from the snares of the final great apostasy. Chapter 7 of Daniel adds significant details as to the identity of this false religious system which will seek to envelop the whole world in the last days (see Lesson 9). God clearly warns us so that we will not be deceived by the apostasy

of the end time. In love, God warns those entrapped by modern ~! spiritual Babylon to get out as soon as possible, before the final wrath of God is poured out upon Babylon.

20. If you should ever find yourself ensnared by this Babylonian system that unites paganism and Christianity, will you heed the warning of God's Word to come out of Babylon?

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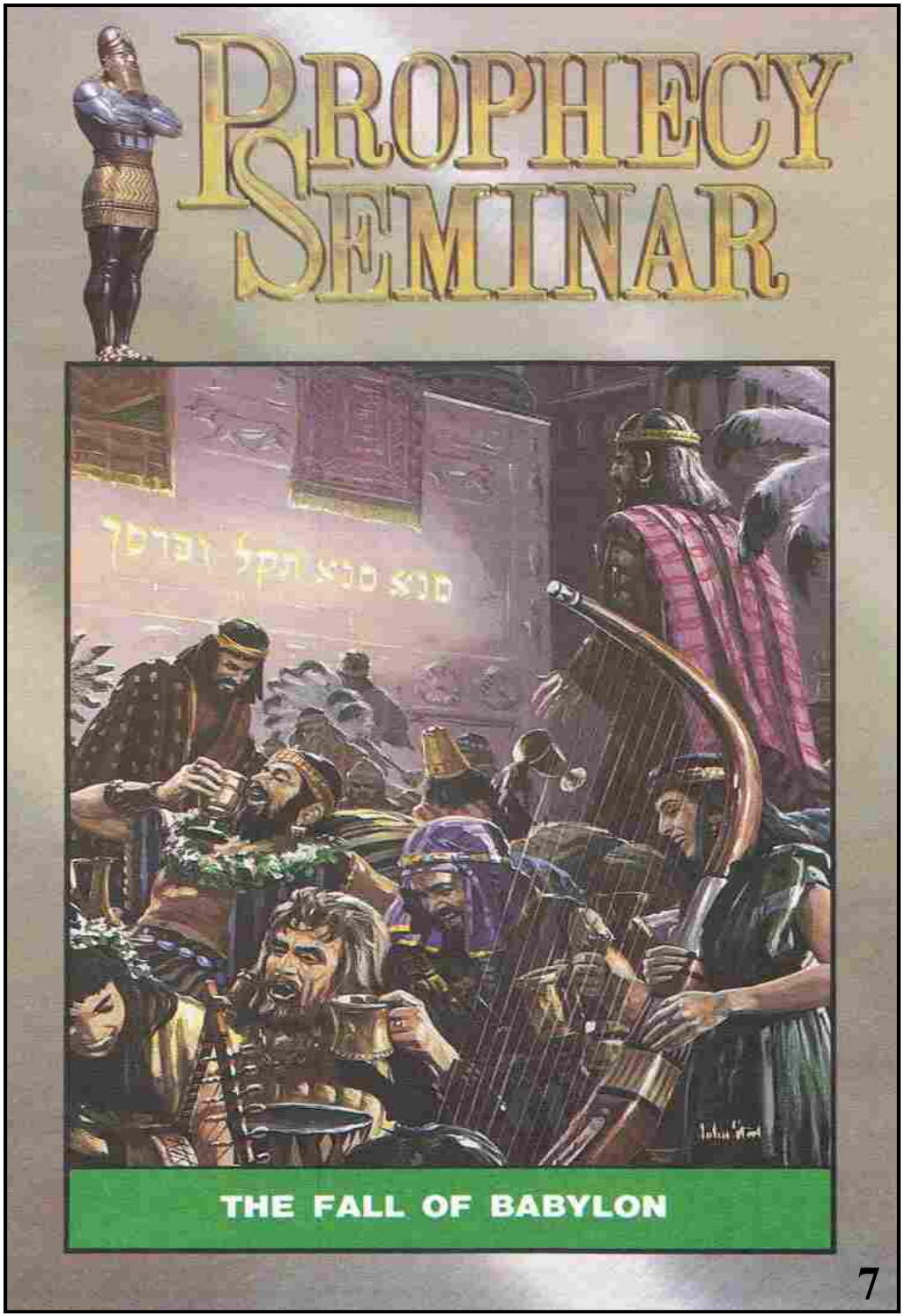

God is patient with people and nations. This is clear from His dealings with Nebuchadnezzar. Yet there comes a time when God must ring down the curtain if there is no response. It happens to individuals; it happens to nations. God bore long with ancient Babylon, giving revelation after revelation of Himself. Nebuchadnezzar responded, but his successors did not. Daniel 5 portrays the final night of ancient Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar is dead. Belshazzar, the successor of Nebuchadnezzar, sits upon the throne, co-regent with Nabonidus, his father. In this lesson, we will observe the events surrounding the last night of Babylon. We will notice how the New Testament takes these events and applies them to what is called "modern Babylon", or "spiritual Babylon", and predicts a similar fall for it. Revelation warns that what happened 2500 years ago in ancient Babylon will be repeated in the last days.

THE LAST NIGHT OF BABYLON

1. List five things that Belshazzar did that defied the God of heaven. Daniel 5:1-5

a. "Belshazzar ... made a great _____" in defiance of the God of heaven.

b. He "drank _____ in the presence of the thousand".

c. He "gave the command to bring the gold and silver _____ ... from the _____ which had been in Jerusalem".

d. "The king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from

e. They "_____ the gods of _____ and _____, _____ and _____, _____ and _____."

NOTE: Belshazzar must have had some knowledge of the true God. Certainly, he heard the stories of Nebuchadnezzar's insanity, the fiery furnace, and the great image. But, although he must have known these things, he did not acknowledge the true God.

The Bible describes all of the leaders of Babylon as participating in Belshazzar's drunken feast. While in this drunken state, Belshazzar called for the vessels which had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem. In defiance of the God of heaven, the rulers of Babylon drank intoxicating liquor from them. Using the very vessels consecrated to the worship of the true God, they offered praise to the gods of gold and silver. Here we see an attempt to mix elements of the worship of the true God with the worship of pagan deities. This was the act that brought down the wrath of God and resulted in the fall of ancient Babylon.

adultery. Spiritual adultery is an illicit relationship that combines the worship of God with false worship. In Daniel 5 we saw that ancient Babylon acted defiantly against God with an illicit relationship mixing elements of the worship of God with the worship of pagan deities. Spiritual Babylon's fornication, or adultery, likewise is an illicit relationship that mixes elements of the worship of God with pagan practice. There is nothing that brings down the wrath of God more than an illicit relationship of truth and error. Babylon purports to worship God, but has mixed truth with error, paganism with Christianity. This can only invite the wrath of God.

16. What does God can this harlot who defies God by mixing paganism and Christianity? Revelation 17:5

"_____ the _____."

NOTE: In Revelation, God is warning us against an apostate system of religion that mixes paganism with Christianity and yet claims to worship God. We must be vividly aware that both Daniel and Revelation are warning us against a false religious system in the last days that will attempt to force people to worship God falsely by mixing paganism and Christianity, just as ancient Babylon defied God by mixing elements of the worship of God with the worship of pagan deities. How important it is that we be as faithful as Daniel so that we are not corrupted by modern Babylon.

17. What message does God proclaim about modem Babylon? Revelation 18:2

"Babylon the great is _____, is _____ and has become a dwelling place of _____."

NOTE: Just as ancient Babylon fell when it defied God by mixing the worship of God with paganism, so mighty spiritual Babylon falls whenever it mixes paganism and Christianity. When it has committed this defiling act- mixing paganism and Christianity - the Bible indicates that it has become the place where devils dwell.

18. How widespread will be the influence of mighty spiritual Babylon in the last days? Revelation 18:3

"_____ the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

NOTE: Babylon the great is a worldwide spiritual apostasy from truth. Her adultery is worldwide, and nearly all people are deceived by her.

19. What loving message does God send to His people who are in Babylon?

River Euphrates is dried up. That which supports spiritual Babylon is dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the east, the mighty deliverer of God's people. (This amazing prophecy will be studied in detail in Lesson 25.)

12. What happens when the kings of the east come to deliver God's people? Revelation 16:18,19 (1185) [1226].

"Great _____ was remembered before God."

NOTE: The same events that caused the fall of ancient Babylon will cause the fall of Babylon at the time of the end.

CHARACTER OF MODERN BABYLON

Revelation makes it very clear that there will be another Babylon at the time of the end. The Babylon spoken of in Revelation is not the same as the Babylon of Daniel's day. When Cyrus and Darius conquered Babylon, it became a heap of ruins and has remained so to the present day. The Bible foretells the rise of another Babylon which will do the same to God's people as did ancient Babylon. Modern Babylon, according to the book of Revelation, is the final great oppressor of the people of God.

13. What does the Bible call Babylon? Revelation 17:1, 2

"The great _____ who sits on many waters."

14. What do the waters that the harlot sits on represent? Revelation 17:15 (1186) [1227].

"The waters... are _____, _____, _____, and _____."

NOTE: The waters represent all the people over which Babylon has control. Babylon is called a "harlot" because of her illicit relationships.

15. What is the great sin of Babylon? Revelation 17:2 (1185) [1226].

"With whom the kings of the earth committed _____ and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the _____ of her_____."

NOTE: Babylon's great sin is fornication, or adultery. Adultery is an illicit relationship. Obviously, in this case, it is not physical adultery, but spiritual

2. In the midst of their blasphemy against God, what suddenly appeared and startled the entire assembly? Daniel5:5, 6

"Fingers of a man's _____," writing on the wall.

NOTE: Fear enveloped the entire assembly as they saw the fingers of a man's hand suddenly appear and write a mysterious language on the wall of the king's palace. Belshazzar had every reason to shake and quake. The day of reckoning had come.

3. Who did the king call to Interpret the writing? Daniel 5:7

"The _____ men of Babylon."

NOTE: Belshazzar had not learned Nebuchadnezzar's lesson. He called the same group of wise men that had failed to adequately interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dreams.

4. Were the wise men able to interpret the writing? Daniel 5:8

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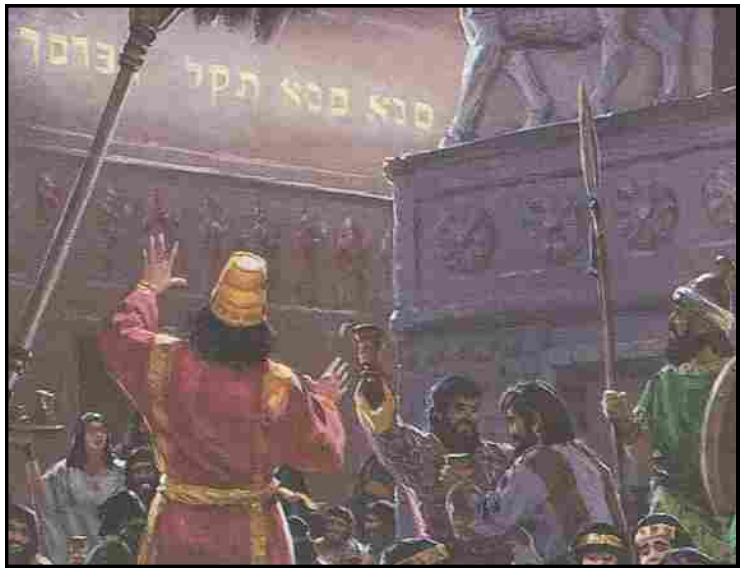
NOTE: Notice the progression in the discrediting of the wise men of Babylon. In Daniel 2, they couldn't reveal the king's dream, but Daniel could. In Daniel 4, they couldn't interpret the dream, but Daniel could. Now, to their total discredit, they could not even read the writing on the wall, but we will soon see that Daniel could.

DADNIEL INTERPRETS THE WRITING

5. Who suggested to the king that he call in Daniel? Daniel 5:10-12

The _____.

NOTE: For some reason the queen was not in the room when the writing appeared. She was apparently related to Nebuchadnezzar, and probably was acquainted with the true God. Perhaps she was a converted person, which would explain the reason why she was not present for the scenes of debauchery in the king's palace that night. But, as soon as she heard of the terror in the ballroom, she immediately made her presence known and suggested to Belshazzar that he call in Daniel, whom she knew would be able to interpret the writing.



6. What position did Belshazzar offer to Daniel if he read and interpreted the writing? Daniel 5:13-16

You "shall be the _____ ruler in the kingdom".

NOTE: There were already two rulers in Babylon, Nabonidus and Belshazzar. That is why Daniel would be the third ruler.

7. Before Interpreting the writing, Daniel fearlessly reminded Belshazzar of Nebuchadnezzar's insanity because he failed to recognize and honour the God of heaven. Did Belshazzar already know this? Daniel 5:17-22

"Although you _____ all this."

NOTE: Daniel makes it very clear that Belshazzar already knew the reason for Nebuchadnezzar's insanity and evidently was well-acquainted with the true God. But, in spite of all this, he had failed to humble himself and follow in the footsteps of Nebuchadnezzar.

8. What had Belshazzar done that had invoked the wrath of God? Daniel 5:23

"You have _____ yourself _____ against the Lord of heaven... have brought the _____ of His house ... have drunk _____ from them."

NOTE: It is this defiling act of taking the vessels that were consecrated to the worship of the true God and mixing them with pagan worship that brought the wrath of God upon Belshazzar.

9. Give the meaning of the words written on the wall. Daniel 5:25-28

a. "MENE: God has _____ your kingdom, and finished it."

b. "TEKEL: You have been _____ in the balances, and found wanting."

c. "PERES: Your kingdom has been _____, and given to the Medes and _____Persians."

NOTE: God was announcing the fall of Babylon. That very night, October 12, 539 B.C., Babylon fell.

10. a. How soon was the prophecy fulfilled? b. Who became the new ruler of Babylon? Daniel 5:30, 31

a. That very _____.

b. _____ the Mede.

NOTE: Even while the feast was going on, the fall of Babylon had begun. The Babylonians had felt safe in their city. The River Euphrates, which ran through the city, provided a constant source of water. The walls were impregnable. There was plenty of food stored up for a long siege. The Babylonians knew that the army of the Medes and Persians was on the outside, but they felt secure. However, Cyrus, the commander of the Medes and Persians, performed an ingenious engineering feat. He had his soldiers divert the River Euphrates. Then he marched his army through the river bed underneath the wall of the city and through the inside gates which had been left open by the drunken Babylonians. Thus mighty Babylon fell.

11. How does the book of Revelation describe the fail of modern Babylon at the end time? Revelation 16:12-16

a. The river Euphrates is _____ _____.

b. It prepares the way for the kings of the _____.

NOTE: The same conditions that existed at the fall of ancient Babylon will exist again at the end time. The drying up of the ancient River Euphrates prepared the way for Cyrus and his armies who came from the east. Having conquered Babylon, Cyrus eventually allowed God's people to go back to Palestine from the captivity. Thus he is seen as the deliverer of God's people. Once more in the book of Revelation the



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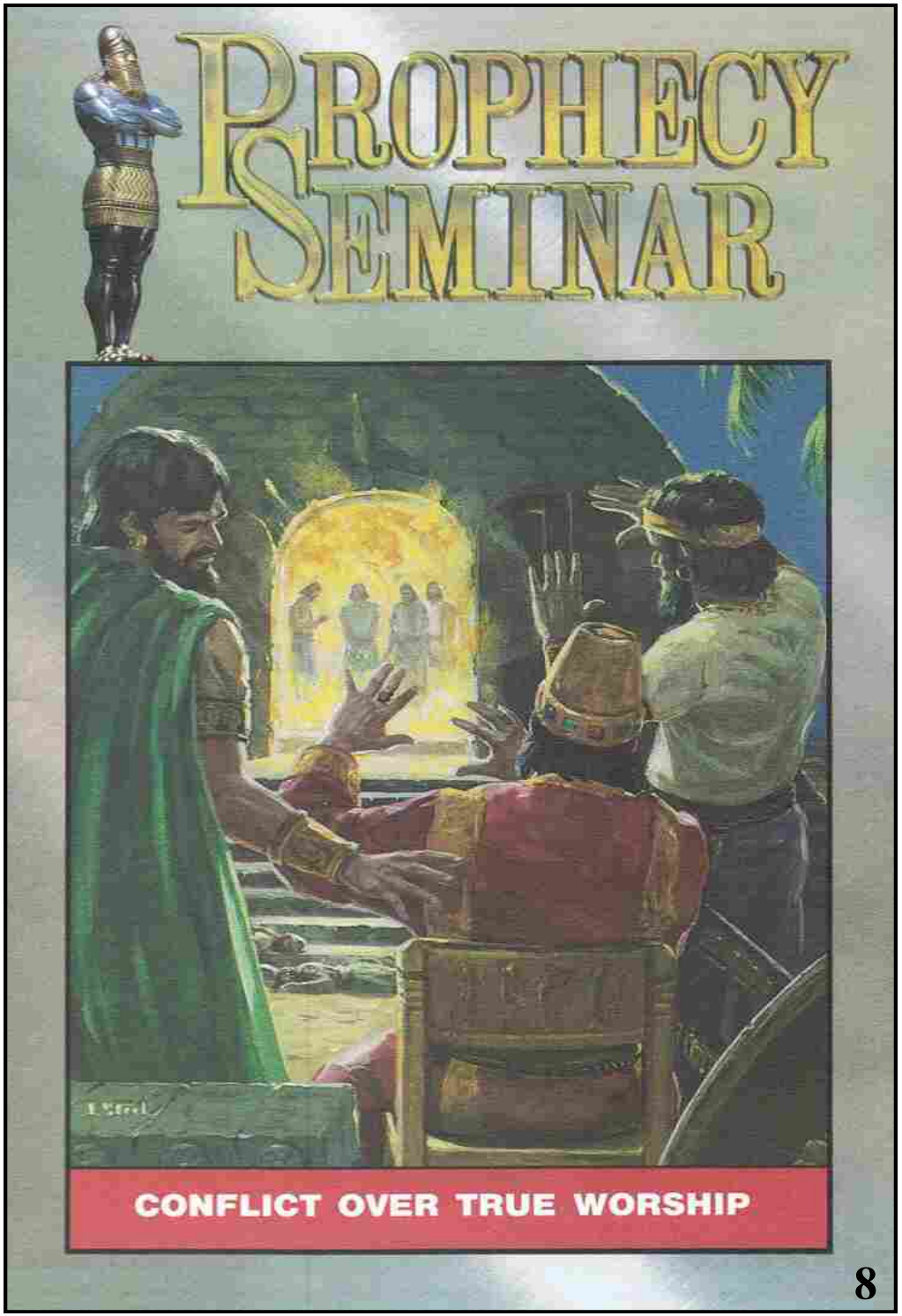

In Daniel 3, the Bible says that the king endeavoured to force the three Hebrews to false worship by insisting that they bow to his golden image. Nebuchadnezzar was unsuccessful in coercing them to false worship. In Daniel 6, there is an attempt to prohibit true worship. In the fiery furnace episode of Daniel 3, they could still have worshipped the true God, but in Daniel 6, there is a prohibition against worshipping the true God. Likewise, in the last days, the book of Revelation reveals that God's people will first be enticed to worship God falsely, and finally will be prohibited from worshipping God truly. God's people will not yield on either point. They will be as faithful as the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace and as Daniel in the lion's den. The reason for their steadfast faithfulness will be the same as it was for Daniel and his friends—they will have developed a strong personal relationship with their Lord. A relationship with God is the most important thing we can have as we enter the final scenes of earth's history.

THE DECREE PROHIBITING TRUE WORSHIP

1. How many satraps (princes) were set over the kingdom of the Medes and the Persians? Daniel 6:1

"One _____ and _____ satraps."

2. How many governors were over the 120 satraps? Daniel 6:2

_____

3. Who was preferred among the three governors? Daniel 6:3

_____

NOTE: This is an amazing story. Here was a man who served as prime minister in Babylon, was made third ruler in Babylon on the night Cyrus conquered Babylon, and now the Medo Persians were willing to place him in charge of all the affairs of the new kingdom. What a testimony to the righteous character of Daniel. All of these rulers knew that he could be trusted because of his relationship with God.

4. Could the scheming governors and satraps find any fault with Daniel? Daniel 6:4

_____

NOTE: No matter how carefully they searched, they could find nothing against Daniel. He didn't cheat on his income tax, he didn't keep two sets of books, he was honest in everything he did.

18. What is Bible study profitable for? 2 Timothy 3:16

"For _____ , for _____ ,for

_____, for_____ in righteousness."

NOTE: Bible study will help us discover what is correct doctrine, it will reprove us of our sins, it will correct us where we have gone wrong, it will provide instruction in the pathway of righteousness and it will let us know the way that we should go.

19. What will be the result of a proper study of the Word? 11 Timothy 3:17

"That the man of God may be_____."

NOTE: The word "complete" also means mature. Bible study and proper use of the Word will help a Christian to grow and mature in his relationship with God. There is no way to grow except through Bible study and prayer. Any Christian who is serious about being ready for the closing scenes of earth's history will be spending a lot of time developing a relationship with God through Bible study and prayer.

20. Is it your desire to be a faithful Daniel by developing a deep personal relationship with God through Bible study and prayer so that you might be prepared for the closing scenes of earth's history?

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

15. How important is a relationship with God? John 17:3

"This is _____ life, that they may _____ You, the only true God."

NOTE: It is eternal life to know Jesus Christ. There is nothing more important than a relationship with God. IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD.

.16. How did Daniel develop such a deep personal relationship with a God? Daniel 6:10

He prayed _____ times a day.

NOTE: The secret of Daniel's success, the reason that he had such a deep personal relationship with God, was the large amount of time that he spent with God. His was not a hasty prayer in the morning or the evening. THREE TIMES EACH DAY, he spent time in special communion with God. The only way in which we can develop a personal relationship with God is to spend time with Him. Because Daniel spent this quality time with God, he could make it through the lions' den. In the last days, when the apostate power will prohibit the true worship of God and impose false worship and disobedience to God's law, only those who have, like Daniel, developed this personal relationship with God will be able to withstand the trials of this time. No earthly relationship can be thoroughly established unless people take time together. A husband and wife will grow apart if they don't set aside time to develop their relationship. Likewise, a Christian who does not spend time with his God will not be prepared for the final scenes of earth's history. **The secret of Daniel's success is his prayer life — his relationship with his God.**

17. How can the Christian maintain his relationship with God? 2 Timothy 3:15

Study "the Holy _____ , which are able to make you for salvation".

NOTE: The Christian who is building a relationship with God will spend much time studying God's sacred Word. The Christian will not only study, but will follow Bible principles. "His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law Both he meditate day and night". Bible study and prayer are the essential ingredients in building a solid personal relationship with God. In the final crisis, the issue will be the same: a relationship with God that enables the Christian today to obey the commandments of God (Rev. 14:6-7; 12:17)

5. What was the one area of Daniel's life where the satraps found fault? Daniel 6:5

"The _____ of his God."

NOTE: Notice that the same issue arises again. Daniel ends up in conflict, and the conflict is over the law of God. Obedience to God's law and how he worshipped God were the issues of the conflict. These issues come together in Chapter 6. Because the stories of Daniel illustrate the crisis in the end-time, we can expect that in the final crisis the issues will be the same. There will be a conflict over God's law and how people worship God.

6. What request did the scheming satraps make of King Darius? Daniel 6:6-9

"Whoever _____ any god or man for thirty days, except you, 0 king, shall be cast into the den of _____."

NOTE: These scheming satraps tried to flatter Darius into thinking that he was so important that folks should make requests of him only. Since all these ancient emperors liked to think that they were gods, Darius signed the decree, not realizing the intent of the satraps to destroy Daniel. Here was a decree signed by the government that said that Daniel could not pray or worship God —a total prohibition against the worship of the true God.

DADNIEL INTERPRETS THE WRITING

7. What did Daniel do when he knew the decree had been signed by the king? Daniel 6:10

He prayed _____ times a day.

NOTE: Daniel did not change his prayer habits when the decree was signed. He could have prayed in his closet, but that would have been hiding his faith. Instead, he went by the open window and did exactly as he had done every day before - he prayed three times daily to his God. Here was the secret of Daniel's power. This was the reason for Daniel's great strength in Babylon and Medo-Persia. If there was ever a time when Daniel needed to pray, it was now. Nothing could keep him from worshipping his God.

Had Daniel changed his prayer habits under pressure, he would have denied his relationship with God. Some people might feel that this was a small thing, that he could have prayed secretly and no one would have known the difference. In that way, he could have avoided the lion's den. But to Daniel, obedience to God was more important than life itself. He would not give anyone the opportunity to think that he was not faithful to his God.

A relationship with God was more important to Daniel than life itself.



8. When the satraps saw Daniel praying, what did they report to King Darius? Daniel 6:11-13

That Daniel _____ three times a day.

NOTE: The satraps did not hesitate a moment. As soon as they saw Daniel praying as he had always done, they reported him to the king. Now they would get even. They could get rid of Daniel. No longer would they have to worry about his honesty. They could cheat the king and Daniel would never report it. He would be gone.

IN THE LION'S DEN

9. How did King Darius feel when he realized what the scheming satraps had really planned? Daniel 6:14

He "was greatly _____ with himself,... and he laboured till the going down of the sun to _____ him".

NOTE: Now that Darius saw what the satraps were up to, he did his best to deliver Daniel. He tried to find a way out of the law, but the satraps had written the law all too well.

10. Although Darius was forced to put Daniel into the lion's den, what remarkable statement of faith did he make? Daniel 6:15, 16

"Your God, whom you serve _____ He will _____ you."

NOTE: Even Darius knew the secret of Daniel's success. Perhaps he had heard some of the stories of Nebuchadnezzar and knew that God had delivered the Hebrews in the past. Therefore, he expressed faith that Daniel's God could deliver him again. Interestingly, Darius notes that Daniel serves God "continually". Darius knew that the secret of Daniel's success was his relationship with God.

11. How did the king spend the night while Daniel was in the lion's den? Daniel 6:17, 18

He spent the night _____.

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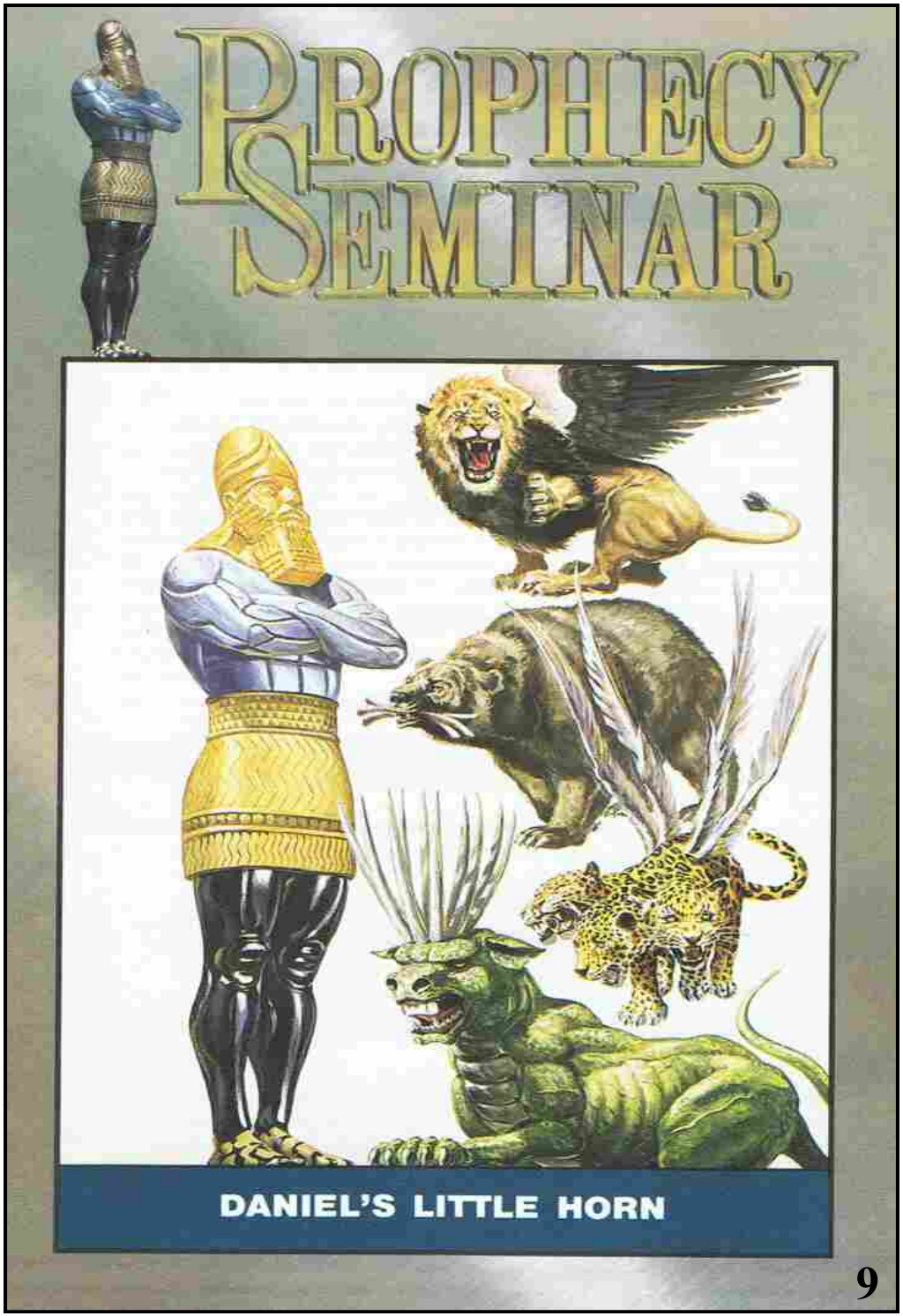

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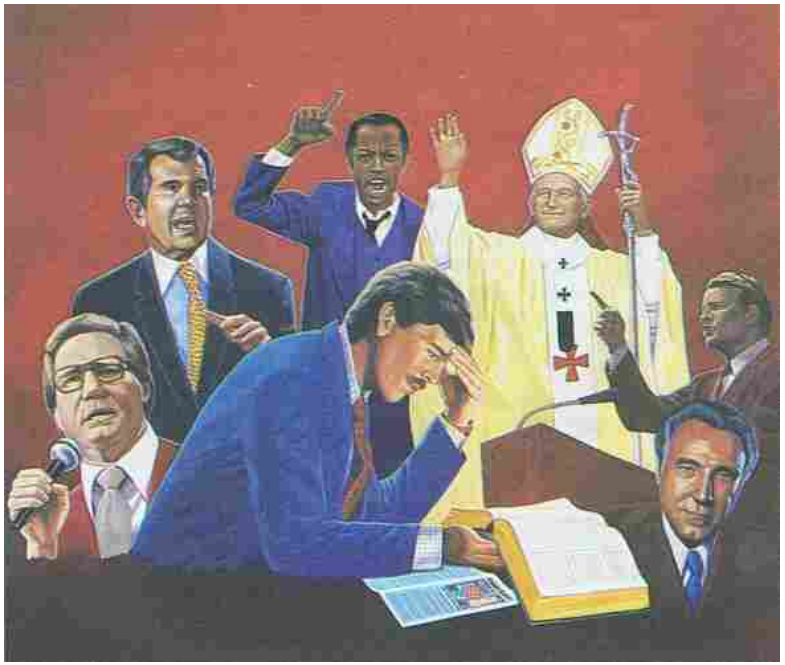

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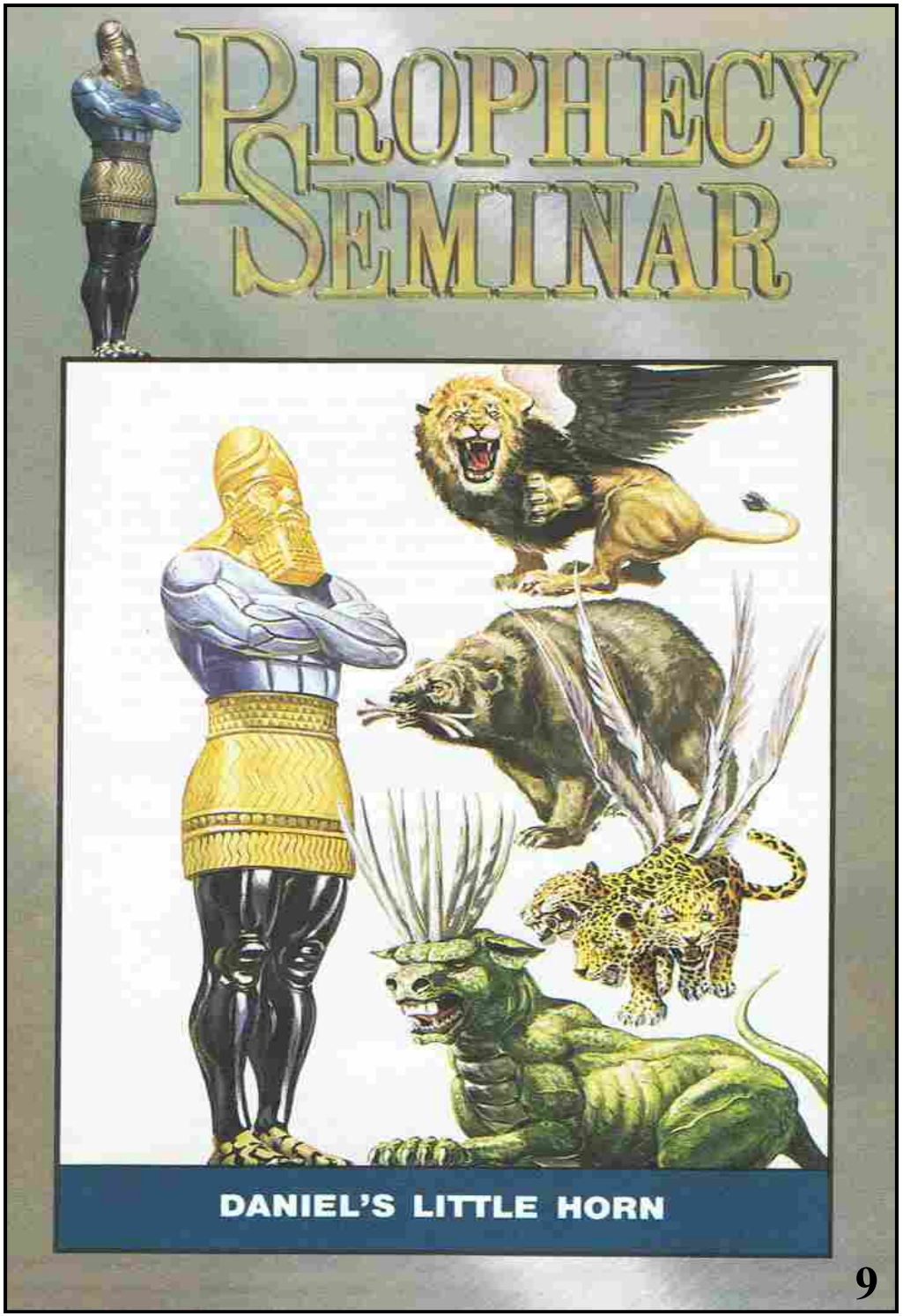

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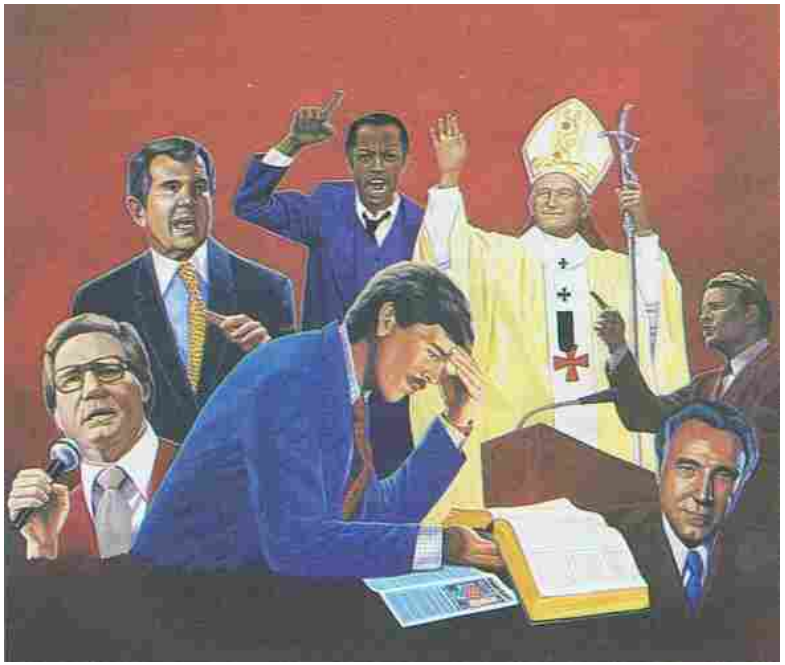

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For Daniel Lesson 9

IDENTITY OF THE LITTLE HORN

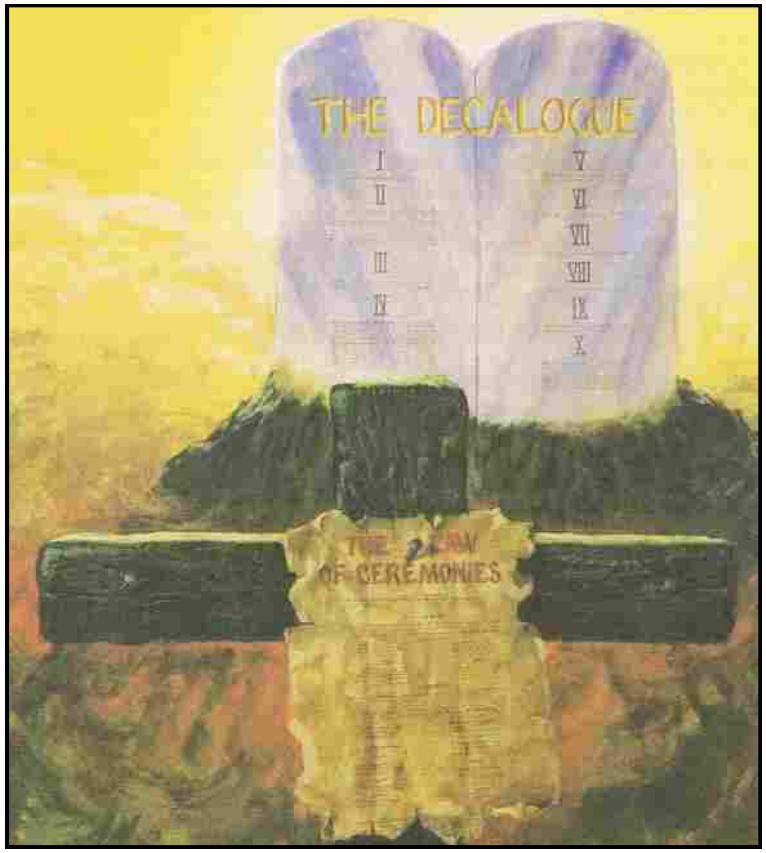
The points of identification examined in this lesson (from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13) make it clear that this little horn power would arise in Western Europe after the ten divisions of the Roman Empire.

1. It would mix paganism with Christianity.
2. It would command people to worship it (therefore it would be a religious power).
3. It would persecute those who disagreed with it.
4. It would blaspheme the God of heaven.
5. It would reign for 1260 years.
6. It would receive a deadly wound, recover from it, and have all the world worship it once again.
7. Its boldest claim would be that it had changed the times and the law.

We can take these marks of identification, go to any encyclopaedia or history book, examine the history of the Dark Ages when the Bible said this power would arise, and we would discover that there is only one power that meets every one of these identifying marks. That power is the papacy. Please remember that we are not talking about people who belong to this system. We are talking about a system that has arisen in opposition to God. There are many good, sincere people in the papacy who love and serve Jesus. God loves them, and in mercy He has sent them this warning so that they might not be deceived by this power.

Let's re-examine the identifying marks of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and see how clearly the papacy has met every one of these marks of identification.

learned in this lesson that God's law cannot be changed. In the next couple of lessons we will examine in detail this purported attempt to change God's eternal, changeless law. Daniel 7:25 says he "shall intend to change times and law." How has the little horn done this?



22. Are you thankful that God has an eternal and changeless law? Are you thankful that He saves us by grace and then gives us power to keep His law through our relationship with Him?

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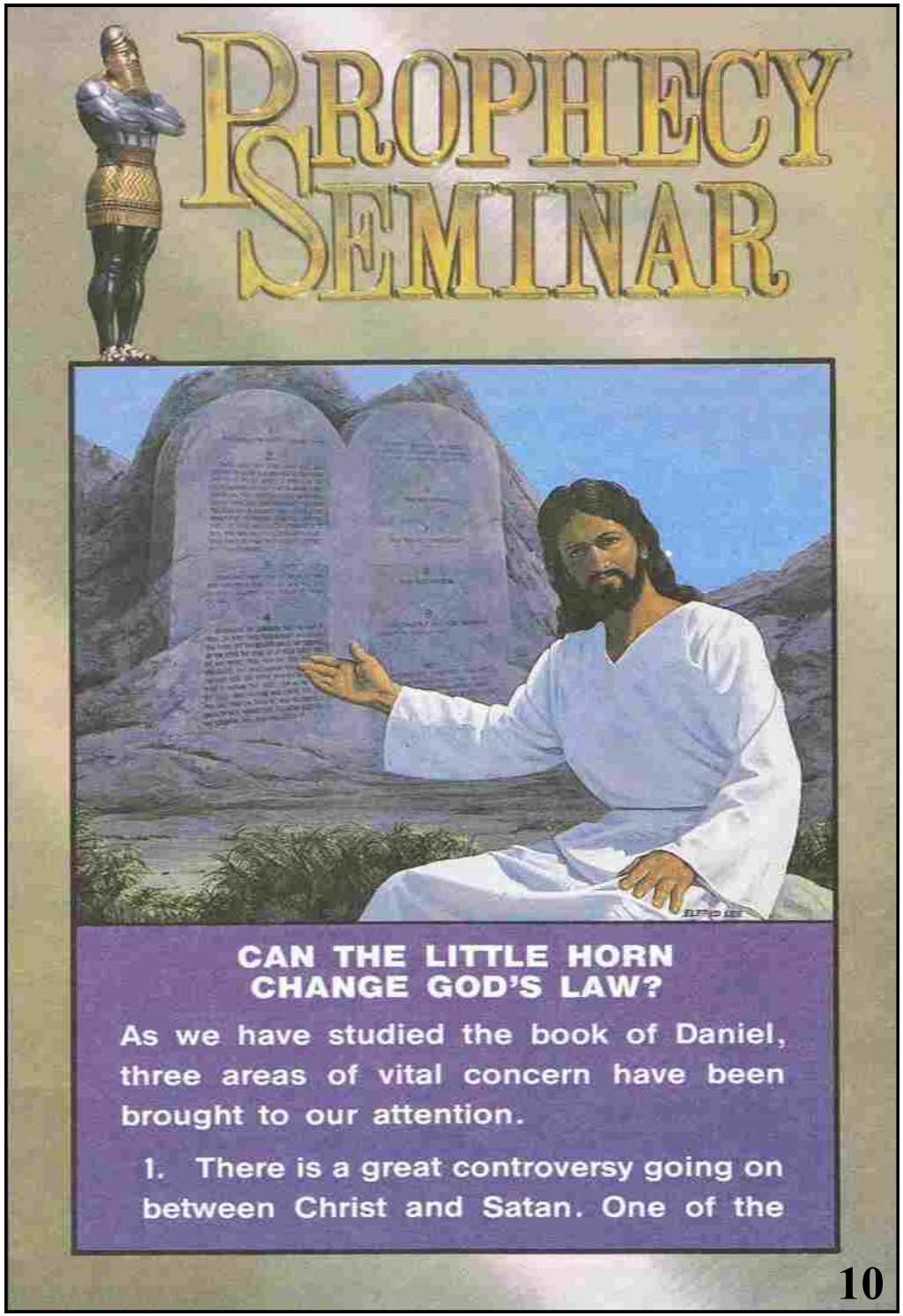

central issues in this controversy is over how people worship God. The book of Daniel has revealed to us that the rise and fall of empires doesn't just happen. God is in control of human events. The last conflict to come upon planet Earth will be similar to the conflict that came to Daniel and the Hebrews in ancient Babylon. It will be a conflict over how people worship God.

2. The book of Daniel has predicted a major apostasy from the truth of God's Word. Ancient Babylon has become symbolic of mighty spiritual Babylon in the book of Revelation. In Lesson 9 we learned that Daniel predicted the rise of the little horn that would lead the church to mix truth with error, paganism with Christianity. Daniel's prediction has been proven correct; there has been a major apostasy from the Word of God in Christendom (Daniel 7; 2 Thess. 2: 1-7).

3. Daniel has also revealed to us that God's people will be able to resist the apostasy and stand victorious with Jesus Christ in the great controversy because they have built a deep, personal, abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. Daniel 6 emphasizes the importance of Christians taking time with God in Bible study and prayer. We must know what God's Word says and must have a deep, personal relationship with Christ or we will never make it through the final events of earth's history.

The little horn emerges as one of the chief antagonists in this great controversy, because it is the instrument through which apostasy has entered the Christian church. We will soon see that Satan, through the little horn, has endeavoured to sever the relationship between God and His people. Satan well knows that if we have a deep relationship with God and are well-fortified with Bible truth, we will not be overcome by his attacks. Ingeniously, he has used the little horn power to attempt to make changes in God's law that have to do with our relationship with God. This lesson will reveal whether or not the little horn can change God's law. The next lesson will give the astonishing revelation of just how the little horn has attempted to change the law of God.

1. What specifically would the little horn think to change? Danie17:25

"And shall _____ to change _____ and _____."

NOTE: Changing God's law is impossible, and yet, amazingly, the little horn power thinks that it has such great power that it can actually change God's law. Please notice that the text does not say it will do it, but only that it thinks it can do it. Note also that it would think to change not just the law, but the times and the law. One of the key thoughts we have noticed already in Daniel is the need to take time with God. Now we see that the little horn would attempt to change the times, the very area that deals with people taking time to build a relationship with God.

2. How many commandments are in God's law? Exodus 34:28

command to love God in Deuteronomy 6 immediately follows the giving of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5, indicating clearly that love was to be the motive for obedience to God even in the Old Testament.

19. Was Old Testament religion a legalistic religion? Micah 6:8.

'What does the LORD require of you, but to do_____, to _____ _____, and to walk _____with your God?"

NOTE: This is surely not evidence of a legalistic religion, but a life of obedience that springs out of a loving relationship with God.

20. Was the new birth experience also an Old Testament experience? Ezekiel 36:26, 27

"I will give you a new _____...I will put My _____ within you and _____ you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

NOTE: Here again, the very elements of gospel religion are presented. In order to serve God, people must receive a new heart. The Holy Spirit would live in this new heart, and it would be the Holy Spirit living and dwelling in the people that would cause them to obey their Heavenly Father.

God has only one plan of salvation. In both Old and New Testaments, God always saves people solely by grace through faith and never by works. Works and law keeping, in both Old and New Testament, were always the result of a relationship with God, and never a means to obtaining that relationship.

21. Does God, His law, or His plan of salvation ever change? Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 5:17

"I am the LORD, I do _____ change." "Jesus Christ is the same _____, _____ , and _____."

NOTE: What great news this is! Our God doesn't change. What He said in Old Testament times is the same that He says in New Testament times. The plan of salvation is more fully revealed in the New Testament, but it is not different. The relationship of law and grace is the same in both Old and New Testaments. God's law is as eternal and changeless as God Himself. To change God's law would be to change the character of God, and God has declared He does not change. What assurance there is in this for the Christian! We do not serve a fickle God who changes with every whim that comes along, but one who can be counted on to deliver.

In spite of all these scriptural assurances of the changelessness of our God, Daniel 7 reveals the incredible news that the little horn would attempt to alter that which God Himself has declared unalterable - His holy law. We have

clear that people are not saved by law-keeping; they are saved solely by the blood of Jesus Christ. He cleanses, and then He provides the power to live a life of obedience. God's holy law shows people their need of cleansing, but it cannot cleanse. Only Jesus can.

16. How then are people saved? Ephesians 2:8, 9

"By _____ you have been saved through faith,.... Not of _____."

NOTE: The New Testament is crystal clear. People are saved solely by what Jesus Christ does for them (grace). Law-keeping and good works are the result of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, but never a means to obtaining that relationship.

OLD TESTAMENT SALVATION

The New Testament makes clear that God saves people by grace and expects them to live a life of obedience because they have a relationship with Him. Many people have not realized that the Old Testament teaches exactly the same concept. In both testaments, God's people are saved by grace, and then, because He has redeemed them, they will keep His law.

17. Did God give the Ten Commandments to Israel before or after He redeemed them from Egypt? Exodus 19:4, 5; Exodus 20:1, 2

"I bore you on eagles' wings and _____ you to Myself. Now _____, if you will indeed _____ My voice. ...I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

NOTE: Notice how clearly God spells it out. The reason why Israel was asked to obey was an outgrowth of the fact that God had already redeemed them. Nowhere does Scripture give any indication that God ever asks people to obey as a condition to redemption. He first of all redeems them, and then He asks for their obedience.

18. What Is the Old Testament motive for obeying God? Deuteronomy 6:4, 5

"You shall _____ the LORD your God."

NOTE: Most Christians will quickly notice that this commandment to love God is the same one Jesus repeated in Matthew 22:37. The second great commandment of Jesus, to love your neighbour, is also an Old Testament commandment, found in Leviticus 19:18. These two great summations of the law that Jesus gives are actually Old Testament commandments. The

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3. What is so special about these Ten Commandments? Exodus 31:18; 32:15,16

They were written with the _____ of God; the writing was the writing of _____.

NOTE: The Ten Commandments are the only part of the Bible that God, Himself, wrote with His own finger. The rest of Scripture was written by the prophets as God communicated with them. The Ten Commandments were of such vital importance that God wrote them with His own finger on tables of stone. This indicated their permanency. Very quickly, we can see the great presumption of the little horn. It has attacked and attempted to change the one part of the Bible that God Himself wrote. In attempting to change God's law, it has attacked God Himself!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments are a transcript of the character of God. They reveal to us what God is like. God's law is thus a reflection of Himself. To attempt to change God's law would actually bean attempt to change God.

4. What Is the first commandment? Exodus 20:3

"You shall have _____other _____ before Me."

5. What does the second commandment prohibit? Exodus 20.4-6

"You shall not make for yourself a carved _____ ... You shall not _____ down to them."

6. What does the third commandment say? Exodus 20:7

"You shall not take the _____of the LORD your God in vain."

NOTE: These first three commandments have upheld the supremacy of the true God, the uniqueness of the true God, as the only One worthy of our worship, honour and respect.

7. What does the fourth commandment require of people? Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy.

8. What specifically are people to keep as the Sabbath day' Exodus 20:10

"The _____ day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God."

NOTE: In this commandment, people are asked to spend one day each week in contemplation of their Creator and Redeemer, building a relationship with Him. This is the one commandment in which God asks people to take time to build a relationship with Him. While people must spend time with God every day in Bible study and prayer, this commandment asks them to go beyond the daily devotional time and spend one day a week in intensive relationship-building. How wonderful God is to make certain that we have time for building a solid relationship. We have a wonderful God who wants to become intimately acquainted with each of us. That's why He gave us this special time weekly as specified in the fourth commandment.

9. What commandment did God give to protect the family? Exodus 20:12

"_____ your father and your mother."

NOTE: This world of sin has erased much of what has come to us from the Garden of Eden. In fact, there are only two blessings left from that perfect paradise dwelling: the Sabbath and the home. Commandments 4 and 5 were given to protect these sacred legacies of our Eden home.

10. What moral standards does God IoW In the last five of the Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:13-17

a. "You shall not _____."

b. "You shall not commit _____."

c. "You shall not _____."

d. "You shall not bear _____ witness."

e. "You shall not _____."



As amazing and incredible as it may seem, Daniel 7 predicts that the little horn will attempt to change these very Ten Commandments. Obviously, it has to be a very subtle change, because an open attempt to attack God's law and change it would promptly be met with resistance by Christian people.

LAW AND GRACE

One of the subtle ways that Satan has sought to discredit God's law today has been through the suggestion that since we are saved by grace, we no longer need to keep God's law. Is salvation by grace a license to sin? What does the Bible say about this?

11. What is sin? 1 John 3:4

"Sin is _____."

12. Which law its lit that points out sin? Romans 7:7

"I would not have known sin except through the_____

You shall not _____."

NOTE: God's law points out, or reveals, sin. In quoting the tenth commandment, Paul indicates that the law involved is the Ten Commandment law.

13. Is grace an excuse for sin? Romans 61, 2

"Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? _____not."

NOTE: A person saved by the grace of God will live an obedient life. Grace is not an excuse for breaking God's law. In fact, the opposite is true. A person saved by grace no longer wishes to dwell in sin or to live in disobedience to God's law.

14. What Is the purpose of God's law? Romans 3:20

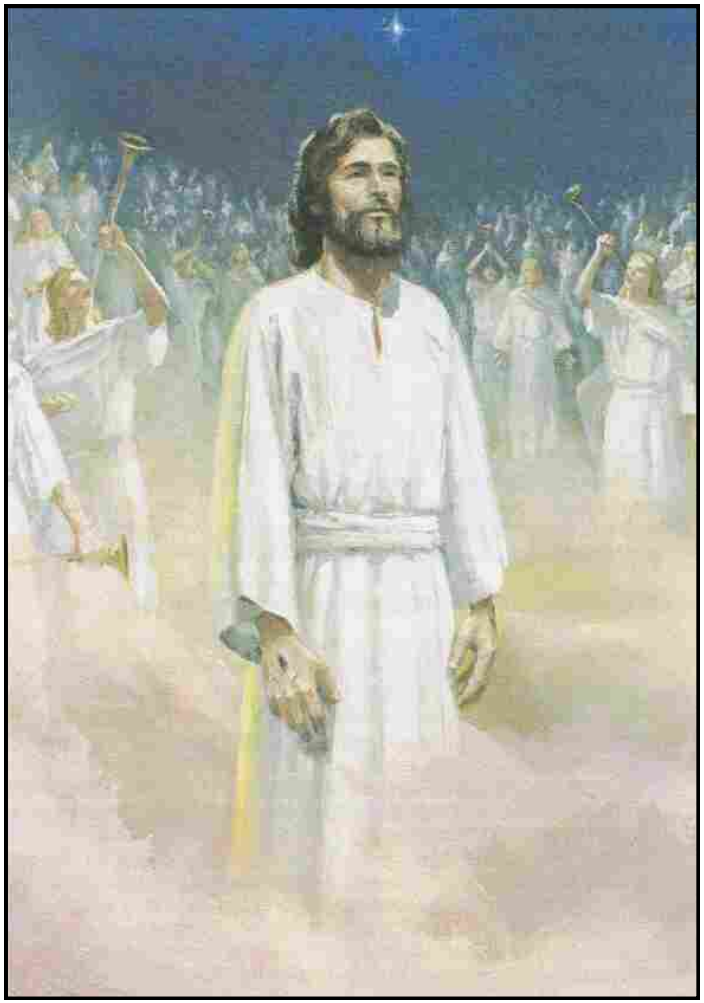
"By the law is the _____ of _____."

NOTE: The law does not save, it reveals the sinner's need of salvation. The law does not justify, or cleanse, it only shows our need of cleansing. It is God's great mirror, reflecting the sinner's need of cleansing and redemption (James 1:23,24)

15. How only can the Christian be cleansed? 1 John 1:7

"The _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

NOTE: Only through Jesus can people receive cleansing. The Bible is very



17. Do you desire to build a better relationship with God through regular Sabbath keeping?

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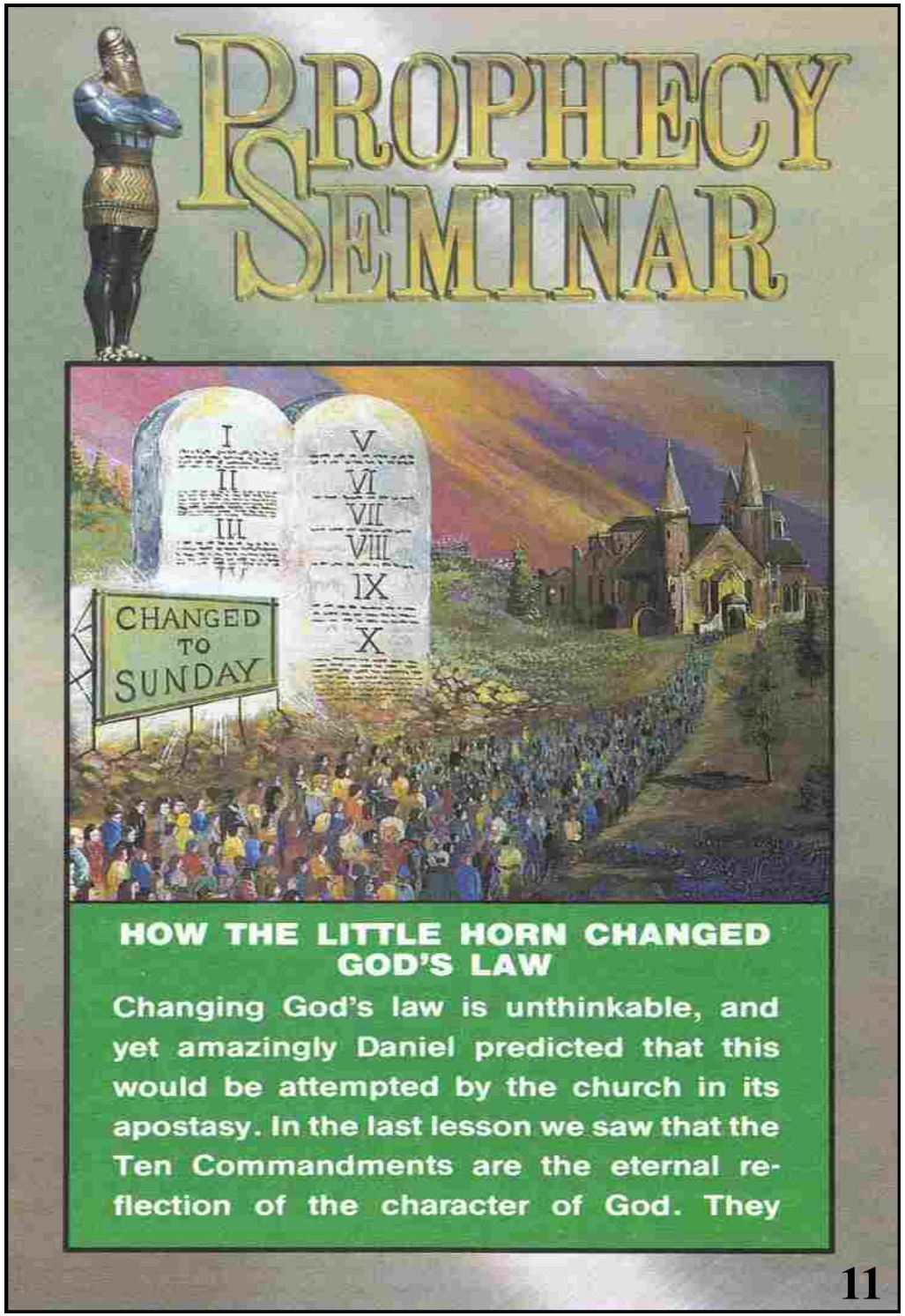

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NOTE: Only the fourth commandment, in which God commands people to keep the Sabbath day holy, deals with time.

The purpose of the Sabbath, as Lesson 10 revealed, is to give God and His people time to get better acquainted. People need to spend time every day with God in Bible study and prayer.

If a deep, personal relationship with God is going to be formed, God says we need one day a week to spend in contemplation of God and His blessings to us. It is like a marriage; if a husband and wife spend some time together each day, they will develop a relationship, but their marriage and their relationship will never be as deep as it would be if they took an additional day each week to be together.

The only way we can get to know someone is to spend time with them, and the only way we can get to know God is to spend quality time with God. The fourth commandment performs a special function, because it ties time with our relationship with God.

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earth as we spend even more time together.

15. Of what is the Sabbath a sign? Ezekiel 20:12

It is a sign between the believer and God, "that they might know that I am the LORD who _____ them".

NOTE: The Sabbath is God's great sign of sanctification. Sanctification describes the process whereby God lives out His life in the believer, transforming the believer into the divine image. The sign that it is the Lord who is sanctifying is the sacred Sabbath. The keeping of the Sabbath indicates that a Christian is taking time to build a solid relationship with God, which is the basis of sanctification.

16. Of what else Is the Sabbath a sign? Ezekiel 20:20

It is a sign "that you may _____ that I am the LORD your God".

NOTE: How clearly the scriptures bring out the special significance of God's Sabbath. It is a special sign that people know the Lord. It is a sign that people have a relationship with God. That's why the Sabbath, to the Christian, becomes such a beautiful day of delight and joy in the Lord. The Scriptures do not enjoin a legalistic keeping of the day, but rather the setting aside of this special day to build a relationship with God. That's why the Christian gets excited about the Sabbath, and why the Sabbath is such a blessing in the midst of the troubles of the world. The Sabbath is a relief from the burdens of life, a time when God and His people can draw apart and develop an intimate relationship.

The troubles of the last days are going to be so great that unless people have a deep, personal relationship with God, they will not make it through the end times. That's why the Sabbath is so important in these last days and why Daniel warns against the power that would think to change the day that God had set aside for a relationship with Him. If there ever was a time in earth's history when people needed the Sabbath, it's today. Let us make certain that we use this special time to build a solid relationship with Jesus, that we might be prepared for the climactic scenes of earth's history soon to take place everywhere.

And _____ the Sabbath.

NOTE: God gave us an example by resting Himself. He blessed this day as He blessed no other day. He sanctified this day. The word "sanctify" means to "set apart for holy usage." Notice that God did not bless the ACT of resting, He blessed a specific DAY. If the whole world rested on a day it wouldn't make that day a Sabbath. What makes it the Sabbath is that God rested, blessed and sanctified it. People do not have the authority to change what God has sanctified. Some people feel that it makes no difference what day is kept as long as they keep one day in seven. But please remember that God blessed and sanctified only one specific day — the SEVENTH day.

12. Did the Sabbath exist before sin, or only affix sin? Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:2-3

_____ sin.

NOTE: This point is very clear in Scripture. The Sabbath is a creation remembrance, coming to us from the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve sinned. On the cross, Christ dealt with sin. Since the Sabbath existed before sin, there is absolutely no way it could be altered by the cross.

13. Was the Sabbath given for the Jews only? Mark 2:27

"The Sabbath was made for _____."

NOTE: The Sabbath existed thousands of years before there was a Jew. It is true that the Jews kept it, because they were the covenant people of God. But the Sabbath was made for the entire human race. It was given to them in the innocence of the Garden of Eden. God does not intend to establish a relationship with Jewish people only. Every born-again person needs a relationship with God. To say that the Sabbath belongs only to the Jews is virtually to say that God only wants to establish relationships with Jewish people. But God is not a respecter of persons. He wants to know everyone.

THE PERPETUITY OF THE SABBATH

14. Will the human race still keep the Sabbath in the New Earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23

"From one _____ to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord."

NOTE: In God's newly recreated earth after sin is removed, people will still be keeping holy God's sacred Sabbath. What a delight and what a joy it will be for people to enter the Sabbath rest of God in the new earth, where they can get even better acquainted with God than they can here. This verse clearly indicates that our relationship with God will grow deeper in the new

THE SEVENTH DAY

3. Which day has God specified to be set aside as the special day in which God and His people build a solid relationship together? Exodus 20:10 (71) [75].

