

REMNANT PROPHECY SEMINAR

Self-Sacrificing Love

08: Though Noah, Daniel and Job were in the Land

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The scriptures of the prophets tell us:

Ezekiel 14:12 "The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: 14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts: 16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it: 18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness."

In this presentation we are going to study about Noah; Daniel and Job. This ties in perfectly with the Parable of the Ten Virgins concerning the Wise and Foolish Virgins of Matthew 25. This is one of the themes that I have had the privilege to share as we have been focussing on the Golden Oil of Love; which we understand is the righteousness and glory of the Law and also of Christ.

I want to read a familiar passage that is found in Christ's Object Lessons, the last chapter, "To meet the Bridegroom". Notice how it ties in Noah, Daniel and Job with Adventism's Parable, the experience of the Advent people.

"But character is not transferable. No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit's working. . .

That character we are talking about, the oil, we are dealing with the fruit of the workings of God's Spirit which is in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

"Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it [the land], as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Ezekiel 14:20. COL 411.

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"It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. . .

In the experience of losing our First Love and gaining the First Love back, God is asking Laodicea in the last days to buy of Him Gold tried in the fire, which is Faith that worketh by Love, purifying the soul. A crisis, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will demonstrate whether we truly have the Gold tried in the fire, Faith that works by love, the Golden Oil of Love.

"It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied. COL 412.

If we are going to make it through the time of trouble, the final crisis, we are going to need faith that works by Love, Self-sacrificing Love, where we would rather die than sin against God. We would rather crucify selfishness and sin rather than crucifying our Lord. We will also need the soul being sustained by grace. So it is Love and Grace that are going to carry us through to vindicate the character of God and stand during the final crisis, giving the final Loud Cry of the Third Angel.

Here we see Noah, Daniel, and Job; obviously when Ezekiel was writing this, Noah and Job were passed to their rest. The only contemporary with Ezekiel was Daniel. In the histories and generations of these three men, they lived during what was typified as the End of the World; the Close of Probation; a shut-door and judgments falling in the land. That is why the Bible says if there is famine, if there are beasts; if there is the sword; if there is pestilence where man and beast are being cut off, the only ones that will be saved; the only ones that will be delivered through those calamities and crises are Noah, Daniel, and Job. They are an example of the Wise Virgins at the End of the World.

Jesus in Matthew 24 speaks about the Destruction of Jerusalem which is a symbol of the End of the World. The disciples came unto him privately saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" And He begins to give signs; one of those signs He gives is concerning Noah's world and the flood that took place. He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when He comes again".

Then He says; "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" [Matthew 24:15] The 'Abomination of Desolation' that Daniel wrote about, is a sign about the End of the World; Noah and the flood, a sign about the End of the World.

In James 5 it is clearly talking about the Last Days, when the Former and Latter Rain will be given; talking about the Coming of the Lord drawing nigh and how we need to have patience because the Judge is at the door. He then says, "You have seen the patience of Job; you have seen that the Lord is longsuffering, merciful and pitiful". So in the time of the Last days, the time of the Latter Rain when Jesus is going to come, He points us to the example of Job.

Noah, Daniel, and Job; men that represent the final generation living during the events connected to the Close of Probation and the work of preparation for the Time of Trouble. It is not by accident

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that these three men come in order, because when you take their names; you can line up Noah and his work, with the First Angel's message.

Daniel of course was in Babylon and proclaimed the Everlasting Gospel and the fall of Babylon; so Daniel is the Second Angel.

Then take Job, living in a time period when he sees every earthly support cut off and going through a Time of Trouble. Job also actually has three friends that come and persecute him and try to accuse him of transgressing God's Law and claiming that is the reason why he is going through these things. Those three friends represent the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet. Job is a symbol of the Third Angel's Message.

You can do this by taking the meanings of their names as well; Noah means 'rest or refreshing' speaking about the Latter Rain. Daniel; 'God is my judge', those that are living during the time of judgment. Job's name means 'one who is hated or persecuted'. God's people that receive the refreshing and go through the judgement time period are going to be hated and persecuted by all those who receive the Mark of the Beast, worship the Beast and receive the number of his name.

Even in Ezekiel 14 you can prove that these three men are symbols of the Three Angels; symbols of a people upon whom the Ends of the World are come just before the Close of Probation, just before the Shut Door, and even just before the time when God is pouring out His final judgments and wrath upon the rejecters of the grace of God.

