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Daniel 11: Trump Not the Last President

Part 8: Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium

Daniel 11:10 Established by the Battles Prior to “Midnight”

In Part 6, it was presented that Daniel 11:10 reveals the history of Trump’s secret alliance with Putin helping to illegally make him president, and that businessmen and generals were involved in the carrying through the objectives of the secret alliance. It was shown that the ancient history of Daniel 11:10 reveals that traitors will be the key to providing the necessary information to oust Trump and anyone involved in the secret alliance with Russia. It was also discussed that Daniel 11:10 also provides the history for H. Clinton’s actions when she takes over the presidency from Trump, and that she will face a civil war crisis as well as retaliate against Russia in a limited way prior to Midnight. In this last part of this document, it will be shown that the Battle of Thermopylae and the Battle of Dyrrachium parallel the history of Daniel 11:10.

The Battle of Thermopylae was fought between Xerxes, king of Persia, and King Leonidas of Sparta, a Greek city-state. Xerxes won this battle in a limited way through the help of traitors. Greece then decisively won the following Battle of Plataea (representing Midnight). The Battle of Dyrrachium was a battle in the civil war between Pompey and Julius Caesar, in which Pompey also claimed an indecisive victory due to the help of traitors. Julius Caesar then decisively won the following Battle of Pharsalus (also representing Midnight). The pattern of these two battles provides a witness to the history of Daniel 11:10 regarding Trump and H. Clinton’s presidencies. The battles will first be described, then the parallels to verse 10 will be made.

Battle of Thermopylae

From Wikipedia:

The Battle of Thermopylae ... was fought between an alliance of Greek city-states, led by King Leonidas of Sparta, and the Persian empire of Xerxes I over the course of three days, during the second Persian invasion of Greece. It took place simultaneously with the naval battle at Artemesium, in August or September 480 BC, at the narrow coastal pass of Thermopylae ("The Hot Gates") ... Xerxes had amassed a huge army and navy, and set out to conquer all of Greece. The Athenian general Themistocles had proposed that the allied Greeks block the advance of the Persian army at the pass of Thermopylae, and simultaneously block the Persian navy at the Straits of Artemesium ...

The vastly outnumbered Greeks held off the Persians for seven days (including three of battle) before the rear-guard was annihilated in one of history's most famous last stands. During two full days of battle, the small force led by Leonidas blocked the only road by which the massive Persian army could pass. After the second day, a local resident named Ephialtes betrayed the Greeks by revealing that a small path led behind the Greek lines. Leonidas, aware that his force was being outflanked, dismissed the bulk of the Greek army and remained to guard their retreat with 300 Spartans, 700 Thespians, and 400 Thebans, fighting to the death...

... in 486 BC ... Egyptian subjects revolted ... Xerxes crushed the Egyptian revolt and very quickly restarted the preparations for the invasion of Greece. Since this was to be a full-scale invasion, it required long-term planning, stockpiling, and conscription ... By early 480 BC, the preparations were complete, and the army which Xerxes had mustered at Sardis marched towards Europe, crossing the Hellespont on two pontoon bridges ...

The Athenians had also been preparing for war with the Persians since the mid-480s BC, and in 482 BC the decision was taken, under the guidance of the Athenian politician Themistocles, to build a massive fleet of triremes that would be essential for the Greeks to fight the Persians. However, the Athenians lacked the manpower to fight on both land and sea; therefore, combating the Persians would require an alliance of Greek city-states ... A congress of city-states met at Corinth in late autumn of 481 BC, and a confederate alliance of Greek city-states was formed ... This was remarkable for the disjointed Greek world, especially since many of the city-states in attendance were still technically at war with each other.

... The Spartan force was reinforced en route to Thermopylae by contingents from various cities and numbered more than 7,000 by the time it arrived at the pass. Leonidas chose to camp at, and defend, the "middle gate", the narrowest part of the pass of Thermopylae, where the Phocians had built a defensive wall some time before ...

Finally, in mid-August, the Persian army was sighted across the Malian Gulf approaching Thermopylae. With the Persian army's arrival at Thermopylae the Greeks held a council of war ... Leonidas calmed the panic and agreed to defend Thermopylae.

Xerxes sent a Persian emissary to negotiate with Leonidas. The Greeks were offered their freedom, the title "Friends of the Persian People", and the opportunity to re-settle on land better than that they possessed. When Leonidas refused these terms, the ambassador carried a written message by Xerxes, asking him to "Hand over your arms". Leonidas' famous response was for the Persians to "Come and take them" (Μολὼν λαβέ). With the Persian embassy returning empty-handed, battle became inevitable. Xerxes delayed for four days, waiting for the Greeks to disperse, before sending troops to attack them ...

... the pass of Thermopylae consisted of a track along the shore of the Malian Gulf ... the pass was 100 metres wide, probably wider than the Greeks could have held against the Persian hordes. Herodotus reports that the Phocians had improved the defenses of the pass by channelling the stream from the hot springs to create a marsh, and it was a causeway across this marsh which was only wide enough for a single chariot to traverse ...

... on the southern side of the track stood cliffs that overlooked the pass. However, a glance at any photograph of the pass shows there are no cliffs, only steep slopes covered in thorny bushes and trees. Although no obstacle to individuals, such terrain would not be passable by an army and its baggage train.

... Along the path itself was a series of three constrictions, or "gates" (pylai), and at the center gate a short wall that had been erected by the Phocians, in the previous century ... The name "Hot Gates" comes from the hot springs that were located there ...

First day ... The Greeks killed so many Medes that Xerxes is said to have stood up three times from the seat from which he was watching the battle. According to Ctesias, the first wave was "cut to ribbons", with only two or three Spartans killed in return.

According to Herodotus and Diodorus, the king, having taken the measure of the enemy, threw his best troops into a second assault the same day, the Immortals, an elite corps of 10,000 men. However, the Immortals fared no better than the Medes, and failed to make any headway against the Greeks. The Spartans apparently used a tactic of feigning retreat, and then turning and killing the enemy troops when they ran after them.

... On the second day, Xerxes again sent in the infantry to attack the pass, "supposing that their enemies, being so few, were now disabled by wounds and could no longer resist." However, the Persians had no more success on the second day than on the first. Xerxes at last stopped the assault and withdrew to his camp, "totally perplexed".

Later that day, however, as the Persian king was pondering what to do next, he received a windfall; a Trachinian named Ephialtes informed him of the mountain path around Thermopylae and offered to guide the Persian army. Ephialtes was motivated by the desire for a reward. For this act, the name "Ephialtes" received a lasting stigma; it came to mean "nightmare" in the Greek language and to symbolize the archetypal traitor in Greek culture.

At daybreak on the third day, the Phocians guarding the path above Thermopylae became aware of the outflanking Persian column by the rustling of oak leaves ...

A Persian force of 10,000 men, comprising light infantry and cavalry, charged at the front of the Greek formation. The Greeks this time sallied forth from the wall to meet the Persians in the wider part of the pass, in an attempt to slaughter as many Persians as they could ... As the Immortals approached, the Greeks withdrew and took a stand on a hill behind the wall. The Thebans "moved away from their companions, and with hands upraised, advanced toward the barbarians..." (Rawlinson translation), but a few were slain before their surrender was accepted. The king later had the Theban prisoners branded with the royal mark ...