"The _____ day."

NOTE: Notice that God has set aside a specific day, the seventh day, as a special time to get better acquainted with His people.

4. Which is the seventh day?

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NOTE: To discover which is the seventh day, one only has to take a quick look at the calendar to see that the seventh day is the day we commonly call Saturday, not Sunday.

5. Has there been any change In the calendar that has affected the weekly cycle?

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NOTE: Since the time of Christ there has been only one major change in the calendar. This was the switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The Julian calendar had allowed too many leap years. As a result, the calendar was out of kilter with the solar system. In order to rectify it, ten days were dropped from the calendar in October of 1582.

(The weekly cycle was not broken)



Even though ten days were dropped from the calendar, the weekly cycle was not changed at all. The order of the days of the week remained the same.

6. What other evidences are there that the day of the week called Saturday Is the same as the Biblical seventh day?

a. In 105 languages in use today, the word for Saturday has "Sabbath" as its root meaning. For example, the Latin **Sabbatum**, the Greek **Sabbaton**, the Russian **Subbota**, the Italian **Sabbato**, the Spanish **Sabado**. In other words, in over 105 languages of earth today, the word currently used for Saturday basically means "Sabbath."

b. The history of the Jews, who have consistently kept the Sabbath from the Exodus event, and still keep the Sabbath on Saturday today, indicates clearly which is the seventh day. During the Exodus event, God, by a double miracle of the manna, clearly revealed which was the seventh day. On every day, a certain portion of manna would fall. There was always enough for everyone every day, but they were not to keep excess for the next day. However, on Friday, a double portion of manna fell and people had enough for two days, whereas on Saturday no manna fell. For forty years, God performed this double miracle every week to thoroughly establish which day was the seventh. The Jews have kept that same seventh day until this present time (see Exodus 16).

7. **What further Biblical evidence is there that the seventh day Is Saturday?**

a. Jesus died on Good Friday. The day that He died is called in scripture "the day _____ the Sabbath." Mark 15:42

b. The next day was Sabbath. The disciples "rested on the _____ according to the commandment." Luke 23:56

c. Following the Sabbath came Sunday. Jesus rose on Sunday, the first day of the week. The Bible says that the day He rose was the day _____ the Sabbath. Mark 16:1, 2, 9

NOTE: The Bible clearly indicates that the Biblical Sabbath was the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Since Saturday is the only day in between, the inescapable conclusion is that the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath is Saturday.

THE CHANGE OF THE SABBATH

Since the Scripture is very clear that the original Biblical Sabbath was on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, it might well be asked, "Why do most Christians today observe Sunday, the first day of the week?".

Somehow, somewhere, a change has come about. God says that He never changes, and that His law never changes. He embodied the seventh-day Sabbath in His holy law. Who then changed it?

8. **Who did Daniel declare would think to change times and laws? Daniel 7:25**

The little _____.

NOTE: The Bible predicted that the little horn, the papacy, would attempt to change the times and the law. The Sabbath is the only commandment in the law dealing with time. An attempted change has been made in the time for the Sabbath, from Saturday to Sunday. Could it be that the papal power is the very one who has attempted to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday? (For the amazing story of how the papal power attempted to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, see Exhibit 1.)

ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH

9. **When did the Sabbath originate? Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:1-3**

At _____.

NOTE: Notice that even in the giving of the Ten Commandments, the origin of the Sabbath is clearly identified as in the Garden of Eden rather than at Mount Sinai.

10. **With what word does God begin the Sabbath commandment? Exodus 20:8**

"_____."

NOTE: God chose the word "remember" to begin the Sabbath commandment. The word "remember" denotes three possibilities:

a. You cannot remember something you have never heard of before. Therefore the origin of the Sabbath must be before Sinai, and not at Sinai.

b. The word "remember" signifies that a person should pay special attention. "Remember" is generally used to indicate things that are of special importance that people should not forget. God chose this word to introduce the Sabbath at Sinai.

c. The word "remember" indicates that God looked down the stream of history and saw that this would be the one commandment that the world would forget. And so He tells us to remember it, and not to forget this commandment. God knew that we would never forget the other commandments if we would remember the Sabbath, because the Sabbath would help us to develop a relationship with God. Amazingly, the one commandment that many would forget is the one that deals with time set aside to establish a relationship with God.

11. **What three things did God do when He instituted the Sabbath at creation? Genesis 2:2, 3**

God _____, then _____

Since many of his subjects were pagans, and had been accustomed to pagan practices and pagan days of worship such as Sunday, it is only reasonable that Constantine would use his influence to make it easier for these pagans to become Christians. Thus he gave official sanction to Sunday and encouraged the practice of the Roman Church in keeping Sunday by passing the first legal Sunday law, stating that all should rest on the venerable day of the sun.

> "On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed." Constantine, March 7, 321, Codex Justinianus lib. 3, tit. 12, 3; trans. in Philip Schaff, **History of the Christian Church,** Vol. 3, p. 380, note 1

Thus we see that as the early church apostatized from the truth, they introduced the day of the sun in place of the Lord's Sabbath. This was a gradual change, innocent in its beginnings, but devastating in its final results. The way was paved for its acceptance because of the anti-Jewish feeling, the Gnostic and Platonic thinking that influenced Roman Christianity, and the influence of pagan Mithraism and its observance of Sunday. With Christians and pagans keeping the same day, it was much easier for the pagans to come to the church. Rather than be converted, they brought their paganism with them, and Christianity was thus corrupted.

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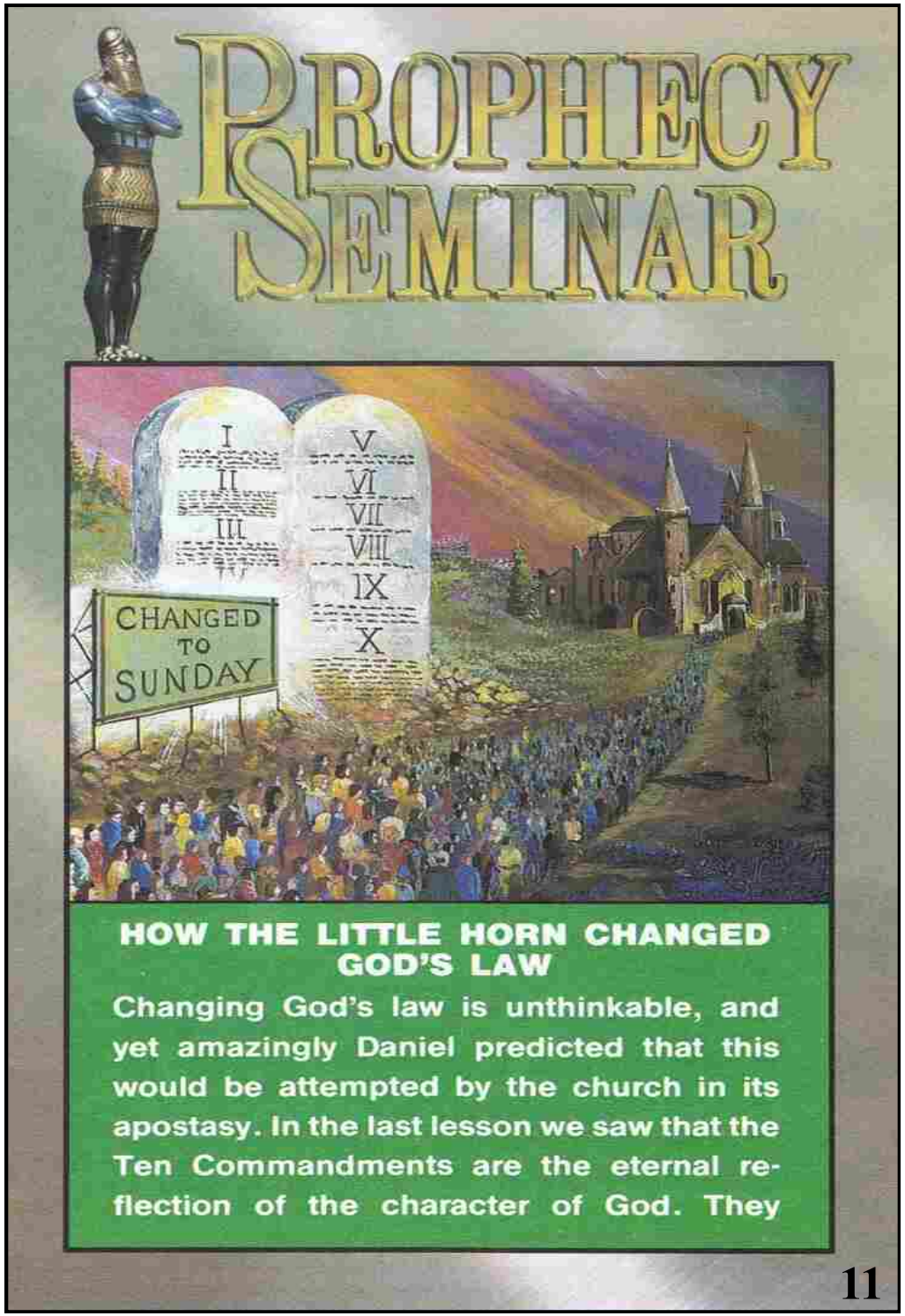

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Gnostic and especially Platonic influence on Christian thinking was greater in Alexandria and in Rome. Thus here was further support for Sunday.

Another influence in the early Christian Church was Mithraism, an ancient Oriental cult of the sun. This cult came to Rome in the first century AD and became popular in the second and third centuries. The central feature of this cult was the worship of the sun upon the first day of the week. Historians have written concerning the influence of Mithraism on Christianity in this way:

> "Aurelian ... created a new cult of the `Invincible Son: Worshipped in a splendid temple, served by pontiffs who were raised to the level of the ancient pontiffs of Rome .... On establishing this new state cult, Aurelian in reality proclaimed the dethronement of the old Roman idolatry and the accession of Semitic Sun-Worship." Franz Cumont, **Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans**, p. 55, 56.
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> "The two opposed creeds [Christianity and Mithraism] moved in the same intellectual and moral sphere, and one could actually pass from one to the other without shock or interruption." Cumont, p. 210.
> "The worshippers [of Mithra] held Sunday sacred and celebrated the birth of the Sun on the 25th of December." Franz Cumont, The **Mysteries of Mithra**, trans. by Thomas J. McCormack, p. 191.
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> "Our observance of Sunday as the Lord's day is apparently derived from Mithraism. The arguement that has sometimes been used against this claim, namely, that Sunday was chosen because of the resurrection on that day, is not well supported." Gordon J. Laing, **Survivals of Roman Religion**, p. 148.
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> "As a solar festival, Sunday was the sacred day of Mithra; and it is interesting to notice that since Mithra was addressed as Dominus, 'Lord,' Sunday must have been the 'Lord's Day' long before the Christian times." A. Weigall, **The Paganism in Our Christianity**, p.145.

When Constantine was converted to Christianity at the beginning of the fourth century, he attempted to unite his empire in the Christian faith.

The first reasons for the acceptance of Sunday was a strong anti-Jewish feeling that permeated the church in the early centuries. The Christian Church was attempting to do everything possible to be completely separate from the Jews, especially after the persecution of Hadrian began in A.D. 121-124. Thus any institution that was kept by both Jews and Christians became a target for change. Sunday-keeping may possibly have started simply as an attempt to show that Christians not only honoured the Sabbath, but also had another day that was kept in addition to the Sabbath. In this way they would be different from the Jews. In order to emphasize their hatred toward the Jews, doctrinal change took place; and these changes began, as we have seen, in Rome.

Anti-Jewish writers, such as Barnabas and Justin Martyr, first wrote against the Sabbath. Their arguments were that Christians should not keep the Sabbath, because the Sabbath is Jewish, and if they kept the Sabbath, they would be considered Jews. Then in the fourth century, the following decision was made:

> "Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's day they shall especially honour, and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ." Oh. Y. Hefele, **A History of the Councils of the Church**, Vol. 2, p. 316.

Here it is noticed that one of the reasons why they were advocating Sunday-keeping was because the Sabbath was Jewish. But at the same time, notice that there was an admission that Christians were idle on Saturday. In other words, there were many Christians who were still keeping the Sabbath at this time, and the church at Rome was attempting to legislate a change.

Another influence that resulted in the acceptance of Sunday, was the spread of Gnosticism and Platonic philosophy. These were pagan philosophies that were attempting to gain control over the Christian Church in the early centuries.

The Gnostic day of worship was Sunday, the day consecrated to the sun, which was their god. Many of the early Christian writers who supported Sunday were influenced by Gnostic and Platonic philosophies. In fact.

THE SEVENTH DAY

3. **Which day has God specified to be set aside as the special day in which God and His people build a solid relationship together? Exodus 20:10 (71) [75].**

   "The _____ day."

   NOTE: Notice that God has set aside a specific day, the seventh day, as a special time to get better acquainted with His people.

4. **Which is the seventh day?**

   _____

   NOTE: To discover which is the seventh day, one only has to take a quick look at the calendar to see that the seventh day is the day we commonly call Saturday, not Sunday.

5. **Has there been any change In the calendar that has affected the weekly cycle?**

   _____

   NOTE: Since the time of Christ there has been only one major change in the calendar. This was the switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The Julian calendar had allowed too many leap years. As a result, the calendar was out of kilter with the solar system. In order to rectify it, ten days were dropped from the calendar in October of 1582.

(The weekly cycle was not broken)



Even though ten days were dropped from the calendar, the weekly cycle was not changed at all. The order of the days of the week remained the same.

6. **What other evidences are there that the day of the week called Saturday Is the same as the Biblical seventh day?**

a. In 105 languages in use today, the word for Saturday has "Sabbath" as its root meaning. For example, the Latin **Sabbatum**, the Greek **Sabbaton**, the Russian **Subbota**, the Italian **Sabbato**, the Spanish **Sabado**. In other words, in over 105 languages of earth today, the word currently used for Saturday basically means "Sabbath."

b. The history of the Jews, who have consistently kept the Sabbath from the Exodus event, and still keep the Sabbath on Saturday today, indicates clearly which is the seventh day. During the Exodus event, God, by a double miracle of the manna, clearly revealed which was the seventh day. On every day, a certain portion of manna would fall. There was always enough for everyone every day, but they were not to keep excess for the next day. However, on Friday, a double portion of manna fell and people had enough for two days, whereas on Saturday no manna fell. For forty years, God performed this double miracle every week to thoroughly establish which day was the seventh. The Jews have kept that same seventh day until this present time (see Exodus 16).

7. What further Biblical evidence is there that the seventh day Is Saturday?

a. Jesus died on Good Friday. The day that He died is called in scripture "the day _____ the Sabbath." Mark 15:42

b. The next day was Sabbath. The disciples "rested on the _____ according to the commandment." Luke 23:56

c. Following the Sabbath came Sunday. Jesus rose on Sunday, the first day of the week. The Bible says that the day He rose was the day _____ the Sabbath. Mark 16:1, 2, 9

NOTE: The Bible clearly indicates that the Biblical Sabbath was the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Since Saturday is the only day in between, the inescapable conclusion is that the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath is Saturday.

THE CHANGE OF THE SABBATH

Since the Scripture is very clear that the original Biblical Sabbath was on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, it might well be asked, "Why do most Christians today observe Sunday, the first day of the week?".

Somehow, somewhere, a change has come about. God says that He never changes, and that His law never changes. He embodied the seventh-day Sabbath in His holy law. Who then changed it?

Q. "What is the Third Commandment?
A. The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.

Q. Which is the Sabbath day?
A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."
Peter Geierman, **The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine** (1951) p. 50.

Q. "How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holy days?"
A. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves, by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church." Henry Tuberville, **An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrines**, 1833, p. 58.

It is hard to believe that the once pure Christian Church could so apostatize from the truth, even in six hundred years. But here is a solemn warning for all of us. Apostasy does not occur overnight. It occurs gradually and begins when one small principle is sacrificed. Once that is sacrificed, it is always easier to sacrifice another principle. And so the process goes, until apostasy has gone deep.

At the beginning of the second century the Church was still pure. But by the end of the second century, just one hundred years later, it was hardly recognizable as the same church. During the second century the seed was sown for most of the unbiblical teachings that sprang up in the centuries that followed. The seed of Sunday-keeping was one of those teachings that arose in the second century rather innocently, as we have seen, but fully mushroomed into a great departure from Bible truth in the centuries that followed. What was it that, paved the way for the apostasy on the Sabbath?

tradition, have ceased to do this." Socrates Schutasticus, **Ecclesiastical History**, Bk. 5, ch. 22, trans. in NPNF, 2nd series, Vol. 2, p. 132.

"On the Sabbath day we gathered together, not being infected with Judaism, for we do not lay hold of false Sabbaths, but we come on the Sabbath to worship Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath." Athanasius, Homilia de Semente, sec. 1, in MPG, Vol. 28, col. 144 Greek

Thus we see that there was considerable discussion of the Sabbath question during the latter part of the second, third and fourth centuries. The practice of keeping both Saturday and Sunday started at Rome. Then the practice of downgrading the Sabbath and uplifting Sunday also began in Rome. As Rome spread and began to exercise jurisdiction over other churches, Sunday worship spread with it. When the Roman Church attempted to take over the Celtic Church around A.D. 600, one of the issues over which the two churches differed, and one of the issues used by the Celtic Church in England to refuse to submit to Rome, was the Sabbath issue. Notice what the historian says:

"The Celts permitted their priests to marry, the Romans forbade it. The Celts held their own councils and enacted their own laws, independent of Rome ... The Celts used a Latin Bible unlike the Vulgate, and kept the day Saturday as a day of rest with special religious services on Sunday." Flick, **The Rise of the Medieval Church,** p. 237.

Thus Sabbath-keeping was so deeply rooted in the early N.T. church, that in spite of the attempts of the Roman Church to suppress it and exalt Sunday in its stead, true Sabbath-keeping remained in the church for over 600 years after the coming of Christ. It was only after the Roman Church attained full control of Christendom during the Middle Ages that the Sabbath was lost sight of.

Years later as the Roman Church looked back on these centuries when she had gradually changed the Sabbath into Sunday, she boldly declared that this was her act and proved that she has power to ordain feasts and festivals because all other churches eventually went along with Rome in the change of the Sabbath, and even Protestants today still submit to this law of the Roman Church to honour Sunday. Notice these claims:

8. Who did Daniel declare would think to change times and laws? Daniel 7:25

The little _____.

NOTE: The Bible predicted that the little horn, the papacy, would attempt to change the times and the law. The Sabbath is the only commandment in the law dealing with time. An attempted change has been made in the time for the Sabbath, from Saturday to Sunday. Could it be that the papal power is the very one who has attempted to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday? (For the amazing story of how the papal power attempted to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, see Exhibit 1.)

ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH

9. When did the Sabbath originate? Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:1-3

At _____.

NOTE: Notice that even in the giving of the Ten Commandments, the origin of the Sabbath is clearly identified as in the Garden of Eden rather than at Mount Sinai.

10. With what word does God begin the Sabbath commandment? Exodus 20:8

"_____."

NOTE: God chose the word "remember" to begin the Sabbath commandment. The word "remember" denotes three possibilities:

a. You cannot remember something you have never heard of before. Therefore the origin of the Sabbath must be before Sinai, and not at Sinai.

b. The word "remember" signifies that a person should pay special attention. "Remember" is generally used to indicate things that are of special importance that people should not forget. God chose this word to introduce the Sabbath at Sinai.

c. The word "remember" indicates that God looked down the stream of history and saw that this would be the one commandment that the world would forget. And so He tells us to remember it, and not to forget this commandment. God knew that we would never forget the other commandments if we would remember the Sabbath, because the Sabbath would help us to develop a relationship with God. Amazingly, the one commandment that many would forget is the one that deals with time set aside to establish a relationship with God.

11. What three things did God do when He instituted the Sabbath at creation? Genesis 2:2, 3

God _____, then _____

And _____ the Sabbath.

NOTE: God gave us an example by resting Himself. He blessed this day as He blessed no other day. He sanctified this day. The word "sanctify" means to "set apart for holy usage." Notice that God did not bless the ACT of resting, He blessed a specific DAY. If the whole world rested on a day it wouldn't make that day a Sabbath. What makes it the Sabbath is that God rested, blessed and sanctified it. People do not have the authority to change what God has sanctified. Some people feel that it makes no difference what day is kept as long as they keep one day in seven. But please remember that God blessed and sanctified only one specific day — the SEVENTH day.

12. Did the Sabbath exist before sin, or only affix sin? Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:2-3

_____ sin.

NOTE: This point is very clear in Scripture. The Sabbath is a creation remembrance, coming to us from the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve sinned. On the cross, Christ dealt with sin. Since the Sabbath existed before sin, there is absolutely no way it could be altered by the cross.

13. Was the Sabbath given for the Jews only? Mark 2:27

"The Sabbath was made for _____."

NOTE: The Sabbath existed thousands of years before there was a Jew. It is true that the Jews kept it, because they were the covenant people of God. But the Sabbath was made for the entire human race. It was given to them in the innocence of the Garden of Eden. God does not intend to establish a relationship with Jewish people only. Every born-again person needs a relationship with God. To say that the Sabbath belongs only to the Jews is virtually to say that God only wants to establish relationships with Jewish people. But God is not a respecter of persons. He wants to know everyone.

THE PERPETUITY OF THE SABBATH

14. Will the human race still keep the Sabbath in the New Earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23

"From one _____ to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord."

NOTE: In God's newly recreated earth after sin is removed, people will still be keeping holy God's sacred Sabbath. What a delight and what a joy it will be for people to enter the Sabbath rest of God in the new earth, where they can get even better acquainted with God than they can here. This verse clearly indicates that our relationship with God will grow deeper in the new

sisters?" Gregory of Nyssa (331-396), **De Castigotione** ("On Reproof") in MPG, Vol. 46, col. 309. Greek

Thus we see that for several centuries the church kept both Saturday and Sunday. Gradually, however, the Sabbath became less and less important, and Sunday became more and more important. This change in emphasis was particularly noticeable at Rome.

To the early church, the Sabbath was a day of delight, a day that they looked forward to and really enjoyed. However, at Rome, the Sabbath was made a fast day, a day of gloom, and Sunday was the day of delight. Thus, individuals came to look forward to Sunday, but to dread the Sabbath. Eventually this paved the way for the Sabbath to be completely disregarded, and the people were already conditioned to accept Sunday. However, we do notice that other Christian churches did not immediately follow Rome's example:

> "The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which is never observed at Rome, or at Alexandria." Sozomen, **Eccl. Hist. VII,** Ch. 19. (died 440 AD).

Thus, as late as four hundred years after Christ the historian testifies that almost all Christian churches in the world were still keeping the Sabbath, but at Rome things were different. They had ceased to keep the Sabbath and were now keeping Sunday only.

Evidently there was considerable discussion in the church over this substitution of Sunday for the Sabbath of the Bible. The discussions of many have been recorded and preserved for our benefit today. Notice a few of these:

> "On Saturday the Gospels and other portions of the Scripture shall be read aloud." Council of Laodicea (A.D. 343-381), Charles Joseph Hefele, **A History of Christian Councils**, Vol. 2, trans. and ed. by H. N. Oxenham, p. 310, Can. 16.
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> "Although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the Sabbath [i.e., Saturday] of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and Rome, on account of some ancient

Hadrian persecuted the Jews in Rome incessantly. In an attempt to separate themselves from the Jews and avoid being persecuted with them, these early Roman Christians began keeping Sunday in addition to the Sabbath. Later they gave as their reason Christ's resurrection on Sunday. Very gradually this practice of keeping Saturday as the Sabbath, and Sunday in honour of the resurrection, spread to other parts of the Christian world. To accentuate the importance of Sunday in honour of the resurrection, the Roman Church prescribed the keeping of one special Sunday in special memory of the resurrection — Easter. Many Christians wished to keep Easter on the same date each year, but Rome insisted that it be on Sunday, and Rome won.

Notice how many early Christian writers refer to the fact that in the third and fourth centuries AD both Saturday and Sunday were kept by the church.

"In some places no day is omitted, on which the Communion is not offered; in some [it is offered] only on the Sabbath and the Lord's day [Sunday], and in some only on the Lord's day." Augustine (died 430 AD). Letter 54 to Januarius, Chapter 2, in MPL, Vol. 33, Col. 200.
"Keep the Sabbath, and the Lord's day festival; because the former is the memorial of creation, and the latter of the resurrection." **Constitutions of the Holy Apostles**, Bk. 7, Sec. 2, Ch. 23, trans. in ANF, Vol. 7, p. 469.

"Let the slaves work five days; but on the Sabbath day, the Lord's day, let them have leisure to go to church for instruction and piety." **Constitutions of the Holy Apostles**, Bk. 8, Sec. 4, Ch. 33, trans. in ANF, Vol. 7, p. 495.

"There are no public services among them in the day except on Saturday and Sunday, when they meet together at the third hour for the purpose of holy communion." John Cassian (died around 440 AD), **Institutes III,** Book 3, Ch. 2, trans. in NPNF 2nd series, Vol. 11, p. 213.

"With what kind of eyes do you see the Lord's Day [Sunday], you who dishonour the Sabbath? Do you not know that these days are

earth as we spend even more time together.

15. Of what is the Sabbath a sign? Ezekiel 20:12

It is a sign between the believer and God, "that they might know that I am the LORD who _____ them".

NOTE: The Sabbath is God's great sign of sanctification. Sanctification describes the process whereby God lives out His life in the believer, transforming the believer into the divine image. The sign that it is the Lord who is sanctifying is the sacred Sabbath. The keeping of the Sabbath indicates that a Christian is taking time to build a solid relationship with God, which is the basis of sanctification.

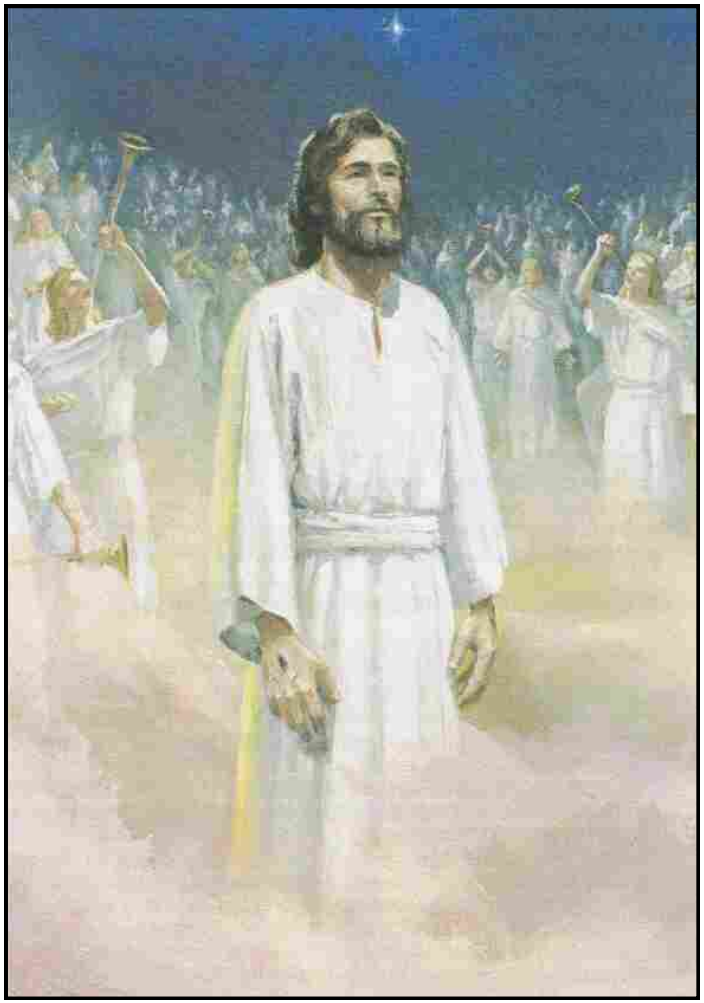
16. Of what else Is the Sabbath a sign? Ezekiel 20:20

It is a sign "that you may _____ that I am the LORD your God".

NOTE: How clearly the scriptures bring out the special significance of God's Sabbath. It is a special sign that people know the Lord. It is a sign that people have a relationship with God. That's why the Sabbath, to the Christian, becomes such a beautiful day of delight and joy in the Lord. The Scriptures do not enjoin a legalistic keeping of the day, but rather the setting aside of this special day to build a relationship with God. That's why the Christian gets excited about the Sabbath, and why the Sabbath is such a blessing in the midst of the troubles of the world. The Sabbath is a relief from the burdens of life, a time when God and His people can draw apart and develop an intimate relationship.

The troubles of the last days are going to be so great that unless people have a deep, personal relationship with God, they will not make it through the end times. That's why the Sabbath is so important in these last days and why Daniel warns against the power that would

think to change the day that God had set aside for a relationship with Him. If there ever was a time in earth's history when people needed the Sabbath, it's today. Let us make certain that we use this special time to build a solid relationship with Jesus, that we might be prepared for the climactic scenes of earth's history soon to take place everywhere.



17. Do you desire to build a better relationship with God through regular Sabbath keeping?

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PROPHECY SEMINAR

EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 11

THE ATTEMPTED CHANGE OF THE SABBATH TO SUNDAY

God does not change. His law does not change. God specifies the seventh day, Saturday, as the Sabbath. The Bible gives no indication of any New Testament change in the day of worship. Let us open the pages of history after the Bible was written and discover when the attempt to change God's Sabbath to Sunday was made.

The New Testament is completely silent on any controversy over the Sabbath in the New Testament Church. The issue of circumcision nearly split the New Testament Church and entire books of the Bible (e.g. Galatians) were written over the issue of circumcision. Sabbath-keeping was more deeply rooted in Judaism than circumcision, yet we find no discussion over the Sabbath in Bible times. Likewise, for one hundred years after Christ, there is no discussion of the Sabbath question. However, in the second, third and fourth centuries, there is considerable discussion over this issue, which would indicate that this would be the time when men attempted to introduce a new day of worship.

Not only Daniel, but also the apostle Paul predicted that there would come a falling away, an apostasy (II Thessalonians 2). The predicted apostasy arose as changes were made in Christian practices 100-300 years after the early church arose. The change in the Sabbath was only one of the many changes in the practice of the early church that occurred during this time.

Sunday-keeping was introduced into the Christian church rather innocently, and its first advocates never dreamed that it would take the place of the seventh-day Sabbath of God. Sunday-keeping had its origin in Rome during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian in the second century.

commandments of God? Mark 7:7, 9, 13

"In _____ they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."



22. Whom did Peter say we should obey? Acts 5:29

"We ought to obey _____ rather than men."

23. Why should the Christian obey Christ? John 14:15

"If you _____ Me, keep My commandments."

NOTE: Christians must always remember that their motive in obeying their Heavenly Father is love. Christians do not obey because of fear or obligation, but solely because they love Jesus Christ for saving them from sin.

24. Is it your desire to keep holy God's seventh-day Sabbath because you love Him and want to take this time to develop a deeper relationship with God?

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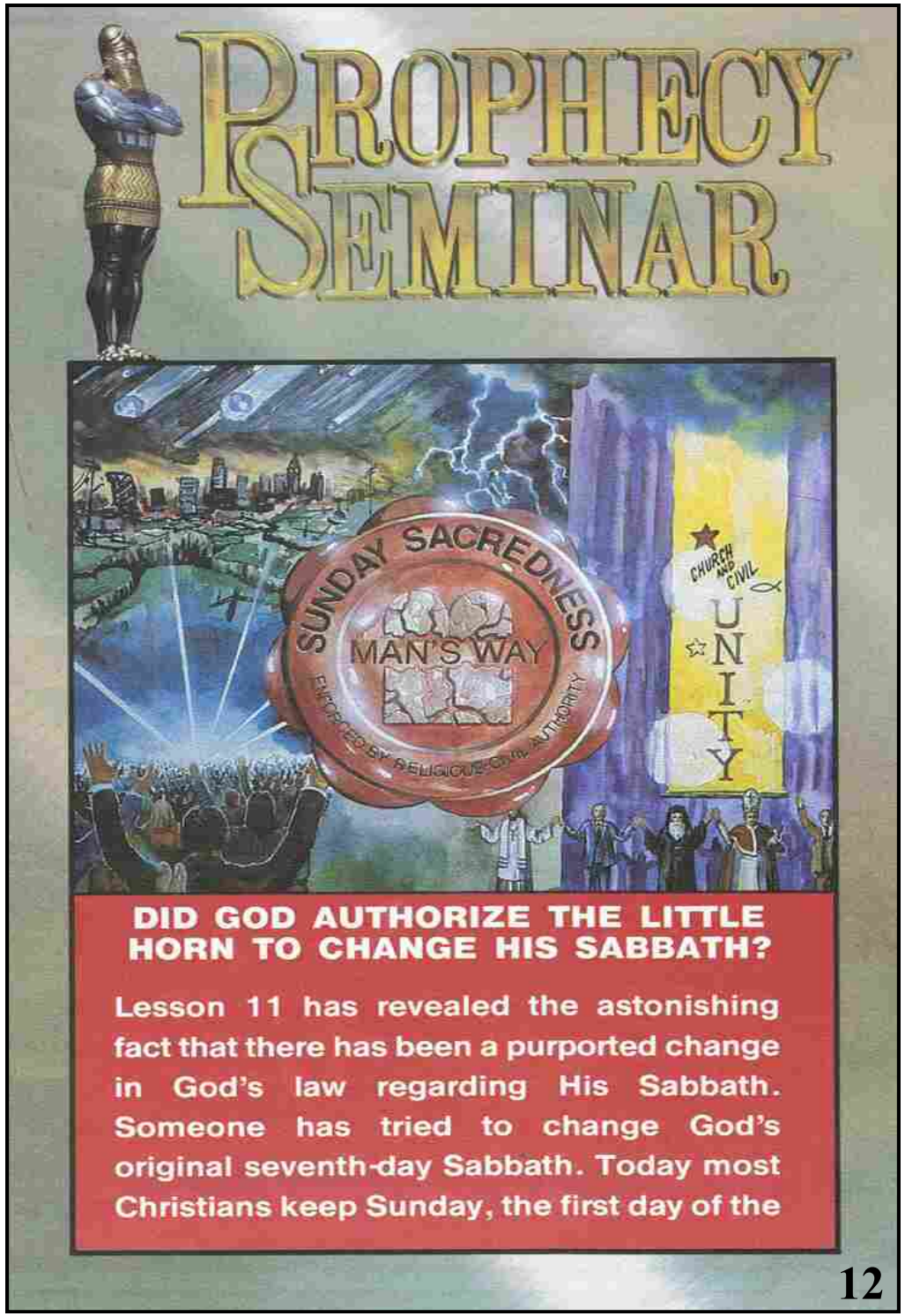


week. Our last lesson revealed very clearly that the Bible indicated that God has made no change in the Sabbath. It is a part of the eternal, changeless, Ten Commandment law of God; it originated in the Garden of Eden; it will be kept in the new earth; and it is God's special sign of a relationship with Him. The purpose of the Sabbath is to provide people with time to build this solid relationship with God. Does the little horn power have the authority to change the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday as the last lesson showed that he has attempted to do? (See Lesson 11.) In this lesson, we want to examine every possible New Testament evidence that would even remotely suggest the possibility of the change of the Sabbath. We will examine every text in the New Testament that mentions the first day of the week. There are only eight.

SUNDAY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. **Would the little horn actually change God's times and law? Daniel 7:25**

   "Shall _____ to change times and law."

   NOTE: He doesn't do it; he only thinks he does it.

2. **What happened on the first day of the week? Matthew 28:1, 2; Mark 16:1, 2, 9; Luke 23:56; 24:1; John 20:1**

   _____ rose from the _____

   NOTE: Here are the first five texts that mention the first day of the week. In not one single instance is there any indication of the fact that we are to keep this day now in honour of the resurrection. Each of the texts state the historical truth that Jesus rose on the first day of the week.

3. **What day is mentioned as coming before the first day of the week? Matthew 28:1, 2; Mark 16:1, 2; Luke 23:56; 24:1**

   The _____

   NOTE: In most of the texts that mention the first day of the week, the Biblical writers make it clear that the Sabbath was the day before the day of the resurrection, not the day of the resurrection.

4. **What Is the Bible memorial of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ? Romans 6:3-6**

   _____

   NOTE: God has already given us a memorial of the crucifixion and resurrection - baptism. God never gave people authority to institute another memorial which would destroy the Sabbath memorial that God gave at creation.

   NOTE: For 78 Sabbaths, Paul preached every Sabbath. Certainly, in the year and a half that he was in Corinth, Paul would have introduced Sunday-keeping to the new believers if there had been a change. But there is a strange absence of any indication of Sunday keeping. Instead, we find Paul constantly keeping the Sabbath every week for the year and a half that he lived in Corinth.

19. **What does the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews give as an example of the rest that we have in Jesus Christ? Hebrews 4:4**

   "God rested on the _____ day from all His works."

   NOTE: In discussing the rest that the Christian finds in Jesus Christ, there is no better example than the seventh-day Sabbath. The seventh-day Sabbath is God's symbol of the rest which the believer has in Christ, because the Sabbath is a symbol of the relationship that a Christian has with his God.

20. **Does this Sabbath rest still remain for the people of God today? Hebrews 4:9-12**

   "There remains therefore a_____ for the people of God."

   NOTE: The Greek word translated "rest" here is sabbatismos, meaning "Sabbath rest". The scripture is clear that there still remains a Sabbath rest for the New Testament believer, and God commands us to enter that same rest. Verse 11.

THE SABBATH ISSUE

The issue is clear. There is absolutely not the slightest bit of evidence in Scripture of a change in the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. However, the real issue is not keeping Saturday or keeping Sunday. The real issue is, does the little horn have the authority to change God's law? Notice this amazing statement from a Roman Catholic source:

> "It was the Catholic Church which ... transferred the rest to the Sunday... .Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church." Monsignor Louis Segur, "Plain Truth About Protestantism of Today," p. 213.

What an amazing, incredible admission! The Roman Church actually claims that when a person keeps Sunday, he acknowledges the authority of the Roman Church! To keep God's seventh-day Sabbath is to say very clearly that no person has the authority to change God's law. Make no mistake about it, the issue in the Sabbath-Sunday controversy is the issue of authority. The Sabbath we keep reveals whom we recognize as supreme authority in our religious life. No wonder God said that the Sabbath is a sign that we know the Lord (Ezekiel 20:20).

21. **Is Hall right to worship by tradition instead of by the**

others were not eating on the day. Paul says, "Let each be fully convinced in his own mind" (Verse 5). What day is kept as a fast-day is not important. There is absolutely nothing here to indicate that the Sabbath is being talked about.

THE SABBATH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

12. On what day did Paul and his company go into the synagogue at Antioch? Acts 13:14

The _____.

13. When the Jews left the synagogue, what did the Gentiles ask? Acts 13:42

'That these words might be preached to them the _____ Sabbath."

NOTE: Paul was not attempting to reach only the Jews, but we see here that even the Gentiles asked that Paul preach to them on the Sabbath. Evidently, they recognized Paul's custom to keep the Sabbath.

14. What happened on the next Sabbath? Acts 13:44

"The whole _____came together to _____ the word of God."

15. Where did Paul meet for Sabbath worship at Philippi? Acts 16:13

"To the_____."

NOTE: At Philippi, there was no synagogue of the Jews where Paul went on Sabbath. Instead, he met with the believers by the riverside. Even though there was not a Jewish place of worship, Paul still met on Sabbath for Christian worship.

16. How many Sabbaths did Paul preach Christ and Him crucified at Thessalonica? Acts 17:1-4

"_____ Sabbaths."

17. Now often did Paul preach to the Jews and the Greeks at Corinth? Acts 184

"Every _____."

18. How long was Paul at Corinth? Acts 18:11

"A _____ and _____ _____."

5. Why were the disciples assembled on the first day of the week? John 20:19

"For _____ of the Jews."

NOTE: The disciples were not holding a meeting to honour the resurrection. They did not even believe in the resurrection at this point. They were meeting behind locked doors for fear that the same thing that happened to Jesus would happen to them. They were afraid for their lives. Jesus appeared to these frightened disciples on the same day that He rose from the dead. Nothing here indicates a change in the day of worship.

6. What did Paul ask the Corinthian Christians to do on the first day of the week? I Corinthians 16:2

"On the first day of the week let each one of you _____ _____ _____, _____ up as he may prosper."

NOTE: The New Testament in the Language of Today says: "Each of you should at home lay aside money he makes and save it". Paul was requesting money for the Jerusalem Christians who were suffering from famine (Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:26). He was instructing the Corinthian Christians to prepare for this offering by laying aside at home a certain amount of money each week for this special offering. Please note that this was an individual laying aside, and not a collective laying aside at a church meeting. There is nothing in this text to indicate that there was a collective laying aside at a church meeting. There is nothing in this text to indicate that there was a collection occurring in church on the first day of the week. They were putting aside money for this offering that would be collected later, when Paul arrived. There certainly is no evidence there for Sunday keeping.

7. Does Acts 20:7-11 Indicate that the first day was the regular meeting day of the early church?

NOTE: Notice when this meeting actually took place: the evening of the first day of the week. In Biblical times, the day was reckoned from sunset to sunset, "from even to even" (Genesis 1:5; Mark 1:32). Thus the dark part of the first day of the week in Biblical times would be what we would today call Saturday night. The New English Bible translates this verse: "On the Saturday night, in our assembly for the breaking of bread". This meeting did not occur on our Sunday at all, but on Saturday night. Paul was having a farewell meeting for the church members. He was about to leave them; he knew he might never see them again. He was anxious to impart all of the counsel of God that he could. And so the scripture says that he spent the entire night, from sundown to sunup, preaching to them. At midnight, a very unusual thing occurred when the young man, Eutychus, went to sleep and fell out of the third-story window. When Paul went down and prayed for him, he was resurrected and brought up, and they continued the meeting till morning. This story is the reason why this passage was recorded in the scripture.

According to Verse 11, on Sunday morning the apostle Paul and his company departed on their journey. Why didn't they stay for Sunday morning worship if they were keeping Sunday?

Some have cited this text to indicate that the regular custom of the early church was to meet on the first day of the week. But the text says nothing about it being the regular custom of the early church. The fact that Paul preached and broke bread on this day does not make the day sacred. The early church broke bread daily (Acts 2:46), as well as preached daily.

Amazingly, we have looked at every New Testament text that even mentions the first day of the week. We have not found the slightest indication of any change in the day of worship.

WAS THE SABBATH ABOLISHED?

Certain texts in the New Testament have indicated that certain Sabbaths are no longer kept in the New Testament church. This has confused a few people into thinking that the New Testament was not concerned about the seventh-day Sabbath. However, there were two kinds of Sabbaths mentioned in the Old Testament - the ceremonial feast days and the seventh-day Sabbath.

8. What were the ceremonial feast days called? Leviticus 23:27-32

A _____.

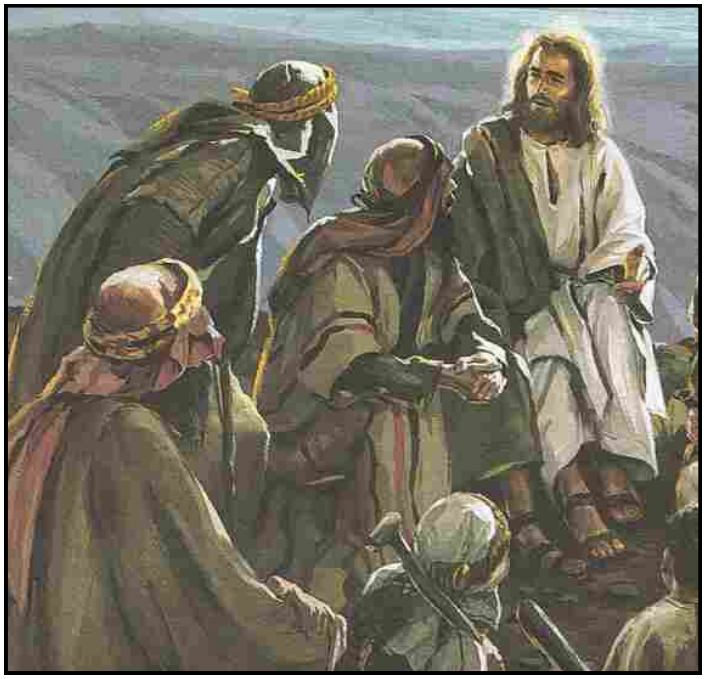
NOTE: The seventh-day weekly Sabbath of creation originated in the Garden of Eden, but the ceremonial feast days were also called "Sabbath". These ceremonial feast days were: Feast of Unleavened Bread, Passover, Feast of First fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23).

These ceremonial Sabbaths pointed forward to the cross and therefore, ceased to be kept after the cross. However, the seventh-day Sabbath pointed back to creation and our need for a relationship with God. The seventh-day Sabbath was always in sharp contrast to the ceremonial Sabbaths that only pointed forward to the cross and were shadows of the reality that was to come in Christ.

9. In addition to the ceremonial Sabbaths, what other Sabbath were the children of Israel to keep? Leviticus 23:37, 38

"These are the _____ of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, ... besides the _____ of the LORD."

NOTE: The Old Testament makes a clear distinction between the ceremonial feast days that were Sabbaths and the seventh-day Sabbath. The seventh-day Sabbath was in addition to all the other feast days.



10. Which Sabbaths does the Apostle Paul say New Testament believers are not to be judged on? Colossians 2:16, 17

"....Sabbaths, which area _____ of things to come."

NOTE: Paul makes it very clear which Sabbath days he's talking about. Remember, there were two kinds of Sabbaths in the Old Testament: the Seventh-day Sabbath pointing backward to creation, and the ceremonial Sabbaths that were a shadow pointing forward to the cross. Paul clearly states that it is the Sabbaths which are a shadow of things to come that the Christian is no longer to be judged on. He is not talking about the seventh-day Sabbath; he is talking about the ceremonial Sabbaths, such as Passover, Feast of Tabernacles and Day of Atonement.

11. Does Romans 14:1-6 indicate that it makes no difference which day is kept as the Sabbath?

NOTE: Please read this text very carefully. The Sabbath is not even mentioned in the text. There is no indication that the day spoken of here is the Sabbath. The context of this passage indicates that some Christians were concerned about eating on a day, and others were concerned about not eating on a day. One of the disputes in the early Christian centuries was over whether they should keep Wednesday or Friday as fast-days. Possibly this is what the apostle Paul was talking about here. Some were eating on a day,

NOTE: We have examined the longest time prophecy in the Bible, stretching all the way from Daniel's day to ours, from 457 B.C. to A.D. 1844. What happened in the middle of the nineteenth century as this great prophecy came to an end? In order to understand what took place in 1844, we will need to study what the Bible says the sanctuary is. Daniel 8:14 tells us, that at this time, the sanctuary will be cleansed. The next two lessons will give the amazing details of what happened in 1844.

30. Are you thankful that the Bible predicted so clearly the baptism and crucifixion of Jesus?

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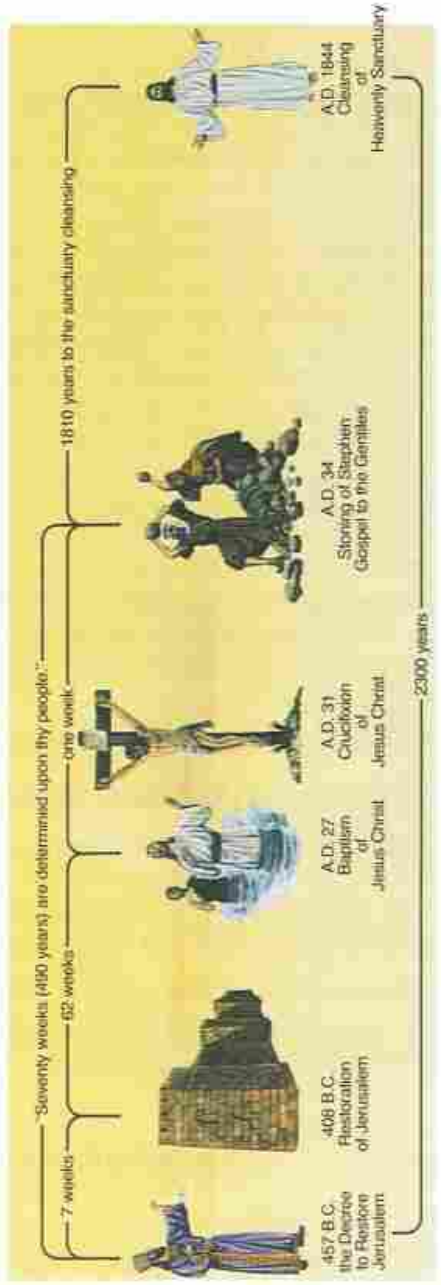

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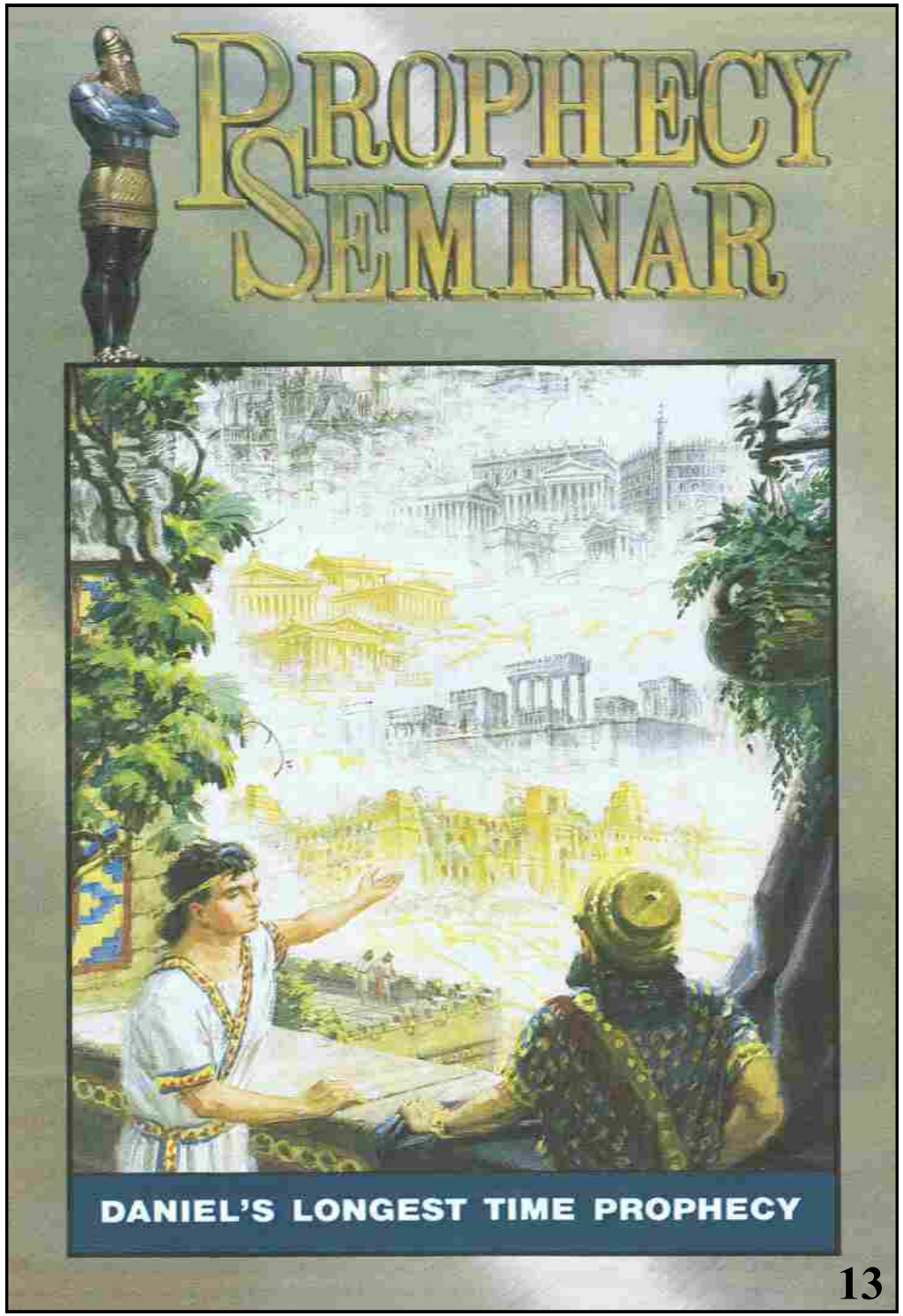

The next three lessons will unravel one of the most amazing and fascinating prophecies in the entire book of Daniel. It will reveal an event now transpiring in heaven that clearly indicates the approaching end of earth's history. It will reveal an event that is occurring in heaven right now which brings exceedingly good news to God's people, but exceedingly bad news for the little horn. The message of Daniel 8 and 9 is the climax of the message revealed in the book of Daniel. Here Daniel gives us the longest time prophecy in the entire Bible. What an exciting prophecy we're about to study! Let's get started!

THE PANORAMA OF EMPIRES

In order to understand Daniel's prophecies, it is necessary to employ correct principles of interpretation. One of these is the principle of repetition and expansion. This prophetic guideline suggests that each of the great outline prophecies in the book of Daniel continually goes over the same history, repeating the empires of the past, but each succeeding prophecy adds further details on the end time. Daniel 8 and 9 go through the same sequence as Daniel 2 and 7, portraying the empires of Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the little horn. The focal point in Daniel 7 was the development of the little horn, whereas the focal point in Daniel 8 and 9 is how God will bring an end to the little horn power.

1. When did Daniel have the vision of Daniel 8? Daniel 8:1, 2

"In the _____year of the reign of King Belshazzar."

NOTE: This vision was given near the end of the Babylonian realm. Interestingly, we will see that it did not begin with Babylon, but with Medo-Persia.

2. What kind of animal did Daniel see in vision that conquered in every direction? Daniel 83, 4

"A _____ which had two horns."

3. Who did this ram represent? Daniel 8:20

"The kings of _____ and _____."

4. What was the next animal that Daniel saw In this vision? Daniel 8:5

"A male _____ came from the west."

"The goat had a notable _____ between his eyes."

5. Who did the rough goat represent, and what did the great horn symbolize? Daniel 8:21

a. The goat: _____.

predicted the very year of the baptism of Jesus.

25. What was ultimately to happen to the Messiah? Daniel 9:26

"Messiah shall be _____."

NOTE: The Bible not only predicted the baptism of Christ, but it even predicted that Christ would die. But notice that it says "not for Himself." His would be a substitutionary death, for the entire human race.

26. How long does Messiah confirm the covenant with the Jews? Daniel 9:27

"_____ week."

NOTE: One week is seven days, or seven years. Seven years added to A.D. 27 brings us to A.D. 34. During this seven year period, the gospel was to be confirmed to the Jewish people.

27. What does the Messiah do In the middle of this last week? Daniel 9:27

"He shall bring an _____ to _____ and offering."

NOTE: In the middle of this final week, three and a half years after Christ began His ministry, He was to cause the sacrifice to cease. In other words, He was to bring an end to the sacrificial system. Jesus accomplished this by His death upon the cross three and a half years after He began His ministry in the spring of A.D. 31. As Jesus hung upon the cross, the temple curtain was torn in two, indicating the end of the sacrificial system. Jesus, the Lamb of God, had died; no longer was there any need for animal sacrifices. Only one person could ever stop animal sacrifices, and that was the One who became a sacrifice Himself. For three and a half years after the death of Christ, the disciples laboured mainly for the Jewish people. However, in A.D. 34 the Jewish nation sealed their rejection of the gospel by the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7). The persecution begun at this time caused the Christians to scatter everywhere and preach the gospel everywhere (Acts 8:4).

28. When does the 2300-day Prophecy end? Daniel 8:14

_____

NOTE: Remember, the 70 weeks, or 490 years, had been cut off from the longer period of 2300 years. (See diagram.)

If we subtract 490 years from 2300 years, we have 1810 years left. Adding the 1810 years to A.D. 34, we arrive at the year 1844, which would be the conclusion of the 2300 year prophecy.

29. What was to happen In 1844 at the end of the 2300 days? Daniel 8:14

`Then the sanctuary shall be _____."

next few verses.

THE SEVENTY WEEKS

21. How much time of the 2300 days was determined (or cut off) for the Jewish people? Daniel 9:24

"_____ weeks."

NOTE: Daniel was told to consider the vision of the 2300 days. He was next told that seventy weeks were determined, or cut off from the 2300 days for the Jewish people. Seventy weeks times seven days in a week equals 490 days, or years. Remember, God's people were in captivity in Babylon at this time. God was assuring them that He would give them another opportunity. He would give them another 490 years to come into line.

22. When were the seventy-week and 2300-day prophecies to begin? Daniel 9:25

"From the going forth of the _____ to restore and build Jerusalem."

NOTE: The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. (Ezra 6:14)

23. What would happen at the end of the first 69 weeks? Daniel 9:25

"_____ the Prince" shall come.

NOTE: Daniel 9:25 tells us that from this commandment to restore Jerusalem in 457 B.C. until the Messiah, the Prince, comes, there will be seven weeks, plus sixty-two. So we have seven, plus sixty-two or 69 weeks, times seven days in a week, or 483 years until Messiah would come. If we add 483 years to 457 B.C., we arrive at the calendar year A.D. 27 as the time for the appearance of the Messiah.

7 weeks = 7 62 weeks = 62 69 weeks x 7 days = 483 days/years

The word "Messiah" is a Hebrew word meaning "the anointed one". Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit for His ministry at His baptism. Luke 3:21, 22; Acts 10:38

24. What was the first message that Jesus announced after His baptism? Mark 1:14,15

"The _____ is fulfilled."

NOTE: God's prophetic time clock had struck, and Jesus appeared on the scene of action at the very time the Bible foretold! Jesus was baptized in A.D.27, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1). Here is one of the most amazing prophecies of the Bible. The Bible actually

b. The horn: The _____ king.

NOTE: Notice how the prophecy followed the same sequence as Daniel 2 and 7. After Medo-Persia comes Greece. The notable horn represented the first king of Greece, Alexander the Great.

6. What did the male goat do to the ram? Daniel 8:6, 7

He conquered the _____.

7. What happened to the great horn when it was strong? What came up in Its place? Daniel 8:8

a. 'The large horn was _____."

b. "In place of it _____ notable ones came up."

8. What was the meaning of the four horns that came up? Daniel 8:22

The four horns are four _____.

NOTE: Alexander the Great conquered the world in a very short period of time. At the age of 32, he died suddenly, the result of his own intemperance. The Grecian Empire, instead of being taken over by one person, was divided into four separate kingdoms—the kingdoms of Egypt, Thrace, Macedonia, and Syria. These four kingdoms were ruled by the four generals of Alexander: Ptolemy, Lysimachus, Cassander and Seleucus.

9. What did Daniel see coming out of one of the four winds of heaven? Daniel 8:9

"A little _____."

10. Who did this little horn stand up against? Daniel 8:23-25

"He shall even rise against the _____ _____ _____."

NOTE: The "Prince of princes" is obviously a reference to Jesus Christ. The power here described as the little horn stood up in opposition to Jesus Christ Himself. The power that crucified Christ was the pagan Roman Empire, the next empire in the sequence of empires foretold in the book of Daniel. At this point, the little horn in Daniel 8:9 was none other than the pagan Roman Empire.

11. Did the little horn stay a little horn? Daniel 8:10

No! "It _____ _____."

12. As the little horn grew up, what five things did it do? Daniel 8:11, 12

a. "He even _____ himself as high as the Prince of the host."

b. "By him the _____ sacrifices were taken away."

c. 'The place of His sanctuary was cast_____."

d. "He cast _____ down to the ground."

e. "He did all this and _____ ."

NOTE: Obviously, we are not dealing with just the pagan Roman Empire. In the later days of the Roman Empire, the little horn changed form. It became a religious political power that cast down the truth of God to the ground, practiced and prospered and destroyed the truth of God's sanctuary. In following the sequence of Daniel 7, the next power after pagan Rome is papal Rome. Daniel 8 uses the same symbol to represent both powers, indicating the connection between pagan Rome and papal Rome; likewise, Daniel 7 indicated that the little horn grew out of the dragon. Thus the little horn in Daniel 8 represents Rome in its two stages of pagan and papal Rome.

13. As Daniel contemplated all that he had seen In this vision, what question was asked? Daniel 8:13

"How long will the _____ be?"

NOTE: As Daniel had seen the sequence of empires— Medo-Persia, Greece, pagan Rome, the papal apostasy and all the terrible deeds committed by these powers - the question was asked, how long shall be this vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the transgression of desolation, etc.? In other words, Daniel heard two holy beings talking in heaven and one asked the question: how long will this vision be that begins with Medo-Persia and ends with Papal Rome?

14. How long would it take for the sanctuary to be cleansed? Daniel 8:14

_____ days.

NOTE: 2300 literal days is a little less than seven years. It is not a very long time for all the events described in Daniel 8 to take place. According to Daniel 8, the 2300 days would encompass the Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman and papal powers. Obviously, we are not dealing with 2300 literal days, but 2300 years.

15. Does the Bible support the use eta day for a year In prophecy? Ezekiel 4:6

"I have laid on you a day for each _____ ."

NOTE: In Bible time prophecy, one day is symbolic of one year. This principle fits in very clearly with the context of Daniel 8.

16. What was Daniel told about the vision of the evening and the morning? Daniel 8:26

"_____ the vision."

NOTE: All other aspects of this vision were clearly interpreted for Daniel in the latter part of the chapter. When we come to the verse where the interpretation should be given for the evenings and the mornings of the 2300 days, we are told that it is shut up, for it shall be for many days (Daniel 8:17)

17. Why didn't God give Daniel an interpretation of the 2300 days at this time? Daniel 8:27

"I, Daniel_____ and was _____ for days."

NOTE: As Daniel saw everything that was done by the little horn power, he fainted and was sick. Therefore, God could not give him the interpretation of the 2300 days. Daniel 8 concludes by stating that nobody understood the vision. Everyone clearly understood the first part of the vision — it was clearly interpreted in the latter part of Chapter 8, the only part of the vision not explained.

18. What is Daniel doing when Chapter 9 opens? Daniel 9:1-3

"To make request by _____ and supplications."

NOTE: Daniel 9 opens with Daniel studying Jeremiah's prophecy of seventy years of captivity, hoping perhaps to find a clue to the interpretation of the 2300 days. Daniel 9 finds Daniel praying to his God for understanding of that which he did not comprehend. Daniel 9:4-19 records Daniel's earnest prayer for understanding. He confesses his sins and the sins of his people, hoping that somehow God would see fit to give him the correct interpretation.

19. Who appeared to Daniel in answer to his prayer? Daniel 9:20,21

"_____ whom I had seen in the.. . _____."

NOTE: The same angel who gave Daniel the original vision of Chapter 8 now comes and appears to him again. Please remember, there has been no new vision since the vision of the 2300 days.

20. What was the purpose of Gabriel's visit this time? Daniel 9:22, 23

"I have now come forth to give you skill to _____."
"Consider the matter, and _____ the _____ ."

NOTE: Gabriel called Daniel's attention to the vision that he saw at the beginning of the 2300 day vision. Gabriel said that he is now come to give him an understanding of that vision and told him to consider that vision and understand it. We can then expect an interpretation of the 2300 days in the

symbolized by the work of the Most Holy Place, the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary. Thus the cleansing of the sanctuary refers to Christ's final work of judgment in the heavenly sanctuary.

21. When does Christ perform this final phase of His ministry, the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary? Daniel 8:14

At the end of the _____ days.

