

Dear brothers and Sisters

In our study of Daniel 11 we were reminded of the conflicts between the kings of the north and the kings of the south and some of the consequences that arose from these actions. In verse 40 we are brought to an end of this long period and Gabriel informs Daniel that there will be an end of these conflicts between the north and the south of an invasion and when this occurred that was to take place at the time of the end, that is in the Latter days of human control over the world's affairs. In 1453 Turkey became the King of the North and the South, but in 1882 Britain became the King of the South, when Britain's Jewish Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, purchased control of the Suez Canal in Egypt, which was of great importance with the outbreak of the first World War when Egypt became a British Protectorate and effectively became the King of the South. Turkey sided with Germany, but was beaten by the British and the French, and Turkey became a Republic in 1922. While the British left Palestine in 1948 and the British Empire was dissolved by 1997. However the prophesy, supported by a considerable number of Biblical prophecies requires the creation of A Russian confederacy which will include Turkey, Iran and many countries that will descend upon Israel and Egypt with the intention, not only of overthrowing Israel, but many other nations as well. But Gog and his armies will be totally destroyed at Armageddon by the immortal army of Jesus Christ. Running through all the Book of Daniel we find the demonstration of Gentile power, all of which crumbles away in corruption. But all of these mighty men dissolve into dust and ashes, but Daniel was shown that in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed (Dan 2:44).

Daniel was shown the reality of resurrection by the angel Gabriel 10:8-18 who introduced him to Michael the great prince who stands for the children of thy people, Michael in Hebrew means "who is like God." And it is a symbolic name for the Lord Jesus Christ who was also called Emmanuel (Matt1:23) 'El with us' who when he

ascended to heaven received full control of all angelic operation. As Peter writes, “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him”, (1Pe 3:22) This is confirmed in the Psalms “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand **shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.** He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.” (Psa 110:1-7)

Daniel was informed that many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (Dan 12:2-3)

So that when the Lord Jesus returns, his first concern will be the resurrection of those who have known the truth all of whom are stored in the Divine Memory, as the Lord Jesus teaches “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of condemnation.” (Joh 5:28-29) as Paul writes (Rom 14:10) “We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Those who have been wise and faithful as Daniel was shown, will be regarded as His people at that time and worthy to receive immortality, will shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (Dan 12:3) The Hebrew word for shine is ‘zahar’ meaning “to send out light” So as the apostle Peter teaches, true believers are “Looking for and hastening to the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens

(the existing order of things governments and rulers etc.) being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, (a new worldwide order and righteous rulers and Jesus Christ as universal King) ruling in righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (2Pe 3:12-14)

So the Lord Jesus having bestowed immortality on every one that shall be found written in the book. (Dan 12:1) He will bring them from Sinai into the Holy Land and there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: (Dan 12:1) In the destruction of Gog's armies, the abolition of all false religions Catholic and Protestant, Islamic, Hindu and Buddhist etc. So that the lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day. (Isa 2:11) The immortal brethren and sisters of Christ, probably genderless in the immortal state the perfect manifestation of Yahweh through all eternity.

So Daniel was instructed by Gabriel (12.4) to shut up and seal the book even to the time of the end. Meaning that the contents of Daniel's account would remain unaltered. However when the apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation he was instructed "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. ²And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Rev 22:10-12)

Much of Daniel's prophecy had come to pass as the history of the Old Testament unfolded and the Messiah appeared as had been forecast, but as the history of Christianity unfolded so the Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled and we are living at the time of the end when the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent as the signs of the times unfold. But two aspects of Daniel's

predictions have been marvellously fulfilled. Firstly. “Many shall run to and fro”

The fastest man could travel in Daniel’s day was “horse” speed and wind speed on water. Paul’s experience of wind speed tells of or the number of people who could use this form of transport as being 276 persons. It remained the fastest form of travel for 19 centuries, but in these days all previous speed limits are continuously surpassed. Not content with dominating the land mankind has endeavoured to conquer outer space dreaming of other planets on which to live. In addition Knowledge has also increased exponentially in all fields of research, science, travel, medicine, and warfare and nuclear destruction. Such knowledge has not led to greater harmony with Divine ways, the very opposite in fact, especially here in Britain. Mankind is “ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth” (2Tim.3:7) One thing however is positive and true and that is that the Holy Scriptures have been opened up to a greater extent, with expositions and commentaries, Lexicons, Concordances and Encyclopaedias, and electronic marvels to read them with, whenever you take them out of your pocket.

As Daniel is trying to digest all this information he sees two other Angels on either side of the river Hiddikel (or the Tigris) typifying humanity flowing onward through the ages to their destination which is death. The two angels on either side are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. (Heb. 1:14) Daniel heard one calling out “what shall be the end of these wonders? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed *is* he that waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (Dan 12:9-12) The daily refers to the Mosaic constitution of daily offerings and sacrifice which were taken away when Vespasian and

his son Titus invaded Judaea. Titus carried out the attack on Jerusalem and the Temple later when Vespasian had returned to Rome to be crowned Emperor, after which the “abomination that makes desolate” was set up. The full establishment of the Roman Catholic Church occurred in A.D.608 by the emperor Phocas and the persecution Jews and true Christians was unleashed. From this date 1,290 years of representative time terminates in 1889 the year when Theodore Herzl established the first Jewish National Congress in Basel Switzerland, and the Ottoman Empire to slowly collapse. In AD622 Mahomet proclaimed the new faith of Islam and the subduing of the Jews. From A.D. 627 when Jerusalem was taken by the Saracen Arabs add to this the 1290 years results in 1917 when the British freed Jerusalem from the Turks. While the 1335 period measures from the building of the Mosque of Omar to 1973 when Israel manifested its military power in the Yom Kippur War.

In the final observation of Daniel, he is instructed to Go thy way, till the end be for you shall rest and stand by your portion at the end of Days, like Paul he is assured of being elevated to glory at the end of the Days, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (2Ti 4:8 KJV).