Thermopylae is arguably the most famous battle in European ancient history, repeatedly referenced in ancient, recent, and contemporary culture. In Western culture at least, it is the Greeks who are lauded for their performance in battle. However, within the context of the Persian invasion, Thermopylae was undoubtedly a defeat for the Greeks ... The Greek position at Thermopylae, despite being massively outnumbered, was nearly impregnable. If the position had been held for even a little longer, the Persians might have had to retreat for lack of food and water. Thus, despite the heavy losses, forcing the pass was strategically a Persian victory, but the successful retreat of the bulk of the Greek troops was in its own sense a victory as well. The battle itself had showed what a few free men, willing to do anything for victory against the invaders, could accomplish, and the defeat at Thermopylae had turned Leonidas and the men under his command into martyrs. That boosted the morale of all Greek soldiers in the second Persian invasion ...

Militarily, although the battle was actually not decisive in the context of the Persian invasion, Thermopylae is of some significance on the basis of the first two days of fighting ... ("Battle of Thermopylae").

About two months after this Persian victory, the Greeks retaliated and won at the Battle of Salamis and Battle of Plataea. The Persians representing the United States, and the Greeks

(“realm of Grecia”) representing Russia, place the Battle of Salamis at Midnight, when the Russians attack and gain victory over the United States. Before discussing the parallels of this battle with the history of Daniel 11:10, an overview of the Battle of Dyrrachium will be given.

Battle of Dyrrachium

From Wikipedia:

The Battle of Dyrrachium ... on 10 July 48 BC was a battle of Caesar's Civil War in the area of the city of Dyrrichium (in what is now Albania). It was fought between Julius Caesar and the army led by Gnaeus Pompey with the backing of the majority of the Roman Senate. The battle was a victory for Pompey, albeit not a decisive one. The battle preceded the Battle of Pharsalus which was the decisive battle of the Civil War ...

Dyrrachium was a strong defensive position for Pompey. His back was guarded by the sea, and at his front there were hills that commanded the immediate area. This made an assault on the position nearly impossible. Caesar ... ordered his engineers to build walls and fortifications to pin Pompey against the sea. Pompey responded with walls and fortifications of his own to prevent any further advance. Between these two fortifications a no man's land was created which saw constant skirmishes with little or no gain ... Caesar held the outlying farmland but it had been picked clean and Pompey, with the sea at his back, was able to be resupplied by ship. However, as the siege wore on, their positions began to change. Pompey found it difficult with the limited land he controlled to create enough fodder for his horses, and other supplies such as fresh water became more and more difficult to maintain. The autumn harvest was approaching and soon Caesar would have enough food to prolong his position. This caused Pompey to become desperate to break out of the siege. By mid summer, though, Pompey had a fortunate stroke of luck. Two Gallic auxiliaries were caught stealing the pay from legionaries, but managed to escape to Pompey. With these two men on his side, Pompey was able to discover the weakest point in Caesar's wall. A section to the south of the lines hadn't yet been completed and it was the only viable target for attack.

... Heavily outnumbering the Caesarian troops, the Pompeian troops broke through the weakened fortifications ... Caesar swiftly reinforced the breach ... and then counterattacked, re-securing part of the wall and pushing Pompey's disordered forces back. Although Caesar's counterattack was initially successful, Pompey's forces were simply too numerous ... Although the attack was initially successful, the Caesarian troops were outnumbered 2-1 and Pompey's troops fought hard. Pompey sent a large force of infantry and 3,000 cavalry to outflank Caesar's right wing. Caesar first ordered his troops on the right to stand firm, but then saw the danger of being outflanked. He ordered a retreat which soon became a panicked and disordered rout. The counterattack on Pompey's camp disintegrated completely. At first Caesar personally tried to stem the retreat, but

the fleeing troops did not stop until they reached their own camps. After the failure of the counterattack and considering the losses incurred, Caesar resolved to give up attempting to besiege Pompey and to change the entire strategy of the campaign ...

Pompey ordered a halt, believing that Caesar had been decisively beaten, and also suspecting a trap. According to Plutarch, Caesar remarked on that decision saying, "Today the victory had been the enemy's, had there been any one among them to gain it."

Caesar, by various stratagems, managed to retreat south with the remainder of his army and avoided being caught by the pursuing cavalry of Pompey ... Upon entering Thessaly, Caesar captured the town of Gomphi and regrouped with Domitius, allowing his men to resupply, rest and then move towards Pharsalus, where the decisive battle would soon be fought ("Battle of Dyrrachium").

Though Pompey indecisively won the Battle of Dyrrachium, he significantly lost the following Battle of Pharsalus, ran away disguised as a civilian, and was later killed. As was already described in Part 7, in the history of the civil war between Pompey and Julius Caesar, Pompey represents the King of the North, and Julius Caesar represents the King of the South. The summary table from Part 7 illustrating the parallel of the First Triumvirate with Daniel 11:6 is presented below:

Daniel 11:6 Character	Guiding Principle	First Triumvirate	Symbolizes
King of the South	ruler who gives his daughter to another ruler as wife; ruler who instigates the alliance	Julius gives his daughter, Julia, to Pompey as wife; Julius instigates the secret alliance with Pompey and Crassus	Putin
King of the North	ruler who receives daughter of another ruler as his wife; in an alliance of three rulers, the two rulers who don't represent the King of the South	Pompey receives Julius' daughter, Julia, as his wife; Pompey and Crassus in the Triumvirate don't represent the King of the South: Pompey and Crassus together represent the King of the North	Trump
Berenice; Divorce from Laodice, Marriage to Berenice	ruler's daughter given as wife to another ruler; alliance between three rulers	Julia, Julius' daughter, given to Pompey as wife secret, unofficial Triumvirate between Pompey, Crassus and Julius	Secret alliance between Trump and Putin; Trump illegally made president
Berenice's death	ruler's daughter's death; death of one of the rulers together representing the King of the North in a three-ruler alliance	Julia's death; Crassus' death	Secret alliance between Trump and Putin revealed and broken
King of the North's death	death of one of the two rulers together representing the King of the North in a three-ruler alliance	Crassus' death	Trump's removal from office
Laodice places self on throne	the living of the two rulers representing the King of the North	Pompey (after Crassus' death)	H. Clinton becomes president
Daniel 11:10c - "then shall he return and be stirred up even to his fortress"	after one of three rulers in a three-ruler alliance dies, battle between the remaining two rulers	Battle of Dyrrachium: Pompey's limited victory against Julius Battle of Pharsalus: Julius' decided victory against Pompey	Pre-Midnight: H. Clinton's limited retaliation against Russia Midnight: Russia's victory against United States

As can be seen from the table above, in the history of the First Triumvirate, Julius Caesar represents Putin, and Pompey represents both Trump and H. Clinton. In the history of the Battle of Dyrrachium, Pompey represents the United States, and Putin represents Russia.