NOTE: At the end of the 2300 days, or in 1844, Christ began that final phase of His ministry, the judgment. This judgment must occur before the second coming of Christ, for three reasons:

a. It is only logical that judgment occur before Christ comes because, when He comes, He divides the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:3134). How could Christ perform judgment after He had already come and taken people to heaven?

b. In the Day of Atonement service in the ancient Jewish sanctuary, if someone happened to remember some sin that he had not confessed, he could still bring that sin to the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement, and it could be sent into the sanctuary and removed that very day (Lev. 16:4, 23-25). This indicates that grace was to still be available to the sinner while Christ's final phase of ministry was going on.

c. At the end of the work of the Day of Atonement, the live goat was sent into the wilderness. Later, we will study Revelation 20, where we will discover that Satan will be sent into the wilderness for 1000 years following the second coming of Christ. The pre-advent judgment is all over when Satan is sent into the wilderness. Lesson 15 will give you greater details of this pre-advent judgment that began in 1844.

Thus, since 1844, Christ has been conducting the final phase of His ministry as taught in the ancient Jewish sanctuary—His work of final judgment. While Christ conducts the judgment, He still intercedes for us; He still continues the work of the Holy Place even while He conducts the final judgment. Praise God, our High Priest is not only our Judge, but also our Intercessor – He stands for us (1 John 2:1) .

22. Are you happy that God has provided the wonderful plan of salvation pictured for us in the ancient sanctuary service?

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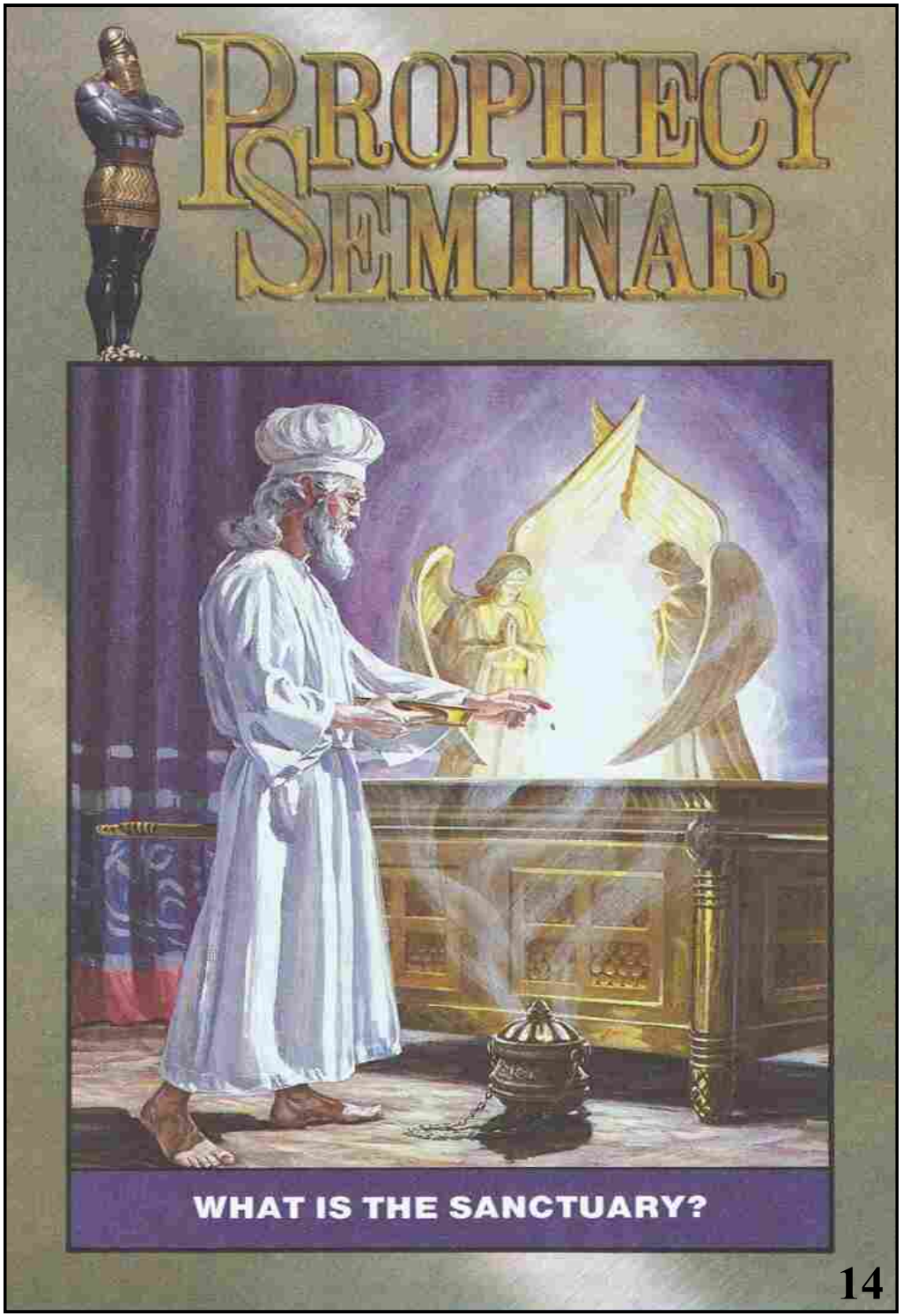


Lesson 13 examined the longest time prophecy in the Bible, stretching from 457 B C. to A.D. 1844. In this prophecy, Daniel viewed the various empires arising: Medo-Persia, Greece, pagan Rome and the papal apostasy. He was asked how long it would take for this entire vision to be fulfilled. He was told that 2300 years would pass before the sanctuary would be cleansed, or restored, again. We discovered that there is an intimate connection between Daniel 8 and Daniel 9. Daniel 9 gives us the intricate details that enable us to interpret the 2300 days. As part of this prophecy, God foretold the exact year of the baptism and crucifixion of Christ. Since these events, which were foretold in Scripture were fulfilled exactly on time, we have every confidence that the final event of the 2300 days, the cleansing of the sanctuary, would also come at the predicted time in 1844. In order to understand what happened in 1844, however, one needs to understand the sanctuary.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

1. **What is to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days? Daniel 8:14**

   The _____

2. **What was the purpose of the and Ent Jewish sanctuary? Exodus 25:8**

   "Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may _____ among them."

   NOTE: In interpreting the sanctuary of Daniel 8:14, we must clearly understand what Daniel understood by the term "sanctuary".

3. **What was the sanctuary called In the Old Testament? Exodus 26:1**

   The _____

   NOTE: Since the Israelites were nomads in the Sinai desert at the time God gave the tabernacle to them, He designed a sanctuary for them that was portable, made of cloth like a tent. The making of this sanctuary is described in intricate detail in Exodus 25 to 40. The Old Testament sanctuary consisted of three sections:

   1) the Courtyard

   2) the Holy Place

   3) the Most Holy Place

   In the courtyard was the altar of burnt offering and the laver. In the holy place was the table of shewbread, the seven-branched candlestick and the altar of incense. In the Most Holy Place was the ark of the covenant, containing the Ten Commandments. Above the ark was the cover, which was called the mercy seat, that indicated that justice and mercy were blended together. Overlooking the mercy seat were two cherubim, and between the cherubim was the Shekinah glory, the literal presence of God on earth. Please notice the diagram.

17. **Where did the priest sprinkle the blood of the Lord's goat? Leviticus 16:15**

    "On the mercy _____."

    NOTE: The mercy seat was located in the Most Holy Place. (Please notice that this is the onetime each year when the high priest went into the holy of holies.) Rather than sprinkle this blood upon the altar of incense, this blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat.

18. **The sprinkling of the blood of the Lori's goat on the mercy seat was to make atonement for what part of the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:16**

    The _____ Place.

    NOTE: Note again that the high priest is in the Most Holy Place, but he is making an atonement for the holy place.

19. **Why does the holy place need to be cleansed? Leviticus 16:16**

    "Because of the _____ of the children of Israel,

    and because of their transgressions, for all their _____.

    NOTE: The reason the high priest went into the Most Holy Place was to cleanse the holy place because of all the sins of the children of Israel that had been transferred there all year long through the work of the holy place.

20. **What happened to the live goat when the work of cleansing the sanctuary was complete? Leviticus 16:20, 21**

    The sins that were removed from the sanctuary were confessed over him and

    he was sent away into the _____.

    NOTE: Please note that the live goat is never slain, but only enters the picture when the work of the sanctuary is complete. This demonstrates to Israel that Satan is finally responsible for sin. This removal of sin from the sanctuary is the final act of the sanctuary service. Now it is shown that Satan is the responsible agent in sin. Notice that Satan's goat is never slain. Only Christ bears the penalty for sin. In order for Christ to remove sin from the sanctuary, a work of judgment was needed. That is why this service in ancient Israel was known as the day of judgment. It was the most solemn day in the history of Israel because the Israelites knew that their sins were being removed from the sanctuary.

    The sanctuary has symbolized for us three phases in the ministry of Christ:

    1. His work of sacrifice completed on the cross.

    2. His work of intercession, begun when He ascended into heaven and sat down on the right hand of God, and continuing until He comes the second time.

    3. His work of final judgment, dealing with the removal of sin. This is

of intercession. The altar of sacrifice represents the death of Christ; the altar of incense, the life of Christ. Again, notice that the two altars stood in direct line between the sinner and the broken law. What we actually see is that Jesus Christ stands between the sinner and the broken law. The sinner is reconciled to God through the death of Christ and saved by His life.

12. How does the apostle Paul indicate that individuals are restored to a right relationship with God? Romans 5:10

"... reconciled to God through the _____ of His Son,...

saved by His _____."

NOTE: These two aspects of the ministry of Christ, as foretold in the sanctuary, have been fulfilled by Jesus. He is the only one who can fully restore a person to a right relationship with God.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

While the work in the courtyard and the holy place was performed every day, the work of the Most Holy Place was performed only once a year. Thus, while the former was known as the "daily", the latter was known as the "yearly". The work of the Day of Atonement in the Most Holy Place symbolizes the third and final phase of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Let us examine the events of this, the most solemn day in the life of ancient Israel.

13. What happened at the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:29, 30

"The priest shall make atonement for you, to _____ you."

NOTE: The purpose of the Day of Atonement was to cleanse both sinner and sanctuary. The cleansing of the sanctuary was achieved through the work of the Most Holy Place.

14. How many goats were chosen on the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:5

_____

15. Who were the two goats for? Leviticus 16:8

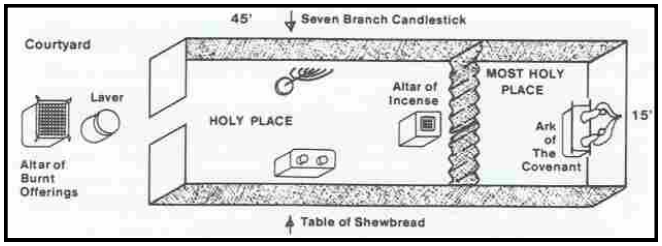
a. The _____ b. _____

NOTE: One goat was chosen to be offered to the Lord, the other was to be a scapegoat, or as the margin reads, it was for "Azazel". Azazel was another name for Satan. Thus, on this particular day, two goats were chosen, one for the Lord and one to represent Satan.

16. Wiest happened to the Lord's goat? Leviticus 16:9

"Offer it as a sin _____."

NOTE: The Lord's goat was sacrificed on the altar of burnt offerings.



4. When a person sinned In ancient Israel, what was he to bring to the sanctuary? Leviticus 5:6

A _____.

NOTE: When an individual in ancient Israel sinned, he brought a lamb to the sanctuary. The sanctuary was the place where forgiveness of sins was obtained for people. The sinner confessed his sin over the lamb. Then the lamb was slain on the altar of burnt offerings. The priest took the blood of the lamb and sprinkled it before the veil by the altar of incense, symbolically transferring the sin from the sinner to the lamb to the sanctuary.

One point must be made very clear: the sanctuary is the place where the sinner found forgiveness of sin in the Old Testament. The work of the sanctuary dealt with the removal of sin. This work of sacrifice was performed for the sinner every day; thus it was known as the "daily".

THE FULFILMENT OF THE SANCTUARY

5. How did Moses design the tabernacle? Exodus25:9, 40

"... make them according to the _____, which was shown you on the mountain."

NOTE: Moses did not originate the Old Testament sanctuary. He made it according to the pattern shown him by God while he was on Mount Sinai.

6. Of what was the Mosaic sanctuary a pattern? Hebrews 8:5

"... the copy and shadow of the _____ things."

NOTE: Moses was to make his sanctuary according to the pattern of the heavenly sanctuary.

7. How many sanctuaries are there in Scripture? Hebrews 8:1-5

"A Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the _____ erected, and not _____."

NOTE: Hebrews clearly indicates that there are two sanctuaries: an earthly and a heavenly. The earthly sanctuary was made after the pattern of the heavenly sanctuary. One sanctuary was pitched by the Lord (heavenly), the other by Moses (earthly).

8. **Who Is the High Priest of the heavenly sanctuary? Hebrews 4:14**

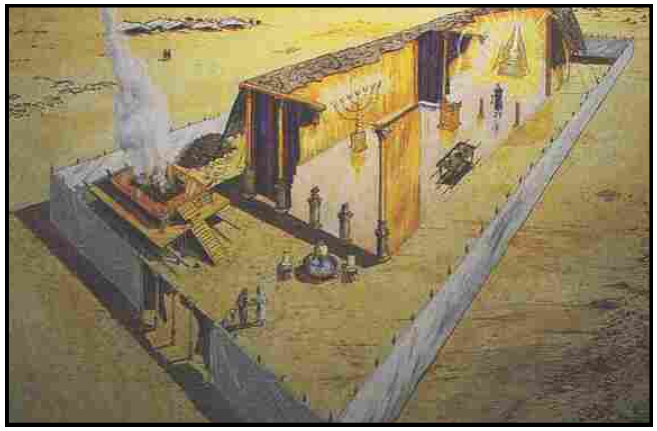
_____

NOTE: The earthly sanctuary had earthly priests who ministered according to the Old Testament ceremonial system. But in the heavenly sanctuary, there is only one priest, and He is Jesus Christ. He is our great High Priest.

9. **How many mediators are there between God and people In New Testament times? 1 Timothy 2:5**

"There is _____ God and _____Mediator between God and men, the Man _____ _____."

NOTE: In New Testament times, there is no need for an earthly priestly system. After Jesus died on the cross, the high priestly ministry of Jesus was inaugurated. There is, therefore, no other mediator between people and God except Jesus Christ.



JESUS FULFILLS THE SANCTUARY SERVICE

The ministry of Jesus Christ fulfils this ancient Jewish sanctuary service. When the Old Testament sinner came to the sanctuary to receive forgiveness for his sins, he stood in front of the altar of burnt offering and confessed his sins over the lamb. In the Most Holy Place in front of him were the Ten Commandments. Sin is the transgression of the law. The sinner had broken that law. He confessed his sin over the lamb. The lamb was slain and its blood spilled before the veil behind the altar of incense, symbolically transferring the sin from the sinner to the lamb to the sanctuary.

Two altars stood in direct line between the sinner and the broken law: the altar of burnt offering and the altar of incense. The priest must perform a work at both of these altars to cleanse the sinner of his sins.

Thereby, the sinner was cleansed, forgiven and restored. The only way the sinner could be forgiven was for the priest to perform the work at the altar of sacrifice, and the altar stood in direct line between the sinner and the broken law.

The three parts of the sanctuary the courtyard, the holy place and the Most Holy Place indicate three phases in the ministry of Jesus Christ. In other words, one phase of His ministry is symbolized by the courtyard, a second phase is symbolized by the holy place and a third phase of His ministry is symbolized by the Most Holy Place.

10. **What phase of Christ's ministry is symbolized by the work of the courtyard with Its altar of burnt offering? Hebrews 9:26; John 1:29**

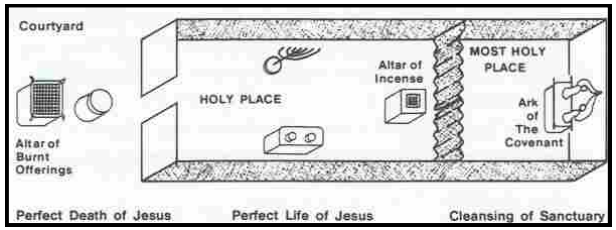
"He has appeared to put away sin by the _____of Himself." "Behold! The _____ of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

NOTE: Jesus, by His death upon Calvary's cross, fulfilled the Old Testament sanctuary's courtyard. He became the sinner's sacrifice. He became the Lamb of God. No longer do people need to offer a lamb to God when they sin. Jesus, the Lamb of God, has died for our sins. The courtyard symbolizes Christ's work of sacrifice, and the altar of sacrifice symbolizes the death of Jesus Christ. The sanctuary was God's pictorial presentation of the plan of salvation for Israel.

11. **How does Jesus fulfill the ministry of the holy place? Hebrews 9:24**

"For Christ has not entered the holy places made with _____, ... but into _____itself, now to appear in the presence of God for _____."

NOTE: Upon His ascension, Jesus Christ entered into the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, where He intercedes for us. Hebrews 9:24 says that He appears in the presence of God for us. The work of the holy place symbolizes Christ's work of perfect intercession. The altar of incense in the holy place represents Christ's life of perfect righteousness. His perfect life is added as precious incense to the prayers of the saints as they ascend to heaven (Revelation 8:3,4). Now look at the diagram following. . .



The courtyard represents Christ's work of sacrifice; the holy place, His work

favour of the saints of the Most High." This pre-advent judgment that began in 1844, not only decides negatively against the little horn power, but it decides positively in favour of God's people.

Some may wonder why God has a judgment. It needs to be very clear in our thinking that God does not need to have a judgment in order to find out who's going to be saved. God already knows who's going to be saved. God is so fair and just that for the unfallen angels, He convenes this pre-advent judgment, so that it will be very clear to all of them that God has a right to save every one that He is about to take to heaven. During this pre-advent judgment beginning in 1844, God for the first time unveils to the angels and unfallen beings in heaven the names of the saved, and then shows the whole universe why He is saving these people.

18. With whom does Peter say judgment must begin? 1 Peter 4:17

"Judgment to begin at the _____ of _____ ."

NOTE: This pre-advent judgment is primarily dealing with the righteous. It is God's vindication of His right to save people who have fully surrendered themselves to the lordship of Jesus Christ in their lives.

19. Who is to be my lawyer In the judgment? 1 John 2:1

Jesus _____

NOTE: Our advocate, or lawyer, in this pre-advent judgment is Jesus Christ. He will plead our case against Satan's charges. That's why the saints don't worry. That's why Christians are not anxious about judgment. They know that Jesus Christ will never lose any case that is entrusted to Him. The question that needs to concern me is: Is my case in Jesus' hand? Will He plead my case?

20. Do you wish to engage Jesus Christ as your lawyer In the judgment that Is now going on In heaven?

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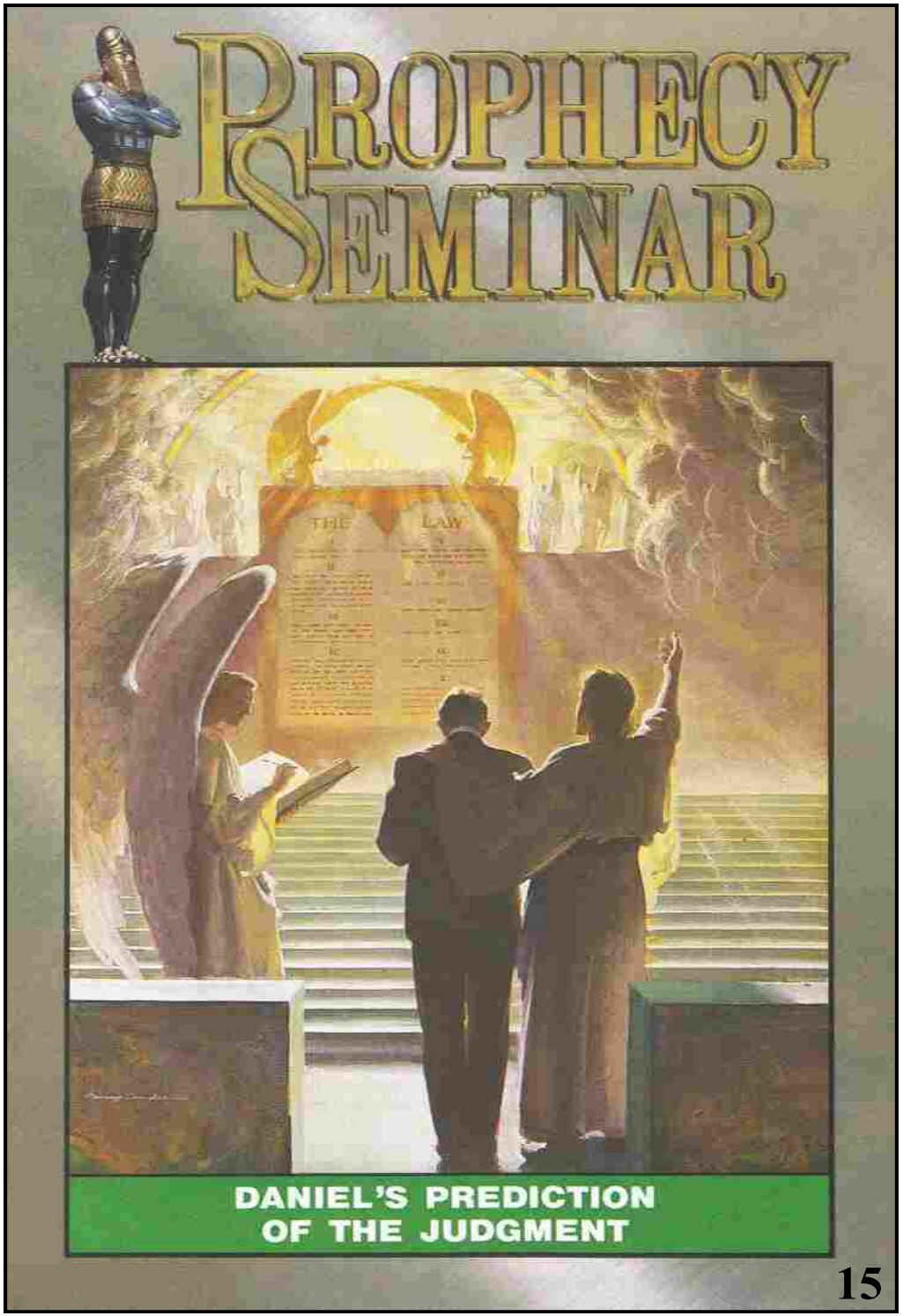

In the last two lessons, we have studied Daniel's amazing prophecy of the pre-advent judgment that began in 1844. We have discovered that the 2300-day prophecy began in 457 B.C. during the Medo-Persian realm and ended in A.D. 1844 with the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary. In the last lesson, we examined carefully the Old Testament sanctuary service that pointed forward to the ministry of Christ. We found that the three sections of the sanctuary pointed forward to three phases of the ministry of Christ. The courtyard represented Christ's work of sacrifice; the holy place, His work of intercession; and the Most Holy Place, His work of final judgment. The work of the courtyard and holy place performed in the ancient Jewish sanctuary every day was known as the "daily". The work of the Most Holy Place, performed by the high priest on the Day of Atonement once a year, was known as the "yearly".

The cleansing of the sanctuary in the Old Testament referred to Christ's work of final judgment, which Daniel 8:14 (866) [866] indicates will begin at the end of the 2300-year prophecy in 1844. In this lesson, we wish to examine the whole concept of the judgment as it appears in Daniel 7, 8 and 9. In fact, the pre-advent judgment seems to be the focal point of these three chapters.

THE SEQUENCE OF DANIEL 7

1. Give the Biblical symbol from Daniel 7 for each of the powers mentioned below: Daniel 7:1-8

a. Babylon _____

b. Medo-Persia _____

c. Greece _____

d. Pagan Rome _____

e. Divided Europe _____

f. Papacy _____

2. What Is the next scene that Daniel beholds after the papal power holds sway over the earth? Daniel 7:9, 10

"The _____ was seated, and the books were opened."

NOTE: Notice very clearly the sequence here in Daniel 7. Daniel portrays the panorama of the nations, each one following the other. The next great scene that Daniel beholds after the reign of the little horn power is none other than the judgment scene.

3. Daniel repeats the sequence of empires a second time In Chapter 7. Name the three powers he now mentions. Daniel 7:19, 20

a. the _____ beast (pagan Rome)

b. the _____ horns (divided Europe)

truth by the papacy that Daniel reveals that the sanctuary must be cleansed, or restored, to its rightful place (Daniel 8:14). Once again, people must be led to see the ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. Thus, we see that the sanctuary needs to be cleansed because the little horn has made the work of Christ a work on earth instead of a work in the heavenly sanctuary.

The Second Aspect of the Judgment

15. In the Old Testament sanctuary service, what necessitated the cleansing of the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:16

"The _____ of the children of Israel, and

because of their _____, for all their sins."

NOTE: The second thing that necessitated the cleansing of the sanctuary was that the sins of God's people had been transferred to the sanctuary through the ministry of Jesus Christ. These sins must be removed through a work of judgment in which it is shown that Satan, not God, is responsible for sin.

Since there are two things that defile the sanctuary, the judgment beginning in 1844 must be a twofold judgment:

1) It must bring judgment for the saints.

2) It must bring judgment for the little horn.

In other words, there is a positive and a negative aspect to the judgment. Positively, the judgment will decide in favour of the saints; negatively, it will decide against the little horn power.

16. What message is preached as a part of the everlasting gospel? Revelation 14:6, 7

"The hour of His _____ has come."

NOTE: The gospel is the good news that Jesus forgives people of sin through His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, and that no man on earth can forgive sins. When people hear the gospel preached and are pointed to the heavenly sanctuary where Christ is Minister, the little horn ceases to have dominion over them. God's judgment on the little horn is heralded by this special, unique message of Revelation 14:6-12 that preaches the beginning of the judgment in 1844 and exposes the fallacy of the little horn by pointing people to the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. Remember, this message could only be preached since 1844, for it proclaims that the judgment is now in session.

17. Who else Is judged in the pre-advent judgment? Daniel 7:22

"Judgment was made in favour of the _____ of the Most High."

NOTE: Similarly, the New International Version translates this text as follows: "Until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in

TWO ASPECTS OF THE JUDGMENT

The First Aspect of the Judgment

In order to fully understand what is involved in this pre-advent judgment, we must examine why the sanctuary needed to be cleansed.

13. Why does Daniel say that the sanctuary has to be cleansed? Daniel 8:13, 14

Because the _____ and the host are trodden under _____ .

NOTE: Daniel indicates that the reason why the sanctuary needs to be cleansed is the sin of the little horn.

14. What did the little horn do to God's sanctuary? Daniel 8:11, 12

a. "He even _____ himself as high as the Prince of the host."

b. "The _____ sacrifices were taken away."

c. "The place of His sanctuary was cast_____."

d. "He cast _____ down to the _____ ."

NOTE: There are four great sins that Daniel charges to the little horn in Daniel 8 that necessitate the cleansing of the sanctuary.

1) He magnified himself to the Prince of the host. This refers to the papacy's claim to be equal with God. (See Lesson 9.)

2) He has taken away the daily sacrifice. In the Old Testament sanctuary service, the "daily" referred to the work of the courtyard and the holy place Christ's work of sacrifice and intercession. The little horn has destroyed Christ's work of sacrifice and intercession by instituting the daily sacrifice of the mass for the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Instead of Jesus dying once for all on the cross, the papal system sacrifices Christ every time the mass is conducted. This system also destroys Christ's work of intercession by causing people to turn to the confessional box for forgiveness of sin instead of pointing them to the intercessory work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, where Jesus, as our only Mediator, forgives us of our sins.

3) The place of his sanctuary was cast down." The place of God's sanctuary in New Testament times is the heavenly sanctuary. Instead of pointing people to the heavenly sanctuary where Christ is Minister, the papal system has pointed them to an earthly priestly system.

4) "He cast truth down to the ground." The papacy has taken the great truth of the heavenly sanctuary and made it an earthly system. Asa result, people are trying to find salvation in an earthly system instead of seeking to find it in the heavenly sanctuary.

It is because of these very doctrines that the Roman system comes under the judgment of God. It is partially because of this corruption of the sanctuary

c. the _____ horn (papal Rome)

4. How long does the little horn power prevail against the saints? Daniel 7:21, 22

"Until the Ancient of Days came, and a _____ was made in favour of the saints of the Most High."

NOTE: Here again we find Daniel emphasizing the fact that the little horn power prevails over the minds of men until the Ancient of Days (God) came and the judgment began.

5. In the third giving of this sequence in Daniel 7, Daniel again mentions the fourth beast, pagan Rome; the ten horns, the ten divisions of the Roman Empire; and the little horn, papal Rome. What event does Daniel foretell? Daniel 7:23-26

The _____.

NOTE: Three times in one chapter Daniel has gone through the same sequence of the nations, from Daniel's day to the end of the world. In each case, he ends with the judgment scene. The judgment scene always follows the reign of the little horn power.

6. How long does the little horn power reign? Daniel 7:25

"A _____ and _____ and _____ a time."

NOTE: The time, times and half a time equals 1260 days, or prophetic years (see Lesson 9). The 1260 years began with the destruction of the last of the three powers that prevented the papacy from having full supremacy. The decree of Justinian, which gave the pope power in the West, was finally put into effect in A.D. 538. In 1798, 1260 years later, French General Berthier, under orders from Napoleon, took the pope prisoner, ending the temporal sovereignty of the pope and fulfilling to the very year the 1260-year prophecy. Daniel 7 predicted that this little horn power would control and dominate the saints for this 1260-year period. When this period was over, God would convene the judgment. That's why Daniel sees the judgment scene coming right after the reign of this little horn power. From Daniel 7, we can learn that the judgment occurs sometime after 1798. Daniel 8 gives us the final details, which pinpoint exactly when the judgment begins.

THE SEQUENCE OF DANIEL 8

In Daniel 8, we noticed that Daniel repeats the same sequence as Daniel 7 for a fourth time. This constant repetition was to vividly impress upon our minds the importance of the sequence of events leading up to the judgment.

7. Give the interpretation for each of the symbols listed below in Daniel 8

(The interpretation Is given In chapter 8 but if you need extra help review lesson 13).

a. The ram: _____.

b The male goat: _____.

c. The notable horn on the male goat: _____ the Great.

d. The four horns that came up: _____ Divisions.

e. The little horn: _____ _____.

f. The little horn waxed great: _____.

NOTE: Notice again how Daniel has repeated the sequence in Daniel 7, with a few added details.

8. According to Daniel 8, what is the next thing that happens after the reign of the little horn? Daniel 8:13, 14

"Then the sanctuary shall be _____."

NOTE: The cleansing of the sanctuary is the parallel to the judgment; in Daniel 7, the judgment scene is the event that follows the reign of the little horn; in Daniel 8, the event pictured is the cleansing of the sanctuary. From our study of the ancient Jewish sanctuary, we have learned, however, that the cleansing of the sanctuary referred to the work of judgment. Whereas Daniel 7 gave us the approximate time for the beginning of the judgment (sometime after 1798), Daniel 8 gives us the exact details—it starts at the end of the 2300 days, in 1844.

9. Notice in the chart below how these chapters parallel each other:

Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Interpretation
Lion	_____	Babylon
Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Leopard	Male goat	Greece
4 heads	4 horns	4 divisions of Greece
Dragon	Little horn	Pagan Rome
10 horns	_____	10 divisions of Rome
Little horn	Little horn waxed great	Papal Rome
Judgment	Cleansing of sanctuary	Pre-advent Judgment

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE JUDGMENT

Amazing, exciting, wonderful news! God's judgment has already begun in heaven and has been going on there since 1844. To some people, judgment is scary and is bad news. But in Scripture, judgment is always treated as good news for God's people, not bad news.

10. What Is declared In heaven when God's judgments are made manifest? Revelation 19:1-3

"_____! Salvation and _____ and _____ and _____ belong to the Lord our God!"

NOTE: It seems incredible, but all heaven goes into the greatest description of praise to God because He has manifested His judgments. Revelation 14:6-12 describes a special message that is to go into all the world at the end time. It is symbolized by three angels flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming this message.



11. What does the first angel's message proclaim about the judgment? Revelation 14:7

"The hour of His judgment _____ come."

NOTE: Notice the present tense of this verse. When this special message is proclaimed, the judgment is not future, it is not past; it is actually in progress. This message of the judgment in session could only be proclaimed since 1844.

12. What three injunctions are given as a result of the judgment being in session? Revelation 14:7

a. _____ God"

b. "give, _____ to Him"

c. "_____ Him who made heaven and earth"

NOTE: Again, we see praise, honour and worship given to God, because He at last has convened the judgment.

29. What happens next to the wicked? Revelation 20:12, 13

They "were _____.. by the things which were written in the books."

NOTE: Here is phase number three of the judgment. God opens the records, and the wicked clearly see that their exclusion from heaven is just. The wicked see that they have been rebelling against God. No one now questions the justice of God.

30. What happens to the wicked after they are judged? Revelation 20:14, 15

They were "cast into the lake of _____."

NOTE: God does not arbitrarily destroy the wicked. The whole purpose of their being resurrected at the end of the 1000 years is to prove to everyone without a doubt that God has given the wicked every opportunity to be saved, but they have rejected every offer of salvation sent by God.

31. Will the wicked then acknowledge that God Is truly the Lord? Philippians 2:10, 11

"Every knee should _____ ... every tongue should _____ that Jesus Christ is _____."

NOTE: At last there comes a time when everyone in the universe has fully admitted the justice of God. Rebellion arose in the beginning because Satan questioned the justice of God. Now there is no longer any question. Everyone has been fully satisfied and convinced during the three-phase judgment.

1. Phase one, the pre-advent judgment from 1844 until the second coming of Christ has vindicated God to the entire universe of unfallen beings.

2. Phase two of the judgment during the 1000 years has vindicated God before all the righteous.

3. Phase three at the end of the 1000 years has vindicated God before all the wicked. Even they have admitted the justice of God.

Review the diagram after Question 14 that clearly illustrates what happens before, during and after the 1000 years.

32. Those who invite Jesus to handle their case now can be Inside the city at the end of the 1000 years. Do you desire to be inside that city with Jesus?

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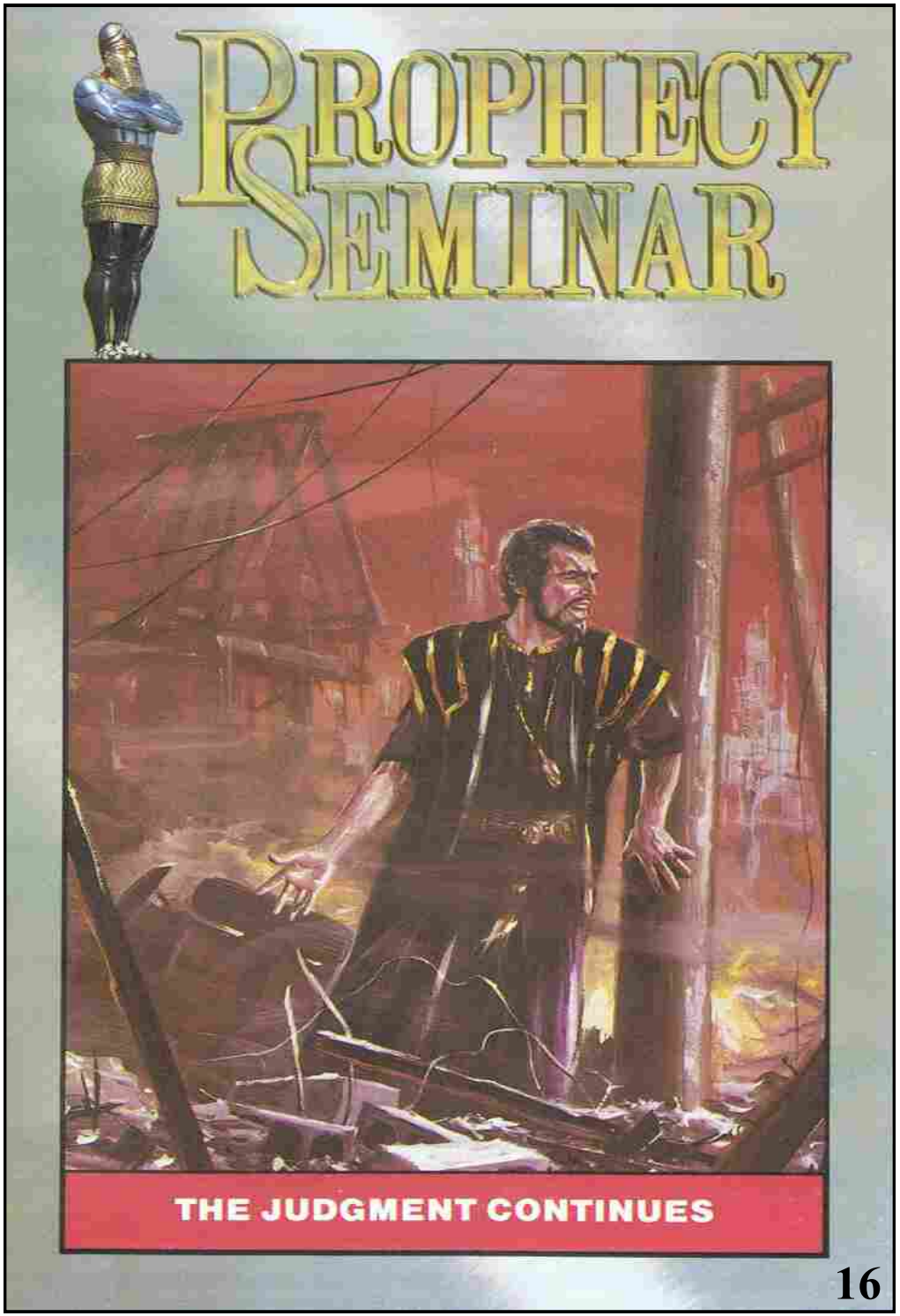

Daniel has revealed to us the astonishing truth of the beginning of the judgment in 1844. We have seen that this pre-advent judgment deals primarily with the saints. This judgment is not conducted in order for God to find out who is going to be saved. God brings people into this judgment in order to reveal to the entire universe that these people that He is about to take to heaven are safe to be saved. Jesus Christ pleads their case, and He never loses a case that's entrusted to Him.

Another question arises: If the righteous are judged in the pre-advent judgment beginning in 1844 and ending at the second coming of Christ, when will the wicked be judged? Just as God does not need to have a judgment to find out who's going to be saved, neither does God need to have a judgment in order to find out who's going to be lost. The main purpose of the judgment is to ensure that everyone will be fully satisfied with the way that God has dealt with sin.

There are actually three phases to the judgment:

1. Pre-advent judgment -1844 to the Second Coming.

2. Judgment of the wicked during the 1000 years.

3. Execution of the judgment at the end of the 1000 years.

The judgment of the righteous satisfies the angels, while the judgment of the wicked will satisfy the righteous people of the justice of God. Therefore, this judgment of the wicked must occur after the righteous have been saved.

1. **When will the judgment begin? Daniel 8:14**

   At the end of the _____ days, or in _____ .

2. **Since judgment begins at the house of God (the righteous), with whom does it end? I Peter 4:17**

   "If it begins with us first, what will be the end of those _____ do _____ obey the gospel of God?"

   NOTE: Clearly, the judgment begins with the righteous but continues with the wicked.

3. **Who will be involved In the judgment of the wicked? 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3**

   "The saints will judge the _____ ... we shall judge_____."

   NOTE: Evidently, the righteous will share in this judgment of the wicked and of the evil angels.

4. **When do the saints engage In judgment? Revelation 20:4**

   "I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and _____ was committed to them ... they lived and reigned with Christ for a

22. **Where will Christ and the Holy City land on the earth at the end of the 1000 years? Zechariah 14:4**

    He will land on the _____of _____

23. **Why does Christ come back with all His saints? Jude 14, 15**

    'The Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to _____ judgment on all."

    NOTE: Please note that the purpose of Christ returning with all His saints is for the execution of the judgment. This is phase three of the judgment that began in 1844. This judgment is for the benefit of the wicked, including Satan and his angels. The righteous and the good angels have already been fully satisfied that God is just. That's why Jude says that this phase of the judgment will convince the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds. God will be fully vindicated before every inhabitant in the universe.

24. **What does Satan do to the wicked? Revelation 20:8**

    Satan "will go out to _____the nations".

    NOTE: Satan hasn't changed in 1000 years. He still wishes to battle God. He still wishes to capture God's city. He actually convinces the wicked to believe that they can go up and conquer the holy city.

25. **As the wicked come up and surround the holy city, what happens to them? Revelation 20:9**

    "_____ came down from God out of heaven and _____ them."

    NOTE: It sounds absolutely incredible, but true. Satan actually deceives the wicked into thinking that they can conquer the holy city. As they come up and surround the city, fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. However, before the wicked are destroyed, God very clearly causes them to see that they have been warring against God. In the next few verses, John the Revelator goes back over the events once again, showing us how God is vindicated among the wicked.

26. **What do the wicked see In the city? Revelation 20:11**

    "I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it."

27. **Was there any place found for the wicked as they stood before the great white throne? Revelation 20:11**

    "There was found no _____ for them."

28. **What were opened as those who had been dead now stood before God? Revelation 20:12**

    "and _____ were opened."

by the presence of the Lord. Jeremiah sees the earth in the very same condition as John recorded in Revelation 20—a time of universal desolation caused by the coming of Christ which has taken the righteous to heaven and totally destroyed the wicked.

18. What are the righteous doing In heaven during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:4

"And I saw _____ and they sat on them, And _____ was committed to them."

NOTE: Here is phase number two of the judgment. The saints share in the reign of Christ over the entire universe during the 1000 years. They are not reigning on the earth, they are reigning with Christ in heaven. During this time, God opens the records and shows the righteous why the wicked are not there. Our God is so fair and just that He wants all questions answered completely. Perhaps, the saints may wonder why certain people are not in heaven. During this 1000-year judgment session, they will be able to find out. God wants all the questions answered in order that everyone will clearly see His justice in finally destroying sin and sinners.

Phase Number One of the judgment is for the benefit of the angels. In this phase of the judgment God vindicates the saints before he takes them to heaven. That phase began in 1844 and concludes at the second coming of Christ. Phase Number Two of the judgment begins at the second coming of Christ and is for the benefit of the righteous so their questions in regard to God's destruction of the wicked will be answered.

EVENTS AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS

19. What happens at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:7

"Satan will be _____ from his prison."

NOTE: Satan is no longer bound, and he's ready to tempt again.

20. What happens to the wicked at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:5

They are _____

There must be people for him to tempt. At the end of the 1000 years, the second resurrection takes place, and all the wicked are raised from their graves.

21. What city does God bring to the earth at the end of the 1000 years? Revelation 21:2

The New _____

NOTE: At the and of the 1000 years, all the righteous return to the earth inside the New Jerusalem.

_____ years."

NOTE: Here is a time when the saints sit on thrones and engage in the work of judgment, reigning with Christ for 1000 years. In order to get the full picture of this second phase of the judgment, let us study carefully Revelation 20 and the 1000 years.

THE BEGINNING OF THE 1000 YEARS

5. What event marks the beginning of the 1000 years? Revelation 20:6

The _____ resurrection.

6. Is this a resurrection of the righteous or the wicked? Revelation 20:6

_____

7. If there is a first resurrection, there must also be a second. When does this second resurrection take place? Revelation 20:5

But "the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were _____."

NOTE: The righteous will be raised at the first resurrection. The wicked will be raised at the second resurrection at the end of the 1000 years. The 1000-year period separates the two resurrections.

8. How many resurrections did Jesus talk about? John 5:28, 29

a. The resurrection of _____

b. The resurrection of _____

9. When does the first resurrection occur? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord Himself will _____ from heaven ... And the dead in Christ will rise _____."

NOTE: Please note that the second coming of Christ marks the beginning of the 1000 years.

10. What happens to the righteous who are alive when Jesus comes? 1 Thessalonians 4:17

"Then we who are _____ and remain shall be _____ _____ _____ together with them in the clouds to meet the _____ in the air."

NOTE: What a fantastic event! Not only are the righteous dead resurrected from their graves, but the righteous living are caught up and meet the Lord in the air (see diagram).

11. Where does Jesus take the righteous dead and the righteous living? John 14:1-3

"In My Father's house are many _____ .. I go to prepare a _____ for you. ..I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I _____, there _____ may be also."

NOTE: Jesus promised His followers that He would go back to the Father and prepare a special place for them in the Father's house. He would then return to earth to take His followers where He was. The purpose of the second coming of Christ is to take the redeemed, the living righteous and the resurrected righteous, to the Father's house. What a glorious privilege it will be to go to heaven itself with Jesus.

12. What happens to the wicked when Jesus comes? 2 Thessalonians 2:8

"And destroy with the _____ of His coming."

13. How bright will the second coming of Christ be? Matthew 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in His _____, and all the holy _____ with Him."

NOTE: When Christ rose from the dead, one lone angel opened the tomb. At this angel's appearance, the Roman guards fell as dead men. When Christ returns, He will come in His own glory, plus the glory of all the holy angels. No wonder the wicked are destroyed by the brightness of His coming.

14. Now does the prophet Jeremiah describe the destruction of the wicked at the second coming of Christ? Jeremiah 25:33

"And at that day the _____ of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be _____, or gathered, or _____; they shall become _____ on the ground."

NOTE: Jeremiah pictures a very gruesome scene: The wicked are slain by the Lord. Nobody gathers them, nobody buries them; they rot upon the surface of the Earth. Why doesn't anyone bury them? Why doesn't anyone mourn over them? There is no one left alive upon the earth. The righteous have all been taken to heaven. The wicked who were already dead remain dead until the end of the 1000 years, and the wicked who were alive have been slain by the brightness of His coming. Events transpiring at the beginning of the 1000 years very quickly depopulate the earth. The righteous have all gone to heaven; the wicked are all dead. No person is now alive on planet earth. (Please note the diagram and refer to it often as you continue this study.)

DIAGRAM OF MILLENNIUM

Saints in heaven judging wicked - 1000 Years

Earth desolate—Satan bound

First Resurrection	Second Resurrection
1. Second Coming	1. Wicked raised
2. Righteous dead raised	2. Righteous descend in New Jerusalem
3. Righteous living translated	3. Wicked attack city
4. All righteous go to heaven	4. God vindicated before wicked
5. Wicked slain by second advent	5. Wicked cast into lake of fire
6. Wicked dead stay dead	6. New heaven and new earth created

EVENTS DURING THE 1000 YEARS

15. What happens to Satan during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:1, 2

Satan is "_____ ... a thousand years".

Obviously, this does not mean that God takes a rope and places it around Satan. He is bound by a chain of circumstances beyond his control.

16. Why is Satan bound? Revelation 20:3

"So that he should _____ the nations no more till the thousand years were finished."

NOTE: Satan's main work is to tempt and to deceive men. If he is bound, he is thereby prevented from doing his work of deception. Since the righteous are in heaven, Satan cannot touch them. Since the wicked are all dead, Satan cannot touch them. Therefore, he is bound by a galling chain of circumstances that is beyond his control. There simply is no one for him to tempt. God leaves Satan and his angels alone on planet earth for 1000 years to reflect on the ruin they have caused. Satan claimed that he could rule better than God. Now, God gives Satan 1000 years to see the results of his kind of government.

17. How does Jeremiah describe the earth during the 1000 years? Jeremiah 4:23-26

"The earth... was without _____, and _____." and the heavens... .had _____. There was man. The fruitful land was a _____., and all its cities were broken down at the _____ of the Lord."

NOTE: Jeremiah sees the earth in absolute desolation. He states categorically that there is no man on the earth. This condition, he states, is brought about

glorious hope the apostle Paul holds out to believers. Death will be swallowed up in victory. Death is not something wonderful to transport us to the realms of bliss. According to the Bible, death is an enemy that shall be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26).

21. What will be eliminated in the new earth? Revelation 21:4

"There shall be no more _____."

NOTE: Thank God, death is forever eliminated from God's universe.

22. What kind of bodies will we have in the resurrection? Philippians 3:21

"Who will transform our _____ body that it may be conformed to His _____ body."

NOTE: Amazing truth! Our bodies will be like Christ's glorified, resurrected body!

23. What was Christ's glorified, resurrected body like? Luke 24:36-42

"A spirit does not have _____ and _____ as you see I have."

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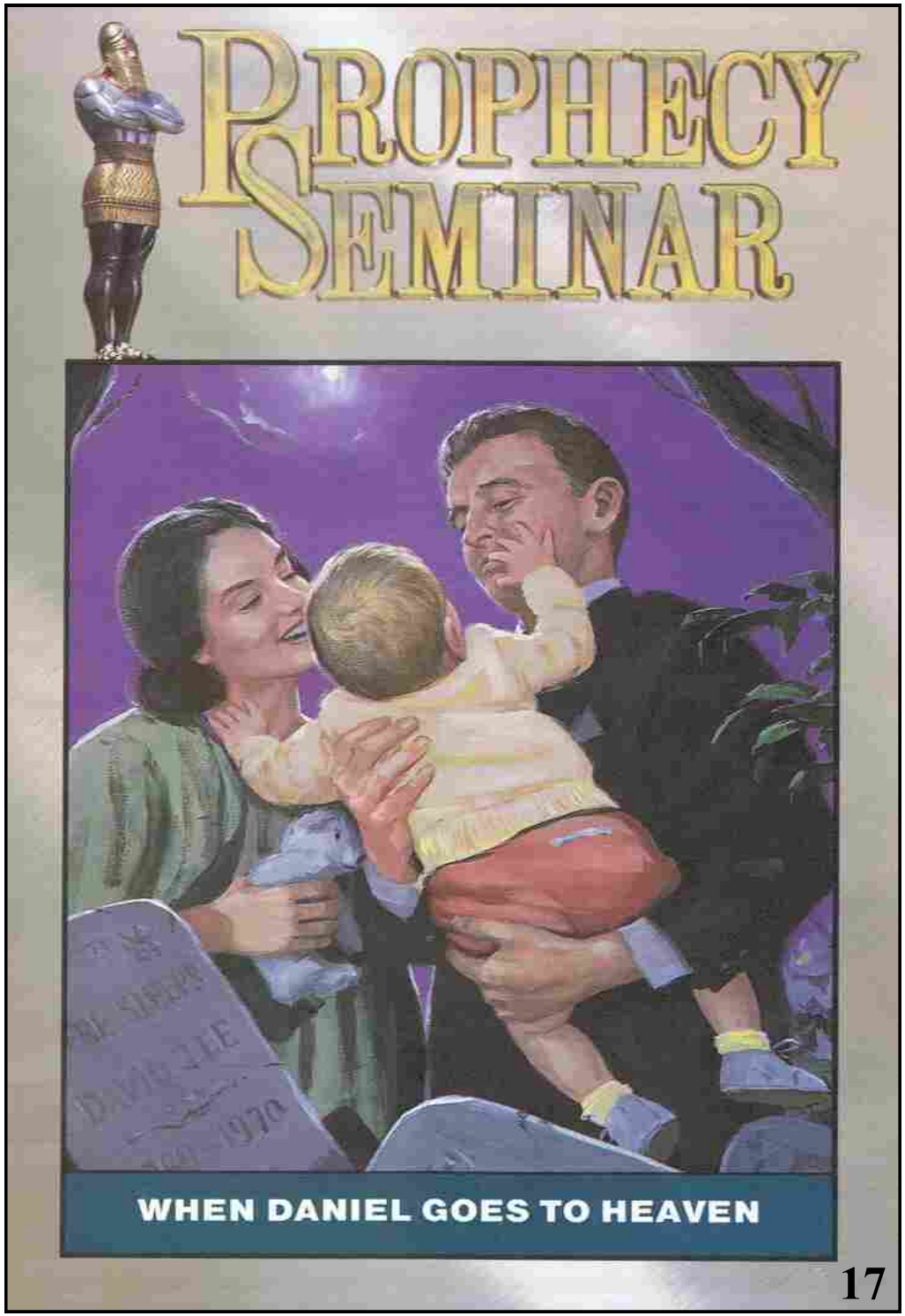

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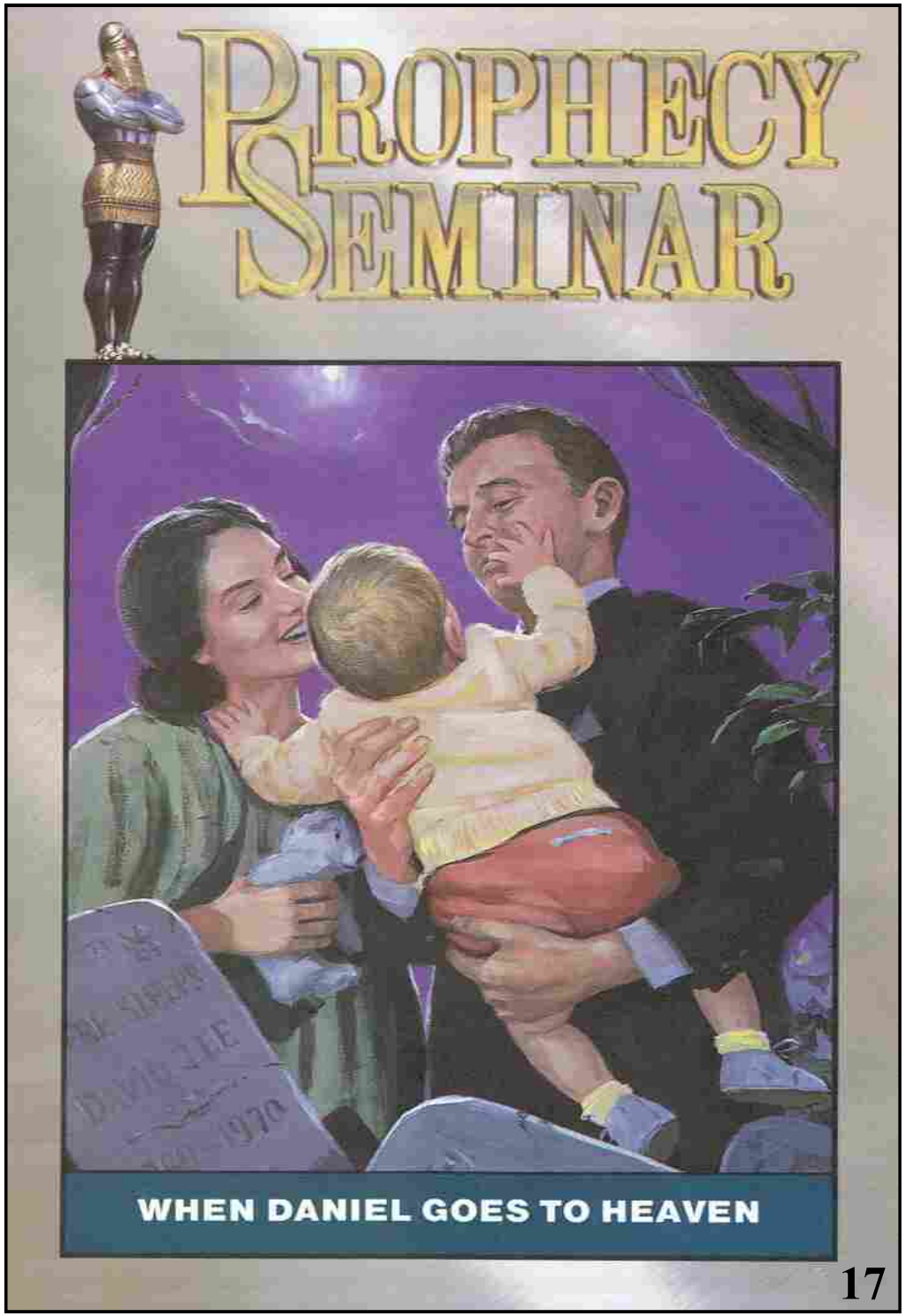

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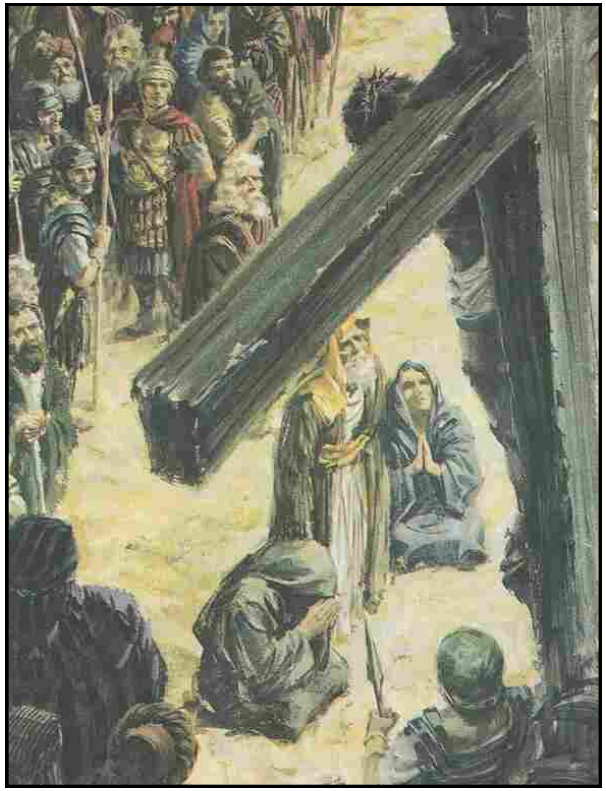

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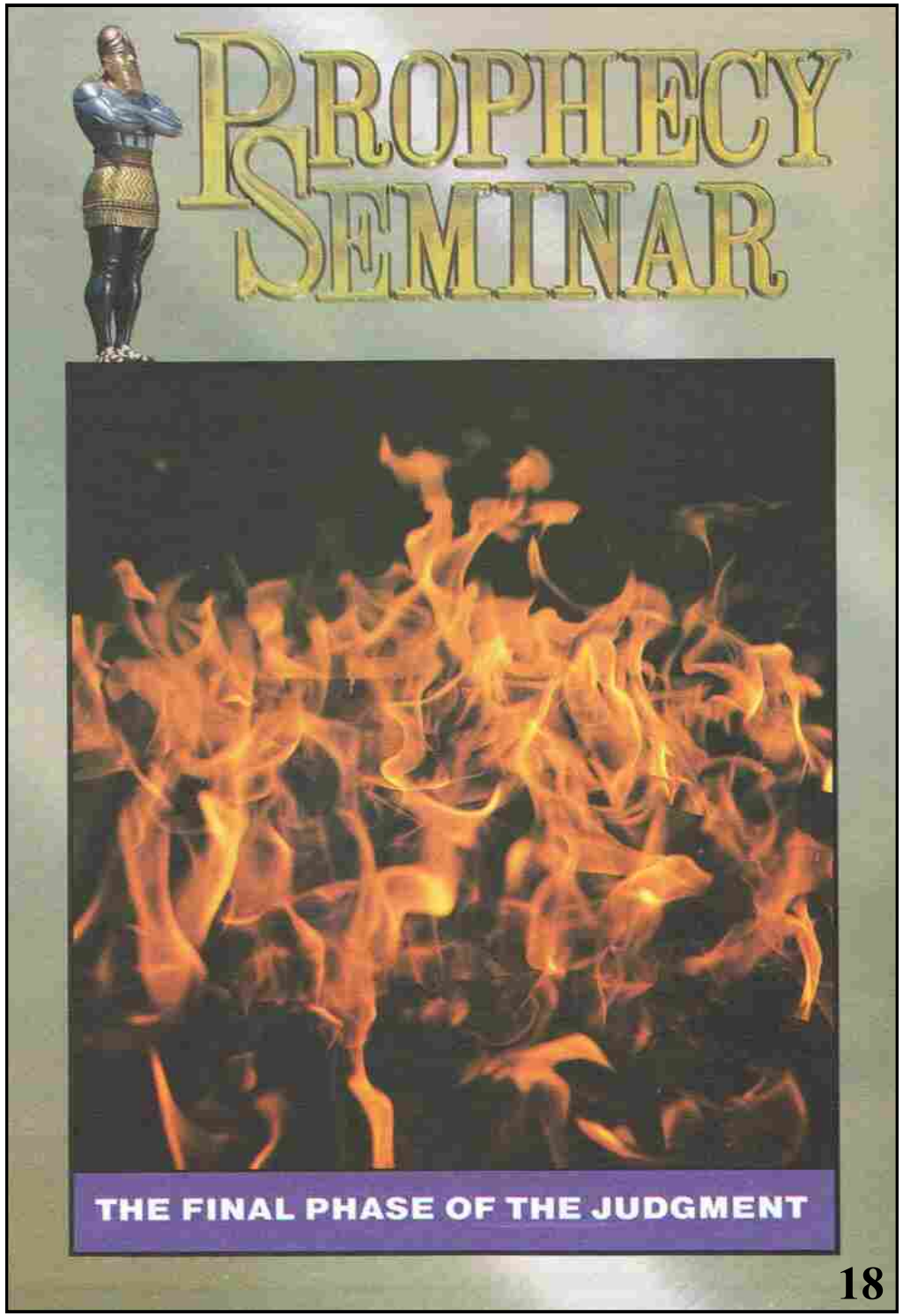

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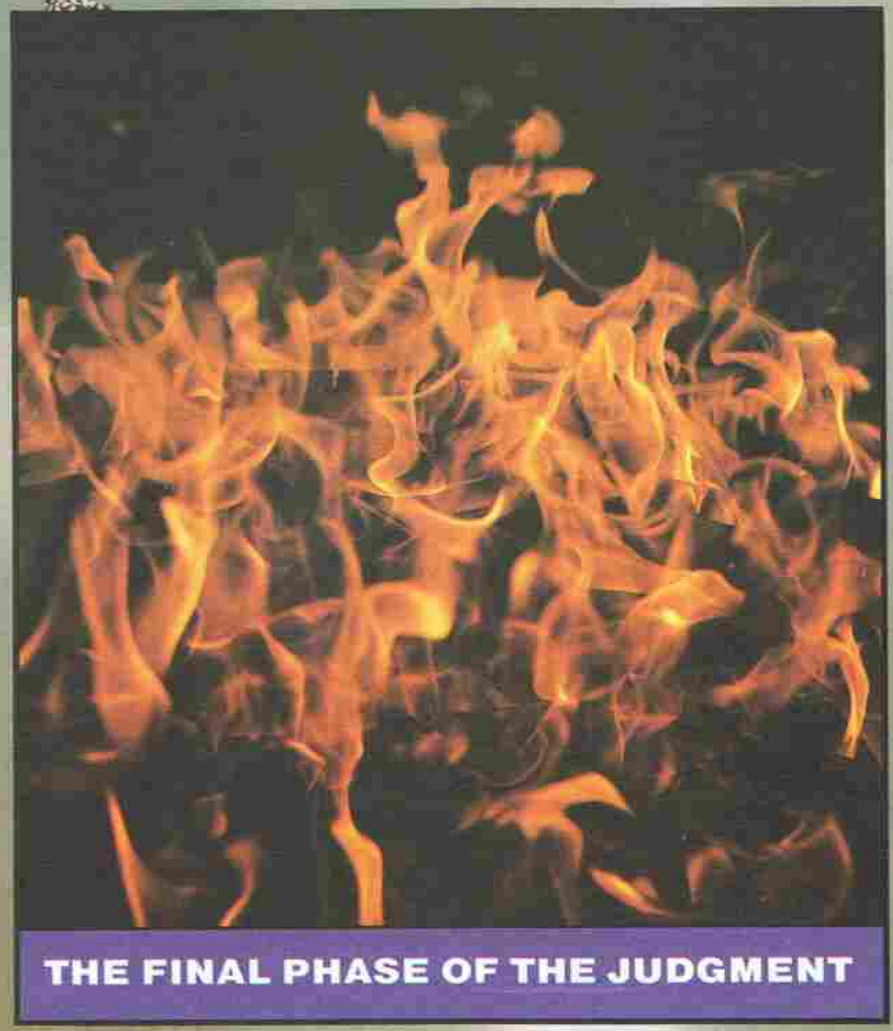

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Much of the material here presented has been gleaned from the two volume work: **The Conditionalist Faith of Our Fathers** by LeRoy E. Froom.