We are continuing in Ezekiel 14 right after it says that they only will deliver their souls by their righteousness, showing again that character is not transferable. That is why the oil cannot be given from the Wise to the Foolish Virgins, you have to go and buy for yourselves. You have to go and buy from the heavenly Merchantman in Laodicea, Who is offering the gold, the white raiment and the eye-salve, which is the oil of His grace and spiritual discernment.

Four Sore Judgments

21 "For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD."

So there are four sore judgements; the Sword, the Famine, the Pestilence, and the noisome Beasts. The Bible tells us that through these four sore judgements, as the church is purified, God is going to bring forth a remnant, symbolized by Noah, Daniel, and Job. It also says you are going to be comforted concerning the evil that I brought upon Jerusalem.

When you study Ezekiel and Jeremiah, it is very clear that the evil He brought upon them historically and anciently was the King of the North; the destroyer of the gentiles, the desolating power that left the city and the sanctuary desolate. These four sore judgements are also spoken of in Jeremiah. Four is a universal number; North, South, East, and West; four is worldwide; four is also dealing with the Fall of Babylon. Four is a very interesting number; the First, Second and Third Angels Messages, followed by the Fourth.

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We are pinpointing the time period where the Remnant, symbolized by Noah, Daniel, and Job, are going to be brought forth; those that go through the Sword, the Famine, the Pestilence, and the noisome Beasts. They are going to deliver their souls by their own righteousness. The righteousness of Christ is symbolized by the oil in the vessel and in the lamp.

Jeremiah 15:1 "Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy."

These are also four sore judgments as those of Ezekiel 14. Why are these four kinds or four sore judgements coming upon Jerusalem?

4 "And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem."

These four kinds, these judgements, the casting forth and scattering of God's people into all the kingdoms of the earth, was because of what Manasseh had done in breaking the covenant and bringing on the Curse of Moses, the Seven Times, the Scattering referred to in Leviticus 26.

When God said He was going to allow His people to be carried into all the kingdoms of the earth, what kingdoms are we talking about? We are talking about, Assyria and Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome and Papal Rome; a span of 2520 years. We are not focussing on that particular prophecy concerning the covenant just now, but notice it was because of Manasseh's sins, the sins of Sun-worship, spiritualism, and transgressing very much, like the heathen and doing worse than the heathen. This is what caused them to have to go into Babylonian captivity and they continued to be scattered throughout the successive kingdoms of prophecy.

Notice these same four sore judgments in the book of Revelation, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Pagan Rome, they accomplish the work of scattering God's people and trampling them down for 1260 years, which is the First Time of the Gentiles under Paganism. Notice that the Papacy does the exact same work for another 1260 years, where Jerusalem, the Holy City is trodden under foot. The first four Seals correspond to the first four churches; Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyatira. Notice the fourth Seal of Revelation; in Thyatira, we have 'that woman Jezebel that calls herself a prophetess', the symbol of 'Mystery, Babylon the Great the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth'.

Revelation 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, **to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.**"

These are the same four sore judgments that are used to scatter God's people; to bring judgments upon the people of God in Jeremiah and also in Ezekiel.

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We have been told that Daniel and Revelation are one book; that the same line of prophecy that is taken up in Revelation is also spoken of in Daniel. In Daniel 11, we see the Fourth Seal of Revelation 6, in these verses you can see the transition from Pagan Rome to Papal Rome; when the Dragon gave the leopard-like beast his power, seat and great authority in order to allow him to rule the throne of the world for 1260 years.

Daniel 11:31 "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by **the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil**, many days."

Notice there are four kinds, four sore judgments here; Sword, flame, captivity and spoil, that is four, for many days.

34 "Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. 35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed."

The Papacy, the Fourth Seal, the rider whose name is death and hell follows him, this is again talking about the Papal persecution of the Dark ages and how they accomplish this work. Daniel 11:30-36 gives us valuable history. We have been told in the Spirit of Prophecy that scenes similar to those described in these verses, much of the history that has already been fulfilled in these verses, is going to be repeated in the last days when the 11th chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment.

In other words you look at the history of Daniel 11:30-36 and we see it being repeated in the Last Days in Daniel 11:40-45; which goes through the same sequence of Pagan Rome placing Papal Rome on the throne of the earth; only this time it is to be the United States of America along with the Dragon Power that will once again seat Jezebel as Queen of the whole earth; reigning over the kings of the earth for the last time.

Noah, Daniel, and Job are going to be living symbolically through God's people, the final remnant, through the history and prophecy of Daniel 11:40-45. We want to look at the experience of these men. We have identified the time for the events, but the Bible says they will only save themselves by their own righteousness. You cannot give your righteousness to someone; you cannot give them the Oil; you can't give the Grace or Character to them.