Parallels of Battles to Daniel 11:10

In order to parallel the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium with Daniel 11:10, the “present truth” history of Daniel 11:10 as presented in Part 6 is reviewed.

But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return and be stirred up, even to his fortress (KJV, Daniel 11:10).

Daniel 11:10a - “But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces”

Sons: Trump and key players consisting of businessmen and generals who coordinated the secret alliance between Trump and Russia

Stirred up: secret alliance between Trump, his associates and Russia

Multitude of great forces: Trump’s campaign staff, close associates, advisers and Administration consisting of businessmen and generals

Daniel 11:10b - “and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through”

One: H. Clinton

Certainly come: H. Clinton’s presidency after Trump’s secret alliance and illegal presidency is exposed by traitors and he’s ousted

Overflow: H. Clinton seeks papacy’s counsel and uses force of arms and deceptive negotiations and tactics to quell civil war and punish Russia

Pass through: After using papacy’s deceptive methods of “peace and flattery”, H. Clinton brings about a false sense of peace and safety for country

Daniel 11:10c - “then shall he return, and be stirred up even to his fortress”

Return: After initial failure in adequately punishing Russia, and after seeking papacy’s counsel, H. Clinton retaliates against Russia again in limited way

Stirred up: Russia's offer of superficial truce to buy more time to build up forces to attack the United States, and H. Clinton's acceptance of truce to deal with rebellion in United States and also to build up forces to destroy Russia; seek counsel from papacy

To his fortress: During false truce, H. Clinton secretly prepares for war to destroy Russia

Summary of Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium

The "present truth" history of Daniel 11:10 begins with Trump as president and his assemblage of a "multitude of great forces" (businessmen and generals). Then, due to traitors, the illegal secret alliance with Russia is revealed, and he and his associates are ousted from his illegitimate presidency. Then, verse 10 transitions to H. Clinton's presidency, and the war crises she will face. She will at first be unsuccessful in quelling the crises, but with the papacy's deceptive counsel, she will then be superficially successful in calming the civil war and retaliating against Russia in a limited way (not a decisive victory).

This scenario is played out in the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium, which were battles just prior to the Battles of Plataea and Pharsalus, in which those representing the King of the South decisively won the battles. The Battles of Plataea and Pharsalus represent Midnight, when Russia will successfully attack the United States and win. Therefore, the battles just prior to these decisive battles represent Pre-Midnight of Daniel 11:10. To explain this further, the salient characteristics of the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium are outlined below:

Battle of Thermopylae	Battle of Dyrrachium	Characteristic	“Present Truth” History
Rebellion (“civil war”) in Xerxes’ territory prior to engaging in battle with Leonidas	Civil War between Julius Caesar and Pompey Gnaeus	Civil war and rebellion associated with battles	Trump instigates civil division during his presidency, which develops into rebellion and a civil war crisis when H. Clinton takes over presidency: Daniel 11:10 - “and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through”
Xerxes’ army more numerous than Leonidas’ army	Pompey’s army more numerous than Julius Caesar’s army	King of the North’s army more numerous than King of the South’s army	The United States military exceeds that of Russia’s: Daniel 11:11 - “sets forth a “great multitude”
Battle at Thermopylae, situated between the sea and the mountains; Xerxes not successful in first 2 days of fighting; Xerxes became perplexed after not being successful in first two days of fighting	Battle at Dyrrachium, situated between the sea and the mountains; Skirmishes between walls with no successful victory from either side; Pompey became desperate for food and water as skirmishes between walls continued	Prior to the battles, the King of the North unable to advance against King of the South; Stalemate; King of the North not successful in battling against King of the South	Prior to H. Clinton’s presidency and Midnight, the United States at an “impasse” with Russia; unable to stop Russia from interfering with United States democracy; United States becomes more concerned as Russia’s interference with United States’ democracy continues and grows during Trump’s presidency
Leonidas blocked Xerxes’ advance at a wall	Julius Caesar built a wall to block Pompey’s advance, and Pompey responded with building another wall	Walls associated with battles	Prior to H. Clinton’s presidency and Midnight, the “wall of separation between church and state” continues to exist
Ephialtes from a Greek city-state informs Xerxes of secret pass that breaches the wall	2 ally soldiers from Julius Caesar’s side steal over to Pompey’s side and inform him of weakness in Julius’ wall	Traitors from King of the South provide key information for King of the North to advance on the King of the South	Traitors from Trump’s side who were involved in the secret alliance with Russia provide the Intelligence Department with key information that exposes the secret alliance between Trump and Putin, which leads to Trump’s and his Administration’s removal from office
Without Ephialtes’ information, Xerxes would have had to retreat for lack of food and water	Without Gallic soldiers’ information, Pompey would have had to retreat for lack of food and water	King of the South would continue to gain a hold on the King of the North without traitors’ information	Trump would continue to be president, benefiting Russia, without those involved in the secret alliance “flipping” and providing key information to reveal the secret alliance

Battle between Xerxes of Persia (representing United States/King of the North) and Leonidas of Sparta/Greek city-states (representing Russia/King of the South)	Battle between Pompey (representing United States/King of the North) and Julius Caesar (representing Russia/King of the South)	Battle between United States (King of the North) and Russia (King of the South)	Once H. Clinton takes over the presidency, she will attack Russia prior to Midnight to retaliate against Russia's interference in the 2016 election
After Xerxes breached wall through secret pass, Leonidas fought to his death without surrendering or retreating	After Pompey breached wall through weak area, Julius Caesar fought back and Pompey initially unsuccessful in causing him to retreat	King of the North initially unsuccessful in battle in causing King of the South to retreat	H. Clinton will be initially unsuccessful in retaliating against Russia once she takes over the presidency
Leonidas lost the battle, but much of his men escaped and Greece retained much of their military power	Julius Caesar lost the battle, but Pompey didn't pursue him and much of Julius' army escaped	King of the North wins the battle, but it is not a decisive victory	H. Clinton will successfully retaliate against Russia just prior to Midnight, but will not be fully successful in debilitating Russia and preventing them from attacking the United States at Midnight: Daniel 11:10 - "then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress"

Civil War

In the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium, a civil war was involved. Prior to Xerxes battling Leonidas, he had to quell a civil uprising in his territory. The battle between Pompey and Julius Caesar was a civil war. In the history of Daniel 11:10, a civil war is revealed. In Antiochus' history, he dealt with a rebellion and a civil uprising in his territories. In Trump's and H. Clinton's histories, a civil uprising will also occur. Trump, along with Russia's aid, is sowing division within the United States, which will lead to an escalation of rebellion and a civil war crisis once H. Clinton takes the presidency away from Trump. In the Battle of Thermopylae, the issue of the second amendment (right to bear arms) is displayed, with the phrase, "Molong labe" by Leonidas. Lima writes:

Roger Stone, a longtime confidant to President Donald Trump, predicted Thursday there would be a "spasm of violence" tantamount to civil war if the president were brought under impeachment charges by Congress.

During an interview with TMZ the former Nixon administration official and old friend of Trump's cast talk of impeaching the president in response to the ongoing government probes on Russian election interference and alleged collusion as merely a distraction from the Democratic Party's 2016 defeat in the presidential election.