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PARABLE OF RICH MAN AND LAZARUS
Luke 16:19-31

A parable is a story to illustrate a point. It may be a true story or simply a fabricated illustration.

Parables cannot always be taken literally, Judges 9:8-15.

Read Luke 16:19-31. This parable cannot be accepted literally because:

A. Abraham's bosom is NOT the home of the saved, Hebrews 11:10, 16. Abraham's bosom is a FIGURATIVE representation of heaven. The representation of hell is also FIGURATIVE. BOTH MUST BE LITERAL OR BOTH FIGURATIVE.

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Note that even if taken literally, this parable would refute the idea of disembodied souls going to hell, for it describes the rich man with eyes, tongue, and lips. If taken literally, this parable would prove that men are cast into hell, soul and BODY, at death.

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THE END OF SIN

21. What are the wages of sin? Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is _____."

NOTE: The penalty for sin is not everlasting life in hell, but death. God does not offer us a choice between life in hell or life in heaven. The choice offered us is life versus death. If a person burned throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity in hell, amazingly he would still receive eternal life. It certainly would not be a pleasant life, but it would still be life, and he would never receive the wages of sin, which is death. Hell fire is not the punishment for sin; death is. The fire is only the means to bring about the end, which is death. If the fire does not result in death, then it is not the punishment of sin.

22. Who only has eternal life? 1 John 5:11,12

"He who has the Son has _____; he who does not have the Son of God does not have _____."

NOTE: Life is available only in Jesus Christ. Only those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour have everlasting life. Without Christ, there can be no life. Satan would like us to think that we can have life without Christ. If eternal hell were true, that would be possible. Scripture is just too clear — there is no life apart from Jesus Christ.

23. On Calvary, Christ paid the penalty for our sins. He suffered the second death torus. Is Jesus still being punished on the cross today, or did He die on the cross? John 19:30, 33

He _____."

NOTE: The fact that Jesus died on the cross is the strongest evidence against the pagan doctrine of eternal torment. (For the origin of this doctrine, see Exhibit 2.) Our Saviour paid the penalty for our sin. That penalty was death, not burning through all eternity in hell. God will deal with the sin problem. He will totally destroy sin and sinners. They will be no more. God has done the only thing that a just God could do in destroying sinners. But praise God, He is not a pagan tyrant. He is just, but He is also merciful.

"The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all flow life and light and gladness

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24. What did God do so that you don't have to perish in hell? John 3:16

He gave His _____.

25. Are you thankful that a merciful and just God will destroy sin and sinners, but that He will not punish them throughout all eternity?

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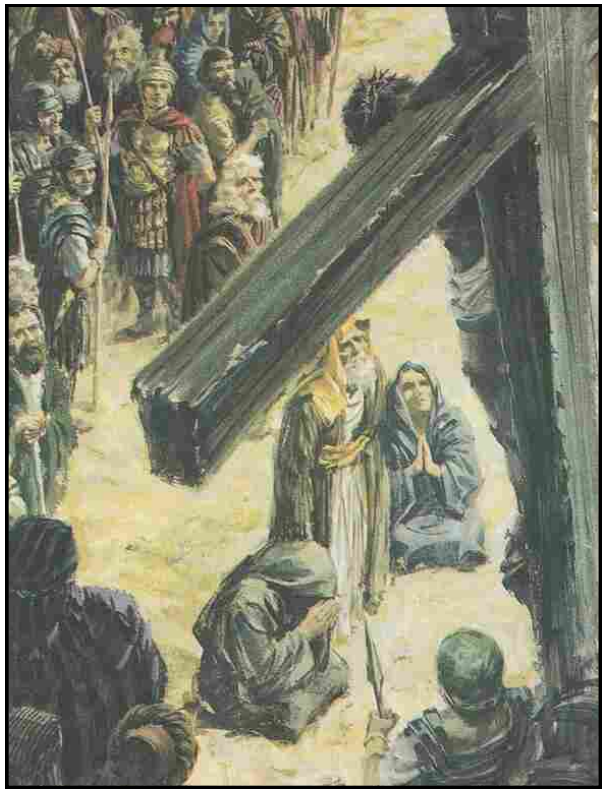

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EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 18

BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT HELL EXPLAINED

TORMENTED FOREVER AND EVER
Revelation 20:10

FOREVER in the Bible is a period of time, limited or unlimited, depending upon what is being described. The word FOREVER in the Bible is like the word TALL. Tall has different meanings depending on what is being described, such as a dog, or house, or a mountain. The word FOREVER is used 56 times in the Old Testament in connection with things already ended. In the case of man, the Bible teaches that FOREVER means MAN'S LIFETIME or AS LONG AS A MAN LIVES. In the case of Samuel, FOREVER meant "AS LONG AS HE LIVETH"(I Samuel 1:22,28). In Psalm 48:14 FOREVER means until death. Burning FOREVER in the fire means that man burns until he dies.

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Luke 3:17

Jerusalem was destroyed with unquenchable fire (Jeremiah 17:27), but it is not still burning today. 2 Chronicles 36:19, 21 says Jerusalem was burnt with fire to fulfill Jeremiah's prophecy. Unquenchable fire cannot be PUT out, but it GOES out when everything is burned up.

EVERLASTING OR ETERNAL FIRE
Matthew 25:41

Jude 7 says God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with everlasting or eternal fire. And Peter says in II Peter 2:6 that the fire turned those cities into ashes as an example to those who live ungodly. So eternal or everlasting fire turns things to ashes and then goes out. It is everlasting in its EFFECT and not its DURATION.

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Matthew 25:46

Note that it is not everlasting PUNISHING but rather PUNISHMENT. Paul says that the punishment for sin is DEATH (Romans 6:23). And Revelation calls this death the SECOND DEATH which the wicked die in the fire (Revelation 21:8). That death or destruction will be eternal because there is no resurrection from it.

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d. Drinking coffee. tea & caffeinated soft drinks. These clog the system, cloud the brain and prevent clear thinking. Coffee, tea and some soft drinks contain the drug caffeine. To use them makes Christians become drug dependent. (See Exhibit 2.)

23. What are some positive things Christians can do to improve their body temples?

Born-again Christians who recognize that their bodies are the temples of God will get plenty of rest, sunshine, fresh air and water, inside and outside. They will avoid excessive amounts of sugar, and make sure that they get sufficient exercise.

24. Who came out better in ancient Babylon, Daniel and his friends with their healthful diet, or those who ate the king's junk food? Daniel 1:20

_____ and his _____.

NOTE: If you, as a Christian, want to be in better health, follow God's plan. Purpose in your heart not to defile yourself with "the king's delicacies" or "the wine which he drank". Make certain that your mind is clear and sharp as you face the tumultuous events so soon to come upon planet earth.

25. Is it your desire to bring glory to God in your body by passing the health test now so that you can have a dear mind for the final crisis?

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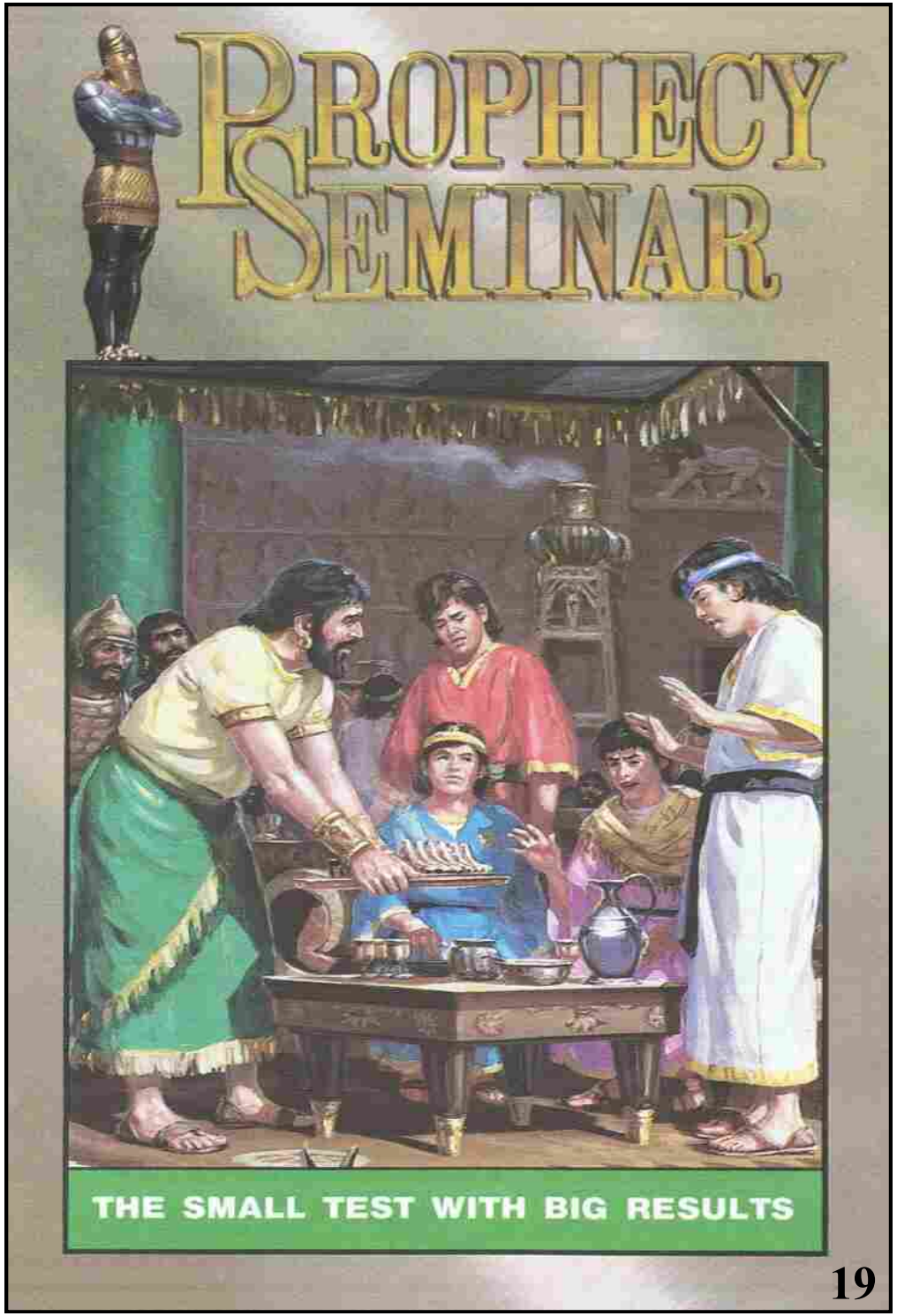

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To turn stones into _____.

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19. How are Christians today to glorify God? 1 Corinthians 10:31

In their _____ and _____.

NOTE: Christians today are to bring glory to God by choosing to follow His directions regarding appetite.

20. What is the temple of the Holy Ghost for Christians? 1 Corinthians 6:19

Our _____.

NOTE: God, through the Holy Spirit, dwells in Christians who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. Their bodies now belong to God. They are temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

21. What should Christians do who have been bought with the price of Calvary? 1 Corinthians 6:20

"_____ God in your _____."

Christians must always remember that their bodies do not belong to them, because they have been purchased by the blood of Calvary. Therefore, their eating, their drinking-everything they do will glorify God. They will pass the appetite test.

22. What are some habits that born-again Christians should leave alone?

a. Smoking . Recognizing that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, born-again Christians will not smoke. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, and a host of other problems. It clogs the mind and prevents clear thinking. Since our bodies belong to Jesus Christ and are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, Christians realize that putting a cigarette in one's mouth is actually placing it in the mouth of Jesus. How can Christians do that and glorify God?

b. Using alcoholic beverages. Like Daniel, Christians will purpose in their hearts not to defile themselves with the king's wine. They recognize that they belong to the King of kings, and as kings, they will not touch

15. At what event does God first mention unclean animals? Genesis 7:1, 2

At the time of the _____

NOTE: The distinction between clean and unclean animals did not originate at Sinai with the children of Israel, but the distinction was known before the Flood, as well.

16. What will happen to people using unclean foods at the second coming of Christ? Isaiah 66:17

"Those who _____ themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating _____ flesh, and the abomination and the _____, shall be _____ together,' says the LORD.

NOTE: Those who claim to be in a saved, sanctified relationship with Christ, knowing that God does not want them to eat the unclean foods, yet still persist in eating them, will be destroyed at His second coming.

Obviously, God does not intend for His last day people to eat these foods. (In spite of the clear indication of Scripture that these foods are a not to be eaten by Christians, some people have suggested that it is all right for Christians to eat them today. They have quoted a few texts to support this theory. For an explanation of these texts, please see Exhibit 1.)

THE DIET TEST TODAY

Only Daniel and his friends passed the food test in this time of prosperity. Likewise, only Daniel and his friends passed the severe test that came in a time of adversity. When the really big tests came, such as the fiery furnace, the only ones who passed that great test of utmost loyalty to God were those who first of all passed the food test. The small test on food enabled Daniel and his friends to stand firm in more important areas. Don't miss the point: those who failed the food test failed the test on the image. Those who passed the diet test passed the test on the worship of the image. Since the book of Daniel has so many implications for the last days, God may be preparing His last-day people for the final test on the image of the beast (see Lesson 5) by first of all testing them on food.

17. What was the first test given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:1-6

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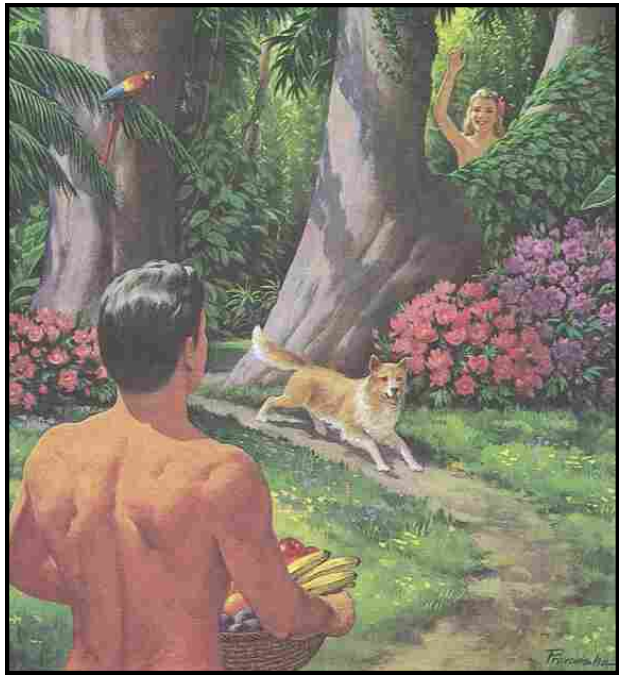
14. What kind of diet did Daniel ask to receive? Daniel 1:12

"Give us _____to eat and _____

to drink.

NOTE: "Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink" (New International Version). Daniel requested a vegetarian diet. This was more than God required, for God had only prohibited the eating of the unclean animals. He had allowed people to eat the flesh of clean animals. But when Daniel got to this time of extreme test, he went on a very simple vegetarian diet because he knew that his mind must be as sharp and clear as possible to face the crisis ahead.

Originally, God gave a vegetarian diet to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:29). Today, we are approaching the crisis of the last days. Perhaps it would be a good idea for us to return to God's original diet so that our minds might be clear to face the crisis at the close of time. Certainly we should begin by leaving off those foods that God has expressly commanded us not to eat; namely, pork, shellfish and other unclean foods mentioned in Scripture.



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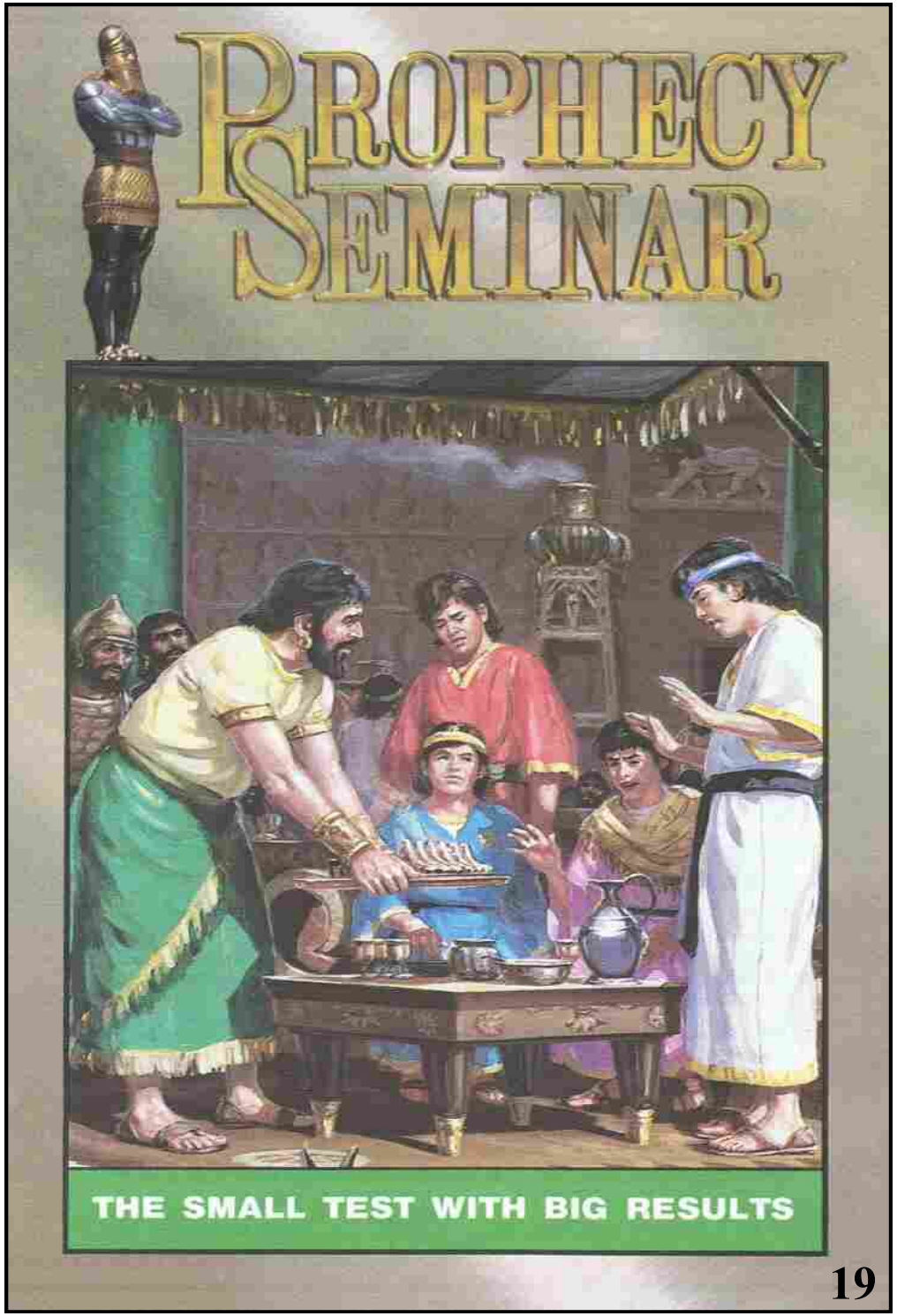

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ROMANS 14:3, 6, 14, 17, 20

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In both I Corinthians 8 and Romans 14, Paul is dealing with the same basic issue: we are not to judge another Christian because he has or has not eaten food that has been offered to idols. This may include flesh food and other food, but the issue here is judging one another and despising the weaker brother who does not feel the same as we do on such an issue as eating food offered to idols. However, if a person's conscience bothers him for eating such food, or if it causes offense to another person in the church, he should leave it alone. Again, the clear issue in the passage is that of judging one another (see Verses 4, 10-12).

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ALCOHOL

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SHELLFISH

"In the first stage of nerve action, there is a massive flow of ions through channels in the walls of a nerve cell into the body of the cell itself. It was found that saxitoxin (ingredient found in shellfish) somehow clogs these channels and prevents the ion transfer from happening. Without the transfer, the cells fail to fire and paralysis occurs." **Newsweek**, "The Poison in Shellfish," January 10, 1972, p. 39.

CAFFEINE

"While it (caffeine) stimulates, it leaves the brain more fatigued after its action is over. It can do nothing but cause general nerve and brain fatigue unless adequate sleep is obtained." Olive T. Osborne, **Principles of Therapeutics**, p. 214.

"With the link between cigarettes and lung cancer already firmly established, it seemed only a matter of time before the epidemiologists would get around to showing that another breakfast tradition, the morning cup of coffee, may pose some dire hazards of its own. Coffee, in fact, has for some time been suspected as a promoter of heart disease; and now in the British journal Lancet, a Harvard researcher reports that it may also be linked to cancer of the bladder—

The Jews in the time of Christ had added significantly to the commandments of God by instituting all kinds of ritualistic washings and ceremonies that had to be performed before a person ate. Jesus' disciples did not perform these ceremonies. According to Jewish law, what they ate was therefore unclean.

Please note that this discussion has nothing to do with clean and unclean animals as described in Leviticus 11, but instead is talking about the ceremonial washing of hands that made foods clean ceremonially. God never commanded His people to do this; it was a Jewish tradition. Mark 7:3-5 continues with an explanation of the charge of the Jewish leaders against the disciples of Jesus. Mark 7:6-13, contains Jesus' tremendous denunciation upon the Pharisees because they had rejected the commandment of God and yet were so meticulous about their own traditions. Verse 8 in particular notes that the tradition Jesus is speaking about is ceremonial washings. Jesus categorically states that if people worship by these traditions instead of the commandments of God, they are worshiping God in vain.

Finally, in Verses 15-20 Jesus specifically addresses the issue of the food that they eat being unclean because it did not go through the ceremonial washings. In Mark 7:19 Jesus declares He has purged all meats. The word translated "meat" is the Greek word bromata, which means "food." It does not refer to flesh food; it simply refers to any kind of food. Again, remember the context. The charge was that the disciples had eaten without going through the ceremonial washing of hands that the Jews required. Therefore, to the Jewish Pharisaical mind the food that they ate was thereby unclean. Jesus now categorically declares that whether they have gone through these elaborate washings or not does not affect the food. It does not make the food unclean, because food simply goes into the system and is excreted. As Jesus says in Verse 15, it cannot defile people or make them unclean simply because they did not go through these ritualistic washings.

Jesus was here declaring that ceremonial washings have nothing to do with food being either clean or unclean. This text has absolutely nothing to do with the clean and unclean animals of Leviticus 11. The issue is clearly whether or not Jesus requires His followers to practice the ritualistic washings of the Jews before they eat. He is answering the charge that the disciples are ceremonially unclean because they did not follow these ritualistic washings. Therefore Jesus declares that the ritualistic washings do not affect whether a person is clean or unclean, or whether his food is clean or unclean.

The context, then, deals not with biological uncleanness, but with uncleanness supposedly incurred from the omission of ritual washings. See Verse 15. The kind of food the disciples ate (Verses 2 and 5) is not even referred to, but the way in which they ate it! Throughout, Christ is dealing with the commandments of God versus the traditions of men. To make this verse refer to the clean and unclean animals of Leviticus 11 is to ignore completely the meaning of the Greek and the context of the passage.

pork and shellfish, see Exhibit 2.)

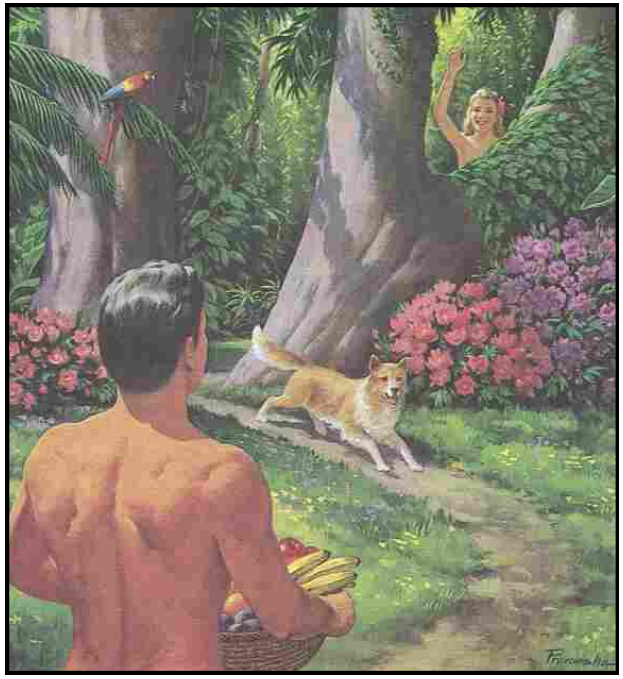
14. What kind of diet did Daniel ask to receive? Daniel 1:12

"Give us _____to eat and _____

to drink.

NOTE: "Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink" (New International Version). Daniel requested a vegetarian diet. This was more than God required, for God had only prohibited the eating of the unclean animals. He had allowed people to eat the flesh of clean animals. But when Daniel got to this time of extreme test, he went on a very simple vegetarian diet because he knew that his mind must be as sharp and clear as possible to face the crisis ahead.

Originally, God gave a vegetarian diet to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:29). Today, we are approaching the crisis of the last days. Perhaps it would be a good idea for us to return to God's original diet so that our minds might be clear to face the crisis at the close of time. Certainly we should begin by leaving off those foods that God has expressly commanded us not to eat; namely, pork, shellfish and other unclean foods mentioned in Scripture.



15. At what event does God first mention unclean animals? Genesis 7:1, 2

At the time of the _____

NOTE: The distinction between clean and unclean animals did not originate at Sinai with the children of Israel, but the distinction was known before the Flood, as well.

16. What will happen to people using unclean foods at the second coming of Christ? Isaiah 66:17

"Those who _____ themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating _____ flesh, and the abomination and the _____, shall be _____ together,' says the LORD.

NOTE: Those who claim to be in a saved, sanctified relationship with Christ, knowing that God does not want them to eat the unclean foods, yet still persist in eating them, will be destroyed at His second coming.

Obviously, God does not intend for His last day people to eat these foods. (In spite of the clear indication of Scripture that these foods are a not to be eaten by Christians, some people have suggested that it is all right for Christians to eat them today. They have quoted a few texts to support this theory. For an explanation of these texts, please see Exhibit 1.)

THE DIET TEST TODAY

Only Daniel and his friends passed the food test in this time of prosperity. Likewise, only Daniel and his friends passed the severe test that came in a time of adversity. When the really big tests came, such as the fiery furnace, the only ones who passed that great test of utmost loyalty to God were those who first of all passed the food test. The small test on food enabled Daniel and his friends to stand firm in more important areas. Don't miss the point: those who failed the food test failed the test on the image. Those who passed the diet test passed the test on the worship of the image. Since the book of Daniel has so many implications for the last days, God may be preparing His last-day people for the final test on the image of the beast (see Lesson 5) by first of all testing them on food.

17. What was the first test given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:1-6

They were asked not to _____ the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

NOTE: Sin entered this planet because man ate that which God had forbidden. The first great test came on the food question, and Adam and Eve failed.

right to eat the unclean foods is I Timothy 4:1-5. Let's notice this text:

> "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and the doctrines of devils' speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats [the original reads "foods"], which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For IT IS SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER."

Many in attempting to justify their usage of the unclean foods quote this text as far as verse 4 and then conclude that it is all right to eat anything, as long as we thank the Lord for it. But does this mean that it is all right to eat the mouse or the rat? Yet this is the inevitable conclusion, if such an interpretation is held. But notice the last verse, verse 5. Here we are told what creatures may be eaten with thanksgiving: namely, those that the Word sanctified or specifies should be eaten. Does the Word of God sanctify the usage of the unclean foods, such as pork or shellfish? Absolutely not! That's why this text cannot be used to support the eating of the unclean foods.

Thus, rather than support the idea that it is all right to eat the pig, this text actually tells us that we are to eat only those foods that the Word of God sanctified. And that does not include the unclean foods. Again, let's allow the Bible to interpret itself instead of attempting to read our ideas into the Bible

MARK 7:15-20

Here is another passage that is often taken out of context in an attempt to prove that Jesus did away with the distinction between clean and unclean animals. Let's notice the text:

> "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man."

In order to correctly understand this text, we must carefully examine the context of the passage. Mark 7:1,2(1464) [992] indicate there was a contention between the Pharisees and certain of Jesus' disciples because the disciples did not go through the ceremonial washing of hands before they ate.

However, God did not want the Christian Church to be restrictive. He did not want them to think that salvation was ONLY for the JEWS, that all others were UNCLEAN, and therefore could not have the gospel of salvation brought to them. Thus God chose to give Peter this vision to teach people the great lesson that NO PERSON, NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE, should be considered unclean. Notice how the force of the vision comes to Peter in verse 28:

> "And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call ANY MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN."

Here then was the explanation of the vision. They were not to call ANY MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN. God wasn't talking about food at all when He gave the vision to Peter. He was talking about the Jewish practice of calling anyone of another nation unclean.

This is the Biblical interpretation of the vision. Any other interpretation stands in direct contradiction to a plainly interpreted passage of Scripture. To attempt to apply this text to the unclean foods is a great misuse of Scripture, and certainly reveals the flimsy evidence that there is for attempting to justify the use of the unclean foods today.

But does God intend that we should still NOT eat the unclean foods today? Notice Isaiah 66:15-17:

> "For behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh; and the slain of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst eating SWINE'S FLESH, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be CONSUMED together, saith the Lord."

Please notice that Isaiah is speaking about the time of the second coming of Christ when the Lord will come with fire. This is definitely after the cross, and is a direct reference to the time just preceding the coming of our Lord—our day. Isaiah firmly declares that at that time, when the Lord comes, those who are attempting to hide from God and disobey Him by eating such an abominable thing as the pig and the mouse, shall be consumed at the second coming of Christ. Certainly the

Lord intends that we today enjoy just as good health as did His people anciently by abstaining from these foods that injure the body.

I TIMOTHY 4:1-5

Another text often taken out of context in an attempt to prove that it is all

18. What was the first test that Christ faced In the wilderness of temptation? Matthew 4:1-4

To turn stones into _____.

NOTE: The first great temptation our Lord faced in the wilderness was on appetite. Jesus must gain the victory at the very same place that Adam fell. The same victory that Christ gained, He offers to every believer today through the power of His indwelling Spirit. Victory over depraved appetite is available to the Christian today because of Christ's victory in the wilderness of temptation.

19. How are Christians today to glorify God? 1 Corinthians 10:31

In their _____ and _____.

NOTE: Christians today are to bring glory to God by choosing to follow His directions regarding appetite.

20. What is the temple of the Holy Ghost for Christians? 1 Corinthians 6:19

Our _____.

NOTE: God, through the Holy Spirit, dwells in Christians who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. Their bodies now belong to God. They are temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

21. What should Christians do who have been bought with the price of Calvary? 1 Corinthians 6:20

"_____ God in your _____."

Christians must always remember that their bodies do not belong to them, because they have been purchased by the blood of Calvary. Therefore, their eating, their drinking-everything they do will glorify God. They will pass the appetite test.

22. What are some habits that born-again Christians should leave alone?

a. Smoking . Recognizing that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, born-again Christians will not smoke. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, and a host of other problems. It clogs the mind and prevents clear thinking. Since our bodies belong to Jesus Christ and are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, Christians realize that putting a cigarette in one's mouth is actually placing it in the mouth of Jesus. How can Christians do that and glorify God?

b. Using alcoholic beverages. Like Daniel, Christians will purpose in their hearts not to defile themselves with the king's wine. They recognize that they belong to the King of kings, and as kings, they will not touch

alcohol and pervert their judgment and forget God's law.

c. Eating unclean foods. Like Daniel, Christians will purpose in their hearts not to eat the king's meat, for it is out of harmony with the Word of God. As they face earth's final crisis, they will seek to bring their dietary habits into harmony with the original Edenic diet. They will begin by leaving off unclean foods, such as pork and shellfish.

d. Drinking coffee. tea & caffeinated soft drinks. These clog the system, cloud the brain and prevent clear thinking. Coffee, tea and some soft drinks contain the drug caffeine. To use them makes Christians become drug dependent. (See Exhibit 2.)

23. What are some positive things Christians can do to improve their body temples?

Born-again Christians who recognize that their bodies are the temples of God will get plenty of rest, sunshine, fresh air and water, inside and outside. They will avoid excessive amounts of sugar, and make sure that they get sufficient exercise.

24. Who came out better in ancient Babylon, Daniel and his friends with their healthful diet, or those who ate the king's junk food? Daniel 1:20

_____ and his _____.

NOTE: If you, as a Christian, want to be in better health, follow God's plan. Purpose in your heart not to defile yourself with "the king's delicacies" or "the wine which he drank". Make certain that your mind is clear and sharp as you face the tumultuous events so soon to come upon planet earth.

25. Is it your desire to bring glory to God in your body by passing the health test now so that you can have a dear mind for the final crisis?

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EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 19

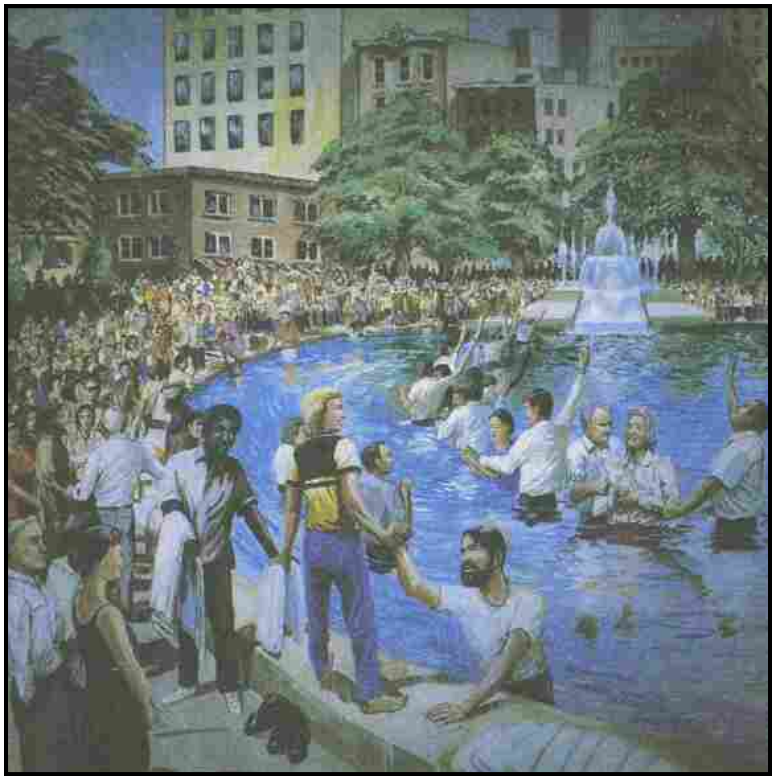
PETER'S VISION

Many individuals have quoted from Peters vision in Acts 10 in an attempt to prove that it is all right for New Testament Christians to eat the unclean foods. Here is a prime example of how a text can be lifted out of its context and made to teach something that the original writer never had in mind. Let's notice the vision:

> "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened. and a certain vessel descending unto him as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts. and creeping things, and fowls of the air, And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed. that call not thou common. This was done thrice; and the vessel was received up again into heaven. Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate" (Acts 10:9-17).

Most interpreters read the vision this far, stop and then devise THEIR interpretation of the vision. But such is only MAN'S interpretation. How much better to let the Bible explain itself.

First of all, notice that this was a vision, and not an actual occurrence. Peter did not literally eat these unclean animals. He merely saw them IN VISION. Second, notice in verse 17 that Peter did NOT understand the vision. He did NOT know what it meant. One thing he DID KNOW, and that was that it DID NOT MEAN that it was all right to eat the unclean foods. In the days when the early church was just beginning, most of the converts to Christianity were from Judaism. At first, there was no thought that the gospel message must also go to people of other nations. The Jews regarded anyone who was not a Jew as ceremonially unclean. They felt that such people had no right to have the gospel brought to them. The early Christians still had these same ideas.



21. If Nebuchadnezzar had lived in New Testament times, he would have asked for baptism immediately upon his conversion. Since you live In New Testament times, Is it your desire to be baptized after the example of your Lord, as a symbol and testimony to the world that you have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of your life?

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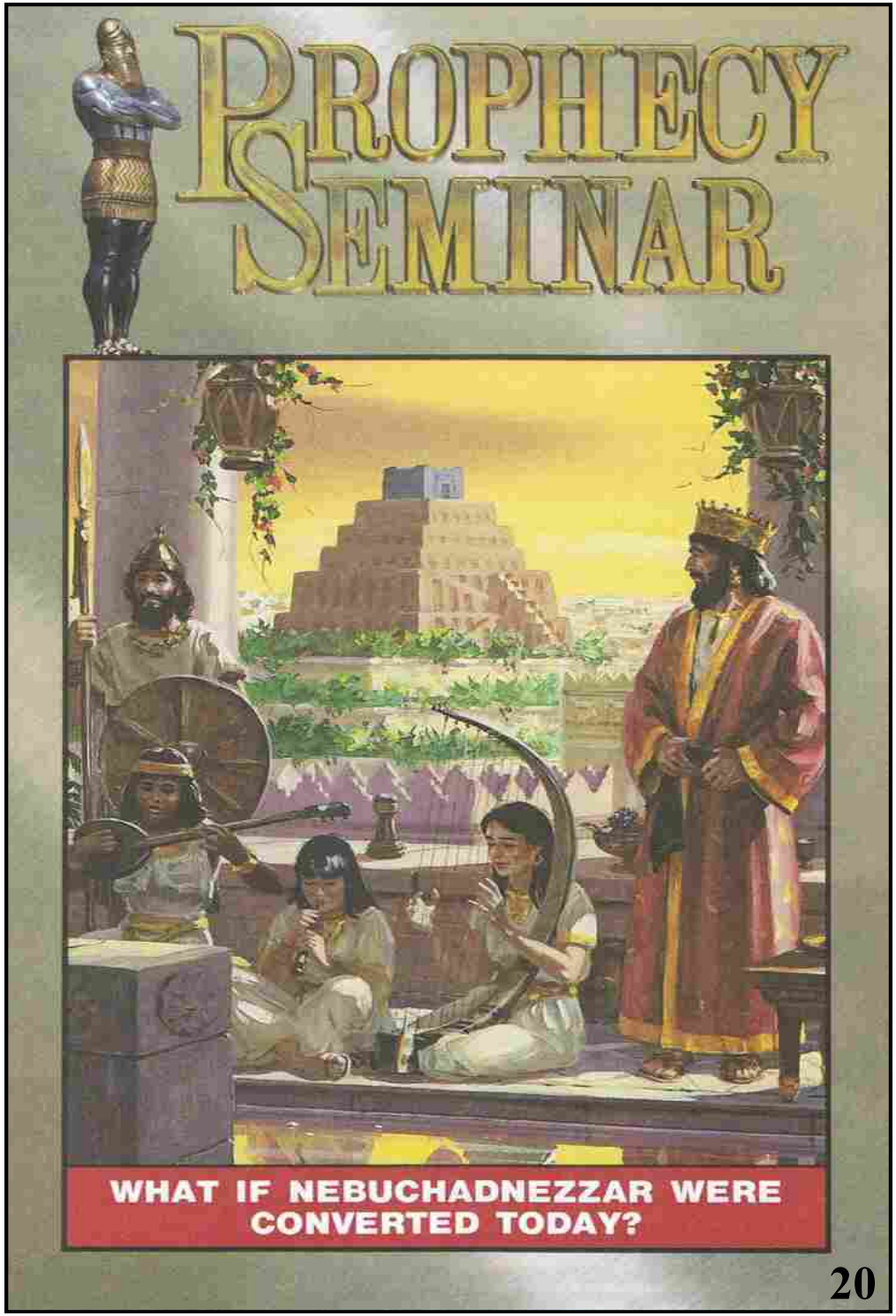

One of the most striking truths to come out of our study of the book of Daniel is Nebuchadnezzar's transformation. The regeneration of this mighty heathen king shows that the God of heaven is able and delighted to win difficult people to Jesus Christ. Nebuchadnezzar fought hard against God, but he finally acknowledged His leading. It took a revelation about the future, a startling discovery of the Son of God in the fiery furnace and finally, insanity, before Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the God of heaven as his Lord. Lesson 6 examined the story of Nebuchadnezzar's transformation as recorded in the fourth chapter of the book of Daniel. Let's review it briefly.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S TRANSFORMATION

1. **What was the first thing that Nebuchadnezzar did when his understanding returned? Daniel 4:34**

   "I _____ the Most High and _____

   and _____ Him."

2. **What change occurred in Nebuchadnezzar's thinking after his regeneration? Daniel 4:37**

   "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, _____ and _____

   and _____ the _____ of heaven.

   NOTE: Before he acknowledged the God of heaven, Nebuchadnezzar praised and glorified himself only, but his encounter with Daniel's God brings about a remarkable change. Nebuchadnezzar is a new person; the old self-centered Nebuchadnezzar has become a new God-centered man.

3. **What does the apostle Paul say happens when a man is in Christ? 2 Corinthians 5:17**

   "He is a _____ creation."

   NOTE: The apostle Paul indicates that genuine conversion is evidenced when a person has become a new creation in Christ. It seems that this transformation had occurred in Nebuchadnezzar's life.

4. **What New Testament ordinance symbolizes this change in a person's life that occurs at conversion? Romans 6:3-6**

   NOTE: Baptism symbolizes the change from the "out of Christ" relationship to the "in Christ" relationship; a change from a life of dependence upon self to a life of dependence upon Christ. This is what Nebuchadnezzar experienced. If Nebuchadnezzar had lived in New Testament times, his next step would have been baptism.

18. **Whose name do people take when they are baptized? Galatians 3:27**

    "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on _____."

    NOTE: When a person has put on Christ, he takes on himself the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, and is then placed into a body of loving fellow-Christians who will care for and nurture him. According to the Bible, it is impossible to be baptized and not become a part of God's loving family on earth, the church.

19. **Is there any Bible example of rebaptism? Acts 19:1-5**

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    NOTE: The Bible seems to indicate that there are two instances that would warrant rebaptism.

    Example 1: Acts 19:1-5 tells the story of some disciples who had been baptized through the ministry of John the Baptist. They had not heard about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul took them aside and taught them more fully of the Word of God. When they learned this additional truth, it made such a significant change in their lives that they were re-baptized. From this example, it would seem that rebaptism would be proper when a person learns significant new truth that makes a major change in his life.

    Example 2: Likewise, baptism is the marriage ceremony that unites a believer to Jesus Christ. If an individual who has been baptized slips away from the Lord, goes back out into the world and virtually divorces Him, then, when that person returns to the Lord, it would be proper to symbolize reconversion by rebaptism.

20. **The apostle Paul was tempted to put off his baptism. When he was delaying, what did God's chosen messenger, Ananias, say to Paul? Acts 22:16**

    "Why are you _____? _____ and be _____."

    NOTE: Because Paul had been such a persecutor of the church, he probably felt he needed to prove himself first. But God sent an angel to Ananias with a special message for the apostle Paul that he should not put off this decision. He had been converted; he had fully accepted Christ as his Saviour; and he had been instructed in the way of the Lord. He was ready to be baptized. Nothing should delay that decision.

one time. To be baptized three times would indicate that we need to die, be buried, and rise again three times in our relationship to sin. Likewise, it destroys the unity of the Godhead, because it would indicate that the Christian believes in three gods instead of the one God manifested in three persons.

Thus, the true Bible baptism that Jesus commanded in this great commission is the baptism of believers by immersion.

14. In his Pentecost sermon, how many people did Peter say should be baptized? Acts 2:38

"Repent, and let_____ of you be baptized."

NOTE: No one was excluded. Everyone was invited to be baptized. Peter did not just invite people who wanted to be baptized; he commanded those who repented to be baptized, indicating the absolute necessity of baptism as a response to the conversion experience. Baptism by water is absolutely essential. However, baptism by water is meaningless unless it is accompanied by the inner baptism of the Spirit. Baptism is the outward response to the inward change of life that is taking place in the Christian. Baptism, then, can only mean something when there has been this inward change in a person's life. The physical act of being baptized doesn't save us. Baptism is the natural response of the Christian who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of his life.

15. How essential does Jesus consider baptism to be? Mark 16:15, 16

"He who and is baptized will be _____."

16. What are all believers baptized Into? 1 Corinthians 12:13

"By one Spirit we were all baptized into one _____."

NOTE: A person is not baptized into nothing. Paul makes it clear that Christians are baptized into the one body.

17. Into what body are all Christians baptized? 1 Corinthians 12:27

"Now _____ are the body of Christ, and

_____individually."

NOTE: Paul is here writing to the Corinthian church, and he declares that the church is the body of Christ. What an exalted privilege, that the church of Jesus Christ on earth is considered the body of Christ. Paul states that baptism is the Bible means of becoming a part of the body of Christ. "The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47)

THE SYMBOL OF BAPTISM

5. What three things does baptism symbolize? Romans 6:3, 6

The _____, _____ and _____ of Christ.

NOTE: Just as Christ died, was buried, and rose again, so the Christian dies to self, buries the old way of life in the watery grave, and then rises to new life in Jesus Christ.

6. What does the word "baptize" mean?

To _____.

NOTE: Our English word "baptize" comes from the Greek baptizo, meaning "to immerse," "to dip under" or "to submerge". Rather than translate the Greek word, we have made it sound like an English word. If the word were translated into English, "baptism" would be called "immersion".

7. Who went into the water when Philip baptized the eunuch? Acts 8:36-38

"And _____ and the _____ went down into the water, and he baptized him."

NOTE: When Philip baptized the eunuch, the Bible makes a point of the fact that both of them went into the water. The only reason both would need to go into the water would be if Philip baptized the eunuch by immersion.

8. Why did John the Baptist baptize at Aenon? John 3:23

"Because there was _____ water there."

NOTE: If John had baptized by sprinkling or pouring, he could have baptized at Jacob's well. Instead, he chose this particular spot because there was a lot of water there.

9. What Is the only method of baptism that properly symbolizes the correct meaning of baptism? Romans 6:3-6

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NOTE: If baptism symbolizes death, burial and resurrection, then only immersion can properly symbolize those events. When a person is baptized by immersion, he closes his eyes; for a brief moment, he stops breathing, an apt symbol of death. He is lowered into the watery grave, a symbol of burial. Then he is lifted up; he opens his eyes; he breathes again; he begins a new life. Sprinkling, pouring or any method of baptism other than immersion cannot symbolize the true meaning of baptism. If Nebuchadnezzar were

living today, he would be baptized by immersion, for that is the Bible way.

While baptism by immersion is clearly the Biblical way of baptism, there is a question in many people's minds as to WHEN a person should be baptized. Some people are baptized while they are still babies, while others wait until they are adults. What is the proper Biblical time for baptism? Does the Bible recognize infant baptism?

10. List three requirements for baptism.

a. Matthew 28:19 _____

b. Acts 8:35-37 _____

c. Acts 2:37, 38 _____

NOTE: The Bible is clear. Before a person is baptized, he must be taught, he must believe, and he must repent. An infant is incapable of doing those three things. Therefore, infant baptism is not Scriptural. Since baptism symbolizes the change from the `but of Christ" relationship to the "in Christ" relationship (Romans 6:3-6), it would be impossible for a person to be baptized unless he had a conversion experience. Baptism is the Bible's symbol that the conversion experience has happened. When a baby is baptized, there is no conversion. In fact, the baby doesn't even know what's going on. The Bible, then, gives no age for baptism. Instead, the Bible says that a person must be taught, must believe, and must repent before baptism. Since it is impossible for a baby to do those things, infant baptism is unscriptural. Baptism is an experience for believers.

11. Is there any record in the Bible of a baby being baptized?

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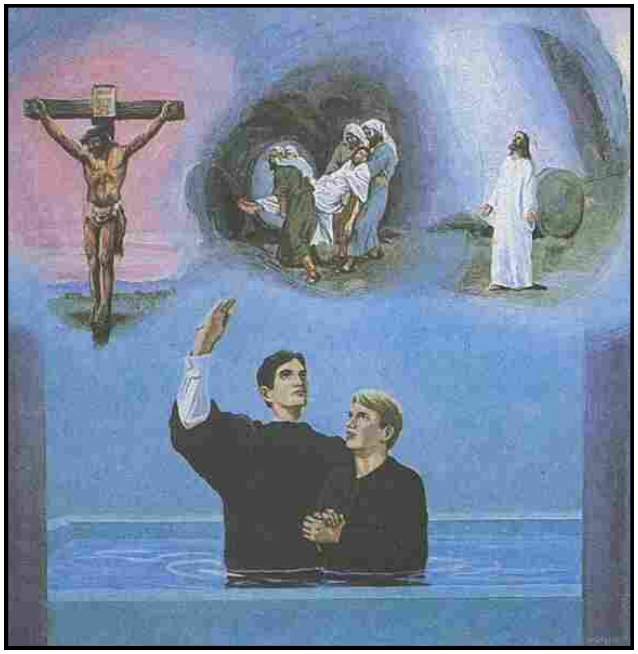
NOTE: From Genesis to Revelation, there is not a single instance of a baby ever being baptized. In fact, the first record of infant baptism comes from the second century, and then there is only one case in that 100 years. The church in the early centuries would not allow a man to serve as bishop of the church unless he had been baptized by immersion as an adult. They would not tolerate infant baptism because they knew that it was not Biblical. It was not until A.D. 1200 that the church decreed that if babies were not baptized, they would never see the face of Jesus. Likewise, baptism by immersion was the universal practice of the early church. Throughout the early centuries, the church practiced baptism by immersion, as can be seen by the baptismal fonts which still exist today in many of the old cathedrals in Europe.

12. How many idnds of baptism does the Bible recognize? Ephesians 4:5

"_____ Lord, _____ faith, _____ baptism."

NOTE: The Bible recognizes only one kind of baptism, and that is baptism by immersion. There is no other proper method of Biblical baptism.



THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

13. What command did Jesus include in the great commission? Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the _____ and of _____ _____."

NOTE: The command to baptize is part of the great commission. The issue of baptism is not a side issue. Jesus considered it of such tremendous importance that He included it in this great commission to His church. We must not take this command lightly.

Jesus says that we are to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. He did not say that we were to be baptized in the names of the Trinity, but in the one name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some have misinterpreted this text to mean that we should baptize in the name of the Father, then in the name of the Son, and then in the name of the Holy Spirit, and thus practice triune baptism (baptizing people three times). Since baptism symbolizes our death to sin, burial to the old way of life, and our resurrection to a new life in Christ, then it is only proper to be baptized



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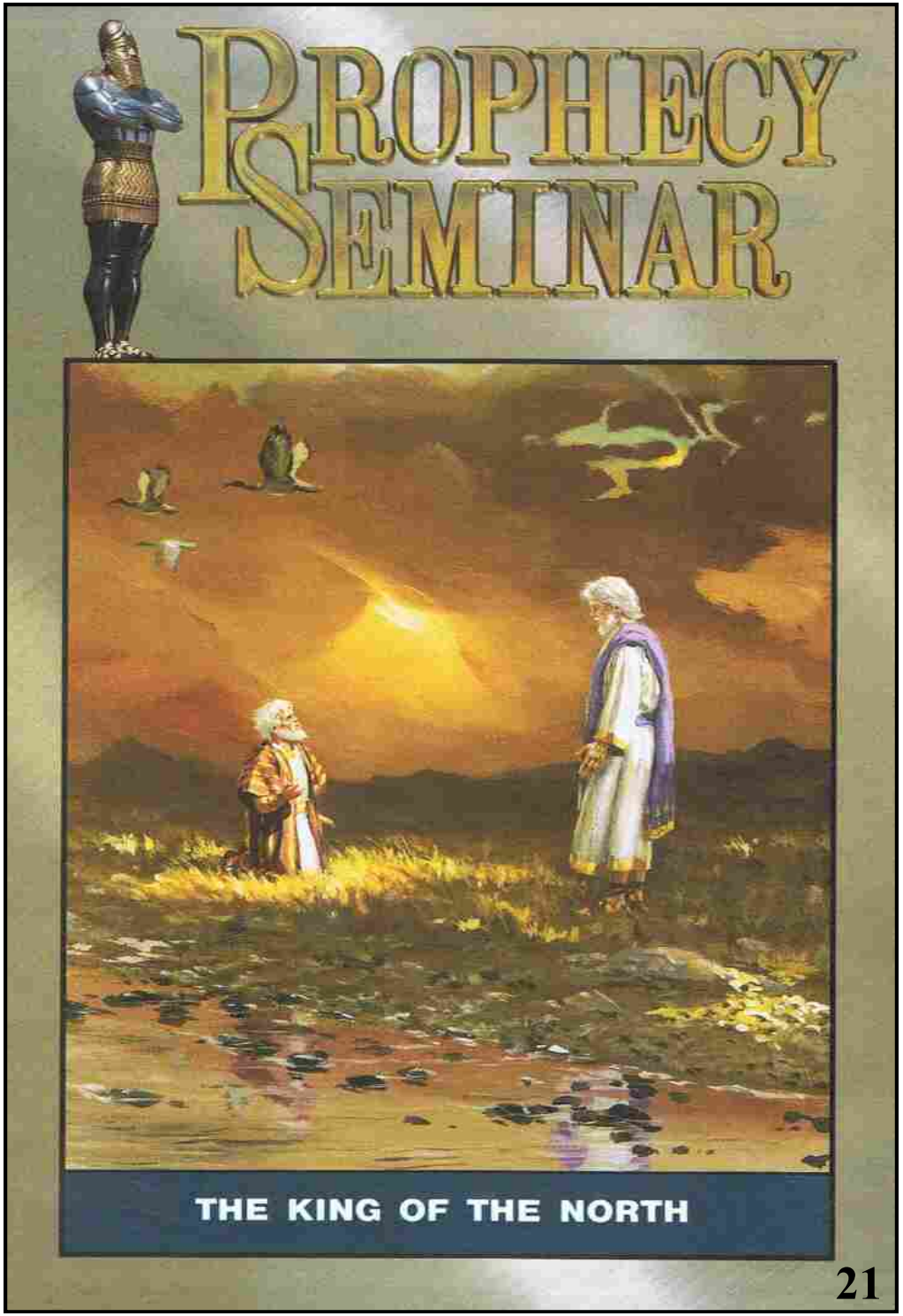


The book of Daniel is very much concerned with the sequence of nations that were to arise from Daniel's day to the time of the end. Every prophecy in the book of Daniel intimately describes this panorama of the nations. Seven times already Daniel has gone through this sequence: twice in Daniel 2 (once in the vision and once in the interpretation), three times in Daniel 7 (once in the vision and twice in the interpretation), and twice in Daniel 8 (once in the vision and once in the interpretation).

In Chapter 11, Daniel goes through this sequence for the eighth and final time. Since each succeeding prophecy unveils further details, we can expect to discover exciting new information about the end time in Daniel 11.

CONTROVERSY IN DANIEL 10

This lesson will briefly survey Daniel 10 so that the context of Daniel 11 is clear. Daniel 10 pulls aside the curtain and reveals to us the great controversy going on behind the events of world history. Once again, Daniel is reminding us that in the rise and fall of empires, God is still in control of world events.

1. **What does Daniel do for three weeks? Daniel 10:1-3**

   He was _____.

2. **Who appeared to Daniel at the end of the three weeks? Daniel 10:410**

   "A _____ man clothed in linen."

   NOTE: By comparing this vision with the one John the Revelator saw in Revelation 1, we learn that this person who appeared to Daniel was none other than Jesus Christ Himself (see Lesson 2).

3. **Why didn't help come to Daniel immediately when he started to pray? Daniel 10:11-13**

   "The prince of the kingdom of Persia _____ _____ twenty-one days."

   NOTE: God drew aside the curtain and revealed to Daniel the cosmic struggle behind the scenes. Cyrus was the reigning king of Persia, but Daniel was shown that there was a cosmic force working on Cyrus behind the scenes. This cosmic power was Satan and his angels, who were doing their best to influence the king of Persia in order to prevent him from fulfilling the prophecy to rebuild the temple. For three weeks the struggle continued. Christ was victorious. He assured Daniel that the future was in God's control.

4. **Who would be the subject of the rest of the vision? Daniel 10:14**

   "I have come to make you understand what will _____ to

20. **What happens to this power when it seeks to conquer the glorious holy mountain? Daniel 11:45**

    "He shall come to his _____, and no one will help him."

    NOTE: Thank God, this power will come to an end! This final great controversy will cease. This power may seek to destroy God's last-day people, but the promise is that he will come to his end, and no one shall help him. Many of the details of this final conflict are not totally clear from Daniel 11. One thing is clear, however: there will be a final great conflict between the forces of good and the forces of evil and ultimately, Christ and His people will win this conflict. Lesson 24 will explore the various powers that are involved in the final great conflict. While Daniel does not mention them in great detail, the book of Revelation clearly delineates the powers that are involved in the final controversy of earth. It is only reasonable to assume that these same powers are active in the final conflict described here in Daniel 11.

21. **What happens to God's people in this final time of trouble? Daniel 12:1**

    "At that time Michael shall _____ up, ... and there shall be a time of _____.. and at that time your people shall be delivered."

    NOTE: Thank God, deliverance comes to God's people. In the midst of this final, great time of trouble, this final conflict of the great controversy, Michael comes and delivers God's people, every person found written in the book. While the last days will be troublesome times, Daniel ends on a high note of assurance to the people of God. Deliverance will come, just as deliverance had come to the Hebrews in Babylon, in the fiery furnace and in the lions' den. We need not be overly concerned about the details of last-day events because we know that, ultimately, God's people will be delivered.

22. **Do you wish to be delivered when Michael stands up to deliver God's people in the final controversy?**

    _____

13. What happens at the time of the end? Daniel 11:40

"At the time of the end the king of the _____shall attack him."

NOTE: At this point in the prophecy, we have arrived at the time of the end. Since the events described in Verses 40-45 are still future, we must not be too dogmatic on their exact fulfilment. However, we can carefully examine what Daniel says these powers will do in the last days.

14. What does the king of the North do In the last days? Daniel 11:40

"The king of the North shall come against him like a _____,

... he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through."

NOTE: Not only the king of the South, but also the king of the North, is involved in this mighty conflict at the time of the end.

15. What land does the king of the North enter? Daniel 11:41

"The _____ Land."

NOTE: The Glorious Land is a reference to Palestine (for the part Israel will play in last-day events, see Lesson 22).

16. How widespread will be his domain In the time of the end? Daniel 11:42, 43

"Egypt shall not escape. . . .also the Libyans and _____."

17. In spite of the fact that the king of the North has conquered all this territory, what now troubles him? Daniel 11:44

"News from the _____and the _____

shall trouble him."

18. When he is thus troubled, what does he do? Daniel 11:44

"He shall go out with great fury to _____ and annihilate many."

NOTE: Here again is depicted a final great conflict in which this power goes forth to completely destroy those who oppose it

19. Where does this power seek to plant its tabernacle? Daniel 11:45

"The glorious holy _____."

your _____ in the latter days."

NOTE: The only nations that are mentioned in prophecy are nations that affect the covenant people of God. This is why many nations are not mentioned in Scripture.

5. Daniel fainted at the revelation of what was to happen to God's people, but what did God do to Daniel? Daniel 10:15-19

"Then again, the one having the likeness of a man _____ me

and _____me."

NOTE: What a revelation of God! He came so close to the prophet; He even touched him and gave him strength.

6. Who were the next two powers that would affect the covenant people and that God would have to contend with? Daniel 10:20,21 (869) [869].

"The prince of _____ ." "The prince of _____."

NOTE: Before Daniel was given the delineation of empires and kings that would affect the covenant people, God revealed to Daniel the cosmic struggle unravelling. God allowed Daniel to see that He worked against Satan's attempts to subvert the divine purpose by contending with the forces of darkness to accomplish God's plans. Again we are given the divine assurance that God is in control of world history. Things-don't just happen. God controls world events to accomplish the divine purpose.

THE EVENTS OF DANIEL 11

The king of the north is a symbol of the powers that oppose God's people down through the ages. It is the term used to refer to those whom Satan has used in his attempt to destroy God's people.

As Daniel centered our attention on the great controversy theme as he approached the climax of his book in Chapters 11 and 12, he wanted us to see clearly that this is not just the rise and fall of empires described here, but the cosmic drama of the ages being played out before our eyes as these various powers sought to destroy God's people. Daniel 11 will parallel Daniel 2,7 and 8, but will add many more details. Daniel 11 is portraying the same panorama of empires as Daniel 2, 7 and 8: Persia, Greece, Rome and the papal system.

7. With what empire does Daniel 11 begin? Daniel 11:2

"Three more kings will arise in _____."

NOTE: The four kings mentioned in this verse are Cambyses, False Smerdis, Darius and Xerxes, all kings of the Persian realm.

8. Who was the mighty king that should stand up? Daniel 11:3

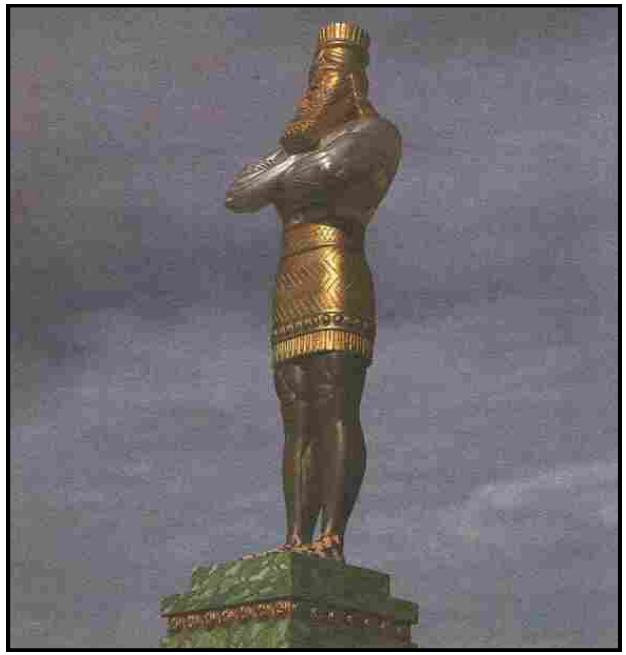
A _____ king shall arise."

NOTE: This mighty king was Alexander the Great.

9. What would happen to the kingdom after the death of Alexander? Daniel 11:4

It "shall be broken up and _____ toward the four winds of heaven".

NOTE: Alexander's kingdom was divided among four of his generals. Notice the parallel between Daniel 2, 7, 8 and Daniel 11 thus far.



10. What symbol is now used to describe the two powers in the Grecian realm that fought against each other? Daniel 11:5-15

The king of the _____ and the king of the _____

NOTE: Daniel added detailed descriptions of the various struggles between the different kings who carved up Alexander's empire. The symbols Daniel used for these various kings became the dominant symbol of Daniel 11: the king of the north and the king of the south.

11. Daniel 11:16-30 gives Intricate details of the pagan Roman Empire. What are a few of the descriptions that Daniel gives of this power?

a. "There shall arise in his place one who _____ on the glorious kingdom" (Vs. 20). This is a reference to Caesar Augustus, who became the great taxer of the people.

b. And "be broken, and also the _____of the covenant" (Vs. 22). It was the Pagan Roman Empire that broke Christ by crucifying Him on the cross.

c. "His heart shall be moved against the holy _____"(Vs. 28). Pagan Rome sought to destroy the covenant of God and the covenant people of God through persecution and distortion of its doctrine.