The Experience of Noah

These three men who lived in a time period when the world was ending, probation was closing, judgement was falling on the land, were able to go through the Time of Trouble and be saved because of having an experience with the righteousness of Christ; experimental religion.

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

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Righteousness by Faith is not merely a doctrine or a theory; it is not merely a Bible study to be explained or read; but it is an experience that one goes through. If we are going to truly have the experience of Righteousness by Faith, it has to be connected with prophecy. Why? It is because you cannot separate prophecy from righteousness.

When you look at Noah, it says he was warned of things not seen as yet. These things were future events, prophecy concerning the coming flood; a Present Truth warning message from prophecy. As he received that warning message the Bible says he moved with fear; in other words, "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgement is come." "Fear God and keep His commandments; this is the whole duty of man;" so we have the First Angel.

The Bible tells us that he prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Then it says he condemned the world; it wasn't only by his preaching, by his words; it was as he moved with fear and prepared an ark to the saving of his house. He began to make preparation for the final crisis; for the coming flood. This way he condemned the world, and this is where we see the Second Angel, Babylon is fallen, is fallen.

Then he became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. The 'commandments of God' is dealing with the final issue between Sabbath and Sunday; but the 'Faith of Jesus' is dealing with Righteousness by Faith, having the faith of the Son of God.

In this very verse he goes through the experience of the First, Second and Third Angel; the 'more sure Word of Prophecy' gives him a warning and as a result he shows his faith by his works; then he becomes the heir of Righteousness by Faith. It is an experience that begins with the warning message of prophecy.

In Genesis we read about Noah and his walk with God. We know that Noah was a preacher of righteousness, but the reason he was able to preach righteousness was because he experienced it. In Genesis 6, the Bible talks about how the world was wicked, the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually, which lets us know that they did not love God; they were lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. They did not have Self-sacrificing Love; they would not surrender their selves to God; they would not crucify selfishness and sin but instead they loved the world, the flesh and the devil more than they loved God. They loved evil and hated righteousness.

Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

What we want to see in these three men is not only are they illustrations of those that live at the End of the World, the Time of Trouble, the final crisis, the closed door; but each of these men also received the Oil of grace, the Oil of righteousness, the Golden Oil of Love; they each had this experience.

The Bible says, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" and Noah was just, perfect, and he walked with God. How was he able to be just, perfect, and walk with God? It was by the grace of God; this grace was the Oil of character.

Remember, "It is as the soul is brought face to face with death, some unlooked for and unexpected calamity, that is when it will be seen if we have any real faith in the promises of God". It will be seen whether we are sustained by grace. The only way to make it through the Time of Trouble is to be sustained by grace. That is why the Spirit of Prophecy often likens the Latter Rain to the dews and

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showers of grace because that is what keeps us from falling away. Let us notice how grace is described here.

Psalm 45:2 “Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.”

This is talking about Christ; notice that grace is said to be something that is poured out. The Holy Spirit is also described as being poured or poured out. Why is grace poured into our lips? One of the reasons is so we can know how to answer every man. The Bible says, “Let your speech be with grace seasoned with a little salt that ye may know how to answer every man.”

In Zechariah 12, grace is likened unto the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 12:10 “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”

The Spirit of grace is poured out to drive us to Calvary, so we might look upon Him whom our sins have pierced. He was wounded for our transgression; He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our sins was upon Him and with His stripes are we healed. We look upon Calvary and we see Jesus die of a broken heart; His heart was broken by our sins. As we behold the Lamb of God suffering for our sins, the fact that He was innocent, not guilty, undeserving of this, and that we should be the ones on that cross, it breaks our heart. It causes us to mourn and by beholding we become changed into the same image so that no more do we want to crucify Christ —we want to crucify those sins that made Calvary a reality.

When we mourn and have godly sorrow for sin and ‘repentance that needs not to be repented of’, notice what God does for us. Jesus said in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.”

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;”

This experience can only be gained by going to Calvary and beholding the Lamb until we are changed into the same image.

3 “To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”

There are three things here that God gives to those that mourn in Zion; He gives beauty for ashes; the oil of joy for mourning; and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. These compare with the Gold tried in the fire; the white raiment and the eye-salve; it is the counsel of the True Witness, the merchandise that Jesus is trying to get Laodicea to buy.