He went on to warn that if impeachment proceedings were furthered in Congress, as some House Democrats have called for, an "insurrection" would take place nationwide.

"Try to impeach him. Just try it," Stone said. "You will have a spasm of violence in this country, an insurrection like you've never seen."

He later emphasized that he was "not advocating violence," but instead merely "predicting it."

Stone, who worked in the Nixon administration during Watergate and through the president's resignation, cautioned that times had changed and that the proliferation of gun ownership in the U.S. would come into play should Trump face formal charges.

"Both sides are heavily armed, my friend," he said. "This is not 1974. People will not stand for impeachment."

Stone added that any politician who voted in favor of any such motion "would be endangering their own life."

Stone has a history of forecasting violence for those opposing Trump. During the lead-up to the 2016 Republican National Convention, when Trump was seen as a prohibitive favorite to lock up the Party's presidential nomination, and despite fears that establishment party officials might seek to steer delegates away from Trump, Stone threatened to reveal where delegates who flipped on Trump were staying during the convention.

Stone was set to testify in July before the House Intelligence Committee as part of its investigation into Russian election meddling and potential ties to the Trump campaign, but that appearance was postponed.

King of the North's Army More Numerous Than the King of the South's Army

Xerxes, the king of Persia, represents the King of the North, or the United States.

Leonidas, the king of Sparta (a Greek city-state), represents the King of the South, or Russia.

Pompey also represents the King of the North, as he was the one whose wife was Julius Caesar's daughter, which parallels Daniel 11:6 when the King of the North (Antiochus) received Berenice,

the King of the South's (Seleucus') daughter. Pompey represents both Trump and H. Clinton, the United States.

In the history of the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium, the army of the King of the North vastly outnumbered the army of the King of the South. This is true for the United States. It has the largest and most powerful military in the world, vastly overpowering Russia's military.

Borozna writes:

While the Western media tries to convince its public of Russian aggression, it is useful to compare hard numbers for both Russia and the United States.

It is unquestionable that the United States' military power is dominant, but just as an illustration, consider these numbers:

Military Spending

Russia's military budget at \$67 billion is tiny, compared to the United States' \$594 billion (bigger than the military budget of the next nine countries with largest military budgets combined).

Active Military Personnel

The United States has 1,492,200 military personnel vs. Russia's 845,000.

Military Bases

There are around 800 U.S. bases in 80 foreign countries, with 174 U.S. "base sites" in Germany alone. As of 2016, Russia has 12 military bases outside of its border: 10 of them on the territory of the former Soviet Union, in close proximity to Russia's borders, two others in Syria and Vietnam

Nuclear Weapons

Both sides have more than enough to completely destroy each other several times. According to the Arms Control Association, Russia has 1,735 strategic warheads deployed on 521 ICBMs, SLBMs, and strategic bombers, and 2,700 non-deployed strategic and deployed and non-deployed tactical warheads, and 3,200 additional warheads are awaiting dismantlement.

The United States has 1,481 strategic nuclear warheads deployed on 741 ICBMs, SLBMs, and strategic bombers, and 2,570 non-deployed strategic warheads, and roughly 500 deployed and non-deployed tactical warheads, and approximately 2,500 warheads retired and awaiting dismantlement.

Whilst the overall defence numbers look favourable to the United States, the Russians can compensate for their numerical inferiority by deploying high-end systems for which the US has no real equivalent or good countermeasures.

Location of Battles at an Impasse

The King of the North in both battles could not initially advance on enemy's lines and eventually became bewildered or desperate. In addition, the locations of both battles occurred at an impasse, with the sea on one side and the mountains on the other. The battles occurred at a narrow spot, and unless one side retreated, the other side would not be able to advance. The Kings of the North would have had to retreat for lack of food and water if they had not received help from traitors.

The physical impasse represents the impasse that the United States is experiencing in dealing with Russia's interference in its democratic system. Though the Intelligence community is aware of Russia's meddling, it is at an impasse in that they still do not know to what extent Russia has interfered. The United States is also currently gridlocked about whether Russia actually interfered. Trump and his supporters deny that the whole investigation is a "hoax", while the legislature and Intelligence community continue to state that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, and continue to investigate Russia's involvement in Trump's presidential campaign, and whether Trump and his associates colluded with Russia in their interference. Without help from someone familiar with and associated with the secret alliance, the United States would not be able to advance upon Russia and prevent the country from interfering with and demoralizing the United States' democracy.

Daniel 11:45 reveals another situation in which a battle is fought between the sea and the mountain:

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

At this impasse, the papacy will fall and be destroyed because it won't have anyone coming to its aid. This would be true of the United States also prior to Midnight if it does not receive aid from traitors.

Traitors Associated with the King of the South Provide the Key to Breach the Wall

In both battles, it was due to traitors' information that the King of the North was able to cross over to the enemy's side and attack. Without this information, the King of the North would have had to retreat for lack of food and water. This parallels the revelation of key information by traitors who are associated with the secret alliance between Trump and Putin. It will be information by those who cooperated with and coordinated the conspiracy to manipulate the electoral votes and have Trump illegally elected that will lead to Trump and his Administration being ousted from the White House, and H. Clinton taking over the presidency. Without these traitors revealing the secret information, the United States would continue to be in a stalemate with Russia, and would eventually lose out to Russia's successful interference in the United States' democratic system.

Walls Involved in Location of Battles

In both battles, walls were built to keep the enemy from advancing. The battles were fought at the location of the walls, and the Kings of the North won when a breach was made in the wall, or when he and his army were able to pass around the wall. This wall represents the democratic system ensured by the Constitution of the United States, particularly that of separation of church and state. From Wikipedia:

The "Radical Enlightenment" promoted the concept of separating church and state, an idea that is often credited to English philosopher John Locke (1632–

1704). According to his principle of the social contract, Locke said that the government lacked authority in the realm of individual conscience, as this was something rational people could not cede to the government for it or others to control. For Locke, this created a natural right in the liberty of conscience, which he said must therefore remain protected from any government authority.

These views on religious tolerance and the importance of individual conscience, along with the social contract, became particularly influential in the American colonies and the drafting of the United States Constitution. Thomas Jefferson called for a "**wall of separation between church and state**" at the federal level. He previously had supported successful efforts to disestablish the Church of England in Virginia and authored the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Jefferson's political ideals were greatly influenced by the writings of John Locke, Francis Bacon and Isaac Newton, whom he considered the three greatest men that ever lived ("Age of Enlightenment").

Once H. Clinton retaliates against Russia prior to Midnight, the wall of separation between church and state will have been breached. Daniel 11:10 reveals that when H. Clinton takes over the presidency from Trump, she will at first be unsuccessful in her attempts to quell the civil uprising against her presidency, as well as sufficiently punishing Russia for interfering in the 2016 presidential election. But after she reaches out to the papacy for counsel, she will succeed in bringing about a superficial sense of "peace and safety" by succeeding in quelling the rebellion and punishing Russia in a limited way just prior to Midnight. When she reaches out to the papacy for counsel, the "wall of separation between church and state" will be breached, and the "inroads for the workings of the man of sin" will be laid. But the actual secret alliance between the United States and the papacy (the Jews' league with the Romans, Daniel 11:23) will not occur until after Midnight.