12. The next several descriptions in Verses 31-39 portray the activities of the papacy. You will notice that many of the same descriptions found in Daniel 7 and 8 reappear In Daniel 11, which helps us to clearly identify the papacy as the power now being depicted.

a. "They shall take away the _____sacrifices" (Vs. 31).

b. "And place there the abomination of _____." (Vs. 31). Lesson 15 clearly identified the papacy as the one who destroyed the ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary by making the work of the sanctuary a work on earth instead of in the heavenly sanctuary.

c. "The king shall do according to his own will: he shall _____ and _____ himself above every god" (Vs. 36). Here again is a reference to the blasphemous claims of the papacy as it attempted to exalt itself above God.

d. "He shall regard neither the. . . desire of _____" (Vs. 37). This may possibly be a reference to the papacy's insistence on celibacy.

e. "He shall.. . . divide the land for gain" (Vs. 39). This may be a reference to the papal attempt to be the one who decides who gets what lands, such as the Roman pontiffs did in dividing up~ the lands of the new world among the kings of Spain, Portugal, France and England.

Daniel 11 has traced for us once again the rise and fall of the various empires of antiquity. In startling detail, Daniel has indicated what is going to happen in Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the Papacy. Only the divine foreknowledge of God could have given us such a detailed history written in advance. But let us not miss the point behind it all. The real lesson we need to learn from this prophecy is that God is in control of world events. As these nations rise and fall, God is in control and, ultimately, He will accomplish His will.

24. What does the dragon seek to do to the rest (or remnant) of the people of God? Revelation 12:17

To make _____ .

NOTE: Revelation 12:17 describes the final battle that seeks to destroy God's remnant people that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. It is the final battle foretold in Daniel 11:12. It is Satan's final attempt to conquer God's Israel.

Let's review several points that we have learned in this lesson:

1. The term "Israel" is a spiritual term referring to a spiritual people.

2 The term "Israel" originally referred to the ethnic descendants of Abraham in the Old Testament. However, even then non-Jews could become Israelites if they accepted the God of heaven.

3. All prophecies involving the choices of men and nations are conditional; thus the prophecies of Israel's glorious future were conditional upon obedience. Since they were not obedient, the predictions are not fulfilled through ethnic Israel but are, instead, fulfilled through the new spiritual Israel.

4. Jesus warned that the privilege of being God's chosen people, the Israel of God, would be taken from the Jews and given to another people that would produce fruit. The apostle Paul verifies that this new entity has come into existence. He declares it to be the Christian church.

5. After the Cross, the term "Israel" refers only to those people who have accepted Jesus Christ.

6. The term "Israel" today refers to God's final people who are preparing to meet Jesus when He comes, and not to a nation in the Middle East.

7. The battle of Daniel 11:45 refers, not to a battle in the Middle East, but to Satan's final attempt to destroy the remnant people of God described in Revelation 12:17.

25. Is it your desire to stand with God's true Israel on the final Mount Zion?

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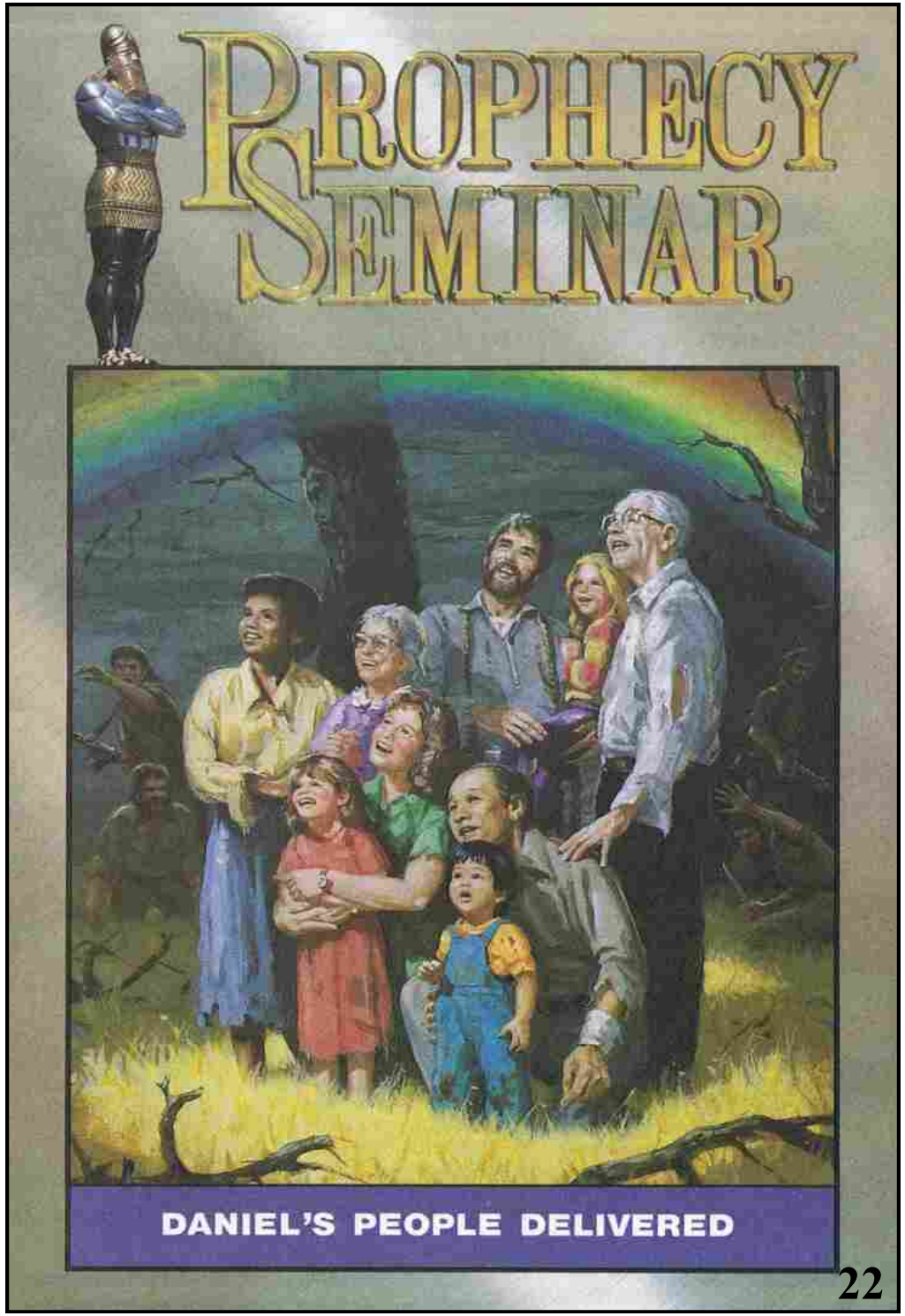


Conflict after conflict has occurred throughout the book of Daniel. What happened in ancient Babylon is a foretaste of what will happen to God's people in the time of the end. The good news of the book of Daniel is that God ultimately will win this conflict. God's people may be threatened, imprisoned, or even face death, but ultimately, they will be delivered. What wonderful assurance! What glorious good news for the people of God!

THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE

1. What three things happen concerning God's people at the "time of the end"? Daniel 12:1

1. "At that time _____ shall stand up."

2. "There shall be a time of _____ ."

3. "Your _____ shall be delivered."

NOTE: This message of assurance was addressed to Daniel. His people would be the Jewish people, since Daniel was a Jew. Does this mean that only Jewish people will be delivered in the final conflict? Is Daniel 12:1 talking about the Israelites living in the Middle East, New York, or anywhere else? To whom does the term "Israel" (Daniel's people) apply in the last days? In order to fathom fully the meaning of this prophecy, we need to carefully examine the term "Israel" as it appears throughout Scripture. In our search, we will discover that the term "Israel" changes meaning depending upon who the people of God are at that particular time. The term "Israel" is the covenant name for the people of God.

ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

2. What two things did God promise Abraham when He called him out of the land of Ur? Genesis 13:14-16

1. _____ **2.** _____ (or "seed")

3. Who is the seed promised to Abraham? Galatians 3:16

_____

4. What is the land promised to Abraham? Hebrews 11:10, 16

"Now they desire a better, that is, a _____ country."

NOTE: Notice that the promises made to Abraham of land and seed were very special promises. They did not refer just to having many descendants and to inheriting the earthly Canaan. These promises were also spiritual promises to be the progenitor of the Messiah and to inherit the heavenly kingdom. Since these were spiritual promises given to a spiritual person, not all the descendants of Abraham received the promises. Isaac received them,

THE FINAL ISRAEL

19. The 144,000 are said to be sealed and ready for Jesus to come. From whom do the 144,000 come? Revelation 7:4

"Of all the tribes of the children of _____ ."

NOTE: Since this is a reference to the last days, the 144,000, made up of children of all the tribes of Israel, must refer to spiritual Jews and not ethnic Jews.

20. Who do the 144,000 follow? Revelation 14:4

"These are the ones who follow the _____ wherever He goes."

NOTE: The "Lamb" refers to Jesus Christ (John 1:29). The 144,000 follow Jesus. Obviously, they are not an ethnic Jewish group, but they are Christians.

21. Where does John seethe 144,000 standing? Revelation 14:1

"Mount _____ ."

NOTE: Amazingly, John sees these spiritual Israelites standing on Mount Zion. The very place that symbolized national Israel now symbolizes spiritual Israel. Here stand God's last-day people who are ready to meet Jesus.

22. What events are happening on the earth when the 144,000 are sealed? Revelation 7:1-4

"Do not _____ the earth, the sea, or the trees till

we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

NOTE: The final great time of trouble is about to begin. But before it comes, God seals his final Israel. Then, at the end, He delivers them.

23. Who does Daniel say is delivered in the final time of trouble? Daniel 12:1

_____ people.

NOTE: Daniel indicates that it is his people who are to be delivered in the end time. John the Revelator tells us it is the 144,000 who are to be delivered. (In addition to the 144,000, John saw a great multitude that no one could number Revelation 7:9. Obviously, out of earth's billions, more than a literal 144,000 will be saved.) Daniel's people and the 144,000 are the same basic people.

15. Who are the real children of God in the New Testament? The children of the flesh or the children of the promise? Romans 9:6-8

"But the _____ of the _____ are

counted as the seed."

16. How only, then, can an ethnic Jew become a spiritual Jew, according to the New Testament? Romans 11:14, 15, 19-21, 23

"If they do not continue in _____."

NOTE: The only way an ethnic Jew can become a true Israelite after the cross is by accepting Jesus Christ and becoming a believer. The New Testament is very clear that the term "Israel" no longer refers to an ethnic nation, but to a spiritual people who have accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour.

17. Is then: any longer a division between Jews and non-Jews In the New Testament? Ephesians 2:14,16,19-22

`That He might _____ them both to God in _____ ,

body through the cross."

NOTE: No longer are there two separate groups, Jews and Gentiles. Paul affirms that all believers, regardless of ethnic origin, are now part Of one body - the Christian church. According to the apostle Paul, this one body is now the new Israel.

18. If a person belongs to Jesus Christ, what does Paul call him? Galatians 3:28, 29

"If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's _____

And _____ according to the promise."

NOTE: Paul states an emphatic truth: If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed. Abraham's seed was called Israel. Thus, all faithful Christians are true Israelites. Paul further states that this new Israel, the Christian church, is the heir to the promises made to Abraham. Thus, all Old Testament promises made to the nation of Israel and finding fulfilment after the cross are fulfilled in the new Israel that has come into existence-the Christian church.

Any reference, therefore, to Israel in the end time must refer, not to the nation of ethnic Jews, but to the new Israel brought into existence by the cross-the Christian church. To apply any prophecy in the Bible to the ethnic nation of Israel in the Middle East today is to deny totally the New Testament teaching on the nation of Israel.

but Ishmael did not. Jacob received them, but Esau did not. Since they were spiritual promises, they could only be given to a spiritual people.

5. What was to be Jacob's new name after he had wrestled with the angel? Genesis 32:27, 28

_____

NOTE: This is the first time that the name "Israel" appears in Scripture. It means, "one who has prevailed with God—an overcomer". Note that it is a spiritual term applied to a spiritual person who has entered into covenant relationship with God.

As time progressed, the name "Israel" became the name for the covenant people of God who were mainly the ethnic descendants of Abraham in the Old Testament. Thus, the people who came out of Egypt under Moses were called the Israelites when they entered into covenant with God at Mount Sinai and became the covenant people. Under David and Solomon, they became a mighty nation. As long as they were faithful to God, the term "Israel" applied to them. Later, however, the ten northern tribes seceded from the united kingdom and took the name, "Israel," but became unfaithful to God. God then called them a harlot because they professed to be Israelites but they were not. The southern kingdom took the name, "Judah" and as long as they were faithful, they, too, could be called Israelites. As we will see even more clearly in the New Testament, the term `Israel" refers to the faithful covenant people of God, whoever and wherever they might be.

6. Name two individuals who were not children of Abraham who became Israelites and even progenitors of the promised seed, Christ. Joshua 6:25; Ruth 4:13-22; Matthew 1:5

_____

NOTE: Boaz was the descendent of Rahab. He married Ruth and was the grandfather of David. Both of these noble women became progenitors of Christ and appear in His genealogy. Thus, it was possible in Old Testament times to become an Israelite even though one was not born an Israelite.

CONDITIONAL PROPHECY

7. If God predicts evil about a nation or people and they repent, will God bring the evil to pass, or if God predicts good about a nation and they refuse to obey Him, will God bring the good to pass? Jeremiah 18:7-10

_____

NOTE: There are two types of prophecy in Scripture — prophecies given by divine decree and prophecies that involve human choice. Jeremiah is declaring in this passage that all prophecies involving human choice are always conditional. The great outline prophecies of Daniel and Revelation

that give us God's foreknowledge of human events are not conditional. However, the prophecies involving the choices of men and nations, such as given in Jeremiah, are conditional upon man's obedience. For example, when Jonah preached to the Ninevites, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4), Nineveh was not destroyed in forty days. Was Jonah a false prophet? No. Conditions changed. The people repented and God did not bring the evil to pass. When God predicted a glorious future for the ethnic nation of Israel, it would have happened if the ethnic nation of Israel had remained true to God. Since they did not remain true to God, the glorious predicted future never happened because such prophecy is always conditional upon man's choice to obey God's will.

8. **What did God predict would happen to Israel if they were disobedient and under what conditions would they be able to return to their land? Deuteronomy 4:27-30**

"The LORD will _____ you among the peoples."

"You willthe _____ LORD your God... When you turn to the LORD your God and _____ His voice."

NOTE: Note the conditions stated for their return from captivity. Only if they sought the Lord and were obedient to Him could they ever return to their land. As a result of their apostasy, the Israelites were taken into Babylonian captivity. Daniel lived at this time of captivity and knew that it was the sins of his people that had caused this terrible calamity to come.

9. **Jeremiah had predicted the Babylonian captivity. Does Jeremiah also give a prediction about their return to the land of Palestine? Jeremiah 30:3, 11**

"I will cause them to _____ to the land."

NOTE: Jeremiah not only foresaw the seventy years of captivity in Babylon, but also predicted that a great company of Jews would return to the land of Palestine when the captivity was over. See Jeremiah 31:8, 9. It is interesting to note that the texts that are sometimes misused to refer to the return of the Jews to Palestine in 1948 are actually predictions of their return from the Babylonian captivity. These prophecies have nothing to do with the 1948 establishment of the nation of Israel.

10. **When the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity, how much time did God give them? Daniel 9:24**

"_____ weeks."

NOTE: As we have previously studied (see Lesson 13), this seventy weeks refers to the 490 years that the Jews were given to make things fully right as the covenant people. When God allowed the Jews to return from the

Babylonian captivity, He gave them this final opportunity for 490 years. At the end of it, they had rejected the Messiah, crucified Him and begun a systematic persecution of His followers by stoning Stephen. The nation that once had been the honoured depository of the truth of God now had killed the Son of God. Therefore, the spiritual term "Israel" could no longer be applied to them. They were no longer "overcomers".

CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO ISRAEL

11. **The grape vine and the fig tree were symbols of the nation of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7). What did Jesus say would happen to the fig tree if it did not bear fruit? Luke 13:6-9**

"Cut it _____."

12. **Why was Jesus unable to gather Israel to Himself, and what was to happen if they refused to be gathered to Christ? Luke 13:34, 35**

"But you were _____ _____."

"Your house is left to you _____."

NOTE: God's presence would be withdrawn and no longer would Israel have the privilege of being the chosen people of God.

13. **What would happen to ethnic Israel's privilege of being the chosen people? Matthew 21:43-45**

"The kingdom of God will be _____ from you and given to a nation bearing the _____ of it."

NOTE: What a stunning announcement! The privilege of being God's chosen people would be taken away from the Jews and given to someone else who would produce fruit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT ISRAEL

14. **According to the apostle Paul, who is the real Jew after the cross? Romans 2:28, 29**

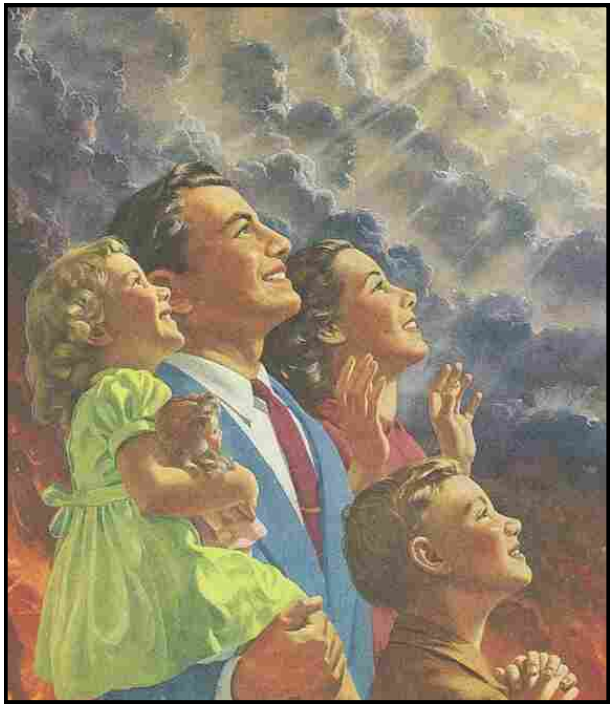
"For he is not a Jew who is one _____, .. but he is a Jew who is one _____."

NOTE: Paul makes it clear that, after the cross, the real Jew is no longer the ethnic Jew, but rather the one who has accepted Jesus Christ. Paul clearly indicates that the term "Israel" is a spiritual term applied to a spiritual people.

United States and Canada. These great celestial signs indicated the approach of the predicted time of the end. (See Exhibit 2.)

26. Since Christ Is coming soon, what should Christians do? Matthew 24:44

"Be _____."



27. Is it your desire to be ready for this momentous event of history, when Jesus Christ comes to fulfill Daniel 12:1 and deliver His people by His second coming?

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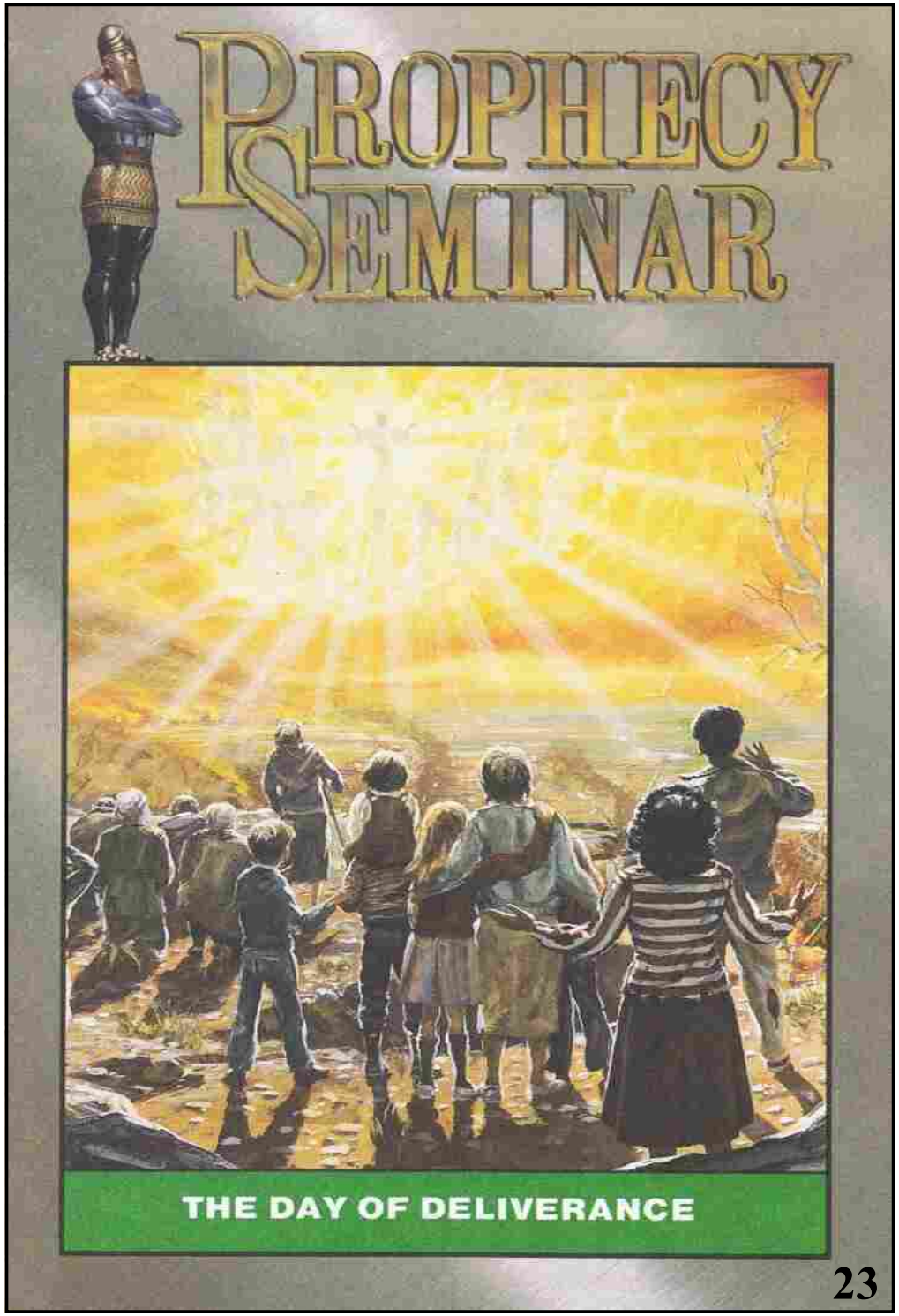

The book of Daniel begins with a defeat for the people of God, and ends in Chapter 12 with a mighty deliverance for His people. This great day of deliverance will be marked by the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This lesson will unlock the glorious truth of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

THE FINAL EVENTS OF DANIEL 12

1. Who stands up for God's people? Daniel 12:1

_____

2. Who Is this Michael? Daniel 12:1

'The great _____ who stands watch over the sons of your people.

NOTE: Many have understood "Michael" to be a reference to Christ. Christ is the great Prince that stands for God's people. "Michael" is also called the archangel (Jude 9). Jesus is said to return the second time with the voice of the archangel (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Thus, it would seem logical that "Michael" is a possible reference to Christ Himself. However, it must remain very clear that Christ, even though He is called Michael, is still fully God. Thus, the one who comes to deliver God's people at this time of apparent defeat is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

3. What happens when Michael attempts to deliver God's people? Daniel 12:1

"There shall be a time of _____, such as never was."

NOTE: As Christ prepares to come to deliver His people and destroy the final great apostate, the world is plunged into the greatest time of trouble there ever has been.

4. What happens to God's people at the end of this time of trouble? Daniel 12:1

"Your people shall be _____."

NOTE: God's people go through this climactic time of trouble, but they are delivered.

5. While those who are alive at this time are delivered, what happens to those who are dead? Daniel 12:2

'Those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall _____."

NOTE: Praise God, there will be a glorious resurrection of the righteous at

NOTE: To the wicked, the second coming of Christ is a day of bitter despair and gloom.

21. In contrast to the wicked, how do the righteous respond to the second coming of Christ? Revelation 19:5, 6

"Then a voice came from the throne, saying' _____

our _____,'....saying,' _____!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

NOTE: What a contrast! The wicked call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, and the righteous praise and exalt God because Jesus has come.

22. What does the Scripture call the second coming of Christ? Titus 2:13

"The _____hope."

23. Can we know the exact time of the second coming of Christ? Matthew 24:36

_____. Only the _____knows.

24. Can we know that the second coming Is near? Matthew 24:32, 33

_____. We can "know that it is near at the _____!"

NOTE: While we do not know the exact day of Christ's return, we can know that it is near.

25. What celestial signs did Jesus give to indicate that mankind has arrived at the last days? Matthew 24:29

`The sun will be _____, ... the _____,

will fall from heaven."

NOTE: Immediately after the tribulation of the Dark Ages, there occurred these two great celestial signs to indicate that we have come to the time of the end. On May 19, 1780, the great dark day took place. On this particular day, an inky black darkness crept across the land. John Greenleaf Whittier, the famous poet, wrote the poem, "Abraham Davenport", in which he described the great dark day. In some places, the darkness was so great that people could not read print in the open air at midday.

Likewise, on November 13, 1833, there occurred the greatest meteoric shower in history, in which an estimated billion shooting stars fell over the

16. What promise does God give to His people while the plagues are being poured out during this time of trouble? Psalm 91:10

"Nor shall any _____ come near your dwelling."

NOTE: God does not promise deliverance from the plagues, but deliverance in the midst of the plagues. Troubles will fall all around, but they will not come upon God's people.

17. What event Is Paul talking about in 2 Thessalonians 2:1?

"The _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ and our _____ together to Him."

NOTE: In this passage, Paul is talking about the second coming of Christ, when the righteous are gathered with Jesus.

18. According to Paul, what must happen before this day of the second coming and our gathering to Christ occurs? 2 Thessalonians 2:2, 3

"That Day _____ _____ _____ unless the falling away comes _____, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition."

NOTE: Those who teach the secret rapture doctrine state that the man of sin, the antichrist, will come after the second coming, when the righteous are gathered to Christ. Paul's point is in direct contradiction to the rapturists. Paul states unequivocally that the day that we are gathered to Christ will not come unless the man of sin, the antichrist, comes first.

19. What will destroy the man of sin? 2 Thessalonians 2:8

"The _____ of His coming."

NOTE: It would seem very strange for the man of sin, the antichrist, to be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's second coming if he doesn't appear until after the second coming. It is obvious from Scripture that the antichrist is fully revealed before the second coming of Christ to gather His saints. (For an understanding of Luke 17:34-37, "one shall be taken and the other left," see Exhibit 1.)

JESUS IS COMING

20. Why do the great men of earth cry to the rocks and mountains to fall on them at the second coming of Grist? Revelation 6:15, 16

To "hide us from the _____of Him who sits on the throne and from the _____ of the _____!"

this time!

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

6. What event delivers God's people and resurrects the righteous? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

The _____coming of _____.

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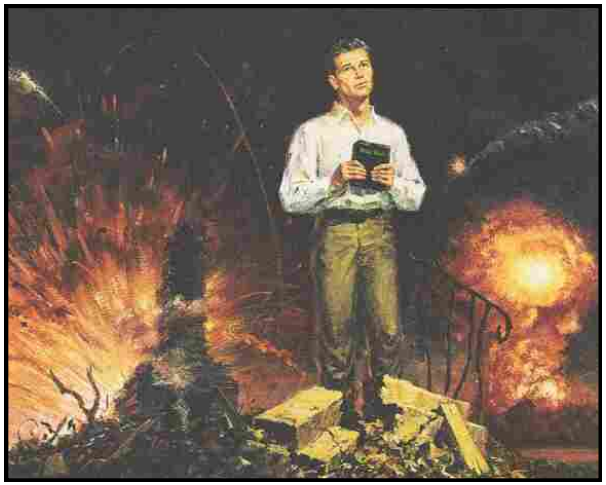

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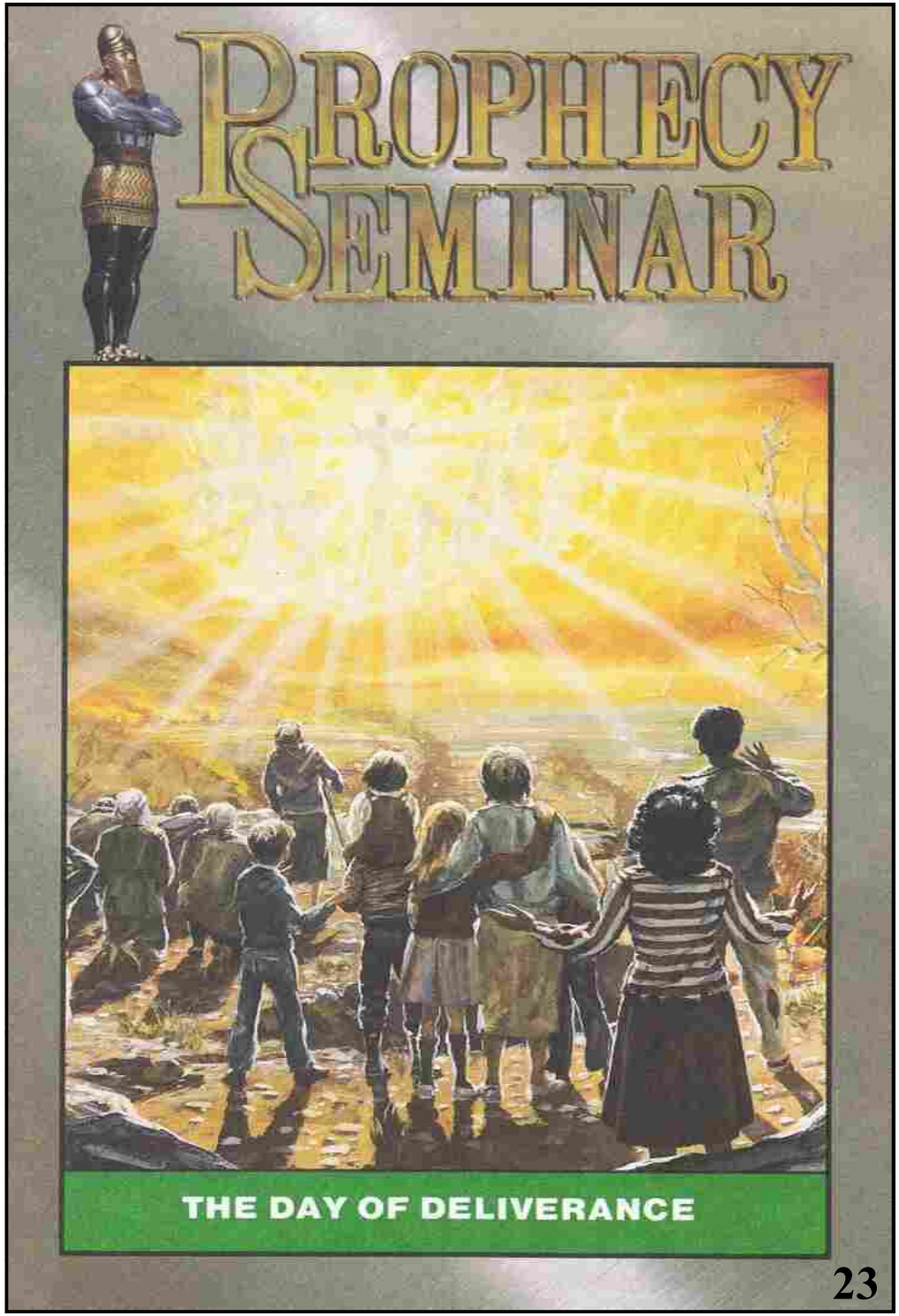

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THE FINAL EVENTS OF DANIEL 12

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   'The great _____ who stands watch over the sons of your people.

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1. Earthquakes, calamities, and disasters. (Luke 21:11, 25)
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2. Labour troubles. (James 5:4)
3. An increase of knowledge (Daniel 12:4)

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Seventeen hundred eighty, that there fell
Over the bloom and sweet life of the Spring
Over the fresh earth and the heaven of noon,
A horror of great darkness.

Men prayed, and women wept; all ears grew sharp
To hear the doom-blast of the trumpet shatter
The black sky, that the dreadful face of Christ
Might look from the rent clouds, not as he looked
A loving guest at Bethany, but stern
As Justice and inexorable Law.

Meanwhile in the old State House, dim as ghosts,
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Some said; and then, as if with one accord,
All eyes were turned to Abraham Davenport.
He rose, slow cleaving with his steady voice
The intolerable hush. `This well may be
The Day of Judgment which the world awaits;
But be it so or not, I only know
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Where He hath set me in His providence,
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Let God do His work, we will see to ours.
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—John Greenleaf Whittier, "Abraham Davenport," in his **Complete Poetical Works** (Cambridge ed.; Boston: Houghton, 1894), p. 260.

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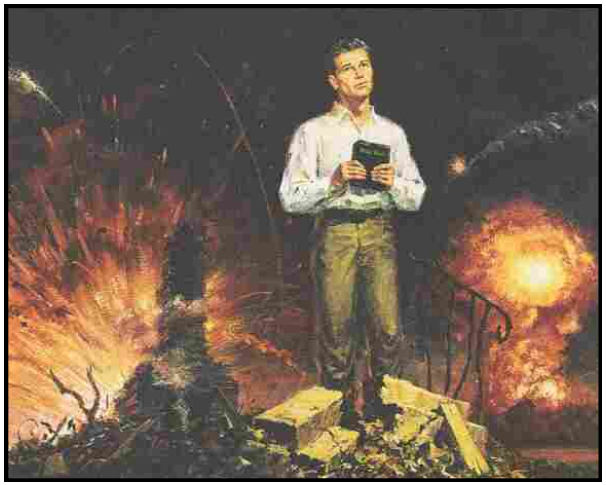

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"Nor shall any _____ come near your dwelling."

NOTE: God does not promise deliverance from the plagues, but deliverance in the midst of the plagues. Troubles will fall all around, but they will not come upon God's people.

17. What event Is Paul talking about in 2 Thessalonians 2:1?

"The _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ and our

_____ together to Him."

NOTE: In this passage, Paul is talking about the second coming of Christ, when the righteous are gathered with Jesus.

18. According to Paul, what must happen before this day of the second coming and our gathering to Christ occurs? 2 Thessalonians 2:2, 3

"That Day _____ _____ _____ unless the

falling away comes _____, and the man of sin

is revealed, the son of perdition."

NOTE: Those who teach the secret rapture doctrine state that the man of sin, the antichrist, will come after the second coming, when the righteous are gathered to Christ. Paul's point is in direct contradiction to the rapturists. Paul states unequivocally that the day that we are gathered to Christ will not come unless the man of sin, the antichrist, comes first.

19. What will destroy the man of sin? 2 Thessalonians 2:8

"The _____ of His coming."

NOTE: It would seem very strange for the man of sin, the antichrist, to be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's second coming if he doesn't appear until after the second coming. It is obvious from Scripture that the antichrist is fully revealed before the second coming of Christ to gather His saints. (For an understanding of Luke 17:34-37, "one shall be taken and the other left," see Exhibit 1.)

JESUS IS COMING

20. Why do the great men of earth cry to the rocks and mountains to fall on them at the second coming of Grist? Revelation 6:15, 16

To "hide us from the _____of Him who sits on the

throne and from the _____ of the _____!"



SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING

The Dark Day

The great dark day of May 19, 1780, is well attested to by history:

"In some places, the darkness was so great, that persons could not see to read common print in the open air, for several hours together: but I believe this was not generally the case. The extent of this darkness was very remarkable." Samuel Williams, "An Account of a Very Uncommon Darkness in the States of New England, May 19, 1780," in **Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences**: to the End of the Year 1783 (Boston: Adams and Nourse, 1785), Vol. 1, pp. 234, 235.

"The darkness of the following evening was probably as gross as ever has been observed since the Almighty fiat gave birth to light. It wanted only palpability to render it as extraordinary, as that which overspread the land of Egypt in the days of Moses .... If every luminous body in the universe had been shrouded in impenetrable shades, or struck out of existence, the darkness could not have been more complete. A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eyes was equally invisible with the blackest velvet. Considering the small quantity of light that was transmitted by the clouds, by day, it is not surprising that, by night, a sufficient quantity of rays should not be able to penetrate the same strata, brought back by the shifting of the winds, to afford the most obscure prospect even of the best reflecting bodies." Letter of Samuel Tenney (an eye-witness of Rowley, [Mass.?], dated Exeter [N.H.?), Dec., 1785, in **Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society**, Vol. 1, 1792 (Boston: Belknap and Hall, 1792), pp. 97, 98.

"The 19th of May, 1780, was a remarkable dark day. Candles were lighted in many houses; the birds were silent and disappeared, and the fowls retired to roost. The legislature of Connecticut was then in session at Hartford. A very general opinion prevailed, that the day of judgment was at hand. The House of Representatives, being unable to transact their business, adjourned. A proposal to adjourn the Council was under consideration. When the opinion of Colonel [Abraham] Davenport was asked, he answered, 'I am against an adjournment. The day of judgment is either approaching, or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause of an adjournment: if it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish therefore that candles may be brought." Timothy Dwight,

There is no indication whatsoever in these verses that those who are left have a second chance after the so-called rapture. The Bible is exceedingly clear that those who are left are destroyed by the coming of Christ. Revelation 19:15-18 describes the same scene when Christ comes and calls for the fowls to devour the mighty men of earth who have not accepted Him. Here again is a picture not of a second chance, but of total destruction at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: To the wicked, the second coming of Christ is a day of bitter despair and gloom.

21. In contrast to the wicked, how do the righteous respond to the second coming of Christ? Revelation 19:5, 6

"Then a voice came from the throne, saying' _____

our _____,'....saying,' _____!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

NOTE: What a contrast! The wicked call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, and the righteous praise and exalt God because Jesus has come.

22. What does the Scripture call the second coming of Christ? Titus 2:13

"The _____hope."

23. Can we know the exact time of the second coming of Christ? Matthew 24:36

_____. Only the _____knows.

24. Can we know that the second coming Is near? Matthew 24:32, 33

_____. We can "know that it is near at the _____!"

NOTE: While we do not know the exact day of Christ's return, we can know that it is near.

25. What celestial signs did Jesus give to indicate that mankind has arrived at the last days? Matthew 24:29

`The sun will be _____, ... the _____,

will fall from heaven."

NOTE: Immediately after the tribulation of the Dark Ages, there occurred these two great celestial signs to indicate that we have come to the time of the end. On May 19, 1780, the great dark day took place. On this particular day, an inky black darkness crept across the land. John Greenleaf Whittier, the famous poet, wrote the poem, "Abraham Davenport", in which he described the great dark day. In some places, the darkness was so great that people could not read print in the open air at midday.

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26. Since Christ Is coming soon, what should Christians do? Matthew 24:44

"Be _____."

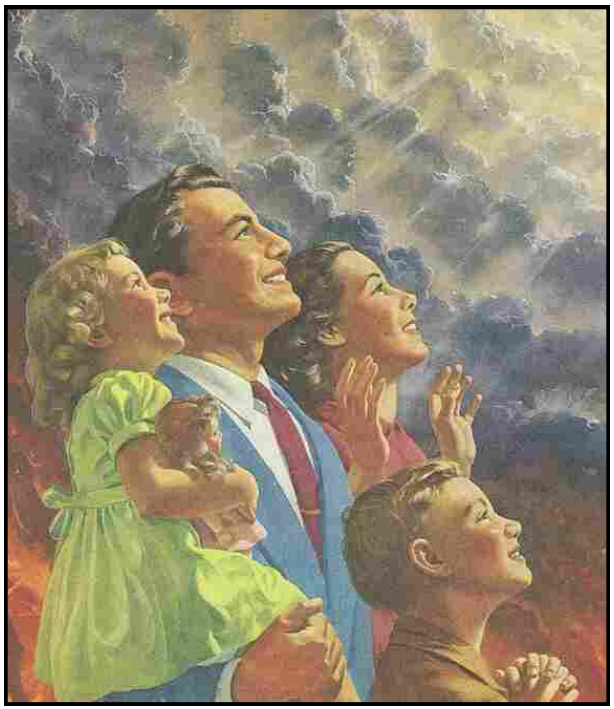

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EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 23

ONE SHALL BE TAKEN THE OTHER LEFT

One of the most often quoted passages used in support of the secret rapture teaching is Luke 17:34-37 and its parallel passage in Matthew 24:37-41. Please note the quotation from Matthew 24:37-41 below:

> But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

According to the rapturists, this passage indicates that when Jesus comes, one person will be snatched away in the rapture, while the other person will be left to continue life on this earth in the tribulation period. The amazing thing is that neither Matthew 24 nor Luke 17 indicate that those who are left are engaged in any activity after the coming of Christ. As with so many other texts that are misused, we must examine carefully the context of the passage. Once the context is clear, there will be absolute harmony with the rest of the Biblical teaching on the second coming of Christ.

Matthew 24:37-39 draws a parallel between the end time and Noah's day. In fact, that is the context and the obvious impact of all that Jesus is saying here. The end time is going to be just like Noah's day. In Noah's day, eight people entered the ark; the rest did not. So it shall be in the end time. Some will be taken when Jesus comes, and the others will be left.

In both Noah's day and in the last days there are people left. In Noah's day, those left were destroyed by the flood (Matthew 24:39). In the last days, those who are left shall be cut asunder (Matthew 24:51). Luke 17:37 indicates that their bodies are left for the eagles to devour. In other words, in both cases, at the time of the flood and at the second coming, those who are left are left for destruction.

NOTE: This is the most severe warning in all Scripture, the warning against the mark of the beast. Clearly, God does not want anyone to receive this mark. The beast power threatens men with death if they don't receive the mark of the beast. God warns that people who receive the mark of the beast will suffer eternal death.

Here all the issues foretold in the book of Daniel come together. The whole world is forced to make a decision regarding obedience to God and the worship of God, or obedience to the beast and the worship of the beast. This is not a question between Saturday and Sunday. The day we keep is only the outward symbol. The real issue is, who is the supreme person in our lives, Christ or antichrist, Jesus or the beast? The day we honour and keep in this final crisis will reveal who is the supreme authority over our lives. The Sabbath is not a minor issue, because the real issue over the Sabbath is our relationship with God. To God's people, nothing is more important than their relationship with God. That's why they refuse to worship the beast and receive this mark.

26. When faced with a similar command by Nebuchadnezzar, how did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego respond? Daniel 3:16-18

"Our God ... is able to deliver us... We do not serve your gods, nor will we _____ the gold image."

NOTE: The events of ancient Babylon have close parallels to the events under the imposition of the mark of the beast. God's people in both cases were threatened with death if they did not worship the image. But Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego declared boldly that whether God delivered them or not, they would not worship the image. In the last days, when the mark of the beast is inflicted, God's people, like the three Hebrews, will make the same decision. Whether God delivers them or not is unimportant. They have settled the issue. God is the supreme authority in their lives, and nothing can swerve them from obedience to God and the worship of God, even if they are threatened with death.

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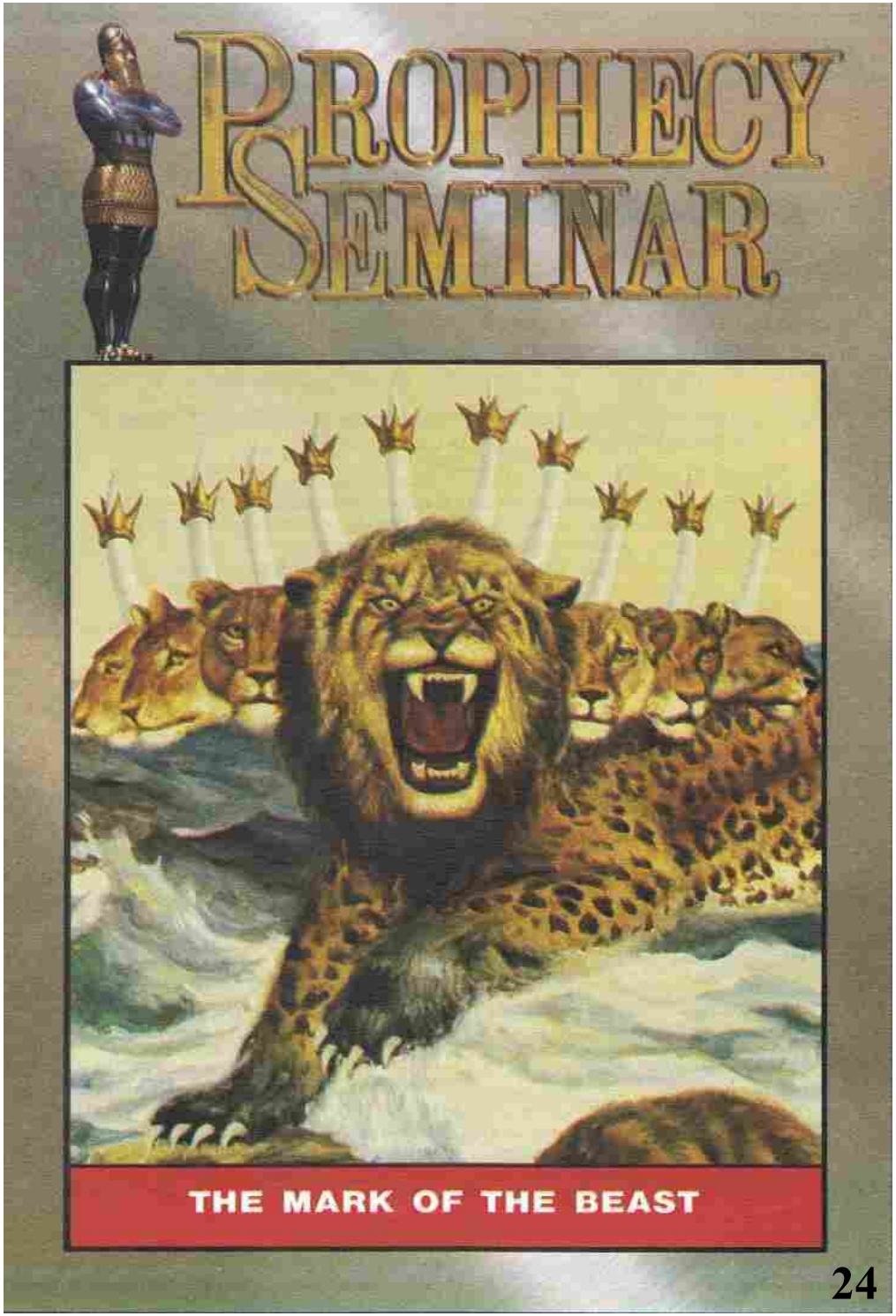

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CONFLICT IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The stories in the book of Daniel illustrate the crisis that the prophecies foretell that God's people will go through in the end time. Two of these are the stories of the fiery furnace in Daniel 3 and the lions' den in Daniel 6.

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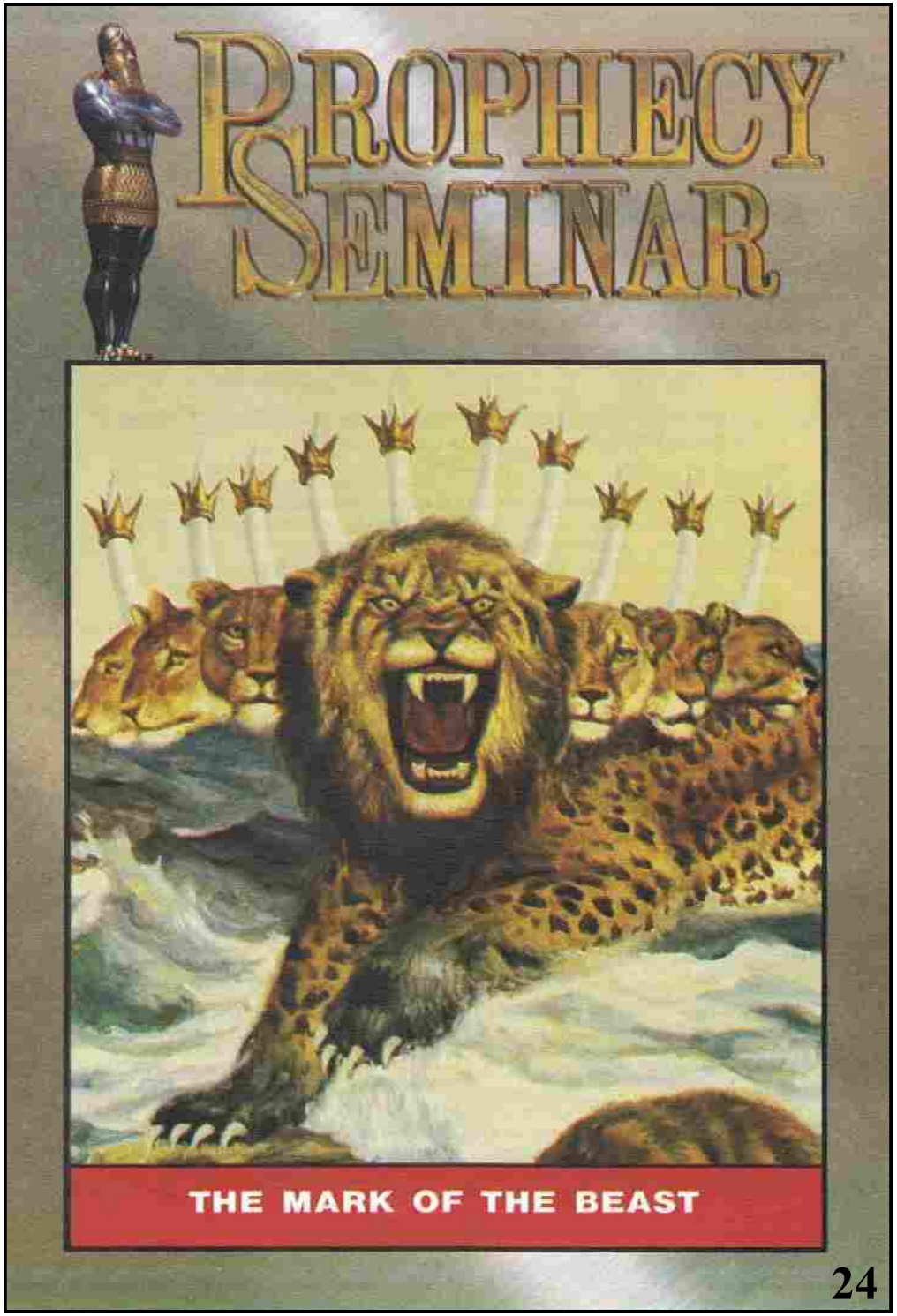

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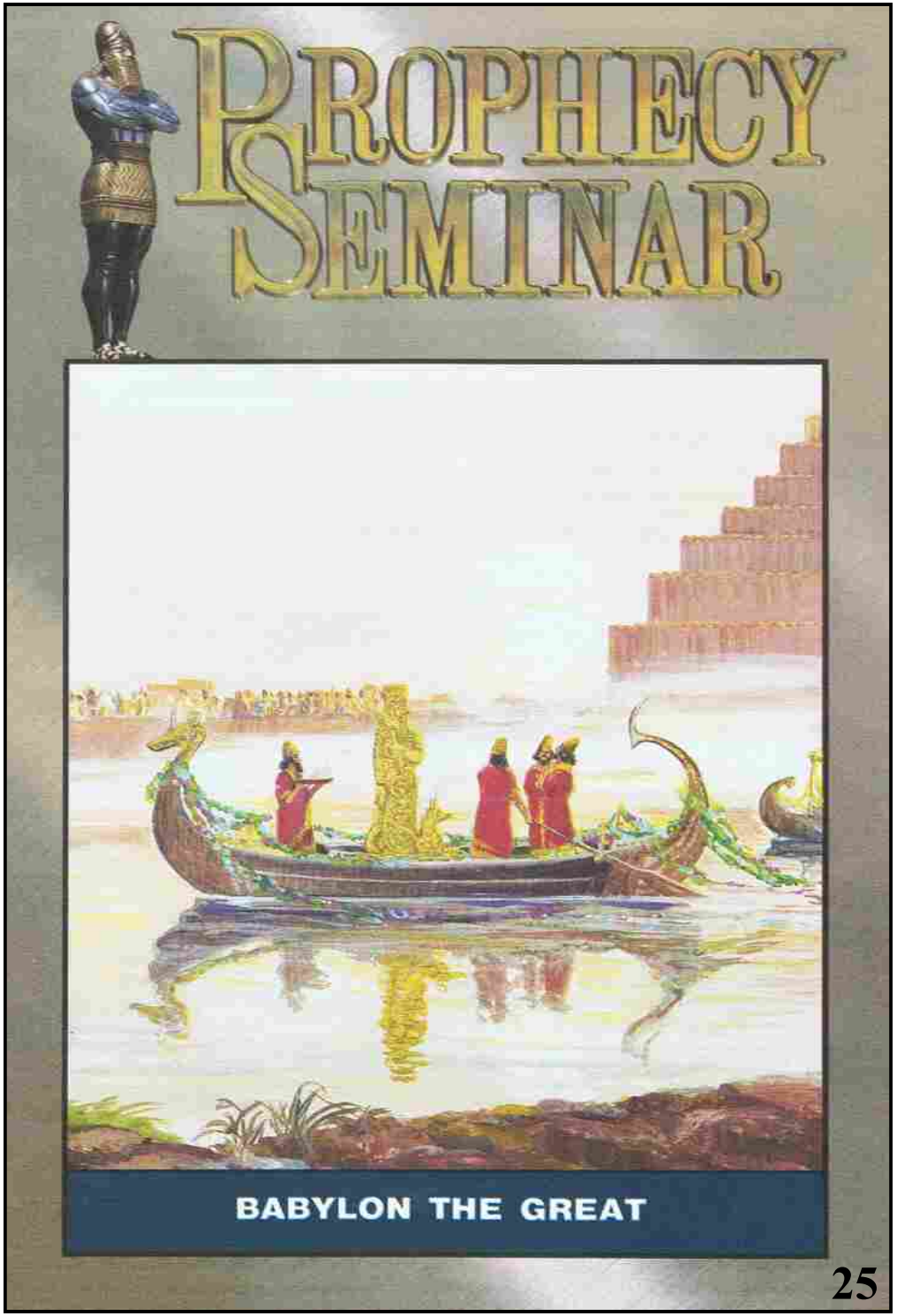

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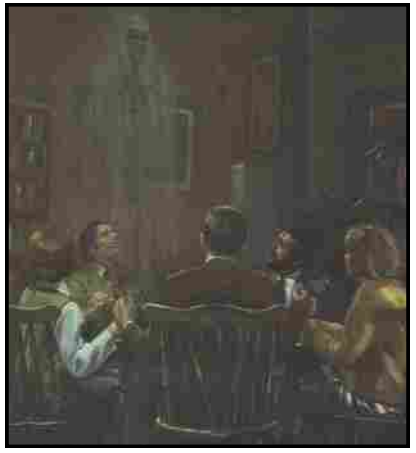

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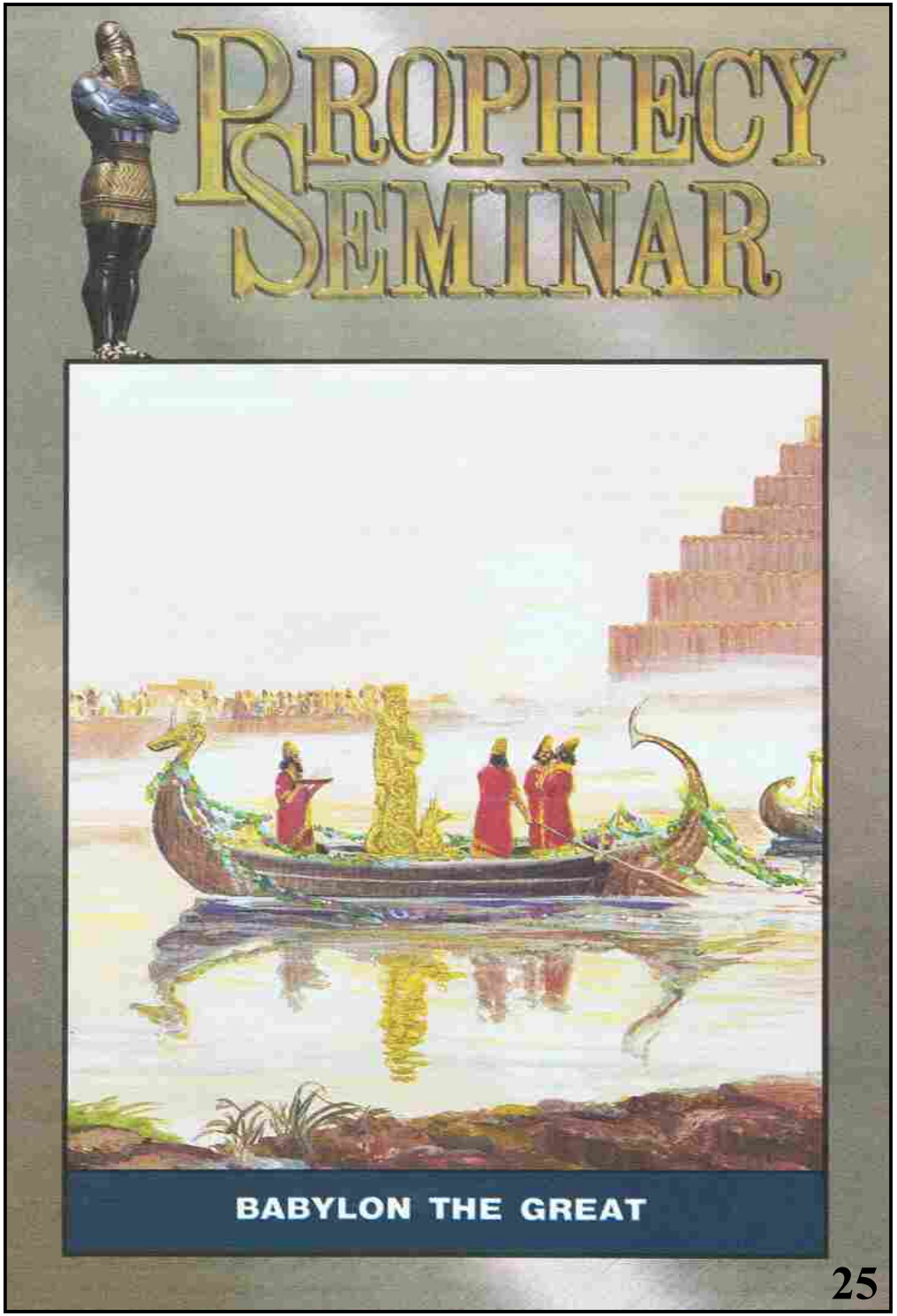

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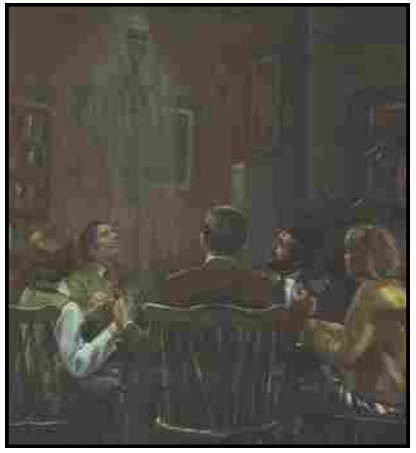

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Just as ancient Babylon appealed to the spirits of the dead to accentuate its claims to genuineness, so we find modern spiritual Babylon utilizing spirit communication in an attempt to establish her claims to being the depository of God's truth today. Furthermore, modern Romanism has moved beyond the stage of spiritualistic miracles to also include the usage of the gift of tongues in order to further accentuate her claim to genuineness. In fact, it is especially in the area of tongues speaking today that Roman Catholics and Protestants are coming together. It began in the summer of 1967 at Notre Dame University where many priests, nuns and lay people came together to pray for the Holy Spirit, and received what they felt was the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues. From that episode the tongues movement has spread within the Roman church, until today hundreds of thousands of Roman Catholics have participated in the movement. But the movement has not been limited to Romanism; it has become truly ecumenical in character. People of all denominations are meeting together, praying together and receiving the so called "spirit."

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the gifts manifested by the Spirit. Paul then asks a very interesting question: "Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" Paul's obvious answer is that not everyone has the gift of tongues. Not everyone has - the gift of healing. Not everyone has the gift of prophecy. All the gifts are manifested, but not everyone has the same gift. And yet in the modern tongues movement we are told that unless a person speaks in tongues he has not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If that is true, then it must be that Jesus was never filled with the Spirit of God, because there is no record that He ever spoke in tongues except the native tongues of Palestine. Yet never was there a person more filled with the Spirit than Jesus Christ. Paul goes on in 1 Corinthians 12 to indicate that there is a better way then speaking in tongues and tells us what that way is in 1 Corinthians 13, the great love chapter. Verse 1 says: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Paul indicates that love is far superior to tongues as an evidence of the Spirit of God. In fact, Paul goes on to caution against an undue emphasis on the gift of tongues. There seems to have been a problem in the Corinthian church where people were misusing the gift of tongues. Therefore, Paul counsels in 1 Corinthians 14:22, 23.

> Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that 'believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole church become together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

The apostle Paul indicates that tongues are not a sign to believers, but for unbelievers. Tongues have no place in the church where there is a common language, but are for usage in the marketplace, where an individual can communicate the gospel to people in languages that they themselves don't naturally understand. Paul emphatically states that the gift of tongues should not be used in the church among believers. Yet in the modern tongues movement the gift is primarily used in the church among believers, and not for the express purpose of reaching unbelievers.

The true Holy Spirit is given for the purpose of leading God's people into truth (John 16:13). All genuine manifestations of the Holy Spirit will lead to an elevation of Scripture above the Spirit. Any revelation that exalts the Spirit above Scripture and Christ is a false or counterfeit manifestation and not genuine. When the true Holy Spirit comes, He does not speak about Himself, but instead He glorifies Jesus Christ (see verses 13 & 14). As one listens to the tongues advocates today, one hears a constant elevation of the Spirit above Jesus Christ. The true Holy Spirit does not speak about Himself. There is, however, a spirit that speaks about himself. In Isaiah 14:12-13 Lucifer said, "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." Christians ought to be very cautious about a power that continually exalts the Spirit, when Scripture has told us that the Holy Spirit does not speak about Himself; but the devil's spirit

union. It is this spiritualistic phenomena that gives it great influence and the power to work miracles in the last days. However, this great power does not come from God, but from Satan himself.

18. How does the second beast attempt to rally the world around the first beast? Revelation 13:12-14

"He performs great _____ , so that he even makes

_____ come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

19. What spiritualistic power does the second beast exercise to deceive people into worshipping the first beast? Revelation 13:14

"He deceives those who dwell on the earth by those _____ which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast."

NOTE: Modern Babylon performs the same kind of activities as did ancient Babylon to try to gain acceptance. It uses magic, miracles, signs, wonders, etc. All of this is done in order to induce people to worship the first beast and thus create an image to the beast (Revelation 13:14). All of these false spirits and powers will be manifested for the purpose of deceiving people. It is on the point of these miracles, signs and wonders that Romanism and apostate Protestantism unite with Spiritism to form the final great apostasy of modern spiritual Babylon.

20. What is the great sign that this final Babylon brings down from heaven? Revelation 13:13

"He even makes _____ come down from heaven."

21. In the book of Revelation, of what is fire symbolic? Revelation 4:5

"Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the

_____ _____ of God."

NOTE: Seven is the number of perfection, indicating that the seven lamps of fire represent the perfect Holy Spirit of God.