When we mourn because the Spirit of Grace is doing its work upon us, God says “I will now give you the Oil of Joy” for mourning. As we get the oil, we can be trees of righteousness by which God can

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be glorified. You see the Oil of Joy which the Spirit of God brings; the Spirit of Grace and supplications. Then in verse 4 there is a work:

Isaiah 61:4 "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

This is also the work Noah did; as he built the ark he prefigured the work of Isaiah 58:12.

Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

You are joyful in your God because He has given you the Oil of Joy. Here we see the Parable of the Bridegroom and the Bride; the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25. Those that are joyful in their God are being clothed with the garments of Salvation, the robe of righteousness, which is also the Oil of Joy.

11 "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

The earth is caused to bud and the things sown in the garden to spring forth by the Former and Latter Rain. You have the Former and Latter Rain; you have the Robe of Righteousness; you have the Oil of Joy; this is all accomplished by the Spirit of Grace and supplications; but only for those that mourn for what their sins have done to Christ. Notice that righteousness is likened unto the Former and Latter rain here.

Isaiah 62:1 "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

The lamp is also associated with the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Notice that lamp is likened unto Salvation. What makes the lamp Salvation to us? The lamp symbolizes the Word of God; the theories of truth; the doctrines of the Third Angel. But what allows that lamp now to become Salvation to us; a bright light of righteousness? There is only one thing that can cause that lamp to be likened to bright Salvation or glorious righteousness; it is the Holy Spirit which is likened unto the Oil. The only way the lamp can shine bright with Salvation is that it has the Oil of Grace, the Oil of Righteousness.

Isaiah 62:2 "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name."

Here we see righteousness likened unto glory. This is the glory of Self-sacrificing Love; the character of God; the Golden Oil of Love. A woman gets a new name when she is married. Here is the marriage, the Five Wise Virgins and also the Bride.

5 "For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."

All of this is dealing with the Parable of the Ten Virgins. So Noah when he found the grace of God, and was able to be just, perfect and walk with God, that grace he found represented the Oil of grace; the Holy Spirit working righteousness in his life; so that he could be a preacher of righteousness and experience righteousness. So Noah can only save himself by his own righteousness, because it was his own experience. Even his children had to have their own experience in the work as well.

Daniel

What about Daniel? Did Daniel receive the Oil of Grace, the Oil of righteousness, and the Golden Oil of Love? Daniel 5 describes the fall of Babylon; Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin. There was a number that was on the wall pronouncing judgement, the finishing and scattering of a kingdom. These words also describe the fall of Babylon in the Fourth Angel's Message.

Belshazzar needed someone to read this writing; he sought for the astrologers, the soothsayers, magicians, but nobody could read it. The king was troubled by the tidings, the tidings out of the East and out of the North that were on the wall. Daniel, being a Student of Prophecy was able to come in and read the writing. But before this, it says something very interesting.

Daniel 5:10 "Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; 12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation."

It is almost like she is giving a resume showing Daniel's credentials and his experience. Notice how she describes the character of Daniel. Daniel had not interpreted anything yet, but the character of Daniel was shining forth here. She says, "I know he can interpret it; look at his character, look at his history, his career."

Daniel 5:13 "Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? 14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. 15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing: 16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom."

Daniel had an excellent spirit in him; he had light, wisdom and understanding in him. What was that light that was in him that allowed him to give the interpretation concerning the fall of Babylon? I submit to you that the light was the Oil of Grace. They say that the Spirit of the holy Gods was in him, the Holy Spirit was in him; he had an excellent spirit. Light, wisdom and understanding was in

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him; it was in his vessels and in his lamp. Daniel was considered a wise man; he was made master of the wise men. In fact he and his fellows were found ten times wiser than everyone in the realm.

Ecclesiastes 8:1 "Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed."

His face shines when he is making known the interpretation of a thing. Here it says that wisdom makes a man's face to shine. What is behind that wisdom that makes his face to shine as he describes not only what will befall his people in his day but Babylon in the last days. The book of Daniel is all about what befalls God's people and the whole world in the last days.

Psalm 104:15 "And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart."

What causes man's face to shine here? It is the Oil; but in Ecclesiastes it says his wisdom makes his face to shine; but really it was the Oil. His face was shining with the glory of God; the glory of Self-sacrificing Love. Daniel had the Oil of Grace and righteousness. Daniel had the Fruit of the Spirit; he had an excellent Spirit. He was full of the Holy Spirit. Spirit of Prophecy says that the life of Daniel is a truly inspired illustration of sanctification. Daniel not only proclaimed the truth but he was sanctified by obedience to the truth.