Summary of the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium as They Relate to Daniel 11:10

Daniel 11:10 reveals the history of the 45th and 46th presidencies. It first describes the secret alliance made between Trump and Putin with the help of generals and wealthy businessmen, and Trump's illegitimate presidency and his illegitimate Administration made up of

generals and businessmen. It then describes the civil war and Russia crises when Trump and his Administration are removed from office after traitors provide Intelligence officials with key information, and H. Clinton takes over the presidency. She will at first be unsuccessful in handling both crises, but with the help of the papacy, she will be successful in quelling the civil war, as well as punishing Russia in a limited way prior to Midnight.

The battles follow this same pattern. Prior to Trump being removed from office, the United States will not be able to stop Russia from interfering in its democratic system, and will not have the upper hand. The battles between the King of the North and the King of the South were preceded by unsuccessful attempts by the King of the North to attack the King of the South. Even though the United States' military far surpasses that of Russia, it is because of Russia's clever and underhanded methods of cyber-warfare and sowing civil discord that the United States cannot successfully battle against Russia.

The battles were also associated with a civil war, which is what is developing currently. Under Trump's leadership, increasing division within the United States is currently being stoked, with Trump's base becoming increasingly more loyal to him regardless of his actions. This will continue to escalate into an actual war between the two classes when H. Clinton takes over the presidency. But prior to this, traitors will expose the details necessary to convict Trump and remove him from office. It will be because of the traitors that the United States will be able to retaliate against Russia in a limited way prior to Midnight. But because of the continuing civil war in the United States, a decisive and complete victory against Russia will not be accomplished. After the Battles of Thermopylae and Dyrrachium, the Kings of the South won the following Battles at Plataea and Pharsalus. After the limited attack on Russia just prior to Midnight, Russia will successfully attack the United States at Midnight and will be victorious.

Conclusion

This document has reviewed the verses in Daniel 11 which relate to the 45th and 46th presidents and their connection with each other. The summary of the pertinent verses are outlined below:

Daniel 11:2	... by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.	Trump through his power of wealth engages in secret actions that eventually reveals Russia's covert attack on the United States' democracy.
Daniel 11:3	And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.	H. Clinton becomes the 46 th and last president of the United States and forms an alliance with the papacy to destroy Russia and bring about the Sunday Law.
Daniel 11:6	And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.	Putin reaches out to Trump and they form a secret alliance to make Trump the illegitimate president. The secret alliance and the manipulation of electoral results are revealed, and H. Clinton takes over the presidency after Trump and his Administration are removed from office and punished.
Daniel 11:10	But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.	Trump and his team of generals and wealthy businessmen cooperate and coordinate with Russia in making Trump the illegitimate president. Traitors reveal this secret alliance and Trump and his team are removed and punished. H. Clinton takes office and faces a civil war crises. She is at first unsuccessful in quelling the civil war and successfully punishing Russia, and reaches out to the papacy for counsel. With the papacy's help, she retaliates against Russia in a limited way prior to Midnight, but due to continued civil unrest in the United States, she accepts a deceptive truce from Russia and doesn't follow through with destroying Russia.

Daniel 11:20	Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.	Trump is the raiser of taxes, in that he raises foreign tariffs. Trump is removed from office shortly after he begins his term.
Daniel 11:21	And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.	H. Clinton takes over the presidency and faces a civil war, and will reach out to the papacy for counsel. She will then superficially succeed in quelling the civil war crisis and in attacking Russia in a limited way prior to Midnight. This will bring about a false sense of “peace and safety” in the United States.

Daniel 11 is quite clear that Trump is not the last president of the United States. In addition, Daniel 11:6 reveals that H. Clinton will be the last president. This document has attempted to show that it is during Trump’s short presidency that Priests will have to develop their characters for translation, because by H. Clinton’s presidency, the characters of the two classes of Priests will be demonstrated. Just as a civil war will demonstrate the two classes of division within the United States when H. Clinton takes over the presidency, so will the two classes of Priests be demonstrated.

It is not a light matter that this understanding of Daniel 11 is rejected by the leadership and people of the Latter Rain movement. God is attempting to warn His people of the danger of the Laodicean condition they are in, and is attempting to wake them up from their deathlike slumber and lethargy. If the understanding that Trump is not the last president continues to be rejected, both leaders and followers who reject God’s warning will be marked as foolish Priests when H. Clinton becomes president, and God will exhort them to “sleep on”. The sleep of apostasy has enveloped the Latter Rain movement through spiritualism, philosophy, and errors of prophetic understanding. If those within this movement are to be bound as wise Priests, it must be recognized that now is the time to remove all Babylonian forms of teaching and

understanding. Now is the time to wake out of slumber. Now is the time to prepare our garments for the wedding supper. Now is the time to be watchmen on the walls and give the trumpet a certain sound. Now is the time to stand boldly for the truth and warn our fellow brethren of their danger, for “within few days”, there will be “time no longer” for Priests to make preparation.

Mrs. White’s Warning and Appeal

To Our Leading Physicians:

Dear Fellow Worker,

I am awakened at eleven o’clock. The representations passing before me are so vivid that I cannot sleep. The word of the Lord has come to me that there is a decided work to be done in warning our medical missionaries against the dangers and perils that surround them.

The Lord calls upon those connected with our sanitariums to reach a higher standard. No lie is of the truth. If we follow cunningly devised fables, we unite with the enemy’s forces against God and Christ. God calls upon those who have been wearing a yoke of human manufacture to break this yoke, and no longer be the bond servants of men.

The battle is on. Satan and his angels are working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. They are untiring in their efforts to draw souls away from the truth, away from righteousness, to spread ruin throughout the universe. They work with marvelous industry to furnish a multitude of deceptions to take souls captive. Their efforts are unceasing. The enemy is ever seeking to lead souls into infidelity and skepticism. He would do away with God, and with Christ, who was made flesh and dwelt among us to teach us that in obedience to God’s will we may be victorious over sin.

Every form of evil is waiting for an opportunity to assail us. Flattery, bribes, inducements, promises of wonderful exaltation, will be most assiduously employed.

What are God’s servants doing to raise the barrier of a “Thus saith the Lord” against this evil? The enemy’s agents are working unceasingly to prevail against the truth. Where are the faithful guardians of the Lord’s flocks? Where are His watchmen? Are they standing on the high tower, giving the danger signal, or are they allowing the peril to pass unheeded? Where are the medical missionaries? Are they co-workers with Christ, wearing His yoke, or are they wearing a yoke of human manufacture?

Satan and his angels are making every effort to obtain control of minds, that men may be swayed by falsehood and pleasing fables. Are our physicians lifting the danger signal? Are the men who have been placed in prominent positions in our sanitariums lifting the danger signal? Or are many of the watchmen asleep, while mischievous tongues and acute minds, sharpened by long

practice in evading the truth, are continually at work to bring in confusion, and to carry out plans instigated by the enemy?