22. With what is fire associated in the New Testament? Luke 3:16; Matthew 3:11

"He will baptize you with the Holy _____ and fire."

NOTE: Fire seems to be symbolic of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. However, in Revelation 13 it is not God who sends this fire from heaven, but Satan, who counterfeits the fire of God. People are deceived into thinking that this false spirit is the genuine Holy Spirit of God. The Bible says that one of the marks of modern spiritual Babylon that will unite it, will be these false spiritualistic manifestations that will be credited to the Holy Spirit, but which actually come from the devil himself. In other words, Protestants and Catholics, who have tried to unite through formal means of unity and have failed, suddenly will be brought together by these

false spirits that will deceive nearly the entire world.

23. What do these spirits of devils do? Revelation 16:14

"They are the spirits of demons, performing

NOTE: Revelation clearly pictures spiritualistic phenomena and miracle-working powers to accompany this false holy-spirit manifestation that deceives nearly the entire world.

24. What was the genuine manifestation of the fire falling from heaven? Acts 2:1-4

"Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of a _____,

... and they were all filled with the _____ _____

and began to speak with other tongues."

NOTE: The Scriptures point to another time when fire fell from. heaven. This was Pentecost, when tongues of fire fell on the disciples and they spoke with new tongues. However, Revelation 13 pictures a time to come when so-called fire will fall from heaven. But this "fire" will actually come from Satan and the people will be deceived by this false fire and false gift of tongues. (For the astonishing fulfilment of this phenomenon, see Exhibit 1.)

25. What does God say about this modern spiritualistic Babylon? Revelation 18:2

"Babylon the great is _____ ."

NOTE: Babylon is no longer the depository of truth. She is fallen. Yet God still has many people in Babylon who love and serve Him.

26. What message does God send to His people in modern Babylon? Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of her, _____ people."

NOTE: God is about to pour out the seven last plagues upon spiritual Babylon, this union of churches that has mixed truth with error and is seeking to deceive the world with its spiritualistic miracles today. He does not ask us to try to reform Babylon - it is beyond reformation. Instead, God gives His people an urgent call to come out of Babylon.

27. Will you respond to God's call and come out of Babylon today?

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EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 25

COUNTERFEIT GIFTS

Today we are beginning to witness the astonishing fulfilment of Revelation 13. Modern spiritual Babylon is being formed today. Protestants and Catholics are uniting as never before. They are being united by the spiritualistic phenomena of miracles, signs, tongues and wonders that Revelation 13 predicted. The Bible clearly states that God still performs miracles, that He still heals people, and that there is the genuine gift of tongues today. However, Revelation 13 predicts that modern spiritual Babylon will be particularly identifiable because of its overemphasis of signs, wonders, healings and tongues. There is the genuine, and there is the counterfeit. Our religion today cannot be based on signs, wonders, tongues or miracles. Rather, it must be based only on the Word of the living God. The Holy Scriptures are our only safeguard in the distressing times in which we live.

Again, let us look at the picture. Revelation 13 describes a time when Protestants and Catholics will join hands and form an image to the beast (an American union of church and state) which will then enforce the mark of the beast, passing the death decree and allowing no one to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:15-17). Revelation 13 indicates that miracles, signs, and spiritualistic phenomena will accompany this power in order to cause people to worship the first beast and to give credence to its claim to be the depository of the truth of God. It even brings fire down from heaven—the manifestation of a false holy spirit. Scripture indicates that fire fell from heaven at Pentecost when the disciples spoke in tongues, so we could expect that the counterfeit holy spirit movement of the last days will emphasize tongues, miracles, signs and lying wonders, all calculated to deceive people into worshipping the first beast.

There is a genuine gift of tongues: however, as it appears in the book of Acts, the gift of tongues was always used for the spreading of the gospel. The first disciples received the gift of tongues in order that they might speak the languages of the people to whom they ministered, and the gospel of Christ could thereby be implanted in the many nations of earth. These were known languages given for the express purpose of spreading the gospel. However, the gift of tongues as it is appearing in our day is not necessarily known languages used to spread the gospel, but often is meaningless gibberish that no one understands. The gift of tongues as it appeared in the early church was the least of the gifts and was not regarded as an absolute necessity for every believer.

In 1 Corinthians 12:28-31 the apostle Paul lists the gift of tongues as the last of

26. What Is the only church on the face of the earth that meets these identifying marks of the remnant?

The _____ _____ _____ Church.

NOTE: While God has people in every denomination, there is only one group on the face of the earth today that even professes to meet every one of these marks of identification. That church is the one that has sponsored this Prophecy Seminar. It is the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Please note the exhibit which demonstrates how the Seventh-day Adventist Church fits the Biblical identification marks.

27. What is the ultimate fate of the beast and the dragon that seek to destroy God's people? Revelation 19:20

Both the beast and the false prophet "were cast alive into the lake of _____."

NOTE: The final battle in the great controversy will be fought against the remnant church. If you should decide to be a part of God's remnant church, you will face the ire of the adversary, Satan. The Bible says that he is waging an all-out warfare against the remnant. If he could conquer them, his supremacy of the world would be complete. Instead, however, the devil and those who side with him will be destroyed in the lake of fire, while God's people will be delivered (Daniel 12:1).

28. God still has many people in Babylon who are not a part of the remnant church. What message does He send them? Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of her, my people."

NOTE: Today, God is calling His people to come out of Babylon and to become a part of the remnant church. The final plagues of God are about to be poured out upon this world. Before they are poured out, God in mercy sends this message, warning His people to get out of Babylon so that they will not receive the plagues. Will you heed the warning and come out?

29. Is it your decision to heed the pleading voice of Jesus to come out of Babylon and become a part of God's remnant people?

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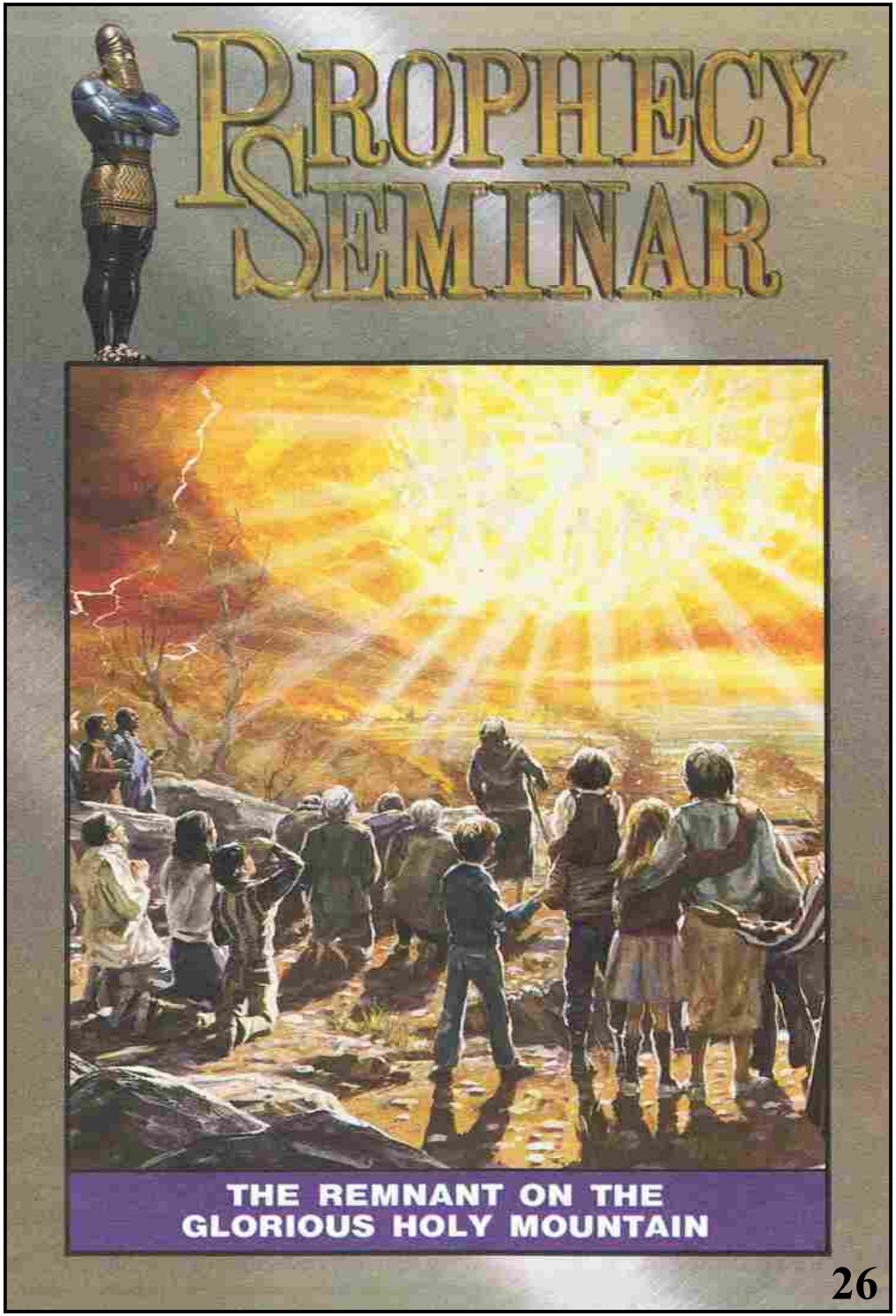

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2. **In what words does the book of Revelation describe this same event? Revelation 12:17**

   He made _____with the _____ of her offspring.

   NOTE: The book of Revelation describes exactly the same event as portrayed in Daniel 11:45 —12:1. It pictures the devil as waging one final, gigantic war against God's final remnant.

3. **With whom is the devil angry? Revelation 12:17**

   "The dragon was enraged with the _____."

4. **What does a woman symbolize in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2**

   "I have likened the _____ _____

   _____ to a lovely and delicate woman."

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5. **Is the woman described in Revelation 17 a symbol of the true church, or of the false church? Revelation 17:3-6**

   mark of identification of the last-day church. Thus, the second identification mark is that the remnant church will keep the commandments, including the Sabbath.

21. **What other mark of identification does John give us in Revelation 12:17?**

    They "have the _____ of Jesus Christ."

22. **What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10**

    "The testimony of Jesus is the _____of_____."

    NOTE: The remnant church will have in its midst the spirit of prophecy and through this gift, will bear testimony to Jesus Christ. Lesson 28 will explain the spirit of prophecy, which is the third identification mark of the remnant church.

23. **What special message will the remnant church be proclaiming? Revelation 14:6-12**

    The message of the _____ angels.

    NOTE: The remnant church will proclaim this special three-fold message:

    (1) "The hour of God's judgment is come." It will proclaim the beginning of the judgment in 1844.

    (2) "Babylon is fallen." It will proclaim the second angel's message, that Babylon is fallen, and call God's people to come out.

    (3) It will warn men against receiving the mark of the beast and worshipping the image of the beast. So the fourth identification mark of the remnant church is that it will preach the three angels' messages.

24. **What is the center of every one of the three angels' messages? Revelation 14:6**

    "The everlasting _____ ."

    NOTE: Please note that every one of the messages that the remnant proclaims is to be gospel-centered. The message of the judgment, beginning in 1844, the message of Babylon being fallen, and the message of the mark of the beast are all proclaimed to focus people's attention on the everlasting gospel. The fifth identification mark of the remnant church is that it is a Christ-centered, gospel-proclaiming movement.

25. **How far will the remnant proclaim their message? Revelation 14:6**

    "To every_____, tribe, _____, and people."

    NOTE: The remnant will be a worldwide movement that will be found in every nation of earth, proclaiming the good news and the full message of truth for the last days. The sixth identification mark of the remnant is that it will be a worldwide movement.

"The dragon was _____ with the woman, and he went to make _____ with the rest of her offspring."

NOTE: The devil was intensely angry that God's church found this place of refuge. His response is a final, vicious attack against the church.

WHO IS THE REMNANT?

18. Against whom does Satan specifically wage war In the end time? Revelation 12:17

"The dragon ... went to make war with the _____ of her offspring."

NOTE: The word "rest" or "remnant" means the remaining part of something, such as the "remnant" of a roll of carpet. Carpet remnants are what is left over at the end of the roll. The end of the roll looks exactly like the beginning of the roll. Likewise, the remnant church will look exactly like the church of the first century. It will believe the same thing as the church of the first century. The Bible clearly identifies the "rest" or "remnant" mentioned in Revelation 12:17. As we learn the identity of the remnant, let us keep in mind that God has faithful people in all churches. They love, honour and serve Him, yet He is calling them to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4) (1186) [1227]. Those whom He calls out of Babylon, the false system of worship, He calls into the remnant, the true system of worship in these last days.

19. When does the true church come out of the wilderness? Revelation 12:6, 14.

At the end of the _____ years.

NOTE: The true church stays in hiding in the wilderness for 1260 years. Only after 1798 can the remnant emerge. Remember that the remnant is not a new church coming on the scene of action in 1798; it is the true church coming out of the wilderness. Its roots go all the way back to the apostles and to Jesus Christ. Its history is not traced through a line of prominence, but through the obscurity of the wilderness. Thus, the first mark of identification is that the remnant church will arise sometime after 1798.

20. How will the remnant church be identified? Revelation 12:17

"Who keep the _____ of God."

NOTE: The remnant church will be a commandment-keeping church. In fact, Revelation 12:17 indicates that commandment-keeping will be the distinguishing mark of the remnant church. To be a commandment-keeping church, the church must be keeping all ten of the Ten Commandments, including the fourth commandment which requires the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Thus, the remnant church will be a Sabbath-keeping church. Revelation 12:17 indicates that this is to be a special

The _____ church.

6. Does the woman described in Revelation 12 refer to the true or false church? Revelation 12:1, 2

The _____ church.

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7. Describe the woman of Revelation 12. Revelation 12:1, 2

a. "Clothed with the _____ ."

b. "The _____ under her feet."

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NOTE: The sun is used here as a symbol of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2); (Psalm 84:11). The moon has no light of its own; it only reflects the light of the sun. The moon, therefore, suggests a shadowy system of types and ceremonies that pointed forward to the reality which was to come in Christ-an apt symbol of the Jewish system (Hebrews 10:1). The crown of twelve stars represents the twelve apostles and the twelve patriarchs. The Child whom the woman is about to bring into the world is none other than Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:5); (Revelation 19:15, 16); (Psalm 2:7, 9).

Here, then, is a picture of the church at the very beginning of the Christian era. It pictures the church of the Old and New Testaments as one. The New Testament church is laid on the foundation of the Old Testament; that's why the moon is under her feet. The New Testament church is built on that solid Old Testament foundation, but it clothes that foundation with the glory and reality of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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"A great... Red _____ ."

9. Who is this dragon that seeks to destroy the man child? Revelation 12:9

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NOTE: Notice that the dragon had seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 12:3). Since Satan has used various political powers to persecute God's people throughout history, it would be logical to assume that the seven heads represent the outward organizations through which Satan worked. In this case, it was pagan Rome through which Satan worked in his attempt to destroy Christ as soon as He was born by having Herod pass the decree that all the babies should be killed. The ten horns would be the same as Daniel's ten horns (see Daniel 7:7). They represent the ten divisions of the Roman

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11. As a result of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, what has happened to the devil? Revelation 12:7-12

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12. When the devil was cast down to this earth, whom did he begin to persecute? Revelation 12:13

"The _____ who gave birth to the male Child."

NOTE: Having been denied access to heaven by virtue of the victory gained by Jesus on the cross, the devil now turned his vicious attacks upon the church that Christ left upon the earth.

During the first 300 years of the Christian era, the Christian church remained relatively pure. During this time, there was incessant persecution. Christians were thrown to the lions in the arena at Rome, many were burned alive as living torches, others had their limbs pulled from their sockets or their eyes gouged out. Yet they remained faithful to Jesus Christ.

When the devil saw that he could not accomplish his objective by persecution, he sought to destroy the church by corrupting it from within. In the fourth century, after the conversion of Constantine, great changes took place in the Christian church. It was during this time that the worship of the saints increased, taking the place of the household gods of paganism, and that Mary was elevated as the mother of Christ to take the place of the female goddesses of paganism. Pagan festivals were turned into Christian festivals and holy days, the sacrifice of the mass developed in place of the beautiful symbolism of the Lord's supper, and the doctrines of eternal torment and natural immortality were introduced into the church to provide a basis for urging people into submission to the authority of the church. Sunday-keeping began to spread as Roman Christianity began to exercise its authority over the rest of Christianity. In fact, it was Constantine who passed the first civil Sunday law in which he declared that all should rest on the venerable day of the sun.

Thus, the Christianity at the end of the fourth century was quite different from the Christianity at the beginning of the fourth century. Many Christians were greatly disturbed. They had been willing to die for their faith, and now they saw their faith compromised and changed.

13. When: did the true chum flee at this time? Revelation 12:14

"Into the _____ ."

14. How long was the church to remain in obscurity in the wilderness? Revelation 12:6, 14

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NOTE: With Roman Christianity becoming the majority religion, the true church of Jesus Christ went underground. For 1260 years, from 538 to 1798, the true church was in hiding in the wilderness. During this time, there were always people who were faithful to the true gospel of Jesus Christ, who were obedient to His word and kept the Sabbath. In fact, one of the obstacles that Rome faced when it conquered some peoples and forced them to submit to Roman Christianity was that some of them were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Rome was unable to eliminate completely the true light of Jesus Christ. It was in obscurity, but the truth was kept alive by the church of the wilderness.

15. What did the devil seek to do to the church in the wilderness? Revelation 12:15

"He spewed _____ out of his mouth like a _____

. . . that he might cause her to be carried_____ by the flood."

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16. How did the earth help the woman? Revelation 12:16

'The earth opened its mouth and _____ up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth."

NOTE: The earth is associated in prophecy with the United States (see Lesson 24). At the end of the 1260-year period, the United States opened her doors and became a refuge for the persecuted and distressed of all ages. Here was a place where people could come and worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Indeed, the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up this flood of persecution. It provided a time for the church to gain strength for the final conflict.

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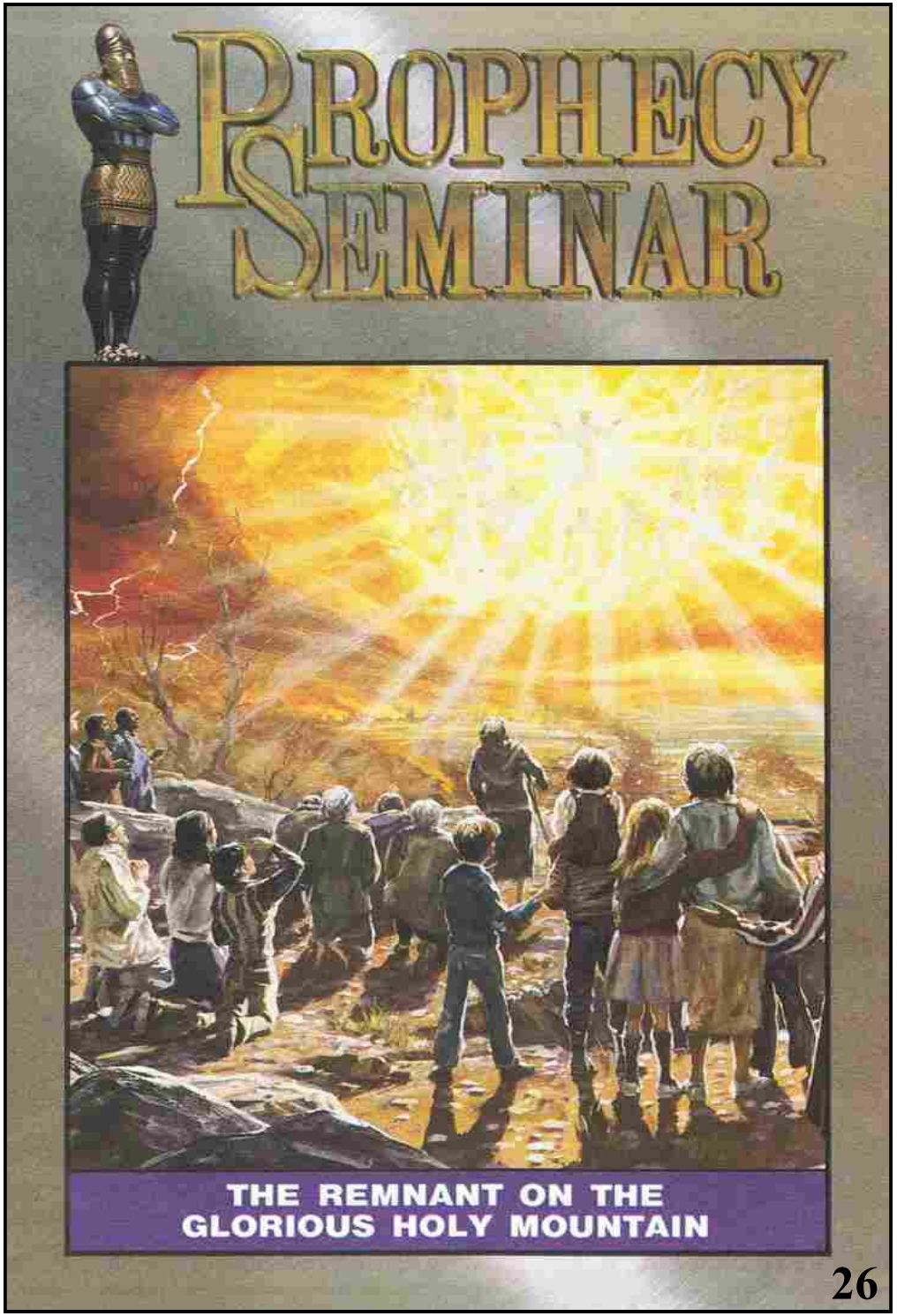

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f. It must be a truly international, worldwide organization.
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12. When the devil was cast down to this earth, whom did he begin to persecute? Revelation 12:13

"The _____ who gave birth to the male Child."

NOTE: Having been denied access to heaven by virtue of the victory gained by Jesus on the cross, the devil now turned his vicious attacks upon the church that Christ left upon the earth.

During the first 300 years of the Christian era, the Christian church remained relatively pure. During this time, there was incessant persecution. Christians were thrown to the lions in the arena at Rome, many were burned alive as living torches, others had their limbs pulled from their sockets or their eyes gouged out. Yet they remained faithful to Jesus Christ.

When the devil saw that he could not accomplish his objective by persecution, he sought to destroy the church by corrupting it from within. In the fourth century, after the conversion of Constantine, great changes took place in the Christian church. It was during this time that the worship of the saints increased, taking the place of the household gods of paganism, and that Mary was elevated as the mother of Christ to take the place of the female goddesses of paganism. Pagan festivals were turned into Christian festivals and holy days, the sacrifice of the mass developed in place of the beautiful symbolism of the Lord's supper, and the doctrines of eternal torment and natural immortality were introduced into the church to provide a basis for urging people into submission to the authority of the church. Sunday-keeping began to spread as Roman Christianity began to exercise its authority over the rest of Christianity. In fact, it was Constantine who passed the first civil Sunday law in which he declared that all should rest on the venerable day of the sun.

Thus, the Christianity at the end of the fourth century was quite different from the Christianity at the beginning of the fourth century. Many Christians were greatly disturbed. They had been willing to die for their faith, and now they saw their faith compromised and changed.

PROPHECY SEMINAR **EXHIBIT 1**

For Daniel Lesson 26

"GODS IDENTIFYING MARKS"

Notice briefly how the Seventh-day Adventist Church meets every one of these identification marks:

a. It must arise after 1798.
The Seventh-day Adventist Church emerged in the mid-nineteenth century, among people of various religious persuasions who attempted to come back to the pure faith of the Bible. It did not invent new truth, but simply sought to restore all the lost and neglected truths that had been preserved by the church in the wilderness throughout the Dark Ages. (For the full story of the rise of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, see Lesson 29).

b. It must keep all the commandments of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday.
This is not a new truth discovered by Adventists, but a truth that was taught by Christ and the apostles and by the church in the wilderness, a truth finally recaptured and proclaimed once again by the remnant.

c. It must have the spirit of prophecy. (See Lesson 28.)

d. It must preach the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12.
There is no other church on the face of the earth that proclaims the beginning of the judgment in 1844. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not afraid to proclaim the fall of Babylon, and to warn people against the mark of the beast.

e. It must be a gospel-centered movement.
As you have studied in this Daniel Seminar you have found the gospel of Jesus Christ to be a basic foundation of the Bible. In fact, the Seventh-day

26. What Is the only church on the face of the earth that meets these identifying marks of the remnant?

The _____ _____ _____ Church.

NOTE: While God has people in every denomination, there is only one group on the face of the earth today that even professes to meet every one of these marks of identification. That church is the one that has sponsored this Prophecy Seminar. It is the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Please note the exhibit which demonstrates how the Seventh-day Adventist Church fits the Biblical identification marks.

27. What is the ultimate fate of the beast and the dragon that seek to destroy God's people? Revelation 19:20

Both the beast and the false prophet "were cast alive into the lake of _____."

NOTE: The final battle in the great controversy will be fought against the remnant church. If you should decide to be a part of God's remnant church, you will face the ire of the adversary, Satan. The Bible says that he is waging an all-out warfare against the remnant. If he could conquer them, his supremacy of the world would be complete. Instead, however, the devil and those who side with him will be destroyed in the lake of fire, while God's people will be delivered (Daniel 12:1).

28. God still has many people in Babylon who are not a part of the remnant church. What message does He send them? Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of her, my people."

NOTE: Today, God is calling His people to come out of Babylon and to become a part of the remnant church. The final plagues of God are about to be poured out upon this world. Before they are poured out, God in mercy sends this message, warning His people to get out of Babylon so that they will not receive the plagues. Will you heed the warning and come out?

29. Is it your decision to heed the pleading voice of Jesus to come out of Babylon and become a part of God's remnant people?

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13. When: did the true chum flee at this time? Revelation 12:14

"Into the _____ ."

14. How long was the church to remain in obscurity in the wilderness? Revelation 12:6, 14

_____

NOTE: With Roman Christianity becoming the majority religion, the true church of Jesus Christ went underground. For 1260 years, from 538 to 1798, the true church was in hiding in the wilderness. During this time, there were always people who were faithful to the true gospel of Jesus Christ, who were obedient to His word and kept the Sabbath. In fact, one of the obstacles that Rome faced when it conquered some peoples and forced them to submit to Roman Christianity was that some of them were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Rome was unable to eliminate completely the true light of Jesus Christ. It was in obscurity, but the truth was kept alive by the church of the wilderness.

15. What did the devil seek to do to the church in the wilderness? Revelation 12:15

"He spewed _____ out of his mouth like a _____

. . . that he might cause her to be carried_____ by the flood."

NOTE: The devil sent a flood of persecution in his attempt to flush the church out of the wilderness. Rome was not content as long as a remnant of the truth remained. She sent her armies out to the Piedmont valleys and other places where the wilderness church was hiding. Through vigorous persecution, she almost eliminated the church. But then the light of the Reformation, under teachers such as Martin Luther, opened the minds of people once again so that the true gospel could be proclaimed. Rome incessantly persecuted the reformers. During this terrible period of 1260 years, came the Inquisition, in which millions of sincere Christians lost their lives because of their allegiance to the truth of God.

16. How did the earth help the woman? Revelation 12:16

'The earth opened its mouth and _____ up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth."

NOTE: The earth is associated in prophecy with the United States (see Lesson 24). At the end of the 1260-year period, the United States opened her doors and became a refuge for the persecuted and distressed of all ages. Here was a place where people could come and worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Indeed, the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up this flood of persecution. It provided a time for the church to gain strength for the final conflict.

17. In the last days, what will be Satan's attitude toward the church? Revelation 12:17

"The dragon was _____ with the woman, and he went to make _____ with the rest of her offspring."

NOTE: The devil was intensely angry that God's church found this place of refuge. His response is a final, vicious attack against the church.

WHO IS THE REMNANT?

18. Against whom does Satan specifically wage war In the end time? Revelation 12:17

"The dragon ... went to make war with the _____ of her offspring."

NOTE: The word "rest" or "remnant" means the remaining part of something, such as the "remnant" of a roll of carpet. Carpet remnants are what is left over at the end of the roll. The end of the roll looks exactly like the beginning of the roll. Likewise, the remnant church will look exactly like the church of the first century. It will believe the same thing as the church of the first century. The Bible clearly identifies the "rest" or "remnant" mentioned in Revelation 12:17. As we learn the identity of the remnant, let us keep in mind that God has faithful people in all churches. They love, honour and serve Him, yet He is calling them to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4) (1186) [1227]. Those whom He calls out of Babylon, the false system of worship, He calls into the remnant, the true system of worship in these last days.

19. When does the true church come out of the wilderness? Revelation 12:6, 14.

At the end of the _____ years.

NOTE: The true church stays in hiding in the wilderness for 1260 years. Only after 1798 can the remnant emerge. Remember that the remnant is not a new church coming on the scene of action in 1798; it is the true church coming out of the wilderness. Its roots go all the way back to the apostles and to Jesus Christ. Its history is not traced through a line of prominence, but through the obscurity of the wilderness. Thus, the first mark of identification is that the remnant church will arise sometime after 1798.

20. How will the remnant church be identified? Revelation 12:17

"Who keep the _____ of God."

NOTE: The remnant church will be a commandment-keeping church. In fact, Revelation 12:17 indicates that commandment-keeping will be the distinguishing mark of the remnant church. To be a commandment-keeping church, the church must be keeping all ten of the Ten Commandments, including the fourth commandment which requires the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Thus, the remnant church will be a Sabbath-keeping church. Revelation 12:17 indicates that this is to be a special

mark of identification of the last-day church. Thus, the second identification mark is that the remnant church will keep the commandments, including the Sabbath.

21. What other mark of identification does John give us in Revelation 12:17?

They "have the _____ of Jesus Christ."

22. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10

"The testimony of Jesus is the _____of_____."

NOTE: The remnant church will have in its midst the spirit of prophecy and through this gift, will bear testimony to Jesus Christ. Lesson 28 will explain the spirit of prophecy, which is the third identification mark of the remnant church.

23. What special message will the remnant church be proclaiming? Revelation 14:6-12

The message of the _____ angels.

NOTE: The remnant church will proclaim this special three-fold message:

(1) "The hour of God's judgment is come." It will proclaim the beginning of the judgment in 1844.

(2) "Babylon is fallen." It will proclaim the second angel's message, that Babylon is fallen, and call God's people to come out.

(3) It will warn men against receiving the mark of the beast and worshipping the image of the beast. So the fourth identification mark of the remnant church is that it will preach the three angels' messages.

24. What is the center of every one of the three angels' messages? Revelation 14:6

"The everlasting _____ ."

NOTE: Please note that every one of the messages that the remnant proclaims is to be gospel-centered. The message of the judgment, beginning in 1844, the message of Babylon being fallen, and the message of the mark of the beast are all proclaimed to focus people's attention on the everlasting gospel. The fifth identification mark of the remnant church is that it is a Christ-centered, gospel-proclaiming movement.

25. How far will the remnant proclaim their message? Revelation 14:6

"To every_____, tribe, _____, and people."

NOTE: The remnant will be a worldwide movement that will be found in every nation of earth, proclaiming the good news and the full message of truth for the last days. The sixth identification mark of the remnant is that it will be a worldwide movement.

day of the LORD _____."

NOTE: The Sabbath is not a burden; rather, it is a delight. Why? Because we have a whole day to spend with God, who is our best friend. Certainly, there could be no more joyful, happy experience that could come to anyone.

24. Whose pleasure do we seek on the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13, 14

"Nor finding your own _____, nor speaking your own _____, then you shall _____ yourself in the Lord."

NOTE: The principle to remember in Sabbath-keeping is that the Sabbath has been given to us as a day for God and His people to get better acquainted, to build a relationship with each other. To use the Sabbath for our pleasure and activities is to detract from the purpose for which God gave this sacred day. Instead of listing a lot of do's and don'ts for Sabbath-keeping, God has given a basic principle for guidance. We should do those things on the Sabbath that will enhance our relationship with God, and forego those things that in any way detract. For example, watching television, doing housework and yard work, or going shopping would not be enhancing a relationship with God, but instead would be seeking one's own pleasure and desires. Therefore, these activities would be out of keeping with true Sabbath observance. As people begin to keep God's Sabbath, they begin to apply the principle and gradually bring their lives into harmony with the sacred purpose of this holy day. What a delight it is when people come to the place where they keep the Sabbath as a delight in the Lord. What a wonderful relationship they then have with Jesus Christ (see Exhibit 1).

25. Is it your desire to heed God's call for holy living by taking time to build a relationship with God through daily Bible study, prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping?

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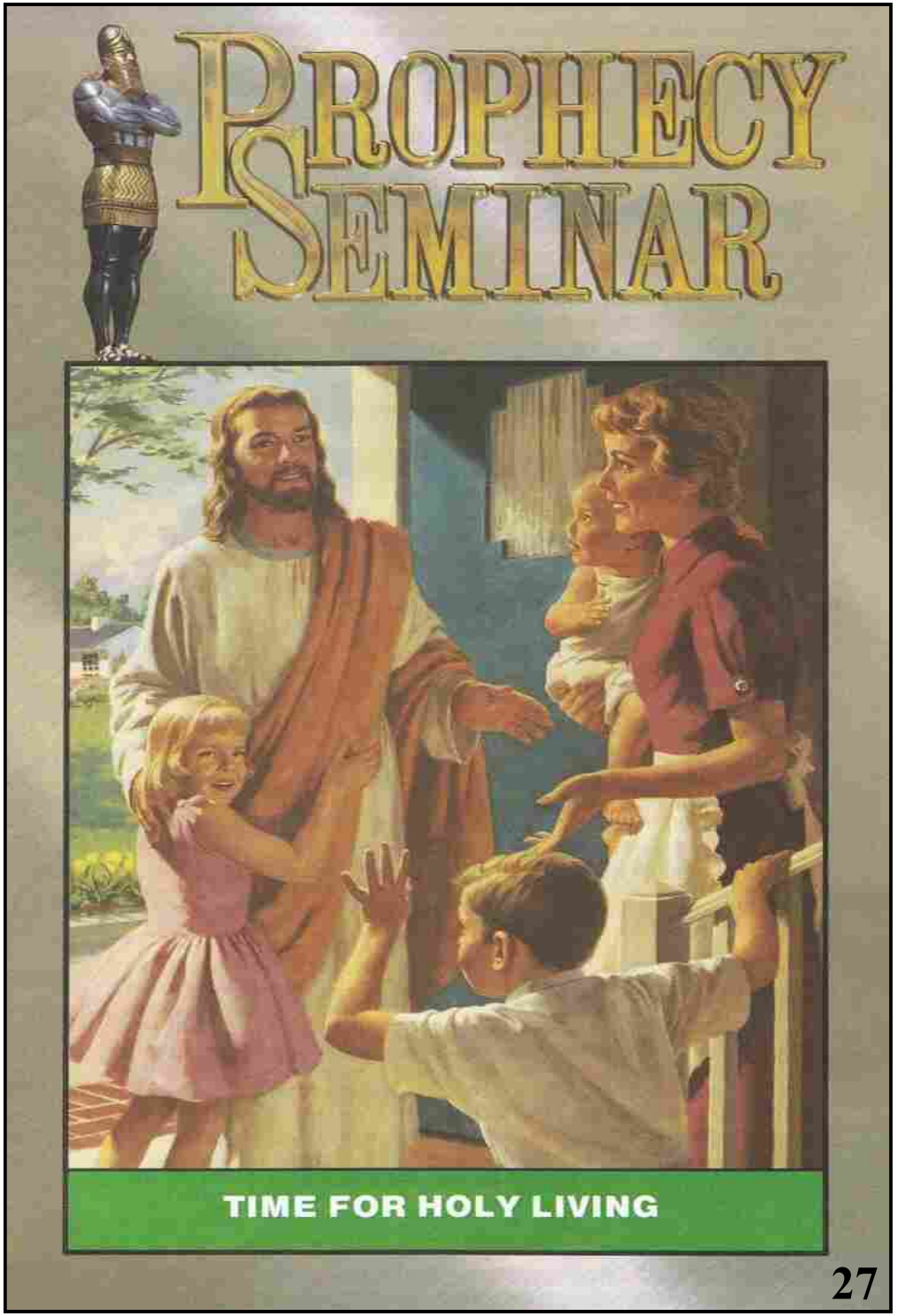

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1. **When did the judgment In heaven begin? Daniel 8:14**

   (See Lessons 13-15)

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2. **What Old Testament feast day symbolized the cleansing of the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:29, 30**

   "In the _____ month, on the _____ day of the month. . . for on that day the priest shall make _____ for you, to _____ you."

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3. **When the cleansing of the sanctuary was taking place in Israel, what were the people to do? Leviticus 16:29, 30**

   "You shall _____ your souls, and do no _____ at all."

   NOTE: The cleansing of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement was the most solemn event in the Jewish year. On other days they feasted and rejoiced, but on the Day of Atonement, they afflicted their souls and spent their time seeking God. They realized that as the priest performed the cleansing of the sanctuary, so God's people must have sin cleansed from their lives. This can only be accomplished by the power of Jesus Christ. Since we today are living in the time that fulfils the Day of Atonement, the time of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, shouldn't God's people today be afflicting their souls and seeking God as never before? If there ever was a time when God's people ought to heed the call for holy living, that time is now, for we are living in the judgment hour.

He _____three times a day.

NOTE: The reason for Daniel's extraordinary relationship with God was his regular prayer experience. If Christians today are to have a deep relationship with God, they need to spend time in prayer every day.

19. **What else can Christians do to build a relationship with God? 2 Timothy 3:15**

    "You have known the Holy _____."

    NOTE: Not only must Christians spend time in prayer, but they must develop a regular period of Bible study. They must study the Word of God to discover God's message for them each day. They must know Scripture. A studying Christian is the only one who will make it in the end time.

20. **In addition to daily Bible study and prayer, what other vital ingredient is necessary for this deep personal relationship? Exodus 20:8-11**

    "Remember the _____ day, to keep it _____."

    NOTE: Not only must a Christian spend time daily with God, but Scripture also indicates that a Christian needs God's special day each week to spend strengthening this relationship with God. Relationships take time; that's why the Sabbath is so important for the last days. If Christians are going to reach these high standards, be ready to meet Jesus when He comes, and be at peace during the troublous end time, then they need this deep personal relationship with God that is developed through daily Bible study, prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping.

21. **What Is not to be done on the Sabbath? Exodus 20:9, 10**

    _____

    NOTE: God asks us to cease from our secular labours on the Sabbath day in order that we will have time to build a relationship with Him. People who use God's sacred Sabbath time for their own secular work are declaring that a relationship with God is not as important as their work. God is not being legalistic; He is trying to help us get our priorities straight. A relationship with God is more important than our secular employment.

22. **When does the Sabbath begin? Leviticus 23:32; Mark 1:32**

    "From _____ to _____, you shall celebrate your Sabbath."

    "At evening, when the sun had _____ ."

    NOTE: The Bible Sabbath begins at sundown Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night. The Biblical day began at sunset (Genesis 1:5).

23. **How should God's people regard the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13**

    "Call the Sabbath a _____, the _____

NOTE: Here it is shown that modesty is a principle of Christian dress.

15. How does Peter say that Christians ought to dress? 1 Peter 3:3, 4

"Do not let your adornment be merely _____ arranging the hair, wearing _____."

NOTE: Both Peter and Paul indicate that Christian women (and by implication, men as well) should dress simply, without ornamentation. The beauty of Christians is to come from within, not through ornamentation. Christians are to call attention to the Saviour by their appearance. Jesus lived a very simple life-style; therefore, Christians will leave off those things that call attention to self, such as rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. Christians will be known for who they are rather than what they wear.

16. When God's ancient people Israel sinned, what did He ask them to do as a sign of repentance? Exodus 33:1-6

`Take off your _____ .. So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their _____ by Mount Horeb."

NOTE: As soon as revival came to Israel, the first thing that God asked them to do was to take off their ornamentation, or their jewellery, as a sign of their recommitment to Him. In Scripture, jewellery seems to be a symbol of backsliding. Whenever God's people go into apostasy, they always put on ornamentation. When they come back to God, He asks them to take it off.

17. What Is one of the characteristics of Babylon? Revelation 17:3-6

The woman is pictured as "adorned with _____ and Precious _____ and _____."

NOTE: The false system of religion is pictured as a harlot woman who is bedecked with all kinds of jewels and precious stones. Here again, we see jewellery used as a symbol of apostasy from God. As God calls His modern-day people back to Him in earth's last vital hours, He invites them to do the same thing that ancient Israel did when they came out of apostasy—to take off their ornamentation.

HOW TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE

God asks His people at the end time to come up to the highest standard possible because they are living just before the coming of the Lord. God's people cannot reach this high standard by their own merit. These are not works that God asks His people to perform to merit salvation. They have already been given salvation. This is a part of their loving response to what God has done for them in Jesus Christ. They want to live in harmony with God. The only way they can live holy lives is to have a relationship with God.

18. What practice of Daniel should Christians today imitate? Daniel 6:10

THE CALL TO HOLY LIVING

4. What are believers called who have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord? 1 John 3:1

They are "called _____ of God".

NOTE: What an exalted privilege! Christians are called sons and daughters of God. If we have assumed the name "son or daughter of God", then we should begin living like God's children.

5. Are Christians like the world? 1 John 3:1

"The world does not _____ us."

NOTE: The Bible indicates that there is a clear distinction between Christians and worldlings.

6. Even though Christians are now children of God, what will they be when Jesus comes? 1 John 32

"We shall be like _____ ."

NOTE: Christians are already the children of God. But they are always growing in their relationship with God. When Jesus appears the second time, Christians will be ready to meet Him. They will be like Him, since they daily have been bringing their lives into harmony with the life of Christ.

7. What will Christians be doing who have the advent hope burning In their hearts? 1 John 3:3

"And everyone who has this hope in Him _____ himself, just as He is pure."

NOTE: The apostle John makes it clear that those who are hoping to be like Christ at His second coming will be purifying their lives now through a relationship with Jesus. There will not be a sudden preparation for the coming of Christ made at the time of the advent. John's point is that the time just before the second coming of Christ is to be used just as the Day of Atonement was used in the Old Testament, as a time for holy living, a time for God's people to get ready to meet Jesus when He comes. The serious times in which we live demand that Christians live holy lives.

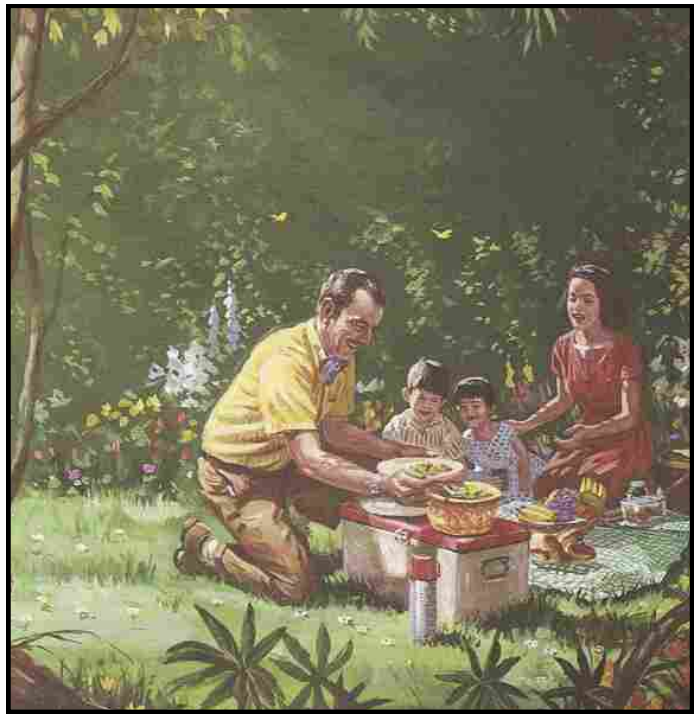
8. When Jesus comes, will people's character be changed? Revelation 22:11

"He who is unjust, let him be unjust_____ , ... he who is holy, let him be holy _____ ."

9. What counsel does the apostle John give to Christians who are preparing for the second coming? 1 John 2:15

"Do not love the _____, or the _____ in the world."

NOTE: Christians have set their attention on heaven. They are not interested in the things of this world. Jesus' prayer was that while they are in the world, they not be of the world (John 17:15).



10. What are the "things of this world" that the Christian does not look upon? 1 John 2:16

a. "the lust of the _____ ."

b. "the lust of the _____ ."

c. "the _____ of life."

NOTE: The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes certainly describe activities that God's children ought to avoid today. In an age of sexual permissiveness and lax morals, Christians maintain the high moral standards of God's Word. While the world lauds and features sex appeal, pornographic literature, sex outside of marriage, live-in arrangements, etc., the Christian will resist these appeals to the lust of the flesh and eyes by keeping his eyes on Jesus, the One who is absolutely pure. As a result, "many shall be purified, made white" (Daniel 12:10).

11. What is going to happen to all these things of the world? 1 John 2:17

"The world is passing _____, and the lust of it."

NOTE: If our attention is riveted to these things in the world, and these worldly things are always clamouring for our attention, then we will pass away with the world. John is concerned that Christians put their attention on the things that really matter; that is, on heavenly things, rather than on the glamour and the glitter of this life.

12. What standards of conduct should control the mind of the Christian who is preparing for the coming of his Lord? Philippians 4:8

He should think on those things that are: _____, noble,

_____, pure, _____ and of _____ report.

NOTE: Here are the standards that God has given for the Christian. Since his mind is no longer controlled by the world, but by the divine Son of God, his thoughts now are only upon those things that are holy and elevated. In his recreational habits and leisure activities, he will choose that which meets the standards found here in Philippians 4:8. Any book, TV program, movie or music that does not meet the standards of Philippians 4:8 should not be a part of the Christian's life. Since everything we see and hear makes an indelible impression upon the mind, the Christian will choose carefully what is allowed to enter the mind. If Christians pour into the mind the junk of the world, eventually the world will control them. In contrast, if Christians pour into the mind that which meets the standards of Philippians 4:8, they will be elevated, refined and prepared to meet the Lord. That's why the apostle John says "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). The time before the end is a time for holy living.

13. What controls people who have accepted Jesus Christ? Romans 8:1

"Do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the

_____."

NOTE: The Bible indicates that people have two natures: the carnal and the spiritual. These two natures are warring against each other. To fill the carnal, or fleshly desires, is to put oneself against God. But to fill the mind with spiritual desires is to put oneself in harmony with God. A person who feeds the mind with all the trash of the world is feeding the carnal, fleshly nature. If one continues to feed that nature, it will prevail in the life. That's why God is so concerned that Christians walk after the Spirit, filling their minds with that which will elevate and ennoble them and prepare them for the coming of the Lord.

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"That the women adorn themselves in _____ apparel,

... not with braided hair or _____ or _____ or

costly clothing."

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As can be seen, there is no end to the delightful, joyful things that can be done on the Sabbath, but it takes time and careful planning. With proper preparation, people will be able to fulfill Isaiah 58 to make the Sabbath a delight and joy in the Lord.

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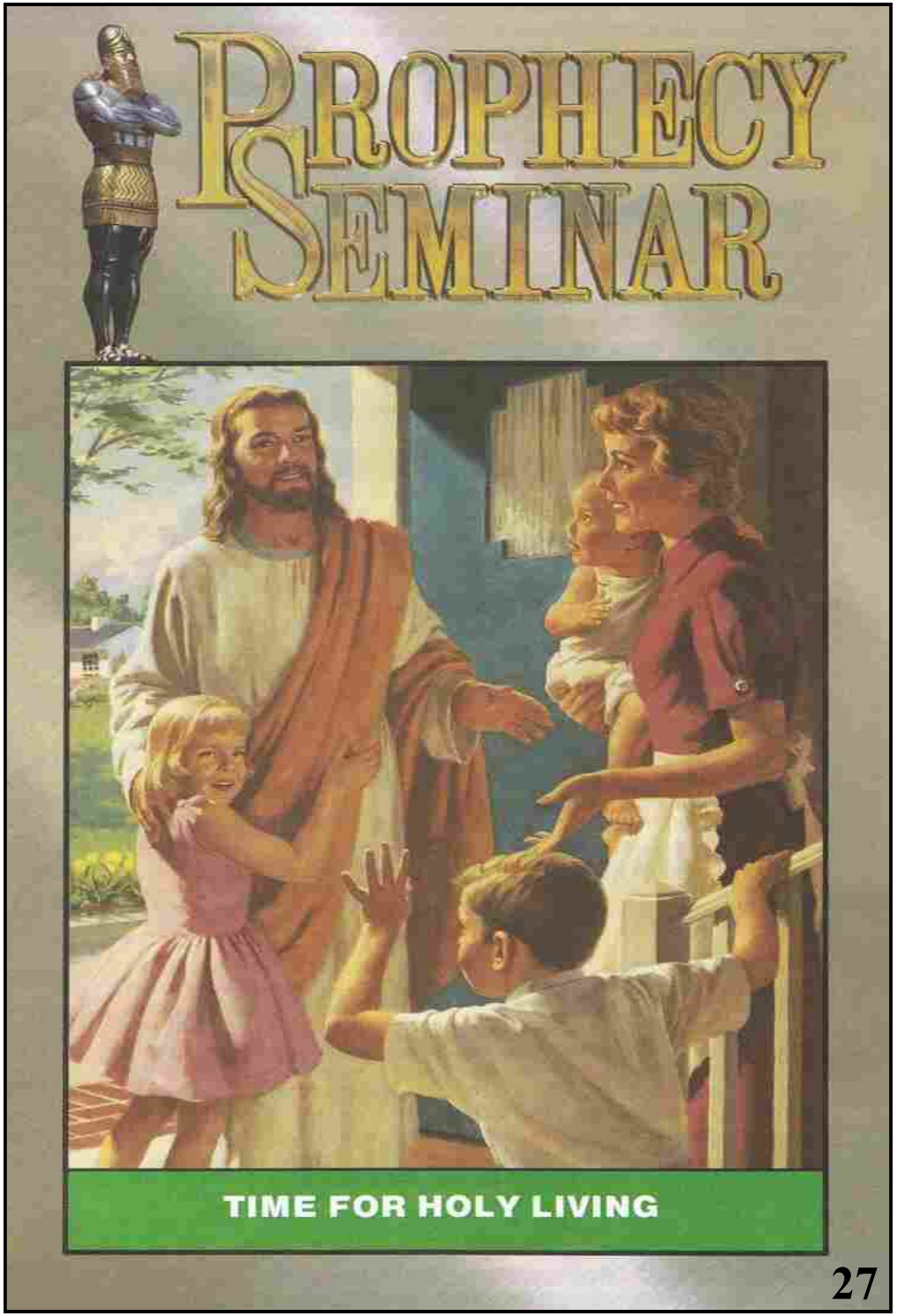

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1. Special toy box for small children

2. Nature and Bible games

3. Flannel board pictures

4. Sabbath reading

5. Bible map making

6. Bible quizzes

7. Memory verse games

8. Bible nature hunt

9. Bible verse guessing

10. A Sabbath book

11. Bible pantomime

12. Scrapbooks for shut-ins

13. Sunshine bands

14. Bible study

15. Bible treasure hunt

16. Visitation of shut-ins

17. Songfests

18. Prayer bands

19. Sabbath music

20. Family group discussion and Bible study

21. Sabbath nature walks

22. Flower collecting

23. Bird watching and feeding

For further study, the following books may be of help:

A Family Guide to Sabbath Nature Activities by Eileen E. Lantry, (Pacific Press, Boise, Idaho)

52 Things to Do on Sabbath by Glen Robinson (Review & Herald, Hagerstown, Maryland)

appropriate for children.

Friday evening is also a good time for a review of the Sabbath School lesson or extra time for reading and study of the Word. It is a good idea to go to bed early, to be refreshed and able to enjoy the worship services and other activities on the morrow.

On Sabbath morning, arise early and allow plenty of time for family worship before leaving for the church. Families that are in such a hurry trying to get ready for church usually arrive there in a frenzy and unfit to enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath. How much better to go to bed early Friday night, awake early Sabbath morning, and be early for Sabbath school. The mind then is much more open to enjoy the celebration that comes from attending Sabbath school and church.

Many parents with young children wonder how to make the Sabbath service a delight for their children. Sabbath school is usually geared for the young people, and usually they enjoy this. The worship service provides a real challenge for some parents, and yet with proper preparation it, too, can be made special even for children. One person said:

> "I used to have quite a problem with my youngest boy in church until I tried a Sabbath treat after dinner on Sabbath when he had been especially good in church. He always looked forward to his treat, and I had much less trouble keeping him quiet. These treats did not always include something to eat. Sometimes it was a little toy or a Sabbath book."

Another person gives this advice for young children who find it hard to listen to a Sabbath sermon:

> "Let them at the first of the sermon, with the help of mother or daddy, decide the main theme or trend of the sermon. Then on a sheet of paper write down certain key words, such as Jesus, heaven, cross, that will likely be used repeatedly in the course of the sermon. The child can listen, and each time the word is mentioned, make a mark under the word he has written. At the end he can count up the number of times the speaker used each word. The older children may use the same idea, only with Bible references, or they may copy down each reference used in a single sermon. All of this will help the children keep their minds on the sermon. You will be amazed at how much the children will grasp from the pastor's sermon."

Sabbath meals, if properly prepared, can also be a real delight. Extra treats and surprises enhance the Sabbath meal and make it special.

Sabbath afternoon should be a special time for individual or family celebration of the Sabbath. The Sabbath should be the sweetest, most blessed day of the week. Parents can and should give attention to their children, reading to them the most attractive portions of Bible history, educating them to reverence the Sabbath day, keeping it according to the commandment. This cannot be done if the parents feel no burden to interest their children, but they can make the Sabbath a delight if they will take the proper course. The children can be interested in good reading or in conversation about the salvation of their souls. But they will have to be

THE CALL TO HOLY LIVING

4. **What are believers called who have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord? 1 John 3:1**

   They are "called _____ of God".

   NOTE: What an exalted privilege! Christians are called sons and daughters of God. If we have assumed the name "son or daughter of God", then we should begin living like God's children.

5. **Are Christians like the world? 1 John 3:1**

   "The world does not _____ us."

   NOTE: The Bible indicates that there is a clear distinction between Christians and worldlings.

6. **Even though Christians are now children of God, what will they be when Jesus comes? 1 John 32**

   "We shall be like _____ ."

   NOTE: Christians are already the children of God. But they are always growing in their relationship with God. When Jesus appears the second time, Christians will be ready to meet Him. They will be like Him, since they daily have been bringing their lives into harmony with the life of Christ.

7. **What will Christians be doing who have the advent hope burning In their hearts? 1 John 3:3**

   "And everyone who has this hope in Him _____ himself, just as He is pure."

   NOTE: The apostle John makes it clear that those who are hoping to be like Christ at His second coming will be purifying their lives now through a relationship with Jesus. There will not be a sudden preparation for the coming of Christ made at the time of the advent. John's point is that the time just before the second coming of Christ is to be used just as the Day of Atonement was used in the Old Testament, as a time for holy living, a time for God's people to get ready to meet Jesus when He comes. The serious times in which we live demand that Christians live holy lives.

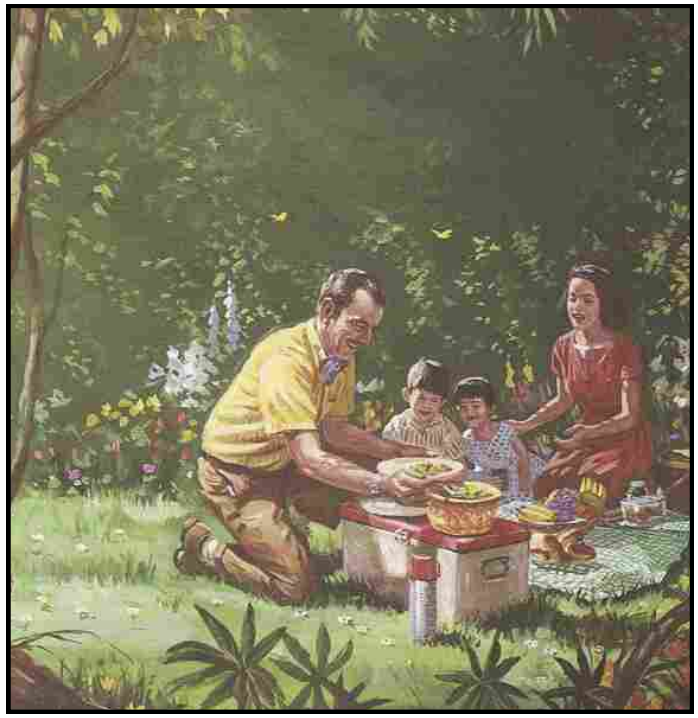
8. **When Jesus comes, will people's character be changed? Revelation 22:11**

   "He who is unjust, let him be unjust_____ , ... he who is holy, let him be holy _____ ."

9. **What counsel does the apostle John give to Christians who are preparing for the second coming? 1 John 2:15**

   "Do not love the _____, or the _____ in the world."

NOTE: Christians have set their attention on heaven. They are not interested in the things of this world. Jesus' prayer was that while they are in the world, they not be of the world (John 17:15).



10. What are the "things of this world" that the Christian does not look upon? 1 John 2:16

a. "the lust of the _____ ."

b. "the lust of the _____ ."

c. "the _____ of life."

NOTE: The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes certainly describe activities that God's children ought to avoid today. In an age of sexual permissiveness and lax morals, Christians maintain the high moral standards of God's Word. While the world lauds and features sex appeal, pornographic literature, sex outside of marriage, live-in arrangements, etc., the Christian will resist these appeals to the lust of the flesh and eyes by keeping his eyes on Jesus, the One who is absolutely pure. As a result, "many shall be purified, made white" (Daniel 12:10).

11. What is going to happen to all these things of the world? 1 John 2:17

PROPHECY SEMINAR **EXHIBIT 1**

For Daniel Lesson 27

JOYFUL SABBATHS

> "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it" (Isaiah 58:13, 14)

Sabbath is the most exciting, joyful, happy day of the week. God never intended the Sabbath to be a burden to people. It is His plan that it be a day of joy and delight. One of the tragedies of Sabbath keeping through the years has been that individuals have attempted to make the Sabbath a burden instead of a delight. It is the purpose of this exhibit to show how Sabbath keeping can be a real delight and joy in the Lord. May God grant you joyful Sabbaths.

Proper, joyful Sabbath keeping begins with adequate preparation for the Sabbath. If the Sabbath is to be a delight and a joy in the home, then Sabbath preparation must begin on Sunday. In other words, the whole week is geared toward preparing for this great day of celebration. The Bible speaks of Friday being the "preparation day." Yet if the Sabbath is to be a delight in the home, one cannot leave all Sabbath preparation until Friday. Friday should only care for the last-minute preparations. Otherwise, Friday preparations can leave people exhausted so that they will not enjoy the Sabbath when it comes.

In order to free the Sabbath for celebration, people should plan the week so that their house is cleaned, the automobile filled with fuel, food prepared, clothing cleaned and pressed, and all is in readiness when the sun sets on Friday evening. Friday evening can then be a wonderful time for the family to spend together. If a person is single, it can be a nice quiet time to spend in reflection upon the Creator or to join with other singles in a Bible study fellowship group.

At least an hour before the sun sets on Friday evening, try playing sacred music to set the mood for Sabbath. Then at sunset, gather the family together for special worship to welcome in the Sabbath. It would be well to develop some family traditions around the way the Sabbath is begun each week, maybe a special song that is sung. If there are children in the home, make certain that family worship is conducted according to their age level. Friday evening can then be a time to spend sharing with the children, perhaps playing Bible games or other activities

day of the LORD _____."

NOTE: The Sabbath is not a burden; rather, it is a delight. Why? Because we have a whole day to spend with God, who is our best friend. Certainly, there could be no more joyful, happy experience that could come to anyone.

24. Whose pleasure do we seek on the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13, 14

"Nor finding your own _____, nor speaking your own _____, then you shall _____ yourself in the Lord."

NOTE: The principle to remember in Sabbath-keeping is that the Sabbath has been given to us as a day for God and His people to get better acquainted, to build a relationship with each other. To use the Sabbath for our pleasure and activities is to detract from the purpose for which God gave this sacred day. Instead of listing a lot of do's and don'ts for Sabbath-keeping, God has given a basic principle for guidance. We should do those things on the Sabbath that will enhance our relationship with God, and forego those things that in any way detract. For example, watching television, doing housework and yard work, or going shopping would not be enhancing a relationship with God, but instead would be seeking one's own pleasure and desires. Therefore, these activities would be out of keeping with true Sabbath observance. As people begin to keep God's Sabbath, they begin to apply the principle and gradually bring their lives into harmony with the sacred purpose of this holy day. What a delight it is when people come to the place where they keep the Sabbath as a delight in the Lord. What a wonderful relationship they then have with Jesus Christ (see Exhibit 1).

25. Is it your desire to heed God's call for holy living by taking time to build a relationship with God through daily Bible study, prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping?

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"The world is passing _____, and the lust of it."

NOTE: If our attention is riveted to these things in the world, and these worldly things are always clamouring for our attention, then we will pass away with the world. John is concerned that Christians put their attention on the things that really matter; that is, on heavenly things, rather than on the glamour and the glitter of this life.

12. What standards of conduct should control the mind of the Christian who is preparing for the coming of his Lord? Philippians 4:8

He should think on those things that are: _____, noble, _____, pure, _____ and of _____ report.

NOTE: Here are the standards that God has given for the Christian. Since his mind is no longer controlled by the world, but by the divine Son of God, his thoughts now are only upon those things that are holy and elevated. In his recreational habits and leisure activities, he will choose that which meets the standards found here in Philippians 4:8. Any book, TV program, movie or music that does not meet the standards of Philippians 4:8 should not be a part of the Christian's life. Since everything we see and hear makes an indelible impression upon the mind, the Christian will choose carefully what is allowed to enter the mind. If Christians pour into the mind the junk of the world, eventually the world will control them. In contrast, if Christians pour into the mind that which meets the standards of Philippians 4:8, they will be elevated, refined and prepared to meet the Lord. That's why the apostle John says "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). The time before the end is a time for holy living.

13. What controls people who have accepted Jesus Christ? Romans 8:1

"Do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the _____."

NOTE: The Bible indicates that people have two natures: the carnal and the spiritual. These two natures are warring against each other. To fill the carnal, or fleshly desires, is to put oneself against God. But to fill the mind with spiritual desires is to put oneself in harmony with God. A person who feeds the mind with all the trash of the world is feeding the carnal, fleshly nature. If one continues to feed that nature, it will prevail in the life. That's why God is so concerned that Christians walk after the Spirit, filling their minds with that which will elevate and ennoble them and prepare them for the coming of the Lord.

14. How does Paul indicate that people should dress who are preparing for the advent? 1 Timothy 2:9, 10

"That the women adorn themselves in _____ apparel, ... not with braided hair or _____ or _____ or costly clothing."

NOTE: Here it is shown that modesty is a principle of Christian dress.

15. How does Peter say that Christians ought to dress? 1 Peter 3:3, 4

"Do not let your adornment be merely _____ arranging the hair, wearing _____."

NOTE: Both Peter and Paul indicate that Christian women (and by implication, men as well) should dress simply, without ornamentation. The beauty of Christians is to come from within, not through ornamentation. Christians are to call attention to the Saviour by their appearance. Jesus lived a very simple life-style; therefore, Christians will leave off those things that call attention to self, such as rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. Christians will be known for who they are rather than what they wear.