Please read Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. He speaks of his earnest desire that the hearts of the believers might be "knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:2, 3). "And this I say," he declares, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.... As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:4-9).

Will the men in our institutions keep silent, allowing insidious fallacies to be promulgated to the ruin of souls? The sentiments of the enemy are being scattered everywhere. Seeds of discord, of unbelief, of infidelity, are being sown broadcast. Shall our medical missionaries raise no barrier against this evil? Is it not time that we asked ourselves, Shall we allow the adversary to lead us to give up the work of proclaiming the truth? Shall we allow him to keep us from being channels through which the blessings of the gospel, as a current of life, shall flow to the world? Let every man now arouse, and work as he has opportunity. Let him speak words in season and out of season, and look to Christ for encouragement and strength in well-doing.

The dangers coming upon us are continually increasing. It is high time that we put on the whole armor of God, and work earnestly to keep Satan from gaining any further advantage. Angels of God, that excel in strength, are waiting for us to call them to our aid, that our faith may not be eclipsed by the fierceness of the conflict. Renewed energy is now needed. Vigilant action is called for. Indifference and sloth will result in the loss of personal religion and of heaven.

At this time the Laodicean message is to be given, to arouse a slumbering church. Let the thought of the shortness of time stimulate you to earnest, untiring effort. Remember that Satan has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.

For years our physicians have been trained to think that they must not give expression to sentiments that differ from those of their chief. O that they had broken the yoke! O that they had called sin by its right name! Then they would not be regarded in the heavenly courts as men who, though bearing weighty responsibilities, have failed of speaking the truth in reproof of that which has been in disobedience to God's Word.

Physicians, have you been doing the Master's business in listening to fanciful and spiritualistic interpretations of the Scriptures, interpretations which undermine the foundations of our faith, and holding your peace? God says, "Neither will I be with you any more, unless you awake, and vindicate your Redeemer."

My message to you is: No longer consent to listen without protest to the perversion of truth. Unmask the pretentious sophistries which, if received, will lead ministers and physicians and medical missionary workers to ignore the truth. Every one is now to stand on his guard. God calls upon men and women to take their stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. I have been instructed to warn our people; for many are in danger of receiving theories and sophistries that undermine the foundation pillars of the faith.

Sometimes our physicians talk for hours, when they are weary and perplexed, and in no fit condition to talk. Medical missionaries should refuse to hold long night sessions of conversation. These night talks have been times when Satan with his seductive influence has stolen away from one and then another the faith once delivered to the saints. Brilliant, sparkling ideas often flash from a mind that is influenced by the great deceiver. Those who listen and acquiesce will become charmed, as Eve was charmed by the serpent's words. They cannot listen to charming philosophical speculations, and at the same time keep the word of the living God clearly in mind. Our physicians have lost a great deal out of their lives because they have seen wrong transactions and heard wrong words spoken, and seen wrong principles followed, and have not spoken in reproof, for fear that they would be repulsed.

I call upon those who have been connected with these binding influences to break the yoke to which they have long submitted, and stand as free men in Christ. Nothing but a determined effort will break the spell that is upon them.

Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature.

We need to study the words that Christ uttered in the prayer that He offered just before His trial and crucifixion. "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word" (John 17:1-6).

The righteousness of God is absolute. This righteousness characterizes all His works, all His laws. As God is, so must His people be. The life of Christ is to be revealed in the lives of His followers. In all His public and private acts, in every word and deed, practical godliness was seen, and this godliness is to be seen in the lives of His disciples.

Those who heed the light given them will bring the virtues of the character of Christ into the daily life. Christ did no sin, because there was no sin in Him. God has shown me that the lives of believers are to reveal practical righteousness.

Has not God spoken in His Word concerning the solemn events which must shortly take place? As you read these things, do you believe what He says? Or have you, through listening to specious philosophy, given up your faith in God? Can any power avert the punishment that must come upon you unless you humble your hearts before God and confess your sins? How is it, my brethren in the medical missionary work? Does not the living God speak to you from His Word concerning the events that are taking place in fulfillment of that Word? Soon the last great reckoning with man will take place. Have your lives been such that you can then be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and not be found wanting? Or has your faith been molded and restricted until it has become unbelief? Has your obedience to men become rebellion against God? “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves” (2 Corinthians 13:5).—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, 12-17 (ISM 193-198).

I am given a message to bear to you and the rest of our physicians who are connected with the Medical Missionary Association. Separate from the influence exerted by the book *Living Temple*; [A 568-page book issued in 1903 by Dr. J. H. Kellogg in which pantheistic philosophies were promulgated.—Compilers.] for it contains specious sentiments. There are in it sentiments that are entirely true, but these are mingled with error. Scriptures are taken out of their connection, and are used to uphold erroneous theories.

The thought of the errors contained in this book has given me great distress, and the experience that I have passed through in connection with the matter has nearly cost me my life.

It will be said that *Living Temple* has been revised. But the Lord has shown me that the writer has not changed, and that there can be no unity between him and the ministers of the gospel while he continues to cherish his present sentiments. I am bidden to lift my voice in warning to our people, saying, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked” (Galatians 6:7).

You have had access to *Testimonies for the Church*, volumes 7 and 8. In these *Testimonies* the danger signal is raised. But the light so clear and plain to minds that have not been influenced by deceptive theories, has not been discerned by some. While the misleading theories of this book are entertained by our physicians, there cannot be union between them and the ministers who are bearing the gospel message. There should be no union until there is a change.

When medical missionaries make their practice and example harmonize with the name they bear, when they feel their need of uniting firmly with the ministers of the gospel, then there can be harmonious action. But we must firmly refuse to be drawn away from the platform of eternal truth, which since 1844 has stood the test.

I am instructed to speak plainly. “Meet it,” is the word spoken to me. “Meet it firmly, and without delay.” But it is not to be met by our taking our working forces from the field to investigate doctrines and points of difference. We have no such investigation to make. In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.

Our physicians, upon whom important responsibilities rest, should have clear spiritual discernment. They are to stand constantly on guard. Dangers that we do not now discern will

soon break upon us, and I greatly desire that they shall not be deceived. I have an intense longing to see them standing free in the Lord. I pray that they may have courage to stand firm for the truth as it is in Jesus, holding fast the beginning of their confidence unto the end.—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, 49, 50.

The Lord will put new, vital force into His work as human agencies obey the command to go forth and proclaim the truth. He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim this truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided; but the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine.

As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God.

I have been instructed by the heavenly messenger that some of the reasoning in the book *Living Temple* is unsound, and that this reasoning would lead astray the minds of those who are not thoroughly established on the foundation principles of present truth. It introduces that which is nought but speculation in regard to the personality of God and where His presence is. No one on this earth has a right to speculate on this question. The more fanciful theories are discussed, the less men will know of God and of the truth that sanctifies the soul.

One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in *Living Temple*. I reply, "They are unexplainable." The sentiments expressed do not give a true knowledge of God. All through the book are passages of Scripture. These scriptures are brought in in such a way that error is made to appear as truth. Erroneous theories are presented in so pleasing a way that unless care is taken, many will be misled.