16. When God's ancient people Israel sinned, what did He ask them to do as a sign of repentance? Exodus 33:1-6

`Take off your _____ .. So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their _____ by Mount Horeb."

NOTE: As soon as revival came to Israel, the first thing that God asked them to do was to take off their ornamentation, or their jewellery, as a sign of their recommitment to Him. In Scripture, jewellery seems to be a symbol of backsliding. Whenever God's people go into apostasy, they always put on ornamentation. When they come back to God, He asks them to take it off.

17. What Is one of the characteristics of Babylon? Revelation 17:3-6

The woman is pictured as "adorned with _____ and Precious _____ and _____."

NOTE: The false system of religion is pictured as a harlot woman who is bedecked with all kinds of jewels and precious stones. Here again, we see jewellery used as a symbol of apostasy from God. As God calls His modern-day people back to Him in earth's last vital hours, He invites them to do the same thing that ancient Israel did when they came out of apostasy—to take off their ornamentation.

HOW TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE

God asks His people at the end time to come up to the highest standard possible because they are living just before the coming of the Lord. God's people cannot reach this high standard by their own merit. These are not works that God asks His people to perform to merit salvation. They have already been given salvation. This is a part of their loving response to what God has done for them in Jesus Christ. They want to live in harmony with God. The only way they can live holy lives is to have a relationship with God.

18. What practice of Daniel should Christians today imitate? Daniel 6:10

He _____three times a day.

NOTE: The reason for Daniel's extraordinary relationship with God was his regular prayer experience. If Christians today are to have a deep relationship with God, they need to spend time in prayer every day.

19. What else can Christians do to build a relationship with God? 2 Timothy 3:15

"You have known the Holy _____."

NOTE: Not only must Christians spend time in prayer, but they must develop a regular period of Bible study. They must study the Word of God to discover God's message for them each day. They must know Scripture. A studying Christian is the only one who will make it in the end time.

20. In addition to daily Bible study and prayer, what other vital ingredient is necessary for this deep personal relationship? Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember the _____ day, to keep it _____."

NOTE: Not only must a Christian spend time daily with God, but Scripture also indicates that a Christian needs God's special day each week to spend strengthening this relationship with God. Relationships take time; that's why the Sabbath is so important for the last days. If Christians are going to reach these high standards, be ready to meet Jesus when He comes, and be at peace during the troublous end time, then they need this deep personal relationship with God that is developed through daily Bible study, prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping.

21. What Is not to be done on the Sabbath? Exodus 20:9, 10

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NOTE: God asks us to cease from our secular labours on the Sabbath day in order that we will have time to build a relationship with Him. People who use God's sacred Sabbath time for their own secular work are declaring that a relationship with God is not as important as their work. God is not being legalistic; He is trying to help us get our priorities straight. A relationship with God is more important than our secular employment.

22. When does the Sabbath begin? Leviticus 23:32; Mark 1:32

"From _____ to _____, you shall celebrate your Sabbath."

"At evening, when the sun had _____ ."

NOTE: The Bible Sabbath begins at sundown Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night. The Biblical day began at sunset (Genesis 1:5).

23. How should God's people regard the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13

"Call the Sabbath a _____, the _____

were human. But the general tendency of the life must be in harmony with the Word of God. (See Exhibit 1, Point B.)

22. What is the fourth Bible test of a prophet? Jeremiah 28:9

"When the word of the prophet _____ to _____, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

NOTE: The final Biblical test of the prophet is fulfilled predictions. Bible prophets gave predictions that dealt with the main themes of the great controversy and salvation, not mundane things such as winning elections, astrology, etc. If the prophet predicts the future, it will come to pass. If the prophecy fails, the prophet would not be genuine. Like most Bible prophets, Ellen White did not give a lot of predictions. Her work was to edify, exhort and comfort the church. Yet there were times when she did give predictions, and on these she can be tested. Like Bible prophets, her predictions were sometimes conditional upon obedience, but her insights clearly reveal the prophetic voice speaking through her. (See Exhibit 1, Point C.)

As one examines the life and ministry of Ellen White in relationship to the four Bible tests of a prophet, it becomes very clear that she meets every one of the tests. The physical phenomena indicated that we are dealing with a supernatural force as being from God.

23. What is the relationship of the writings of Ellen White to the Bible?

She _____ the Bible.

(See Exhibit 1, Point D.)

NOTE: Perhaps the most important point of Ellen White's ministry is the fact that she consistently pointed people to Scripture. She always uplifted the Bible. The Bible predicted that this gift would come in the last days to be a tremendous blessing to the church. The evidence points out that it has come.

24. Are you thankful that God has fulfilled His Word by restoring the prophetic gift to the remnant church in these last days?

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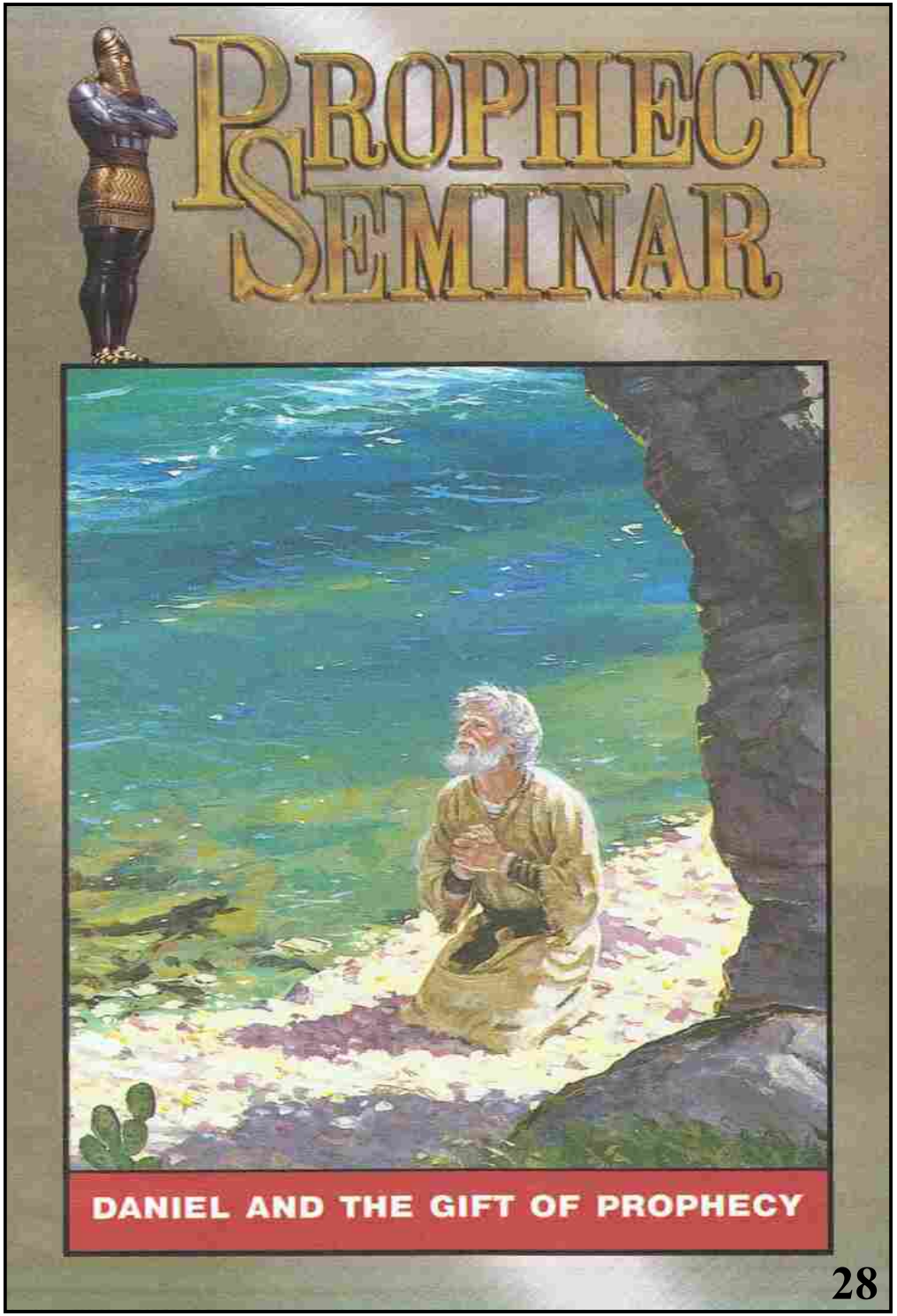

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4. Who is the source of the messages that the prophets received in vision? 2 Peter 1:21

b. At times, like Daniel, she experienced a loss of physical strength, replaced by supernatural strength. During one vision, she held a seventeen-pound family Bible outstretched in her hand for thirty minutes. At that time, she weighed 97 pounds and was in frail health. Obviously, there was supernatural strength.

The physical phenomena accompanying the prophet indicate that there is something supernatural about their experience; however, the physical phenomena don't tell us whether the experience is from God or Satan. We must then examine the Biblical tests of a prophet to determine whether the prophet is from God or Satan.

19. What is the first Biblical test of a prophet? Isaiah 8:20

"To the _____ and to the _____!"

NOTE: The expression "the law and the testimony" was an Old Testament expression for the Bible. "The law" referred to the first five books of Moses, and "the testimony" referred to the testimony of the prophets, the rest of the Old Testament. The basic meaning of the text is that the prophet must agree with Scripture, or he is not a genuine prophet. This point must be very clear. Any person today who claims to be a prophet must be tested by Scripture. What God reveals to His prophets today will not disagree with what He has previously revealed in the Bible. The Bible is the supreme revelation. If a prophet disagrees with Scripture, that person is a false prophet. As one examines Ellen White in this area, he finds total agreement with Scripture. The student is invited to take any book written by Ellen White and examine what she says with the Bible. In every case, the student will find that Ellen White agrees with Scripture.

20. What is the second test of a prophet? 1 John 4:2

"Every spirit that confesses that _____ _____

has come in the _____ is of God."

NOTE: True prophets will attest to the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. They will elevate and exalt Jesus Christ. To test Ellen White in this area, one has only to read her books, such as **The Desire of Ages, Christ's Object Lessons, Steps to Christ, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing**, etc., and one very quickly sees that she beautifully fulfills this test of the prophet. An example of Ellen White's constant uplifting of Jesus Christ is seen in the passage quoted in Exhibit 1, Point A. It is a passage that gives counsel to pastors on how they should preach.

21. What is the third Bible test of a prophet? Matthew 7:20

"By their _____ you will know them."

NOTE: The Bible prophets were not perfect, nor is any prophet perfect; they

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY TODAY



The Bible foretells that, in the last days before the coming of the Lord, God will raise up a remnant, a church that will keep all the commandments of God, and that will also have the gift of prophecy. In order to qualify as the remnant church, the church must have the gift of prophecy. It is one of the special marks of identification of the last-day church. The same gift that inspired the prophet Daniel will be duplicated in the end time by a restoration of the gift of prophecy to the church. Did God fulfill this prediction? Did He send the gift of prophecy to the remnant church after the darkening of the sun in 1780?

In December of 1844, a 17-year-old girl by the name of Ellen Harmon (later to become known as Ellen White), in frail health, possessing only a third-grade education, received her first vision while kneeling in prayer with a group of women in Portland, Maine. She shrank from the prospect of being called a prophet, yet she dared not be disobedient to the heavenly vision, and so she related what God had shown her. For 69 years she continued to receive visions and dreams from the Lord. She became one of the most prolific female writers in history, with over 50 books still published today. Was this a genuine or counterfeit manifestation? Was it a fulfilment of the Biblical promise that the prophetic gift would be restored to the church at the end time?

18. What physical phenomena accompanied Ellen White's visions?

Ellen White's experience was very similar to that of the prophet Daniel (see Question 3).

a. She did not breathe during her visions. Sometimes her visions lasted for as long as four hours. Physicians who examined Ellen White in vision marvelled that she did not breathe, yet still lived.

"Holy men of God spoke as they wereby the _____ by the _____ _____."

5. Will God do anything on the earth without first telling His prophets? Amos 3:7

"Surely the Lord God does _____, unless He reveals His _____ to His servants the _____."

NOTE: Before God does anything of significance involving His people on the earth, He first of all reveals it to the prophets through dreams and visions. Throughout Biblical history, God spoke through a variety of individuals. Daniel was not unique in receiving the prophetic gift. God chose men, and sometimes women, such as Miriam (Exodus 15:20), Huldah (2 Chronicles 34:22) and Anna (Luke 2:36). God chose to give the prophetic gift to those-individuals who could best serve Him at the time.

As one examines the prophetic gift in Scripture, it becomes clear that there were two basic groups of prophets: **1)** Those whose written revelations are recorded in the Bible, such as Moses, Daniel and John the Revelator; **2)** Those whose writings did not form part of sacred Scripture or who only gave oral presentations, such as Enoch, Elijah, Elisha and John the Baptist, and yet these prophets were just as inspired as the other Bible prophets. Thus, people can be regarded as prophets and not have their writings regarded as a part of sacred Scripture.

6. What is one of the gifts that God has given to His New Testament church? Ephesians 4:11

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some _____, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers."

NOTE: The gift of being a prophet is one of the spiritual gifts that God has given the New Testament church. Do we still have evangelists, pastors and teachers today? Then why not prophets?

7. How long were these gifts, including the gift of being a prophet, to remain in the church? Ephesians 4:13

"Till we all come to the _____ of the faith and of the _____ of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the _____of Christ."

NOTE: This text makes it very clear that these spiritual gifts, including the gift of prophecy, are to remain in the church until the church reaches perfection, which will not be until the second coming of Christ. Paul's point

is very clear: as long as we are on this earth we will need all the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy.

8. What is the purpose of the gift of prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:3

_____, exhortation, _____

NOTE: The gift of prophecy is not primarily the ability to predict the future. Many Bible prophets, such as Daniel, did predict the future, but many others did not. Their work was to edify, exhort and comfort the church. Thus, one can be a prophet without necessarily predicting the future.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

9. What counsel did the apostle Paul give the Thessalonians concerning the gift of prophecy? 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

"Do not _____prophecies. _____all things;

hold _____ what is good."

NOTE: If God did not plan to send prophets after Bible times, Paul would have cautioned the Thessalonians to disregard anyone in the future who would claim to have the prophetic gift. Instead, Paul tells them not to neglect the prophets, but to prove them and if they proved true, to hold fast to their teachings. Certainly Paul believed that prophets would exist in the future.

10. What kind of prophets did Jesus warn against? Matthew 7:15

_____ prophets.

NOTE: If there were not going to be any genuine prophets, Jesus would have warned against all prophets. The fact that He warned against false prophets indicates the presence of the genuine.

11. Who does Malachi suggest will appear before the coming of the Lord? Malachi 4:5

"I will send you _____ the prophet before the

coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."

NOTE: Connected with the coming of Elijah is the gift of prophecy. It is not simply Elijah, but Elijah the prophet, who is to come before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

12. What great revival of the prophetic gift did the prophet Joel foresee? Joel 2:28-30

"Your sons and your daughters shall _____,

your old men shall dream _____, your young

men shall see _____."

13. At what time will this great prophetic outpouring take place? Joel 2:31

'The sun shall be turned into _____, ... Before the

coming of the _____ and _____ day of the LORD."

NOTE: Joel predicted that sometime after the darkening of the sun, which was fulfilled on May 19,1780 (see Lesson 23), and before the coming of the Lord, this great prophetic gift would be restored to the church.

14. In what group of people would the prophetic gift appear at this time? Joel 2:28-32

"Among the _____ whom the LORD calls."

15. What are two key Bible identification points of the remnant? Revelation 12:17

a. Keep the _____.

b. Have the _____ of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Joel predicted that the remnant church would have the gift of prophecy. One of the identifying marks of the remnant church, according to Revelation 12:17, is that they not only keep the commandments of God, but that they also have the testimony of Jesus.

16. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10

"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of _____ ."

17. Is the spirit of prophecy and prophets the same thing? Compare Revelation 19:10; 22:8, 9

"I am ... of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus." 19:10.

"I am ... of your brethren the _____ " 22:9.

NOTE: Revelation 19:10 and 22:9 are identical, except that Revelation 19:10 refers to the spirit of prophecy, and Revelation 22:9 calls them prophets. Thus, one of the marks that identifies the remnant church is that it will have the gift of prophecy.

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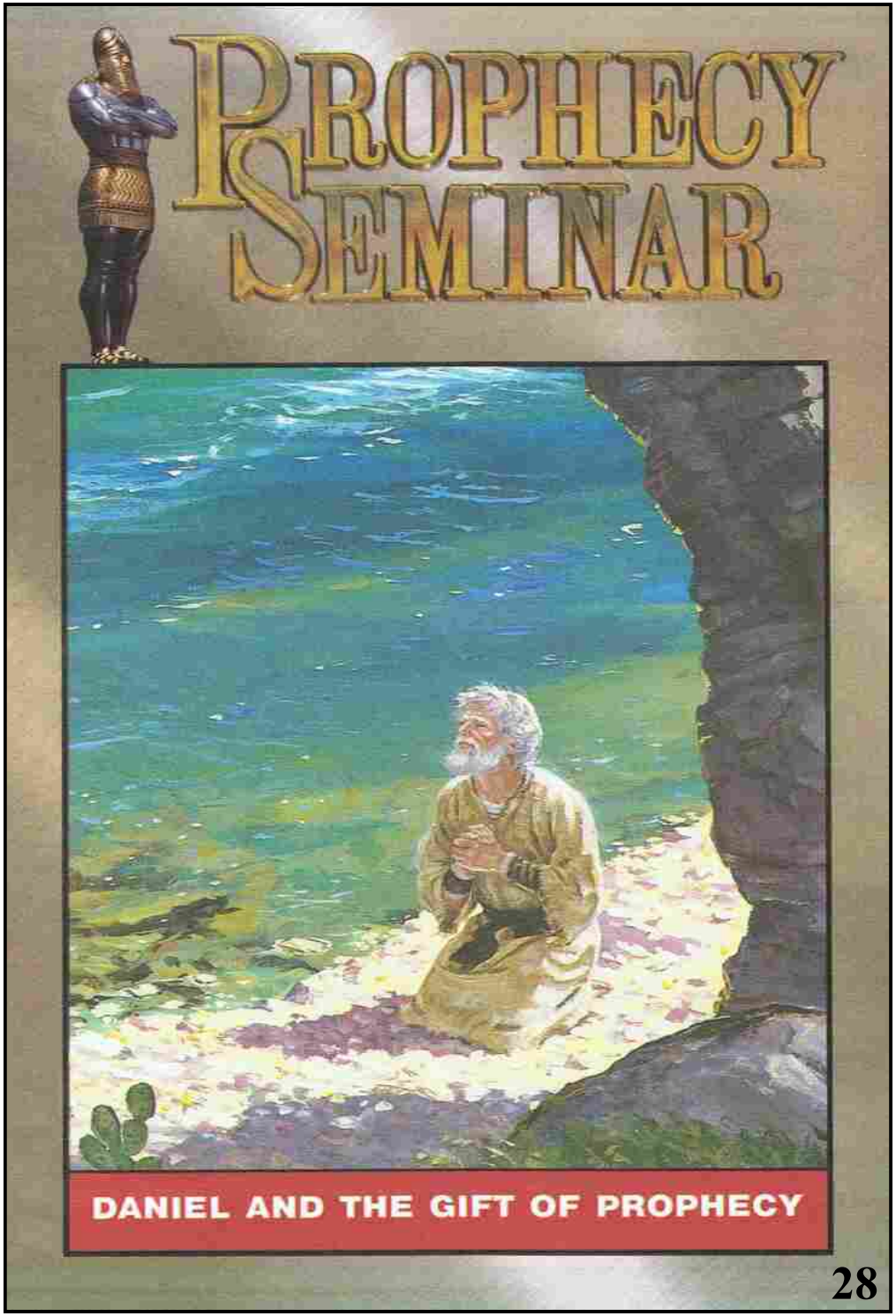

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THE GIFT OF PROPHECY IN BIBLE TIMES

4. **Who is the source of the messages that the prophets received in vision? 2 Peter 1:21**

greater light, the Bible." Ellen White constantly attempted to lead people back to the Bible as the only rule of faith. In her last public appearance she took a copy of the sacred Scriptures, extended it in her hand toward the congregation and said, "Brethren and sisters, I commend unto you this book." This was her life work, to lead men and women back to the Bible. She declared that if people had followed the Bible, her work would not have been necessary, but because people had neglected the Bible, God has chosen prophets to call their attention to the neglected truths of Scripture. Please note how Ellen White viewed the relationship of her writings to the Scriptures in the selections that follow:

`In our time there is a wide departure from their doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle—the Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and duty." **The Great Controversy**, pp. 204, 205.

"I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several **Testimonies for the Church**, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here, given for other cases situated similarly to themselves. God has been pleased to give you line upon line and precept upon precept. But there are not many of you that really know what is contained in the **Testimonies**. You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the **Testimonies**. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings." **Testimonies to the Church**, Vol. 2, p. 605.

"The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word; yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the **Testimonies** simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse." **Testimonies**, Vol. 2, p. 605.

These statements show clearly the purpose of Ellen White's gift. Her writings are not an addition to the Bible, but are given to keep us close to the Bible. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is deeply indebted to Ellen White.

consecrated to unselfish labour for the uplifting and betterment of mankind." **Saint Helena Star**, St. Helena, California, July 23, 1915.

Point C:

In 1890 Ellen White wrote: "Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel." **Messages to Young People**, p. 90, April 21, 1890. That prediction reads like today's newspaper, yet was written long before the advent of modern means of travel and communication.

In 1850, modern Spiritism that purported to communicate with the dead had its origin with the Fox sisters and their mysterious rappings in Hydesville, New York. At that time the phenomena was regarded as atheistic and having nothing to do with religion. Yet Ellen White wrote in 1850: "I saw that the mysterious knocking in New York .. was the power of Satan, and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious garb so as to lull the deceived to greater security." **Early Writings**, p. 43. When Spiritism celebrated the centennial of the origin of modern spiritualism in 1948, the spiritists said this: "Spiritualism, with its signs, wonders, visions, and healing gifts was the religion of the apostles, of the post apostolic fathers, and the primitive Christians." **Centennial Book of Modern Spiritualism,** 1948, p. 115. One hundred years after its beginning, Spiritism claimed to be what Ellen White had said it would become.

Ellen White wrote volumes in the field of health and nutrition, a very recent science. Today nearly everything that Ellen White wrote in this field has been verified by modern scientific research. In 1959 Dr. Clive McCay, former Professor of Nutrition at Cornell University, issued this statement: "In spite of the fact that the works of Mrs. White were written long before the advent of modern scientific nutrition, no better over-all guide is available today."

Point D:

The writings of Ellen White are not an addition to the Bible. Just as certain prophets mentioned in the Bible never wrote a word of Scripture, yet were inspired of God, so Ellen White's writings do not form a part of Scripture. But the Holy Spirit that inspired the Bible writers also inspired her (1 Peter 1:9, 10). The Bible is the supreme guide for the Christian. Ellen White did not see her work as an addition to Scripture. In fact, she cautioned against this. She described her work as "a lesser light, to lead men and women to the

"Holy men of God spoke as they wereby the _____ by the _____ _____."

5. **Will God do anything on the earth without first telling His prophets? Amos 3:7**

"Surely the Lord God does _____, unless He reveals His _____ to His servants the _____."

NOTE: Before God does anything of significance involving His people on the earth, He first of all reveals it to the prophets through dreams and visions. Throughout Biblical history, God spoke through a variety of individuals. Daniel was not unique in receiving the prophetic gift. God chose men, and sometimes women, such as Miriam (Exodus 15:20), Huldah (2 Chronicles 34:22) and Anna (Luke 2:36). God chose to give the prophetic gift to those-individuals who could best serve Him at the time.

As one examines the prophetic gift in Scripture, it becomes clear that there were two basic groups of prophets: **1)** Those whose written revelations are recorded in the Bible, such as Moses, Daniel and John the Revelator; **2)** Those whose writings did not form part of sacred Scripture or who only gave oral presentations, such as Enoch, Elijah, Elisha and John the Baptist, and yet these prophets were just as inspired as the other Bible prophets. Thus, people can be regarded as prophets and not have their writings regarded as a part of sacred Scripture.

6. **What is one of the gifts that God has given to His New Testament church? Ephesians 4:11**

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some _____, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers."

NOTE: The gift of being a prophet is one of the spiritual gifts that God has given the New Testament church. Do we still have evangelists, pastors and teachers today? Then why not prophets?

7. **How long were these gifts, including the gift of being a prophet, to remain in the church? Ephesians 4:13**

"Till we all come to the _____ of the faith and of the _____ of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the _____of Christ."

NOTE: This text makes it very clear that these spiritual gifts, including the gift of prophecy, are to remain in the church until the church reaches perfection, which will not be until the second coming of Christ. Paul's point

is very clear: as long as we are on this earth we will need all the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy.

8. What is the purpose of the gift of prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:3

_____, exhortation, _____

NOTE: The gift of prophecy is not primarily the ability to predict the future. Many Bible prophets, such as Daniel, did predict the future, but many others did not. Their work was to edify, exhort and comfort the church. Thus, one can be a prophet without necessarily predicting the future.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

9. What counsel did the apostle Paul give the Thessalonians concerning the gift of prophecy? 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

"Do not _____prophecies. _____all things;

hold _____ what is good."

NOTE: If God did not plan to send prophets after Bible times, Paul would have cautioned the Thessalonians to disregard anyone in the future who would claim to have the prophetic gift. Instead, Paul tells them not to neglect the prophets, but to prove them and if they proved true, to hold fast to their teachings. Certainly Paul believed that prophets would exist in the future.

10. What kind of prophets did Jesus warn against? Matthew 7:15

_____ prophets.

NOTE: If there were not going to be any genuine prophets, Jesus would have warned against all prophets. The fact that He warned against false prophets indicates the presence of the genuine.

11. Who does Malachi suggest will appear before the coming of the Lord? Malachi 4:5

"I will send you _____ the prophet before the

coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."

NOTE: Connected with the coming of Elijah is the gift of prophecy. It is not simply Elijah, but Elijah the prophet, who is to come before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

12. What great revival of the prophetic gift did the prophet Joel foresee? Joel 2:28-30



EXHIBIT 1

For Daniel Lesson 28

EVIDENCES OF THE GIFTS OF PROPHECY

Point A:

"Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people. Lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost, to 'the Lamb of God.' Lift him up, the risen Saviour, and say to all who hear, Come to him who `hath loved us, and hath given himself for us.' Let the science of salvation be the burden of every sermon, the theme of every song. Let it be poured forth in every supplication. Bring nothing into your

preaching to supplement Christ, the wisdom and power of God. I-loId forth the word of life, presenting Jesus as the hope of the penitent and the stronghold of every believer. Reveal the way of peace to the troubled believer and despondent, and show forth the grace and completeness of the Saviour." **Gospel Workers**, p. 160

Point B:

"Seventy years is a long time to live and work before the public, under the critical eyes of millions of people, largely sceptical, doubtful, uncertain, suspicious, and in some cases hostile. If any faults, errors, or inconsistencies existed, they would be exposed with great satisfaction by opponents.

"Mrs. White lived in various places, in New England, Michigan, Switzerland, Australia, and California. She travelled extensively in many parts of the United States, Europe, and Australia; but the fruit of her life and labours attests to her godliness, her sincerity, her zeal and earnestness, her upright and noble character and her consistent Christian conduct." **Our Firm Foundation**, Vol. 1, p. 225

"The life of Mrs. White is an example worthy of emulation by all... She was a humble, devout disciple of Christ, and ever went about doing good... honoured and respected by all who appreciate noble womanhood

were human. But the general tendency of the life must be in harmony with the Word of God. (See Exhibit 1, Point B.)

22. What is the fourth Bible test of a prophet? Jeremiah 28:9

"When the word of the prophet _____ to _____, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

NOTE: The final Biblical test of the prophet is fulfilled predictions. Bible prophets gave predictions that dealt with the main themes of the great controversy and salvation, not mundane things such as winning elections, astrology, etc. If the prophet predicts the future, it will come to pass. If the prophecy fails, the prophet would not be genuine. Like most Bible prophets, Ellen White did not give a lot of predictions. Her work was to edify, exhort and comfort the church. Yet there were times when she did give predictions, and on these she can be tested. Like Bible prophets, her predictions were sometimes conditional upon obedience, but her insights clearly reveal the prophetic voice speaking through her. (See Exhibit 1, Point C.)

As one examines the life and ministry of Ellen White in relationship to the four Bible tests of a prophet, it becomes very clear that she meets every one of the tests. The physical phenomena indicated that we are dealing with a supernatural force as being from God.

23. What is the relationship of the writings of Ellen White to the Bible?

She _____ the Bible.

(See Exhibit 1, Point D.)

NOTE: Perhaps the most important point of Ellen White's ministry is the fact that she consistently pointed people to Scripture. She always uplifted the Bible. The Bible predicted that this gift would come in the last days to be a tremendous blessing to the church. The evidence points out that it has come.

24. Are you thankful that God has fulfilled His Word by restoring the prophetic gift to the remnant church in these last days?

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"Your sons and your daughters shall _____, your old men shall dream _____, your young men shall see _____."

13. At what time will this great prophetic outpouring take place? Joel 2:31

'The sun shall be turned into _____, ... Before the coming of the _____ and _____ day of the LORD."

NOTE: Joel predicted that sometime after the darkening of the sun, which was fulfilled on May 19,1780 (see Lesson 23), and before the coming of the Lord, this great prophetic gift would be restored to the church.

14. In what group of people would the prophetic gift appear at this time? Joel 2:28-32

"Among the _____ whom the LORD calls."

15. What are two key Bible identification points of the remnant? Revelation 12:17

a. Keep the _____.

b. Have the _____ of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Joel predicted that the remnant church would have the gift of prophecy. One of the identifying marks of the remnant church, according to Revelation 12:17, is that they not only keep the commandments of God, but that they also have the testimony of Jesus.

16. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10

"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of _____ ."

17. Is the spirit of prophecy and prophets the same thing? Compare Revelation 19:10; 22:8, 9

"I am ... of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus." 19:10.

"I am ... of your brethren the _____ " 22:9.

NOTE: Revelation 19:10 and 22:9 are identical, except that Revelation 19:10 refers to the spirit of prophecy, and Revelation 22:9 calls them prophets. Thus, one of the marks that identifies the remnant church is that it will have the gift of prophecy.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY TODAY



The Bible foretells that, in the last days before the coming of the Lord, God will raise up a remnant, a church that will keep all the commandments of God, and that will also have the gift of prophecy. In order to qualify as the remnant church, the church must have the gift of prophecy. It is one of the special marks of identification of the last-day church. The same gift that inspired the prophet Daniel will be duplicated in the end time by a restoration of the gift of prophecy to the church. Did God fulfill this prediction? Did He send the gift of prophecy to the remnant church after the darkening of the sun in 1780?

In December of 1844, a 17-year-old girl by the name of Ellen Harmon (later to become known as Ellen White), in frail health, possessing only a third-grade education, received her first vision while kneeling in prayer with a group of women in Portland, Maine. She shrank from the prospect of being called a prophet, yet she dared not be disobedient to the heavenly vision, and so she related what God had shown her. For 69 years she continued to receive visions and dreams from the Lord. She became one of the most prolific female writers in history, with over 50 books still published today. Was this a genuine or counterfeit manifestation? Was it a fulfilment of the Biblical promise that the prophetic gift would be restored to the church at the end time?

18. What physical phenomena accompanied Ellen White's visions?

Ellen White's experience was very similar to that of the prophet Daniel (see Question 3).

a. She did not breathe during her visions. Sometimes her visions lasted for as long as four hours. Physicians who examined Ellen White in vision marvelled that she did not breathe, yet still lived.

b. At times, like Daniel, she experienced a loss of physical strength, replaced by supernatural strength. During one vision, she held a seventeen-pound family Bible outstretched in her hand for thirty minutes. At that time, she weighed 97 pounds and was in frail health. Obviously, there was supernatural strength.

The physical phenomena accompanying the prophet indicate that there is something supernatural about their experience; however, the physical phenomena don't tell us whether the experience is from God or Satan. We must then examine the Biblical tests of a prophet to determine whether the prophet is from God or Satan.

19. What is the first Biblical test of a prophet? Isaiah 8:20

"To the _____ and to the _____!"

NOTE: The expression "the law and the testimony" was an Old Testament expression for the Bible. "The law" referred to the first five books of Moses, and "the testimony" referred to the testimony of the prophets, the rest of the Old Testament. The basic meaning of the text is that the prophet must agree with Scripture, or he is not a genuine prophet. This point must be very clear. Any person today who claims to be a prophet must be tested by Scripture. What God reveals to His prophets today will not disagree with what He has previously revealed in the Bible. The Bible is the supreme revelation. If a prophet disagrees with Scripture, that person is a false prophet. As one examines Ellen White in this area, he finds total agreement with Scripture. The student is invited to take any book written by Ellen White and examine what she says with the Bible. In every case, the student will find that Ellen White agrees with Scripture.

20. What is the second test of a prophet? 1 John 4:2

"Every spirit that confesses that _____ _____

has come in the _____ is of God."

NOTE: True prophets will attest to the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. They will elevate and exalt Jesus Christ. To test Ellen White in this area, one has only to read her books, such as **The Desire of Ages, Christ's Object Lessons, Steps to Christ, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing**, etc., and one very quickly sees that she beautifully fulfills this test of the prophet. An example of Ellen White's constant uplifting of Jesus Christ is seen in the passage quoted in Exhibit 1, Point A. It is a passage that gives counsel to pastors on how they should preach.

21. What is the third Bible test of a prophet? Matthew 7:20

"By their _____ you will know them."

NOTE: The Bible prophets were not perfect, nor is any prophet perfect; they

in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

NOTE: God extends the final invitation. He invites His people to follow the truth of His Word, to enter into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ that will enable us to keep the commandments of God through the power of the indwelling Christ. He invites us to become a part of the remnant people of Bible prophecy who are extending this final warning message into all the world.

25. Is it your desire to come out of Babylon and become a part of God's final movement, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and help proclaim this message into all the world?

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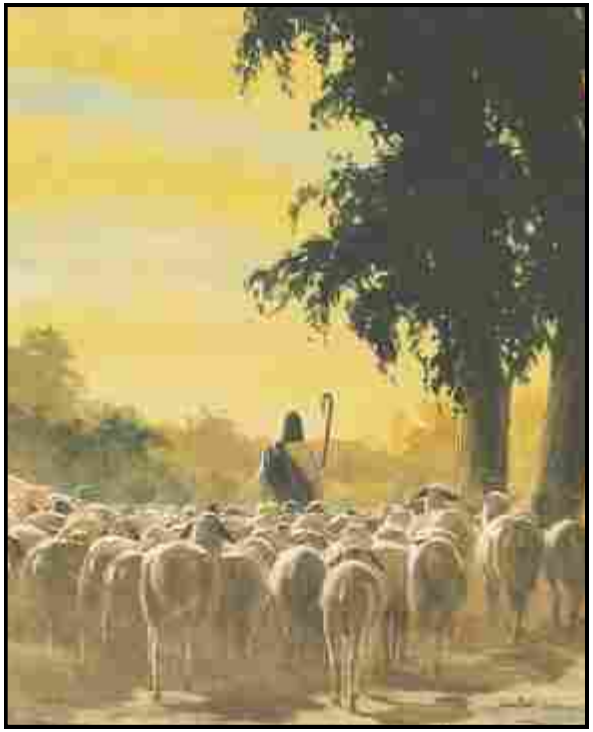

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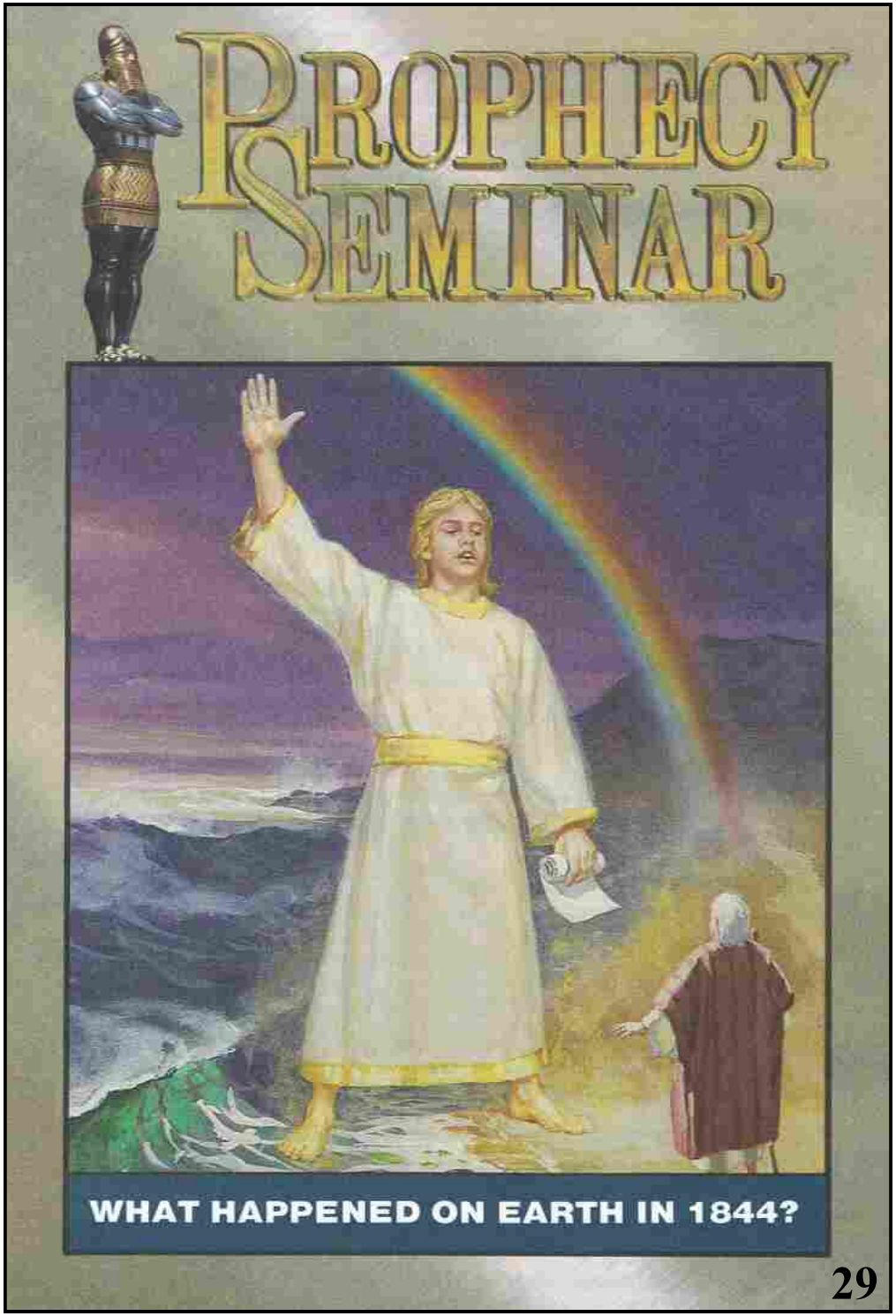

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1. What kind of angel comes to earth with the message of Revelation 10? Revelation 10:1

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2. Describe this mighty one who gives this special message to John. Revelation 10:1

a. "Clothed with a _____."

b. "A _____ was on his head."

c. "His face was like the _____."

d. "His feet like pillars of _____."

3. In Revelation 1, John describes another person he saw in vision. Note the characteristics of this description. Revelation 1:13-16

a. "Clothed with a _____ down to the feet."

b. "His head and hair were _____ like wool, as _____ as snow."

c. "His eyes like a _____ of _____."

d. "His feet were like fine _____, as if refined in a _____."

NOTE: It is obvious, from a quick comparison of Revelation 1 and 10, that John is describing the same person.

4. Who is this One that John is describing? Revelation 1:13

"The _____ of _____."

He loves us that much.

19. Are all of God's sheep in Christ's fold now? John 1016 (1037) [1058].

"Other sheep I have which are _____ of this _____."

NOTE: Let us never forget that God has people in all churches and denominations. They love and serve Him faithfully in harmony with the light and truth they have. They may not be in Christ's true fold at this time, but they are still His sheep. They belong to Him, and He loves them and died for them.

20. What Is to happen to Christ's sheep who are not in His fold at the present time? John 10:16 (1037) [1058].

"Them also I must _____, and they will _____

My voice; and there will be one _____ and one shepherd."

NOTE: Perhaps you are one of God's sheep who are not in the one true fold of the remnant church now. But you are still God's sheep. He lovingly calls to you. He says that if you are a true sheep of Christ, when He calls you will hear His voice and you will come and become a part of His one fold.

21. What will those do who truly love Jesus? John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My _____."

22. How does the Bible describe the remnant who are the one fold? Revelation 12:17

They "keep the _____ _____of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ".

NOTE: The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church that teaches people to observe all the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the Spirit of Prophecy (see Lessons 26 and 28).

23. How does John describe those who proclaim the three angels' messages? Revelation 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the _____ of God and the _____ of Jesus."

24. What final call does God give to His people who are in Babylon Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of her, my _____, lest you share

GOD'S FINAL CALL



16. How far and wide Is God's last-day message to be preached? Revelation 14:6

'To every _____, _____, _____, and _____."

NOTE: Today, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is operating in over 95 percent of the countries of the earth. It is truly a worldwide a movement, carrying the message of the soon coming of Christ into all the world.

17. What special message does the church of the last days proclaim? Revelation 14:7

"The hour of His _____ has come."

NOTE: The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church upon the face of the earth today proclaiming the judgment hour message. No other church is proclaiming the judgment beginning in 1844. The central message of the book of Daniel is totally neglected by most churches, yet Revelation 14:7 declares it to be part of the special, final warning message to be given to the world before Jesus comes.

18. Jesus declares that He Is the good shepherd and knows His sheep. What has Christ done for His sheep? John 10:14, 15

"I lay down My _____ for the sheep."

NOTE: Jesus knows us; He has given His life for us. He has died for our sins.

NOTE: The one who brings this message in Revelation 10 is none other than Jesus Himself. The one who is giving the revelation now continues it.

5. What does this mighty one have in his hand? Revelation 10:2

"A little _____open."

NOTE: The fact that the little book is open would indicate that, at one time, it was closed.

6. What book of the Bible was ever said to be closed? Daniel 12:4

"But you, Daniel, _____ up the words, and the book."

NOTE: The book of Daniel is the only book in the Bible ever said to be sealed up. The book of Revelation is an open book, a revealing, but the book of Daniel was to be sealed.

Identification Point No. 1: The movement described in Revelation 10 has to do with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.

7. How long was the book of Daniel to remain sealed? Daniel 12:4

"Until the _____ of the _____."

NOTE: The book of Daniel was not to remain sealed forever, but only until the time of the end. The fact that we today have been able to understand the book of Daniel indicates clearly that we are living in the Biblical time of the end.

Identification Point No. 2: The movement of Revelation 10 must arise at the time of the end.

8. Where Is the angel standing? Revelation 10:2

"He set his right foot on the _____and his left foot on the _____."

NOTE: The sea is a symbol of peoples, nations and tongues, a populated area of earth (Revelation 17:15). The earth, being the opposite of the sea, represents a wilderness area of the earth, an area that is not as populated. The fact that the angel has one foot upon the land and the other foot upon the sea would indicate the worldwide proclamation of a message that deals with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.

Identification Point No. 3: The movement would be worldwide.

9. What was John told to do with the revelation of the seven thunders? Revelation 10:4

"_____ up the things which the seven thunders uttered."

NOTE: There is no further explanation given of the seven thunders. Something about this movement was revealed to John, but he was then told not to write it down.

Identification Point No. 4: There was something hidden from the movement of Revelation 10.

10. What does the angel proclaim about time? Revelation 10:5, 6

"That there should be delay _____ longer."

NOTE: This could not mean the end of the world since the rest of the chapter describes much activity on earth after the angel says that there shall be delay no longer. In the context of the passage, John is dealing with the book of Daniel. In the book of Daniel, there are many time prophecies. Most of Daniel was clearly interpreted and understood except for these time prophecies. They were sealed up till the time of the end. When the angel proclaimed that there shall be delay no longer, he would then be referring to the end of the time prophecies. In other words, when the movement of Revelation 10 arose, we would have come to the end of the time prophecies of the book of Daniel. The longest of those time prophecies, the 2300-day prophecy, ended in 1844.

Identification Point No. 5: The movement of Revelation 10 must arise around 1844.

11. What will be finished under the preaching of this movement? Revelation 10:7

"The _____ of God."

NOTE: The mystery of God is His great plan of salvation. Through the preaching of the movement of Revelation 10, God's message will go into all the world and will be finished (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-12)

Identification Point No. 6: The movement of Revelation 10 gives the final warning message that prepares the world for the second coming of Christ.

12. What was John to do with the little book? How would it taste in his mouth, and how would his stomach feel? Revelation 10:8-10

a. He was to " _____ it."

b. In his mouth it will be " _____ as _____."

c. It made his stomach " _____."

NOTE: The little book of Revelation 10 was the book of Daniel. To devour the book means that people became so enthralled and excited at what they saw as the prophecies of Daniel were unsealed that they just "ate it up". It

was a sweet and blessed experience, sweet indeed as honey to the mouth to understand these great prophecies of the book of Daniel. But then their excitement was to turn bitter as they went through a bitter disappointment with the book of Daniel.

Identification Point No. 7: The understanding of the book of Daniel would be a pleasant, happy experience, but it would end in bitter disappointment.

13. After the bitter disappointment of the book of Daniel, what was the movement of Revelation 10 to do? Revelation 10:11

"You must prophesy _____ about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Identification Point No. 8: They were to arise and go into all the world again with the message of the book of Daniel.

14. Review the eight marks of identification that Revelation 10 has given us describing this movement In Revelation 10

1. It has to do with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.
2. It arises at the time of the end.
3. It would be worldwide.
4. There is something hidden from the movement of Revelation 10 as described in the seven thunders.
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6. It gives the final warning message that prepares the world for the second coming of Christ, finishing the mystery of God.
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8. It was to go forth with renewed zeal after the disappointment and present to all the world the message of Daniel.

15. Did such a movement as described In Revelation 10 arise and fulfil these eight marks of identification?

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NOTE: There arose in the mid-nineteenth century a special movement that fulfilled every one of these eight marks of identification to the very letter. For the exciting story of the origin of the movement of Revelation 10, please see Exhibit 1 in this lesson.

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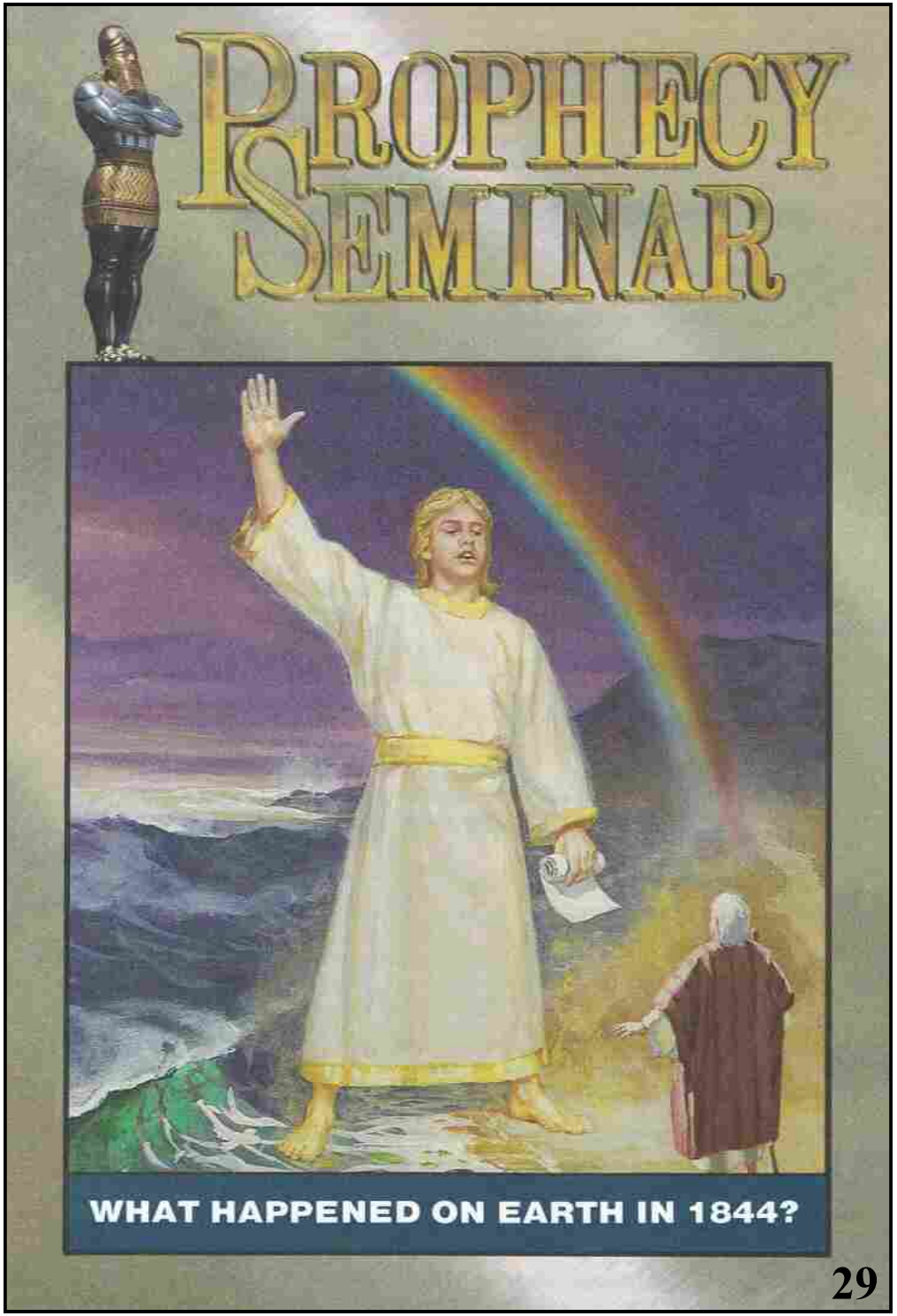

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4. **Who is this One that John is describing? Revelation 1:13**

   "The _____ of _____."

continued to meet after the disappointment to find an explanation for their disappointment. Among their number was a seventeen-year-old girl by the name of Ellen Harmon, later to become known as Ellen White. In December of 1844, as Ellen knelt in prayer with a group of Millerite ladies, seeking for divine illumination from Heaven on the disappointment, Ellen Harmon was suddenly taken off in vision and thus brought the spirit of prophecy to these early Adventists.

These few Millerite Adventists became united on the sanctuary, the second coming of Christ, the seventh-day Sabbath, and the spirit of prophecy. On this basis these scattered believers united in prayer for wisdom and understanding, that they might understand and comprehend other great Bible truths. Various prayer meetings and Bible conferences were held, and through diligent Bible study the great truths of the Seventh -day Adventist Church came into being. As they studied Revelation 10, they saw their past experience clearly presented, and then they read Verse 11. Now they understood their duty. They must again go into all the world and preach a message that was to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. They saw that their movement was a movement of prophecy and they were the people of prophecy. They saw that theirs was not to be just another church, but a mighty movement that encompassed the entire world and helped to prepare people for that day when their Lord would come.

Some may wonder why God chose this means to begin His last-day movement. From a human standpoint, it seems the worst way ever to start a movement: to bring forth from the ashes of disappointment a mighty movement. But God's ways are not man's ways. When the time came for the Christian Church of the book of Acts to begin, God began it the same way, with a very bitter disappointment. The disciples had expected Jesus to be hailed King of the Jews; instead He ended up on a cross. But from the agony of that bitter disappointment came forth the mighty Christian Church of the first century.

Likewise, when it came time for God's final movement to arise in fulfilment of Revelation 10, God again chose to allow people to go through a bitter disappointment in order that self glory might be humbled in the dust and people could see that it was not human excitement and ambition that created this movement, but only the divine power of God. As one looks back over the identification marks that Revelation 10 gives of the movement of Revelation 10, it becomes very clear that the Millerite movement and the subsequent development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are in exact fulfilment of every detail of the prophecy. Thank God, He fulfilled His word and began His final movement on earth at the end of the 2300 day prophecy in 1844.

further light. They felt that God had led them in the past and would continue to lead them in the future. They did not understand the disappointment, but expectantly felt the Lord would give them strength.

After spending several hours in prayer, they felt reassurance that God would bring an answer to their petitions. Knowing that the brethren on the other side of their field would also be discouraged, they began making their way across the field to bring encouragement to these other brethren. Suddenly Hiram Edson was struck with the thought that the sanctuary was not this earth, but that the sanctuary was in heaven and that Christ had a work to do there before coming to earth. Going back to their homes, Edson and his friends began to study the Bible and the sanctuary. Through diligent Bible study they learned the meaning of the sanctuary: that the sanctuary was not on this earth, but in heaven. As they continued to study, the ministry of Christ in heaven began to open to their understanding, and they saw that 1844 marked not the end of the world, but the beginning of Christ's final phase of ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, His work of judgment.

As they continued their study, their view of the sanctuary became clear and they set forth their view in a paper called "The Day Dawn". This was sent out to many of the disappointed Millerite believers. Among those who received this paper with the explanation of the sanctuary were Joseph Bates and James White.

In the town of Washington, New Hampshire lived another group of Millerite Adventists. Among their number was a young woman by the name of Rachel Oakes Preston, A Seventh-day Baptist, who brought the light of the seventh-day Sabbath to the attention of these Millerite Adventists in Washington, New Hampshire. After much study and struggle, this group of Millerite Adventists accepted the seventh-day Sabbath truth and became the first Seventh-day Adventists. The church where they met in Washington, New Hampshire, is today recognized as the first Seventh-day Adventist Church in the world. Here the people who had accepted the hope of the Advent now also discovered the beautiful Sabbath truth.

T. M. Preble, one of the believers in Washington, N.H. who accepted the Sabbath truth, became the first Adventist to write a tract on the seventh-day Sabbath. Joseph Bates, who had also received the tract on the sanctuary truth, read Preble's tract and accepted the Sabbath as truth and began to preach it. In 1846, James and Ellen White visited Joseph Bates and heard him preach on the seventh-day Sabbath. At first they did not see its importance, but through diligent Bible study, they too accepted it.

In Portland, Maine, there was another group of Millerite Adventists who

NOTE: The one who brings this message in Revelation 10 is none other than Jesus Himself. The one who is giving the revelation now continues it.

5. What does this mighty one have in his hand? Revelation 10:2

"A little _____open."

NOTE: The fact that the little book is open would indicate that, at one time, it was closed.

6. What book of the Bible was ever said to be closed? Daniel 12:4

"But you, Daniel, _____ up the words, and the book."

NOTE: The book of Daniel is the only book in the Bible ever said to be sealed up. The book of Revelation is an open book, a revealing, but the book of Daniel was to be sealed.

Identification Point No. 1: The movement described in Revelation 10 has to do with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.

7. How long was the book of Daniel to remain sealed? Daniel 12:4

"Until the _____ of the _____."

NOTE: The book of Daniel was not to remain sealed forever, but only until the time of the end. The fact that we today have been able to understand the book of Daniel indicates clearly that we are living in the Biblical time of the end.

Identification Point No. 2: The movement of Revelation 10 must arise at the time of the end.

8. Where Is the angel standing? Revelation 10:2

"He set his right foot on the _____and his left foot on the _____."

NOTE: The sea is a symbol of peoples, nations and tongues, a populated area of earth (Revelation 17:15). The earth, being the opposite of the sea, represents a wilderness area of the earth, an area that is not as populated. The fact that the angel has one foot upon the land and the other foot upon the sea would indicate the worldwide proclamation of a message that deals with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.

Identification Point No. 3: The movement would be worldwide.

9. What was John told to do with the revelation of the seven thunders? Revelation 10:4

"_____ up the things which the seven thunders uttered."

NOTE: There is no further explanation given of the seven thunders. Something about this movement was revealed to John, but he was then told not to write it down.

Identification Point No. 4: There was something hidden from the movement of Revelation 10.

10. What does the angel proclaim about time? Revelation 10:5, 6

"That there should be delay _____ longer."

NOTE: This could not mean the end of the world since the rest of the chapter describes much activity on earth after the angel says that there shall be delay no longer. In the context of the passage, John is dealing with the book of Daniel. In the book of Daniel, there are many time prophecies. Most of Daniel was clearly interpreted and understood except for these time prophecies. They were sealed up till the time of the end. When the angel proclaimed that there shall be delay no longer, he would then be referring to the end of the time prophecies. In other words, when the movement of Revelation 10 arose, we would have come to the end of the time prophecies of the book of Daniel. The longest of those time prophecies, the 2300-day prophecy, ended in 1844.

Identification Point No. 5: The movement of Revelation 10 must arise around 1844.

11. What will be finished under the preaching of this movement? Revelation 10:7

"The _____ of God."

NOTE: The mystery of God is His great plan of salvation. Through the preaching of the movement of Revelation 10, God's message will go into all the world and will be finished (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-12)

Identification Point No. 6: The movement of Revelation 10 gives the final warning message that prepares the world for the second coming of Christ.

12. What was John to do with the little book? How would it taste in his mouth, and how would his stomach feel? Revelation 10:8-10

a. He was to " _____ it."

b. In his mouth it will be " _____ as _____."

c. It made his stomach " _____."

NOTE: The little book of Revelation 10 was the book of Daniel. To devour the book means that people became so enthralled and excited at what they saw as the prophecies of Daniel were unsealed that they just "ate it up". It

correctly pointed to 1844 as the conclusion of the 2300 year prophecy.

At a camp meeting in Exeter, New Hampshire on August 12, 1844, as the Millerites restudied the prophecies, a new light began to brighten their disappointed hopes. Since the ancient Jewish sanctuary was cleansed on the tenth day of the seventh month, it would be logical that the cleansing of the sanctuary at the end of the 2300 days would also occur on the tenth day of the seventh month, which that year would be October 22, 1844. Excited about this discovery, they quickly went out and began to preach this added message, that Christ would come October 22, 1844. During this time another 50,000 people left their churches and joined the movement.

On October 22, 1844 the believers gathered in homes and churches to await the advent of their Lord. All over the world men waited expectantly in this last remnant of time. As the hours passed, they continued in prayer and songs, hopefully looking forward to that wonderful moment when the sky would open and their Lord would appear. Not until midnight did they accept the fact that Jesus was not coming that day. Their experience was a bitter disappointment. The hope of the Advent had been such a sweet and blessed experience, as sweet as honey to the mouth. But the disappointment of their hopes was bitter in the belly.

As a result of the disappointment, some renounced their faith in the Advent and left the movement. Divergent views broke the Millerite movement into various factions. But out of the confusion there came forth two main groups: Advent Christians and Seventh-day Adventists. The great disappointment wounded, but did not destroy, the Second Advent movement, for the doctrine of the second advent was rooted in Scripture. The date was right; the event was wrong. Miller never saw it, but did keep his faith in the advent of his Lord until his death in 1849. He refused to set other dates but expectantly looked forward to the coming of his Lord at any time.

Seventh-day Adventists have never set a date for the coming of Christ. This was done by the Millerites before 1844. The Millerites were an interdenominational movement composed of Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. The emphasis that the Millerites gave to the great truth of the second coming of Christ and the nearness of that event, however, did bring forth the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

On October 22, 1844 a little group of Millerites met with Hiram Edson in the little town of Port Gibson, New York, to wait for the coming of the Lord. When the time had passed and Christ had not come, Hiram Edson and a few others went out to the barn behind the house and poured out their hearts in agonizing petitions to God for strength, guidance and

every missionary station in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America both sides of the Rocky Mountains .... The commanders of our vessels and the sailors tell us that they touch at no port where they find this proclamation has not preceded them." Loughborough, **The Great Second Advent Movement,** p. 105.

Up to 1840 the Millerite movement had been completely interdenominational and was well accepted by the many denominations. But by the early 1840's a change began to take place. The Millerite lecturers were finding it increasingly difficult to gain entry into Protestant churches, until eventually they were shunned as the churches began to reject the message of the soon coming of Christ. However, that did not stop the Millerites. With the churches no longer open to them and the coming of Christ seeming to be even nearer, they turned to tent meetings. They had the largest tent in the world built, and they carried it from place to place conducting many Millerite camp meetings. More than a half million people attended 125 of these Millerite camp meetings. When one realizes that the United States population at that time was only 17 million, one can easily see that a large share of the population was involved in the Millerite movement.

The movement had been founded in Bible study, and Bible study continued to be its greatest bulwark. As one historian has said, "No other enthusiasts of the half century, in fact, stuck so closely and exclusively to the Bible as did the Millerites." Probably that is the reason why fanaticism failed to creep into the Millerite movement. It would be very easy for fanatical elements to take control of a movement with such a heavy emphasis on the second coming. But the Millerites tested eveything by the Bible, and they would not tolerate fanaticism. At first they had seen no need for a separate organization, but now with the message rejected by the popular churches, in 1842 they formed what they called "The Second Advent Association" and began to issue the call of Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her, my people." They believed and taught that the Catholic Church represented Babylon, and the popular Protestant Churches that had rejected the message of the soon coming were her daughters!

At first they expected the second coming to occur sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844, the Jewish year. They settled on no specific date, but as March 21, 1844 approached, people began planning their business affairs and their lives for this most solemn of events. But March 21, 1844 came and went, and the believers experienced their first disappointment. When Christ did not come as expected, the Millerites went back to their Bibles. They knew that God had not made a mistake. Somehow they had misunderstood something. And so they restudied the prophecies in an attempt to find the mistake. But their calculations

was a sweet and blessed experience, sweet indeed as honey to the mouth to understand these great prophecies of the book of Daniel. But then their excitement was to turn bitter as they went through a bitter disappointment with the book of Daniel.

Identification Point No. 7: The understanding of the book of Daniel would be a pleasant, happy experience, but it would end in bitter disappointment.

13. After the bitter disappointment of the book of Daniel, what was the movement of Revelation 10 to do? Revelation 10:11

"You must prophesy _____ about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Identification Point No. 8: They were to arise and go into all the world again with the message of the book of Daniel.

14. Review the eight marks of identification that Revelation 10 has given us describing this movement In Revelation 10

1. It has to do with the unsealing of the book of Daniel.
2. It arises at the time of the end.
3. It would be worldwide.
4. There is something hidden from the movement of Revelation 10 as described in the seven thunders.
5. It must arise at the end of the prophetic time periods, around 1844.
6. It gives the final warning message that prepares the world for the second coming of Christ, finishing the mystery of God.
7. The understanding of Daniel would be a pleasant and happy experience, but it would end in bitter disappointment.
8. It was to go forth with renewed zeal after the disappointment and present to all the world the message of Daniel.

15. Did such a movement as described In Revelation 10 arise and fulfil these eight marks of identification?

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NOTE: There arose in the mid-nineteenth century a special movement that fulfilled every one of these eight marks of identification to the very letter. For the exciting story of the origin of the movement of Revelation 10, please see Exhibit 1 in this lesson.

GOD'S FINAL CALL



16. How far and wide Is God's last-day message to be preached? Revelation 14:6

'To every _____, _____,

_____, and _____."

NOTE: Today, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is operating in over 95 percent of the countries of the earth. It is truly a worldwide a movement, carrying the message of the soon coming of Christ into all the world.

17. What special message does the church of the last days proclaim? Revelation 14:7

"The hour of His _____ has come."

NOTE: The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church upon the face of the earth today proclaiming the judgment hour message. No other church is proclaiming the judgment beginning in 1844. The central message of the book of Daniel is totally neglected by most churches, yet Revelation 14:7 declares it to be part of the special, final warning message to be given to the world before Jesus comes.