We need not the mysticism that is in this book. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in a position where the enemy can talk with them, and lead them away from God. It is represented to me that the writer of this book is on a false track. He has lost sight of the distinguishing truths for this time. He knows not whither his steps are tending. The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error.

About the time that *Living Temple* was published, there passed before me in the night season, representations indicating that some danger was approaching, and that I must prepare for it by writing out the things God had revealed to me regarding the foundation principles of our faith. A copy of *Living Temple* was sent me, but it remained in my library, unread. From the light given me by the Lord, I knew that some of the sentiments advocated in the book did not bear the endorsement of God, and that they were a snare that the enemy had prepared for the last days. I

thought that this would surely be discerned, and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it.

In the controversy that arose among our brethren regarding the teachings of this book, those in favor of giving it a wide circulation declared: "It contains the very sentiments that Sister White has been teaching." This assertion struck right to my heart. I felt heartbroken; for I knew that this representation of the matter was not true.

Finally my son said to me, "Mother, you ought to read at least some parts of the book, that you may see whether they are in harmony with the light that God has given you." He sat down beside me, and together we read the preface, and most of the first chapter, and also paragraphs in other chapters. As we read, I recognized the very sentiments against which I had been bidden to speak in warning during the early days of my public labors. When I first left the State of Maine, it was to go through Vermont and Massachusetts, to bear a testimony against these sentiments. Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in Living Temple in regard to this point are incorrect. The scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth, is scripture misapplied.

I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of Living Temple can be sustained by statements from my writings. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of Living Temple, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in Living Temple are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.

Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.

In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Someone high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, "Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? This foundation was built by the Master Worker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action."

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?

I hesitated and delayed about the sending out of that which the Spirit of the Lord impelled me to write. I did not want to be compelled to present the misleading influence of these sophistries. But in the providence of God, the errors that have been coming in must be met.

Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collisions, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, "Meet it!"

That night I was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper. For the next few days I worked early and late, preparing for our people the instruction given me regarding the errors that were coming in among us.

I have been hoping that there would be a thorough reformation, and that the principles for which we fought in the early days, and which were brought out in the power of the Holy Spirit, would be maintained.

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me.

During this whole time I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. I was in this condition of mind until all the principal points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the Word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given.

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. In the course of our labors, my husband and I visited Father Andrews, who was suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole." He was healed instantly. He got up, and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of the Lord was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the Word of God.

What influence is it would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith—the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation? Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years. Do you wonder that when I see the beginning of a work that would remove some of the pillars of our faith, I have something to say? I must obey the command, "Meet it!"...

I must bear the messages of warning that God gives me to bear, and then leave with the Lord the results. I must now present the matter in all its bearings; for the people of God must not be despoiled.

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of Heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. {1SM 193-208}.

We should know for ourselves what constitutes Christianity, what is truth, what is the faith that we have received, what are the Bible rules—the rules given us from the highest authority. There are many who believe without a reason on which to base their faith, without sufficient evidence as to the truth of the matter. If an idea is presented that harmonizes with their own preconceived opinions, they are all ready to accept it. They do not reason from cause to effect, their faith has no genuine foundation, and in the time of trial they will find that they have built upon the sand.

He who rests satisfied with his own present imperfect knowledge of the Scriptures, thinking this sufficient for his salvation, is resting in a fatal deception. There are many who are not thoroughly furnished with Scriptural arguments, that they may be able to discern error, and condemn all the tradition and superstition that has been palmed off as truth. Satan has introduced his own ideas into the worship of God, that he might corrupt the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. A large number who claim to believe the present truth, know not what constitutes the faith that was once delivered to the saints—Christ in you the hope of glory. They think they are defending the old landmarks, but they are lukewarm and indifferent. They know not what it is to weave into their experience and to possess the real virtue of love and faith. They are not close Bible students, but are lazy and inattentive. When differences of opinion arise upon the passages of Scripture, these who have not studied to a purpose and are not decided as to what they believe, fall away from the truth. We ought to impress upon all the necessity of inquiring diligently into divine truth, that they may know that they do know what is truth. Some claim much knowledge, and feel satisfied with their condition, when they have no more zeal for the work, no more ardent love for God, and for souls for whom Christ died, than if they had never known God. They do not read the Bible [in order] to appropriate the marrow and fatness to their own souls. They do not feel that it is the voice of God speaking to them. But, if we would understand the way of salvation, if we would see the beams of the Sun of righteousness, we must study the Scriptures for a purpose, for the promises and prophecies of the Bible shed clear beams of glory upon the divine plan of redemption, which grand truths are not clearly comprehended (The 1888 Materials, 403).

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Matthew 24:23, 24.

In the wilderness of temptation Satan came to Christ as an angel from the courts of God. It was by his words, not by his appearance, that the Saviour recognized the enemy.

The time is coming when Satan will work miracles right in your sight, claiming that he is Christ; and if your feet are not firmly established upon the truth of God, then you will be led away from your foundation. The only safety for you is to search for the truth as for hid treasures. Dig for the truth as you would for treasures in the earth, and present the Word of God, the Bible, before your heavenly Father, and say, Enlighten me; teach me what is truth. And when His Holy Spirit shall come into your hearts, to impress the truth into your souls, you will not let it go easily. You have gained such an experience in searching the Scriptures that every point is established.

Without the enlightenment of the Spirit of God we shall not be able to discern truth from error and shall fall under the masterful temptations and deceptions that Satan will bring upon the world. We are near the close of the controversy between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness, and soon the delusions of the enemy will try our faith, of what sort it is.

If ever there was a time when we needed faith and spiritual enlightenment, it is now. Those who are watching unto prayer and are searching the Scriptures daily with an earnest desire to know and do the will of God, will not be led astray by any of the deceptions of Satan.... We want the truth on every point. We want it unadulterated with error and unpolluted by the maxims, customs, and opinions of the world. We want the truth with all its inconvenience. The acceptance of truth ever involves a cross. But Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice for us, and shall we not give Him our best affections, our holiest aspirations, our fullest service? (HP 350P.)

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Matthew 24:24.

In these days of delusion, everyone who is established in the truth will have to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Every variety of error will be brought out in the mysterious working of Satan, which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect, and turn them from the truth. There will be human wisdom to meet—the wisdom of learned men, who, as were the Pharisees, are teachers of the law of God, but do not obey the law themselves. There will be human ignorance and folly to meet in disconnected theories arrayed in new and fantastic dress—theories that it will be all the more difficult to meet because there is no reason in them.

There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). If they belittle the law of God, if they pay no heed to His will as revealed in the testimonies of His Spirit, they are deceivers. They are controlled by impulse and impressions, which they believe to be from the Holy Spirit, and consider more reliable than the Inspired Word. They claim that every thought and feeling is an impression of the Spirit; and when they are reasoned with out of the Scriptures, they declare that they have something more reliable. But while they think that they are led by the Spirit of God, they are in reality following an imagination wrought upon by Satan.—Selected Messages 2:98, 99.