18. Jesus declares that He Is the good shepherd and knows His sheep. What has Christ done for His sheep? John 10:14, 15

"I lay down My _____ for the sheep."

NOTE: Jesus knows us; He has given His life for us. He has died for our sins.

the Lord, the Lord already had answered and sent him an invitation to preach.

Miller went out to the grove behind his house, still reluctant to preach what he had discovered from the Word. He went into that grove a farmer, but emerged a preacher. Miller accepted the invitation, and soon invitations began to pour in from towns all over upstate New York and New England, asking him to come and share the good news of the second coming of Christ. Invitations came from churches of various persuasions and denominations. It was truly an interdenominational movement at this time. Everywhere that Miller went, great revivals broke out, and people came to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1833, two years after Miller began preaching, the celestial fulfillment of the signs of Christ's coming known as the falling of the stars occurred on November 12 and 13. The exact fulfillment of this fantastic prophecy of Jesus gave tremendous credence to the Millerite movement and caused many to accept Miller's message as truth.

To get a perspective of the revolutionary teaching Miller was expounding, one must remember that in the mid-nineteenth century, post-millennialism was the popular teaching of the day. It taught that Christ would come following the thousand years, instead of before. When Miller proposed that Christ was coming in the mid-nineteenth century, he was proclaiming that Christ would come at the beginning of the thousand years. That was revolutionary teaching, and yet true to the Word of God. In fact, many who sided with Miller, while not accepting his exact date setting, agreed with him on pre-millennialism and joined with him in proclaiming the soon return of Christ before the thousand years rather than after the thousand years.

Shortly after the falling of the stars in 1833, Miller met Joshua V. Himes, who was pastor of the Charlton Street Chapel in Boston. As Himes listened to Miller preach, he became convinced that what Miller said was Biblical truth, and invited Miller to share his message with his congregation. Boston was the beginning of Miller's ministry to the large cities. Joshua V. Himes was the first of what were to be many clergymen who united with Miller in this interdenominational movement. Soon the movement was spreading far and wide. Millerite preachers were going everywhere, sharing the good news of the soon-coming of Christ. No device was neglected for spreading the message—the press, the pulpit, prophetic charts, gummed stickers on envelopes, etc. Millerite periodicals were scattered across the country like the leaves of autumn. In fact, a historian has said:

"As early as 1842, second advent publications had been sent to

became an educated man, but drifted toward Deism (a philosophy of the nineteenth century which taught that God created the world and then withdrew from its continuing activity). Miller served his country in the War of 1812, where the carnage of battle helped him to turn back to the faith of his fathers. Upon his return to Low Hampton, he joined the Baptist Church.

In an effort to meet the scoffing of his Deist friends who denied the inspiration of Scripture, Miller began 15 years of intensive study of the Bible. Dispensing with commentaries and other reference works, he used the Bible as its own interpreter. As Miller studied, he took a special interest in the books of Daniel and Revelation, because the prophecies proved the Word of God true and would help his Deist friends to see the validity of Scripture. In his study he came to Daniel 8:14 and the 2300 days. At this point Miller made a fatal mistake: he departed from his principle of letting the Bible interpret itself. Since most theologians at that time taught that the sanctuary was this earth, Miller concluded that what the theologians said was true. Thus, if the sanctuary was to be cleansed at the end of the 2300 days, it would have to refer to the second coming of Christ, because the earth would be cleansed by fire at His second coming.

As Miller reckoned the prophecy, he came to the conclusion that the 2300 days would end sometime around 1843 or 1844. Suddenly he realized that the second coming of Christ could occur in his lifetime, possibly in the mid-nineteenth century. Interestingly, Miller was not alone in arriving at this conclusion. As we have already mentioned, Joseph Wolff and his colleagues in England and others on the Continent had come to the same conclusion. William Davis in South Carolina, Archibald Mason in Scotland, and Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Disciples of Christ, all taught that the 2300 days would end in 1843 or 1844. It seemed as if God was leading different people, independent of each other, to arrive at the same conclusion at the same time. All these people saw clearly that the prophecy of the 2300 days was going to end in the mid-nineteenth century. Many made the same basic mistake as Miller in assuming that the end of the prophecy meant the second coming of Christ.

In 1831 William Miller became deeply convicted that he should tell the world of his belief that the second coming of Christ was about to take place. Yet he shrank from the prospect of publicly proclaiming the message. Finally he made a covenant with the Lord that if an invitation to preach was extended to him, he would accept. No sooner had Miller arisen from prayer than a knock came at the door and his nephew, Irving Guilford, was there with an invitation for Miller to preach at Dresden and share what he had been studying from the Word with the believers there. Miller was dumbfounded. While he had been making his covenant with

He loves us that much.

19. Are all of God's sheep in Christ's fold now? John 1016 (1037) [1058].

"Other sheep I have which are _____ of this _____."

NOTE: Let us never forget that God has people in all churches and denominations. They love and serve Him faithfully in harmony with the light and truth they have. They may not be in Christ's true fold at this time, but they are still His sheep. They belong to Him, and He loves them and died for them.

20. What Is to happen to Christ's sheep who are not in His fold at the present time? John 10:16 (1037) [1058].

"Them also I must _____, and they will _____

My voice; and there will be one _____ and one shepherd."

NOTE: Perhaps you are one of God's sheep who are not in the one true fold of the remnant church now. But you are still God's sheep. He lovingly calls to you. He says that if you are a true sheep of Christ, when He calls you will hear His voice and you will come and become a part of His one fold.

21. What will those do who truly love Jesus? John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My _____."

22. How does the Bible describe the remnant who are the one fold? Revelation 12:17

They "keep the _____ _____of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ".

NOTE: The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church that teaches people to observe all the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the Spirit of Prophecy (see Lessons 26 and 28).

23. How does John describe those who proclaim the three angels' messages? Revelation 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the _____ of God and the _____ of Jesus."

24. What final call does God give to His people who are in Babylon Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of her, my _____, lest you share

in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

NOTE: God extends the final invitation. He invites His people to follow the truth of His Word, to enter into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ that will enable us to keep the commandments of God through the power of the indwelling Christ. He invites us to become a part of the remnant people of Bible prophecy who are extending this final warning message into all the world.

25. Is it your desire to come out of Babylon and become a part of God's final movement, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and help proclaim this message into all the world?

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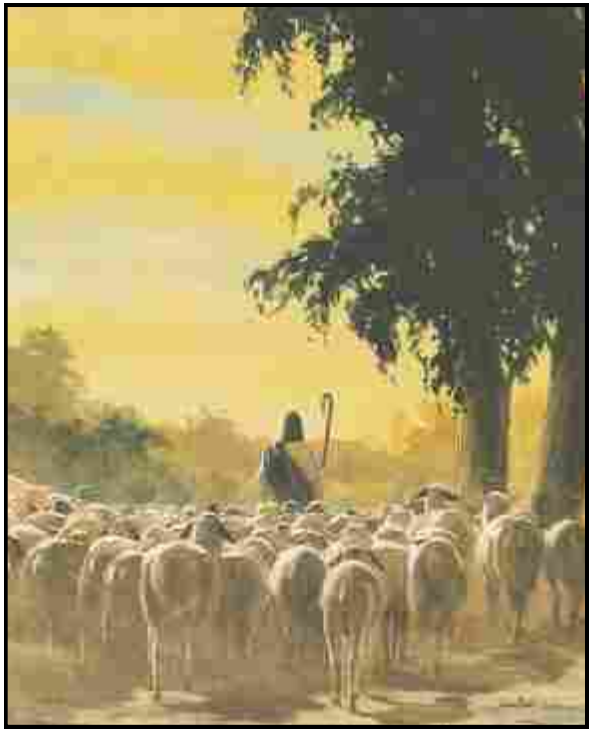

THE MOVEMENT OF REVELATION 10

For centuries the second coming of Christ was a forgotten doctrine of Scripture. Men thought that it might come sometime in the distant future, but nobody thought of the coming of Christ as near. Most theologians and scholars believed that a great millennium of peace was to come upon the earth for a thousand years before Christ would come again. As a result, few people looked for and expected the coming of the Lord. The book of Daniel and its time prophecies were forgotten.

However, at the end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth century there was a sudden awakening of interest in the second coming of Christ and in the time prophecies of the book of Daniel. It seems that overnight people in several parts of the world began an intensive investigation of the book of Daniel. In Chile a Roman Catholic priest, Manuel de Lacunza began to preach the soon return of Christ, based on a fulfilment of the prophecies of Daniel. In England, Edward Irving, Joseph Wolff and Henry Drummond preached the second coming of Jesus Christ extensively. Joseph Wolff traversed the world, sharing the good news of the coming of Christ. Wolff even appeared before a joint session of the Congress of the United States, proclaiming that Christ possibly could come in the mid-nineteenth century, based on the fulfilment of the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14.

By 1820, 300 Church of England and 600 of the non-conformist clergy were preaching the soon return of Jesus Christ. In Scandinavia, where all preaching contrary to the state church was forbidden, little children heralded the message of the soon coming of Christ. Everywhere on the European continent, and especially among the scholars and educated of society, there was great discussion about the possibility of the return of Christ in their lifetime. At the same time in America, independent of the Europeans, a movement arose that began to emphasize the soon return of Christ based on a fulfilment of the time prophecies of the book of Daniel.

The leader of the American movement was a Baptist farmer named William Miller, who was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1782 and grew up in Low Hampton, New York. By reading library books he

21. Should a Christian be worried about having the vital necessities of life? Luke 12:22-30

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NOTE: What fantastic promises! God says that He'll take care of our needs; we need not be concerned about them. Let's make sure we trust God completely.

22. What should the Christian seek first? Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of _____ and His righteousness, and all these _____ shall be _____ to you."

NOTE: If Christ is first and foremost in our lives, if God's cause and the proclamation of His message is our first priority, God promises that our needs will be cared for. What a fantastic encouragement to put God first in our lives!

23. Is it your desire to boa part of God's remnant people, and to support the worldwide proclamation of the everlasting gospel?

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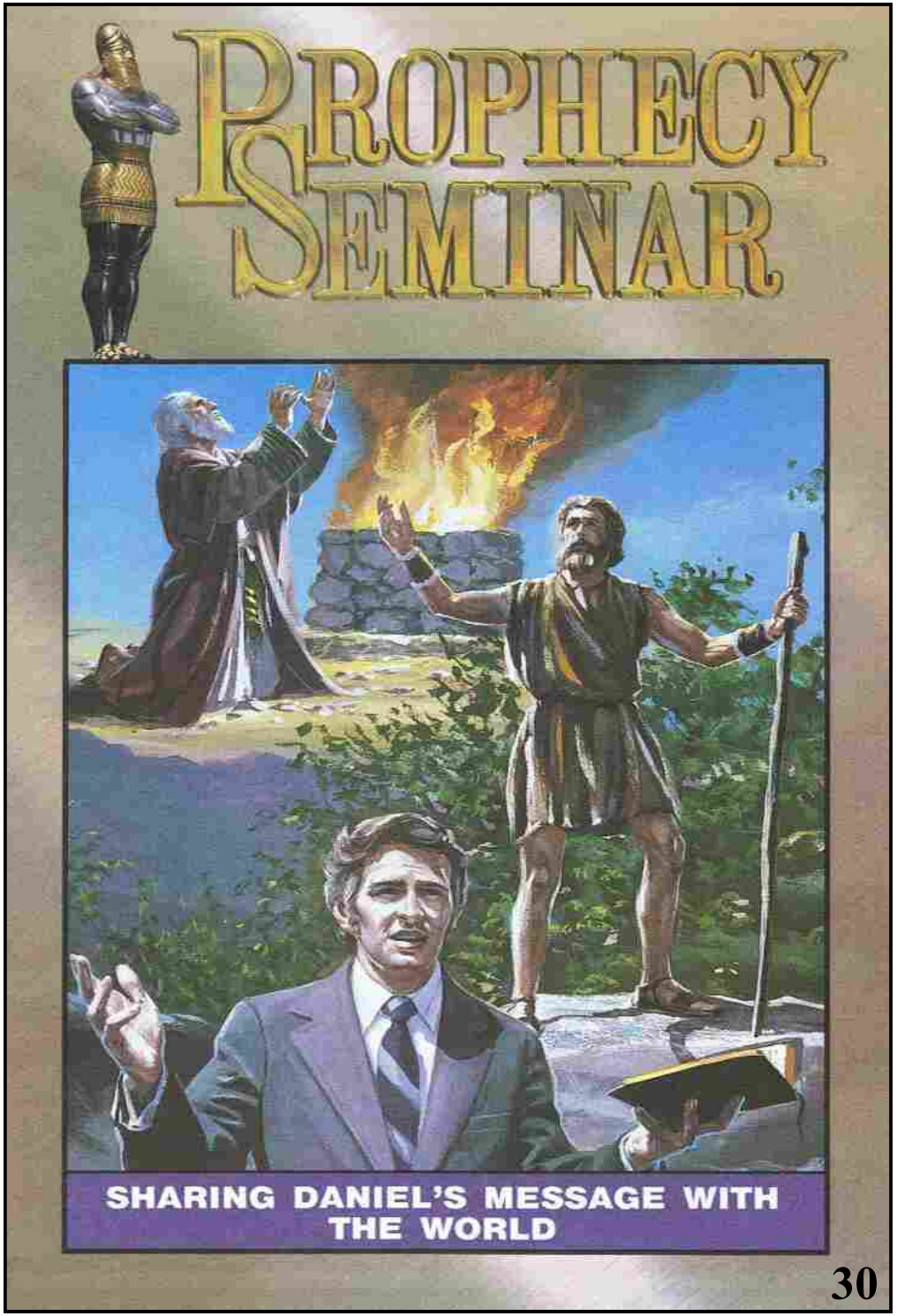

The tremendous message found in the book of Daniel needs to be given to the entire world. God has not given the message to us in order for us to keep it to ourselves! We must share it with our neighbours and friends. Hopefully, you will be able to invite some of them to the next Prophecy or Revelation Seminar. Perhaps you will even consider hosting a seminar in your home, to which you could invite your friends. Each of us must do everything in our power to share this message of the book of Daniel, for it is the message that helps prepare the way for the coming of the King!

THE NEED FOR WITNESSING

1. **What was to happen to the book of Daniel until the time of the end? Daniel 12:4**

   "Shut up the words, and _____ the book."

2. **When the book of Daniel was unsealed, what would be happening in the world? Daniel 12:4**

   "Many shall _____ to and fro, and _____ shall _____."

   NOTE: The Bible predicts that, in the end time, the book of Daniel would be opened again. People would be investigating the Scriptures as well as running to and fro throughout the earth, and knowledge of scripture and science etc. would be increased. The Bible actually foretells an explosion of knowledge as a sign of the end time. This Prophecy Seminar is part fulfillment of this great prophecy.

3. **What did Jesus say must happen before the end shall come? Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-12**

   "This _____... will be preached in _____ the _____."

   NOTE: Before Jesus can come, this gospel must go to every person on planet earth. Jesus does not give this commission to only a few people. We must all band together to share the good news that Jesus is coming again.

4. **What were the last words that Jesus spoke as He ascended into heaven? Acts 1:8**

   "You shall receive _____ when the _____ _____ has come upon you; and you shall be _____ to Me."

_____ of the LORD your God."

NOTE: An offering is any amount given in addition to the tithe. The Bible does not specify how much the offering is, but allows each individual to determine the amount in accordance with the blessing of God in his life. Thus, all other work of the Church is supported by freewill offerings.

In order to carry the "Everlasting Gospel" into all the world, the Church needs financial support. The tithe supports the gospel ministry of the Church. Offerings support the educational, medical, humanitarian and missionary work of the Church. Each member is encouraged to divide his offerings between the world needs, the local conference needs and the local church needs. Your teacher can explain to you how to use a tithe and offering envelope and the meaning of each of the offerings listed on the envelope.

16. **What does Jesus say about giving? Acts 20:35.**

    "It is more blessed to _____ than to receive."

17. **What promise does God give the faithful tithe payer through the prophet Malachi? Malachi 3:10 (931) [927].**

    "And _____ Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of _____ and pour out for you such _____ that there will not be room enough to receive it."

    NOTE: Absolutely fantastic! God actually says to test Him on this point. He will provide a blessing so big that we can't even receive it!

18. **If we give, what will happen to us? Luke 6:38**

    "Give, and it will be _____ to you: ... With the same _____ that you use, it will be measured back to you."

    NOTE: It is impossible to out-give God.

19. **What kind of a giver does God like? 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7**

    "God loves a _____ giver."

20. **Does life really consist of the possession of things? Luke 12:15**

    "One's life does not consist in the_____ of the _____ he possesses."

    NOTE: Sometimes the richest people in the world are the most unhappy. Life is more than material possessions. Possessing Jesus Christ and having a relationship with Him far outweighs material possessions.

12. How important is it for Christians to return the tithe to God? Malachi 3:8, 9

Failure to return tithe is called _____.

NOTE: God is very clear. To fail to return the tithe and give freewill offerings is to rob God. Tithing is a test of our honesty to God, but offerings are a demonstration of our love. No Christian wants to be found guilty of robbing God.

13. How were the Old Testament priests supported? Numbers 18:21

"I have given the children of Levi _____ the tithes in Israel."

NOTE: The children of Levi, the priests of the Old Testament, received all the tithe. The word tithe means "tenth". Ten percent of all the income of the children of Israel went to the priests for their support. In a Old Testament times, the tithe belonged exclusively to the priests, to those who ministered at the altar.

14. How does the apostle Paul say that the New Testament ministry is to be supported? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14

"Those who _____ the gospel should _____ from the gospel."

NOTE: Paul indicates that just as the Old Testament priests were supported by the temple, so God has ordained that the New Testament ministry be supported in the same way as the Old Testament ministry. The Old Testament ministry was supported exclusively from the tithe; likewise, the tithe is to be used for the support of the ministry in New Testament times.

When someone returns tithe to a Seventh-day Adventist Church, the local church treasurer remits all the tithe to the local conference. The local conference supports the gospel ministers in the conference. The local church does not pay the pastor. All pastors receive the same basic salary, regardless of the size of the church. In this way, large churches help the small churches, and pastors do not move to large churches to get larger salaries. The local conference, in turn, sends nearly forty percent of its tithe to the union conference and the General Conference in order to help support the ministry of the gospel around the world. Thus, the local individual church member who returns his tithe supports the worldwide ministry of the Church.

15. How is the rest of the work of the Church to be supported? Deuteronomy 16:17

"Every man shall _____ as he is able, according to the

NOTE: Jesus' parting words to His disciples was the great commission to go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. To accomplish that task, the disciples needed the power of the Holy Spirit. That power has been promised to the church today to enable it to fulfill its commission to carry the message into all the world. We who live in the last days, who seek to carry Daniel's special message of truth into all the world, must be dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish that task. It cannot be accomplished by human power. We all need the divine power of the Spirit. God has called each of us to be witnesses for Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. What you have discovered from God's Word in this Prophecy Seminar cannot be kept to yourself. To be faithful to the commission of Jesus, you must share it with others, and Jesus promises that He will give you the Holy Spirit as you witness.

THE NEED FOR BELONGING

God has commissioned every one of us to share His message with the entire world, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. But each individual is not to share it in a vacuum. The task is too gigantic to be done independently; that's why we need each other, and that's why we need to belong to God's church.

5. What is the church? Ephesians 1:22, 23

The church is the _____ of Christ.

NOTE: What a tremendous privilege to be a part of the body of Christ. Jesus thinks so much of His church that He calls it the body of Christ.

6. Where has God placed all the members of His church? 1 Corinthians 12:18

"In the _____ ."

NOTE: Some people feel church membership is not important, that it is not vital to belong to the church. The apostle Paul insists that every member of Christ's body is in the body. Each person is a member of the body. God is not leading independent persons; He is leading a movement today. In 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul describes the church as a physical body. Each one has a different function, but each one functions in the body. By everyone working together, the church is able to fulfill the mission of Christ to proclaim His message into all the world. That is the reason for its existence, and that's why every member needs to be a part of Christ's body.

7. What did people join when they were saved in New Testament times? Acts 2:47

"The Lord added to the _____ daily those who were being saved."

NOTE: Those who were saved in New Testament times were not commissioned to work independently. They were added to the church. They became members of the church, and they functioned as part of the church.

8. Why did Paul leave Titus behind at Crete when he continued his missionary journey? Titus 1:5

To "set in _____ the things that are lacking, and

_____ elders in every city as I commanded you".

NOTE: Paul left Titus on Crete for the express purpose of organizing the church and appointing church officers. The early church had meeting places, rules, regulations, and a definite organization, with officers presiding over the church.

9. When a dispute arose in the early church, a council was convened at Jerusalem. The church leaders discussed the Issue and then made pronouncement. Was that pronouncement to be accepted by the churches? Acts 15:19-31

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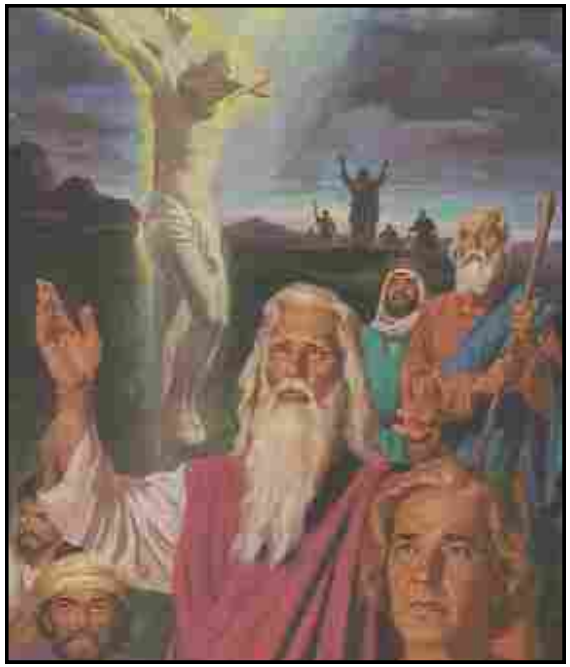
NOTE: There was a dispute in the early church over whether or not circumcision should be practiced. The Jerusalem Council was called to determine whether this should be laid upon the Gentile believers. The decision they reached was that it was not to be imposed on the believers. That message was then conveyed by letter, through the apostles, to the Gentile believers, who accepted the pronouncement given by James at Jerusalem. This decision was regarded as the decision of the Lord, it was accepted as binding upon all believers in the church. This incident very clearly indicates that the early church had a definite organization, and the members of the church respected the decision of the whole body.

10. How is the Seventh-day Adventist Church organized in these last days?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church today follows a pattern of organization similar to the early church. The Church around the world is bound together in one body, just as the early church was. Each local church is part of a local conference in which the churches in one ortwo states or portions of a state are bound together. Each local conference, in turn, is a part of a union conference. Five or six local conferences usually comprise a union conference. There are several union conferences in a world division and the world is divided into ten divisions of the General Conference. World divisions include North America, Inter-America, South America, South Pacific, etc. The world Church headquarters is located in the Washington, D. C. area. Thus, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is closely bound together throughout the entire world.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a representative form of government

in which delegates are selected from the local church to elect the leadership of the local conference. The local conference selects delegates to a union conference that elects the union leadership. The union conference selects delegates to the General Conference that elects the world leadership. Thus each individual member, through his/her representatives, has a voice in the affairs of the entire Church. Because of the unified system of organization in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Church is united throughout the world, with a global strategy for reaching earth's billions.



THE NEED FOR GIVING

The individual Christian needs not only to witness, but also to be a part of the body of Christ, the Church. As each one witnesses as a part of that body, the Church is able to share the everlasting gospel with the entire world (Revelation 14:6). By collectively binding together, the whole Church is able to accomplish much more than it would if each individual worked on his own. Likewise, by combining our various resources, we can all have a part in financing God's work around the world. Not only is there a need for witness and for belonging, but there is also a need for giving.

11. What is God's plan for the support of His world work? Malachi 3:10

"Bring all the _____ into the storehouse."

19. What despairing cry did Jesus utter on the cross? Mark 15:34

"My God, My God, why have You _____ Me."

NOTE: Forsaken of God? Yes. Jesus on the cross had become sin for the human race. Therefore, the Father separated Himself from the Son as Jesus bore the curse of God upon sin. It was this that broke the heart of the Son of God. It was not the physical suffering, but the mental anguish that He went through as He died the death of sinners.

20. As you look at Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, do you feel the need of accepting and even re-accepting Him and all that the cross means?

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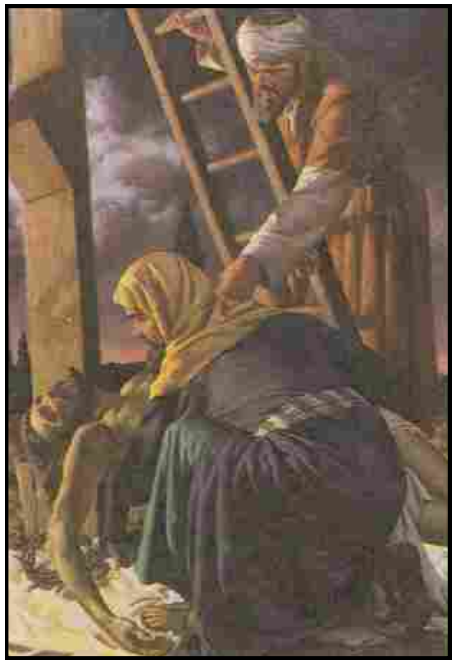

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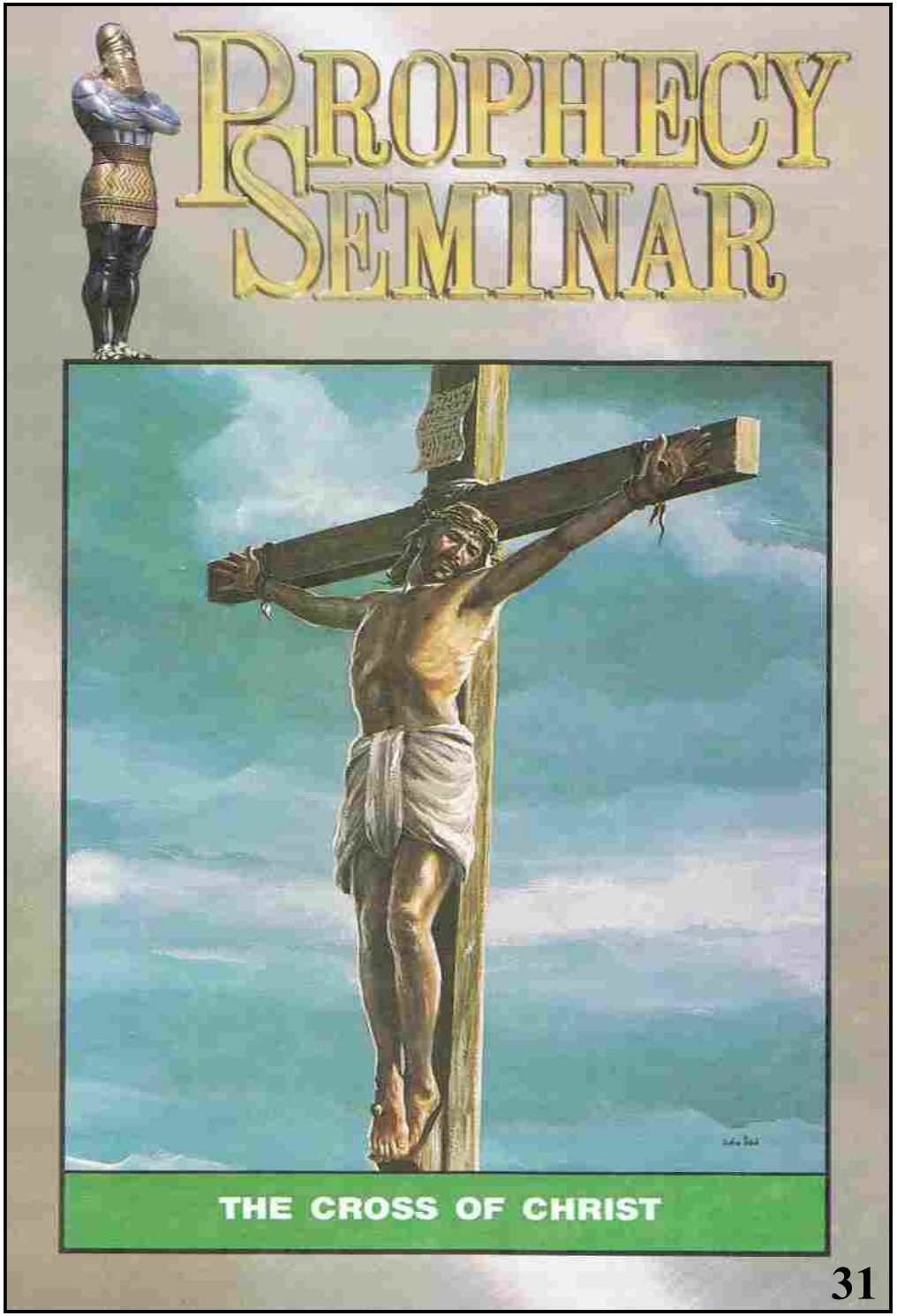

The book of Daniel has been an exciting study. It has focused our attention on the end time. We have seen that, in order to survive the troublous last days, God's people must have a vibrant, living relationship with Jesus Christ. In order to have such a relationship, individuals must sense their total dependence upon what Christ accomplished for them on the cross of Calvary. While Daniel focuses so intently on the end time, he also gives us one of the clearest predictions of the cross of Christ of any Old Testament prophet.

THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS

1. What prophecy did Daniel give about the Messiah? Daniel 9:25

"From the going forth of the command ... until _____ _____ _____ there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

NOTE: This prophecy has been studied extensively in previous lessons. The point we need to notice here is that Daniel clearly predicted the coming of Christ. This prophecy appears in the very heart of the book of Daniel, indicating the centrality of the cross even in the predictive part of the book of Daniel.

2. What was to happen in the midst of the seventieth week of this prophecy Daniel 9:27

"He shall bring an end to _____ and offering."

NOTE: Amazing! Daniel predicted the end of the sacrificial system by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. We must never forget, that underlying all the prophecies of Daniel, is the centrality of the cross of Christ.

3. How central was the cross to the writers of the New Testament? Galatians 6:14

"God forbid that I should boast except in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ."

NOTE: The cross was central in the thinking of New Testament writers. What a thing to glory in! In Bible times, the cross was the means used to put criminals to death. It's like saying that we glory in the electric chair or the gas chamber. Why glory in the cross? Because the cross was the means chosen by God to bring redemption to lost mankind. Today, the cross is a venerated object in many parts of the world. Many times, we forget its ugly side, but the cross still must be central in our thinking, for it is only by the cross that redemption comes to lost mankind.

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14. What was Pilate's response to the call to crucify Jesus? Matthew 27:24-26

Pilate _____ his hands.

NOTE: Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent. He knew that Jesus was falsely accused and condemned. But he feared the crowd. He saw what was right, but he washed his hands. Many of us are like Pilate. We examine the truth from all angles. We admit that it's right; it's in the Bible. But do we follow it? Are you a Pilate?

15. After washing his hands, what did Pilate do? Matthew27:26

"He delivered Him to be _____."

NOTE: To not take a stand to follow Christ is to take a stand to crucify Christ. Pilate washed his hands, but in the next moment he delivered Jesus to be crucified. If an individual does not make a decision to follow Jesus, it is a decision to crucify Him.

16. Before crucifying Jesus, what did Pilate order? Matthew 27:26-31

They _____ Jesus.

NOTE: The pure, innocent Son of God is stripped, scourged, a crown of thorns is placed upon His brow, they spit in His face. And, remember, He went through all of that for you!

17. What did Pilate say to the multitude when he brought Jesus forth again? John 19:5

"Behold the _____."

NOTE: Behold the Man as He carries that heavy wooden cross weighing over a hundred pounds up Golgotha's hill. Behold the Man as they lay Him out on the cross and nail His hands and feet to the wooden tree. Behold the Man as they lift up the cross and drop it into place, jarring the wounds in those hands and feet. The cross was so constructed that when a person hung upon it, every joint in the body would be out of shape, causing the most excruciating pain ever known to man. Many people on the cross became raving maniacs and the soldiers would have to get up on the cross and cut out their tongues to stop their terrible cursing.

18. What did Jesus cry while on the cross? Luke 23:34

"Father, _____ _____, for they do not know what they do."

NOTE: It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus prayed the prayer of submission. As He agonized with God, the Bible says that He sweat great drops of blood (Luke 22:44). Here Jesus was tempted to leave the world to itself and go back to the Father. But to secure people's redemption, He prayed, "Not My will, but Yours, be done". As Jesus prayed this prayer of submission, the sins of the entire world were rolled upon His shoulders. He became sin for the human race. As the weight of sin fell upon Him, He fell prostrate upon the ground.

9. How then did Judas betray the Son of God? Matthew 26:48, 49

With a _____.

NOTE: As Jesus came forth from the garden, the soldiers and multitude were coming up the hillside. Judas came forward and betrayed the Son of God with a kiss. Jesus was then arrested, taken to Caiaphas' Judgment Hall, and there went through the mockery of a trial. Witnesses were hired to lie and testify against Him. And finally, they condemned the innocent Son of God. However, the Jewish rulers were not able to execute, so they took Him to Pilate to secure His condemnation.

10. How did Jesus respond when standing before Pilate? Matthew 27:12-14

"He answered _____."

NOTE: Amazing! Here was Jesus, falsely accused, falsely condemned, yet in perfect control. Remember, Jesus had been through the ordeal of Gethsemane, the agony of the trial, a night without sleep. His nerves must have been rubbing raw, and yet He stood there in perfect composure and calm.

11. How did Pilate react to Christ in perfect control? Matthew 27:14

"The governor _____ greatly."

NOTE: This is no namby-pamby Jesus! He is a real man!

12. What choice did Pilate offer the multitude? Matthew 27:15-18

Christ or _____.

13. Whom did the people ask to have released? Matthew 27:20-22

_____

NOTE: Remember, this was the majority of church-going people who asked that Barabbas be released and Jesus be crucified. Many people make religious decisions based on what the majority do. Please note that the majority of church-going, religious people in the time of Christ asked for Barabbas and called on the authorities to crucify Jesus. We cannot base our religion on the

GOD'S SYSTEM THAT UPLIFTS THE CROSS

The devil is never happy when God's people uplift the cross. He knows how important and central the cross is to the Christian faith; therefore, he would never dare to attack the cross openly. Christians would rise up against any overt attack on the cross. Instead, the devil works insidiously by introducing theories and teachings that, if accepted, would nullify or destroy the all-sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The devil would like us to think that we can get to heaven by some other means apart from Jesus Christ.

While Satan has tried to introduce a counterfeit system that either destroys or nullifies the cross of Jesus Christ, God's last-day message is going to all the world today. That message restores truths that Satan has tried to weaken, hide or destroy. In restoring these truths, God's last-day message uplifts the cross of Christ, showing that man cannot be saved by his own efforts but that he needs Jesus. It restores the centrality of the cross to the Christian faith. We notice that, in Satan's system, the focus is self-centred and the foundation is salvation by works or man's own effort. In God's system, the focus is Christ-centered and the foundation is salvation by grace as a gift from God.

4. Which of these teachings uplifts the cross of Christ?

Please check one: ☐ Creation ☐ Evolution

NOTE: The doctrine of evolution teaches that the human race began as a one -celled organism, split into two cells, four cells, etc., and gradually evolved through millions of years until eventually humans came into existence. Its basic tenet is the natural progression of mankind apart from God. However, if people are progressing naturally, ever advancing and getting better all the time, then they would have no need of Jesus Christ and the cross. The doctrine of evolution destroys the need for the cross, for it says that people can lift themselves up by their own bootstraps and solve their own problems. Thus, they do not need Jesus or the cross.

While evolution teaches that people are getting better and better and can solve their own problems, creation teaches that people started out from the hand of their Creator perfect, fell from their high estate and desperately need the cross and the relationship with Jesus to lift them up from the mire of sin and restore them to that lost estate. Evolution is salvation by man's own works and progress. Creation says that, in order to be saved, people need Jesus Christ. This is salvation by grace. Evolution is a single cell crawling out of a "cold mud puddle". Creation teaches that we were created with a noble heritage in the image of God. Evolution teaches that our lives are controlled by the impersonal forces of accident and chance. Creation teaches us that our future is in the hand of a loving Saviour. Evolution teaches that change takes millions of years. Creation teaches that we can have new life right now.

5. Which of these teachings uplifts the cross of Christ?

☐ Life sustained independent of God.

☐ Life only through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Man, in sinful rebellion, has sought to deny God's existence, sovereignty and life-sustaining power. If we deny that He exists, that He created us, and that there is no higher authority than our own wishes, we then become a law unto ourselves. We do not recognize our true condition for there is no standard by which to judge, and everyone else is in a similar condition. In this way, we become our own standard, our own judge, our own "god". The devil is perfectly happy to have us ignore God, His claims and especially His life-changing power that is ready to be freely and lavishly given. Thus blinded and kept in ignorance, we become enslaved to the passions of the world with its resulting destruction (1 John 2:15-17). If we can be kept, either through ignorance, fear, pride or any number of means, from turning to God, experiencing His love and entering into His plan for our ultimate best happiness, then the devil has retained our allegiance even without us knowing it (Romans 6:16).

The belief in life sustained apart from God tends to turn our focus on ourselves and on our own desires. History records countless instances of individuals with no higher ideals than to please themselves. The unhappiness and disastrous consequences of such abandonment to self is also recorded. Children left to their own whims become selfish, delinquent and totally unhappy.

Recognizing God as our Creator, Sustainer, Law-giver and Saviour results in a purposeful life focused outside our immediate selves and uplifts the cross of Christ. Recognizing our life only in Christ brings true meaning, purpose and ultimate happiness to life here and in Heaven throughout eternity.

6. Which of these teachings uplifts the cross of Christ?

☐ The Law done away with.

☐ The Law eternal, a reflection of God's character.

NOTE: The devil would have us believe that the Ten Commandments have been abolished, that Christians no longer need to keep them. The Bible says, "sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). If there was no law, then there would be no sin, and if there was no sin, there would be no reason for Jesus to die to save me from sin. The teaching that wants to do away with the law of God also virtually destroys the need for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The purpose of the law is to show a person that he is a sinner in need of the cleansing power of Christ. If there is no law, there is no sin and thus also no sinners. All this is apart from and independent of Jesus Christ. Whenever the law is upheld, not as a means of salvation but to point out sin, it clearly uplifts the cross and shows a person his need of Jesus. When one looks at the law, he realizes that he cannot save himself because he is powerless to keep the law perfectly. He

needs the cleansing power of Christ. Thus, the teaching that uplifts the law of God really emphasizes salvation by grace, whereas the teaching

that eliminates the law makes every person accountable unto himself and does away with the need for God, grace or the cross.

7. Which of these doctrines uplifts the cross?

☐ God's seventh-day Bible

☐ Sabbath Substituting another day for the Sabbath

NOTE: The seventh-day Sabbath is God's chosen memorial of His creation, redemption, and great gift to mankind: the gift of time to be with Him in a special relationship. Billions of dollars are spent to gain precious time, yet God gives it freely. Those things that are important to us we take time for, those things that are not important to us we say we are too busy for, "don't have the time". We are so important to God that He sets a particular appointment each week in His schedule just to enter into and strengthen that special relationship that He has with us. Is He important enough to us for us to do the same?

By keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, we recognize Jesus as the Creator. By keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, we recognize Him as our Authority and Law-giver. By keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, we recognize Him as our Redeemer.

In six days God created the heaven and the earth and then rested the seventh day. Four thousand years later, Jesus Christ came in the flesh and went to the cross. On the same sixth day of the week, He hung upon the cross and cried, "It is finished". Then He went to the tomb and rested on the same seventh-day Sabbath, now a sign of His finished work of redemption. To introduce the Sabbath on another day of the week, we would be denying His work as Creator, we would be denying His authority as our Law-giver and we would be denying His finished work on the cross as our Redeemer.

Every time God's system of truth is emphasized, we uplift, uphold and exalt the cross of Christ. The cross is the central point of the Christian faith. Let each of us make certain that we are continually uplifting Jesus and the cross by emphasizing and accepting those great truths that center in the cross of Christ.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Notice now the events of Calvary as our Saviour went through with His great sacrifice to secure our redemption on the cross of Calvary.

8. What prayer did Jesus pray in the Garden of Gethsemane? Matthew 26:39, 42

"But as You _____."

NOTE: God's invitation is open to everyone. Over the last several weeks, you have studied the great truths of the Word of God in this Prophecy Seminar. You have come face to face with Jesus Christ and have been asked to establish a deep, personal relationship with Him through daily Bible study, daily prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping. The only ones who enter the holy city are those who have established this relationship with Jesus. The only way to begin this relationship is by accepting Him as your Saviour and Lord.

27. Is it your desire to develop a beautiful relationship with Jesus through daily Bible study, daily prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping, that you might be among the people who enter the holy city?

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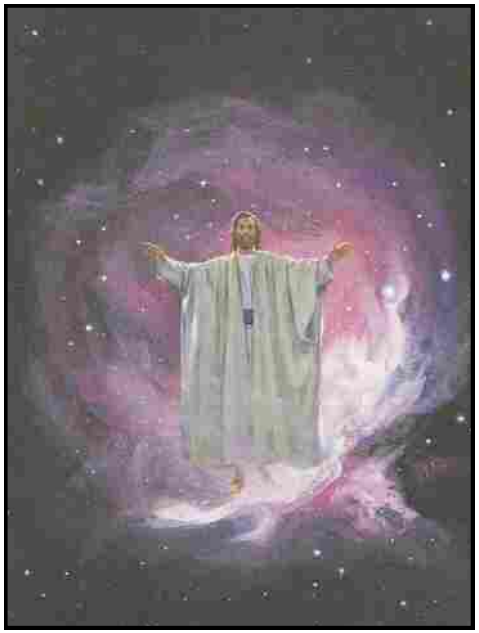
"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14)



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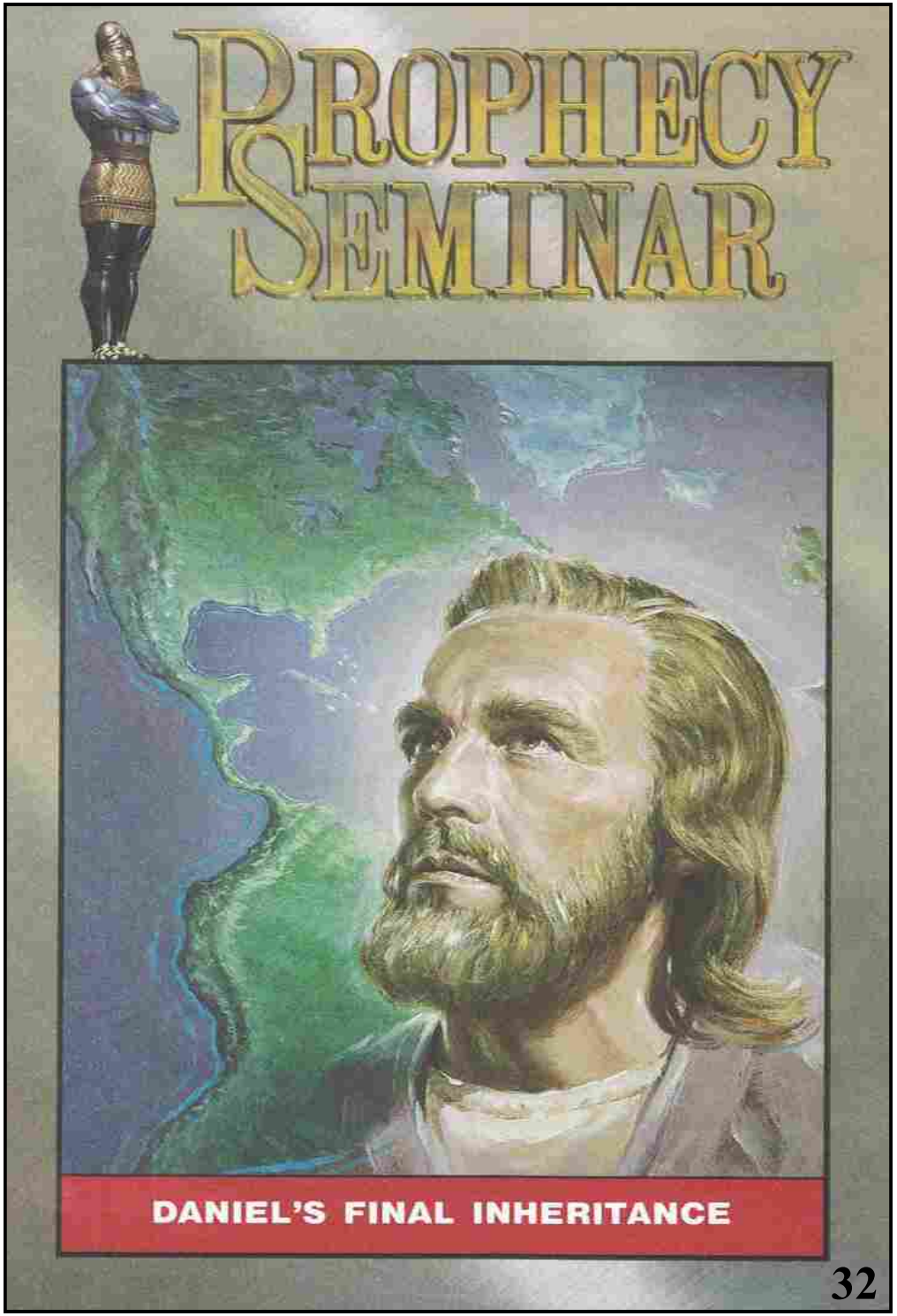

We have spent over thirty times together studying the book of Daniel. What an exciting adventure it has been! How thrilling to understand the great prophecies of the book of Daniel! What a tremendous message God has given us in that great Old Testament book!

We have studied the great prophecies of Daniel, we have examined the stories of Daniel. We have seen how the stories illustrate the end-time crisis predicted in the prophecies. Please turn to the exhibit with this lesson and fill in the appropriate answers to each of the questions. This exhibit will review the main point from each lesson. You will need to refer to your previous lessons for the answers. Also, at the end of this exhibit there is a chart which parallels each of the prophecies in Daniel. Be sure to check it often to get the broad picture of Daniel's predictions.

The book of Daniel has given us tremendous insights into what has happened in the past and what will happen in the future. We have learned that God is in control of human events, that the whole world is headed toward that grand, climactic event of history, the second coming of Christ. But the book of Daniel does not end with merely the recitation of world events; it also focuses on the ultimate kingdom that the saints inherit. That is the major focal point of most of the prophecies. We cannot end this study of the book of Daniel without one final focus on our glorious inheritance. To do this, we will study, not only what the book of Daniel says about the final inheritance, but also what the book of Revelation reveals about the final home of the redeemed.

1. **What was Daniel told that he would do until the very end? Daniel 12:13**

   "For you shall _____."

   NOTE: Daniel was told that he, like all God's saints who have died, will rest in the grave until Jesus comes and resurrects him.

2. **When the consummation of all things happens, where will Daniel stand? Daniel 12:13**

   "For you shall. . . arise to your _____ at the end of the days."

   NOTE: The New International Version translates this verse: "You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance". Daniel, too, shall receive the grand inheritance of the saints. The book of Daniel ends with this triumphant note for its writer. He who was faithful through all the tribulations of ancient Babylon will receive his final inheritance. Likewise, the people of God in the last days can take courage. They may go through troublous times as Daniel did but like Daniel, they shall receive their final inheritance at the time of the end.

3. **How has Daniel described this final inheritance? Daniel 2:44**

   "In the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a _____ which shall never be destroyed."

NOTE: What an amazing, absolutely perfect city! One furlong equals 1/8 of a mile, which would make the city 1500 miles in circumference, 375 miles on each side, containing 140,625 square miles. The wall, being 144 cubits or 216 feet high, makes this an absolutely glorious city, unlike any city ever seen on planet earth.

HEAVEN IS GOD'S HOME

23. **Who will live in the new Earth? Revelation 22:3**

    "The throne of God and of the _____ shall be in it."

    NOTE: Heaven and the new earth will be God's home.

24. **Who will the righteous see in the new earth? Revelation 224**

    "They shall see His _____, and His name shall be on their foreheads."

    NOTE: This is the glorious good news of heaven: Jesus will be there! The One who died for us will be our constant companion. That's what makes it heaven; without Christ it wouldn't be heaven. That must be the real reason that we want to go to heaven. We are so in love with Jesus Christ that we want to see Him who died for us. As the poet has said,

    "O heaven without my Saviour would be no heaven to me. Dim were the walls of jasper, rayless the crystal sea."

25. **How can I be there? Psalm 24:3, 4**

    "He who has _____ hands and a _____ heart."

    NOTE: The only way to be there is to have clean hands and a pure heart: the way of forgiveness through a dying Christ and the way of a new heart and power to live through a living Christ. When the Lord of heaven sweeps through the gates of the New Jerusalem with the redeemed of all ages, the question is asked, "By what right do you enter here", and the answer returns in bold refrain, "We come by the blood-red banner of Calvary". There is no other way to come, no other door, no other gate. Everyone who enters the city will come by the way of the cross. Will you lift its banner now by an act of deliberate choice? There is no compulsion, just an appeal. But it means life, eternal life. Will you accept it?

26. **What Is the final Invitation of Scripture? Revelation 22:17.**

    "And the Spirit and the bride say, '_____!' And let him who hears say, `_____!' And let him who thirsts _____, let him take the water of life freely."

more wonderful picture of peace could be given than this. The new earth will be a peaceful home. No more wars, no more bloodshed, no more strife. Heaven will be peaceful.

18. What will God finally remove from the new earth? Revelation 21:4

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more _____, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more _____, for the former things have passed away."

NOTE: What wondrous hope; what a glorious future! No death, no pain, no tears, no suffering! No wonder heaven will be a happy home.

19. What will the inhabitant not say in the new earth? Isaiah 33:24

"I am _____."

20. What happens to those who have had deformities In this world? Isaiah 35:5, 6

'Then the eyes of the blind shall be _____, and the ears of the deaf shall be _____. Then the lame shall _____ like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb _____."

NOTE: Absolutely fantastic! Imagine the sight as the scales fall from the blind man's eyes and he sees Jesus; as the lame man leaps for a joy and the deaf hears the voice of Jesus calling! In this picture of the new earth, there is no deformity. Everyone is fully restored.

21. How else does the Bible describe the New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:11

"Having the _____ of God."

22. Describe the glorious holy city. Revelation21:12-21

a. _____ gates.

b. _____ foundations with names of _____ apostles.

c. "The city is laid out as a _____."

d. "Twelve _____ furlongs."

e. Wall "_____ and _____cubits."

f. Wall made of _____ and city of pure _____.

g. Streets of city are pure _____.

NOTE: The final inheritance of the saints is spoken of as a kingdom. It is not a mystical, spiritual place, but a living reality, a kingdom.

4. What will be given to the Son of Man at the time of the end? Daniel 7:13-14

"Then to Him was given _____ and _____ and a _____."

NOTE: Notice the reality of the inheritance that Christ receives for His people. It is an actual dominion and a real kingdom.

5. To whom does Christ give this kingdom and dominion? Daniel 7:27

'Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the _____ of the Most High."

6. Asa result of the judgment, what do the saints possess? Daniel 7:22

"The time came for the saints to possess the _____."

NOTE: Throughout the book of Daniel, it is very clear that this final inheritance that Daniel, along with all the redeemed, receives is a real kingdom. So many people think of heaven as a place where the saints float on clouds and strum harps. But the Bible pictures heaven, the final inheritance of God's people, as being a kingdom. The very words "kingdom" and "dominion" indicate the reality of our inheritance.

THE REALITY OF HEAVEN

7. What does Jesus call the Inheritance of the saints? Matthew 25:34

"Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

8. Where is this kingdom located now? John 14:1-3

"In My Father's _____ are many mansions ... I go to prepare a _____ for you."

NOTE: Again, notice the reality of the inheritance given the saints. There is a special place prepared for them by Jesus. That place is in the Father's house. The Father's house is heaven. What a glorious privilege God has given us! A special place has been prepared for us in heaven itself! Jesus has prepared that place especially for you! Wonder of wonders. I have a place already prepared for me in the Father's house.

9. **When do the saints go to heaven? John 14:3**

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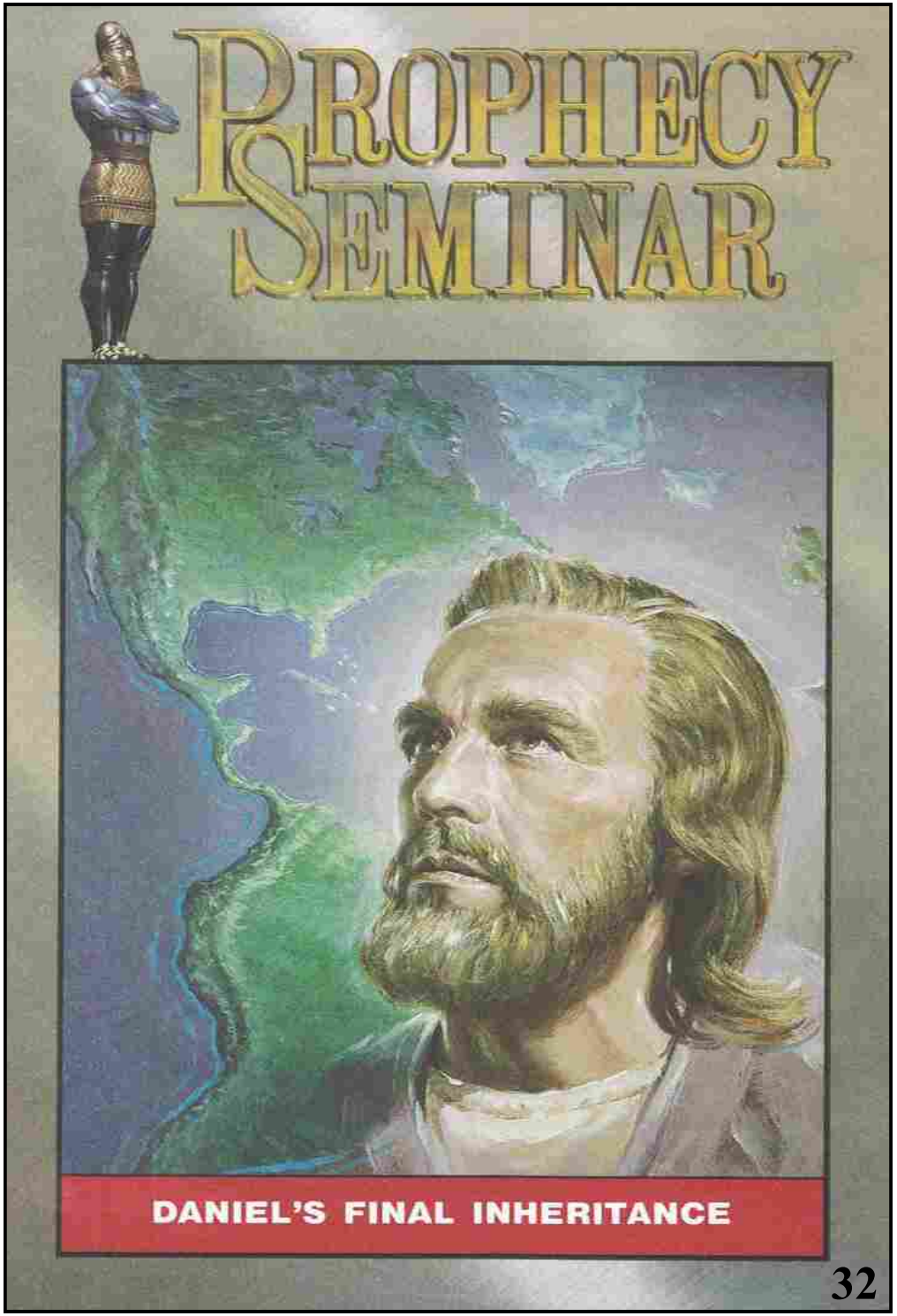

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NOTE: The final inheritance of the saints is spoken of as a kingdom. It is not a mystical, spiritual place, but a living reality, a kingdom.

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"Then to Him was given _____ and _____ and a _____."

NOTE: Notice the reality of the inheritance that Christ receives for His people. It is an actual dominion and a real kingdom.

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'Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the _____ of the Most High."

6. **Asa result of the judgment, what do the saints possess? Daniel 7:22**

"The time came for the saints to possess the _____."

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THE REALITY OF HEAVEN

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Breast and arms of silver	Bear	Ram	3 kings	Medo-Persia
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Legs off iron	Dragon	Little horn	King of North	Rome
Feet of iron and clay	10 horns			Divisions of Rome
	Little horn	Little horn	King of North	Papacy
	Judgment	Sanctuary cleansed		Judgment
			Final conflict involving King of the North	Revived Papal/ Protestant/ Spiritualistic Union- Spiritual Babylon
Stone smashes image	Kingdom given to saints	Desolations to the end	God's people delivered	Second coming of Christ

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30. What is the basic principle to follow in keeping the Sabbath? See Lesson 27.

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31. Why does God ask people today to dress simply and hold up high standards in recreational habits? See Lesson 27.

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32. How do we know that God still speaks to prophets today? See Lesson 28.

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33. The rise of what church was foretold in the movement described in Revelation 10? See Lesson 29.

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34. What does the Bible indicate that the tithe is to be used for? See Lesson 30.

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35. What kind of bodies will the saints have in the new earth? See Lesson 32.

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"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more _____, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more _____, for the former things have passed away."

NOTE: What wondrous hope; what a glorious future! No death, no pain, no tears, no suffering! No wonder heaven will be a happy home.

19. What will the inhabitant not say in the new earth? Isaiah 33:24

"I am _____."

20. What happens to those who have had deformities In this world? Isaiah 35:5, 6

'Then the eyes of the blind shall be _____, and the ears of the deaf shall be _____. Then the lame shall _____ like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb _____."

NOTE: Absolutely fantastic! Imagine the sight as the scales fall from the blind man's eyes and he sees Jesus; as the lame man leaps for a joy and the deaf hears the voice of Jesus calling! In this picture of the new earth, there is no deformity. Everyone is fully restored.

21. How else does the Bible describe the New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:11

"Having the _____ of God."

22. Describe the glorious holy city. Revelation21:12-21

a. _____ gates.

b. _____ foundations with names of _____ apostles.

c. "The city is laid out as a _____."

d. "Twelve _____ furlongs."

e. Wall "_____ and _____cubits."

f. Wall made of _____ and city of pure _____.

g. Streets of city are pure _____.

See Lesson 16.

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See Lesson 19.

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See Lesson 23.

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26. What is the mark of the beast? See Lesson 24.

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See Lesson 24.

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28. What three powers constitute the final spiritual Babylon?
See Lesson 25.

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See Lesson 26.

See Lesson 7.

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11. Who does the little horn of Daniel 7 represent? See Lesson 9.

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13. What is the origin of the Seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday? See Lesson 11.

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14. Who claims to have changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday? See Lesson 11.

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1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

18. What work did Christ begin in heaven in 1844? See Lesson 15.

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19. How many people are on the earth during the 1000 years?

NOTE: What an amazing, absolutely perfect city! One furlong equals 1/8 of a mile, which would make the city 1500 miles in circumference, 375 miles on each side, containing 140,625 square miles. The wall, being 144 cubits or 216 feet high, makes this an absolutely glorious city, unlike any city ever seen on planet earth.

HEAVEN IS GOD'S HOME

23. Who will live in the new Earth? Revelation 22:3

"The throne of God and of the _____ shall be in it."

NOTE: Heaven and the new earth will be God's home.

24. Who will the righteous see in the new earth? Revelation 224

"They shall see His _____, and His name shall be on their foreheads."

NOTE: This is the glorious good news of heaven: Jesus will be there! The One who died for us will be our constant companion. That's what makes it heaven; without Christ it wouldn't be heaven. That must be the real reason that we want to go to heaven. We are so in love with Jesus Christ that we want to see Him who died for us. As the poet has said,

"O heaven without my Saviour would be no heaven to me. Dim were the walls of jasper, rayless the crystal sea."

25. How can I be there? Psalm 24:3, 4

"He who has _____ hands and a _____ heart."

NOTE: The only way to be there is to have clean hands and a pure heart: the way of forgiveness through a dying Christ and the way of a new heart and power to live through a living Christ. When the Lord of heaven sweeps through the gates of the New Jerusalem with the redeemed of all ages, the question is asked, "By what right do you enter here", and the answer returns in bold refrain, "We come by the blood-red banner of Calvary". There is no other way to come, no other door, no other gate. Everyone who enters the city will come by the way of the cross. Will you lift its banner now by an act of deliberate choice? There is no compulsion, just an appeal. But it means life, eternal life. Will you accept it?

26. What Is the final Invitation of Scripture? Revelation 22:17.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, '_____!' And let him who hears say, `_____!' And let him who thirsts _____, let him take the water of life freely."

NOTE: God's invitation is open to everyone. Over the last several weeks, you have studied the great truths of the Word of God in this Prophecy Seminar. You have come face to face with Jesus Christ and have been asked to establish a deep, personal relationship with Him through daily Bible study, daily prayer and weekly Sabbath-keeping. The only ones who enter the holy city are those who have established this relationship with Jesus. The only way to begin this relationship is by accepting Him as your Saviour and Lord.

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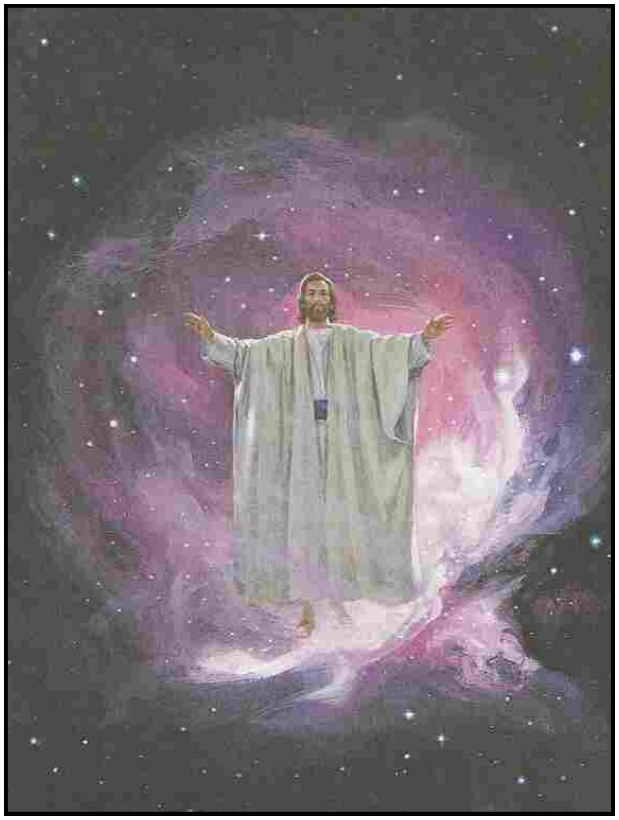
"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14)



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3. Is Christ fully divine and fully human? See Lesson 2.

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4. What are the two main issues in the book of Daniel? See Lesson 3.

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5. Who are the only ones who passed the really great tests in the book of Daniel? See Lessons 3 and 19.

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6. Name the four empires represented by the great image. See Lessen 4.

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7. Who went through the fire with the three Hebrew worthies? See Lesson 5.

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8. God saves man by grace plus the works that he performs. True or False? See Lesson 6.

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9. What idolatrous act of Belshazzar resulted in the fall of ancient Babylon?