Satan will work in a most subtle manner to introduce human inventions clothed with angel garments. But the light from the Word is shining amid the moral darkness; and the Bible will

never be superseded by miraculous manifestations. The truth must be studied, it must be searched for as hidden treasure. Wonderful illuminations will not be given aside from the Word, or to take the place of it. Cling to the Word, receive the ingrafted Word, which will make men wise unto salvation.—Selected Messages 2:100 (YRP 119).

The people of God should carefully study the words of Christ concerning these last days. Why is it that the people of God do not read and understand the specifications concerning the dangers that will surely come? Why is it that they rush on blindfolded, receiving messages that are not true? With prophetic eye Christ looked down the stream of time to the very end of earth's history, and marked out with prophetic pencil the very things that would take place in these last days. He lifted the danger-signal, and declared: "There shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (YI November 18, 1897, par. 10).

Text: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:19-21.

We see and feel the importance of each having an understanding of the Scriptures. There may be those who will tell us of the things contained in the Word of God, but that will not meet the requirements. We must search the Scriptures for ourselves. There are special points that we must understand pertaining to our own time. We are living in an age of error and heresy on every hand. Christ has told us that "there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, who shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24. These teachers spoken of by Christ will come in sheep's clothing, and will delude the people with their heresies, and this we shall see more and more as we draw nearer the end. Consequently it is of the greatest necessity that we search the Scriptures for ourselves, and learn their contents.

Our text tells us that we have something sure, and that is the Scriptures that are revealed to us, and this is the voice of God that is speaking to us. One may come and say that he has truth, and such teachers will multiply, but we must not take their word in the matter. We must go directly to the Word. Feelings should not be our guide. The plain declaration of the Word is what is

required. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

You could not make a greater mistake than to take the voice of man. Those who will not hear truth, when it crosses their pet theories, will often place themselves out of the reach of hearing when they should be the very ones to hear. The same thing is acted over today as it was in the days of Christ. The Pharisees then turned a deaf ear to the instructions of the divine Teacher. But it is our duty and privilege to be learners in the school of Christ. We want to learn of Him who is meek and lowly in heart, who said, “Come unto Me.... and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30.

Everyone should feel that he is responsible to God. There are great interests at stake. It will make a great difference whether we walk in condemnation or not. When we are walking contrary to God’s Word we are stirring up rebellion, and thus we bring the displeasure of God upon us. When Christ comes we want to be found on the side of the loyal and true. If the whole world were in opposition to God’s law it should make no difference to us.

In the time of the Flood nearly all the inhabitants of the world thought that they were right and that Noah was wrong. They claimed that they knew more than that faithful servant of God, and thus closed their ears to words of truth, and darkness came upon them. There were those then, as today who explain away the truth by false science. They branded Noah as a fanatic. They explained to the people the foolishness of Noah’s statement that a rain would come upon the earth when no signs of such had ever existed. God’s message was to come to them through Noah, but they laughed and mocked at his words, and said, Does he not speak in parables? But their unbelief did not prevent the Flood, and they finally drank the waters that covered the earth. We do not want to be like them.

When Christ made His first advent the same unbelief was manifested, and it has always been the same—that unbelief rejects the very truth that is necessary to their salvation. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. We must encourage faith and abandon unbelief, for it is a barrier to our spiritual prosperity. We must listen to the message of the third angel. This message is now due and it presents to us a present truth. Therefore we must search the Scriptures and lay aside our opinion, and be governed by the teachings of the Bible. We need to seek God in prayer that we may not be deceived, for it is a matter of great consequence that we take hold of truth.

There is to be a mighty angel to assist the third angel in his work. The whole earth is to be lighted with His glory. The proclamation as presented represents a people crying the very words. Christ’s riding into Jerusalem when the people cried “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:15) was a fulfillment of prophecy. The Pharisees were disturbed to see the attention paid to the Son of God. Their understanding was so blunted that they could not see in this very act the fulfillment of prophecy and some of the Pharisees said, “Master, rebuke Thy disciples. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.” Luke 19:39, 40. God has shown John in vision the work in the future. It was while the apostle was on the isle of Patmos that these truths that are now due were presented

before his mind, and no man can stop the proclamation any more than they could stop the voices of those that cried “Hosanna to the Son of David.”

We must not be discouraged if there are only a few that believe the present truth. It is not the great numbers that follow Christ. In answer to the question, “Are there few that be saved?” The reply was, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.” Luke 13:24. “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:14. Now we see only a few who regard the commandments of God, and those who will not lift the cross after having a knowledge of their duty will finally meet their destruction. We should not turn to the right or to the left, for if we do we shall find a dish of fables in place of truth.

The whole world perished in the Flood. Only three were saved at the destruction of Sodom, but they had the warning. We must not follow the majority, for if we do so we shall not see heaven. Daniel and his three companions stood alone, yet they would not yield to the influence that surrounded them. Daniel had purposed in his heart not to partake of the portion allotted. Finally the test came. But when the leading men of the realm had conspired against Daniel he could not be turned away from God. He prayed as firmly as before, with the window opened towards Jerusalem, and he showed to his enemies that he was no coward because he had learned to depend upon God. Daniel did not try to save his life. “Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.” Matthew 16:25.

Now we want everyone to count the cost, not from impulse, but search the Scriptures and thus learn your duty. We should dig deep and obtain the precious jewels that can be found in God’s Word. Christ says that “the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.” Matthew 13:44. Everything should be secondary compared with the Holy Writ.

We are pilgrims seeking a better country, a city whose Builder and Maker is God. Is our conversation in heaven? Are we preparing to receive the Majesty of heaven when He shall come with all His holy angels to raise the righteous dead and translate the righteous living to heaven? Satan will try to becloud our minds on this important subject. But we must so live that we can say as did Paul, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7.

Let us increase our faith and cling close to our divine Lord, because Satan will oppose. But we should rejoice in the thought that the angels in heaven are sent to strengthen us, and we have not to fight our battles alone. And if we have these heavenly messengers with us, even if trials do come, we shall feel like Paul when he said, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” 2 Corinthians 4:17.

We must learn to stand upon the principles of God’s Word. “To the law and to the testimony.” We need the Spirit of God to enlighten us. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20. We want to let the Saviour into our hearts, give Him our best affections, and let

the work go on of sanctifying and purifying the heart, and then we shall see the King in His beauty. Let us rely upon God and realize the great sacrifice that has been made for us, and we shall wear the crown throughout an endless eternity.—Manuscript 43, 1886, 1-5. (“Search the Scriptures,” sermon at Nimes, France, October 21, 1886.) (3MR 88-93).

We shall see in the future, as we have seen in the past, all kinds of characters develop. We shall witness the apostasy of men in whom we have had confidence, in whom we trusted, who we supposed were as true as steel to principle. Something comes to test them, and they are overthrown. If such men fall, some say, Whom can we trust? This is a temptation Satan brings to destroy the faith of those who are striving to walk in the narrow road. Those who fall have evidently corrupted their way before the Lord. They are beacons of warning, teaching those who profess to believe the truth that the word of God alone can reclaim men from guilt, and keep them steadfast in the way of holiness (RH, August 1, 1899 par. 9).

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