Daniel 6 is all about the Sunday Law. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had their time of trouble on the plains of Dura, but Daniel was not there. Daniel here is tested as he comes to the time of the Medes and Persians. We have two laws here; Daniel was a servant of the Living God; he served the God of Heaven. Daniel obeyed the Ten Commandments. Here we find the Law of Love vs. the law of selfishness and sin, which is the law of the Medes and Persians.

We realize that law was made to cause Daniel to fall. They were jealous of him because he was one of the first rulers of the realm, set over 120 princes. When they looked at Daniel's life again they said that they could not find any fault in Daniel. There was no error found in Daniel; not in his work as Prime Minister; he was a faithful man, he was faultless. We know that Daniel is a type of the 144,000 that are also without fault before God's throne. Just like Jesus was found to be without fault; Daniel had no fault or error in him.

So they said, "We know how we can get him. We are going to attack the Law of his God." They said, "Let's come up with our own law", the law of selfishness and death, vs. the Law of Self-sacrificing Love.

We know the story; Daniel went through the den of lions, the time of trouble when God's people have to do combat with the beast, his mark and his image, because they are found without fault and without error. It is interesting that it wasn't until it was found that he was without fault and without error, that the law was passed. That's when God allowed them to come up with this unrighteous decree, when he was without fault and error.

So when God's people are fully reflecting the lovely image of Jesus, when they are showing forth the righteousness of Christ and being faithful and they have settled into truth both intellectually and spiritually so they cannot be moved, this is when the lawmaking powers are going to come together to seek to try to cause them to fall into their pit, their snare, their trap.

Daniel 6:20 "And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom

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thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt."

It was found that Daniel served God continually; he was the servant of the living God. The 144,000 are said to be the servants of the living God that are sealed in their foreheads. Daniel was a type of the 144,000. We know that Daniel was the servant of God but it wasn't until he went through the time of trouble without seeing death that he was pronounced 'Servant of the Living God'. Obviously he was sealed, he was protected.

We profess to serve God; we profess to keep the commandments of God; but not until we go through that time of trouble, through that crucible, is earthliness removed from the people of God. All their sympathies with Satan are removed when they go through that time of Jacob's trouble without seeing death they are declared to be servants of the living God with the Seal of the living God, reflecting the image of Jesus fully.

Remember, though Noah, Daniel and Job were in the land when pestilence, famine, sword, and noisome beasts are in the land, they won't save anybody by their righteousness.

Daniel says in verse 22, "Innocency was found in me." Innocency was found; what does that mean? How do you know you are innocent? You have to go through court and be tried, investigated, and judged. In that judgment he was found to be innocent. There was a process of the judgment of the living that he went through, and he was found innocent, that is why God delivered him.

Job 33:8 "Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, 9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me."

Innocent means you are clean, without transgression, there is no iniquity in you. When Daniel said "Innocency was found in me" he was free from transgression, no iniquity was found in him. Why was no iniquity found in Daniel? Was he a righteous man? Yes he was. What does the Bible say about those that love righteousness and hate iniquity? Daniel hated iniquity when he saw the spirit of lawlessness trying to make void the law of God the Bible says he prayed three times a day like he had done before.

What does God do for those who love righteousness and hate iniquity? What would have happened if Daniel would have had iniquity in him? He would have obeyed the law of the Medes and Persians. He would have surrendered; he would not have continued to pray to his God. But he did not have this in him, innocency was found in him and he was delivered.

Hebrews 1:9 "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Who does God anoint with the Oil of gladness? He gives the Oil of Gladness, the Oil of His Love, to the Wise virgins because they love righteousness and hate iniquity. They realize He was wounded for their transgressions; He was bruised for their iniquities. It was iniquity that caused the Son of God to have to be bruised and crucified; and so they hate that which caused the death of the Son of God.

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Daniel hated iniquity; he hated the mystery of iniquity, the mystery of lawlessness when the law of the Medes and Persian, the law of selfishness and sin, was seeking to supplant the Law of God, the law of Self-sacrificing Love.

Psalm 94:20 "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. 22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. 23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off."

Isn't that what happened to those evil men? That evil confederacy, them, their wives and children were all thrown into the lion's den? It wasn't just the men that were thrown in there; it was also their wives and children. I wonder why? It sounds like a threefold union going on there; sounds like an evil family there. Same thing took place with Haman in the days of Esther; it was him, his sons and the wives that were destroyed. It takes more than one; it takes three to make void the Law of God.

Job

In the book of Job we see the Great Controversy. Job, like Daniel and Noah, was living in troublous times, the end of the world, the close of probation.

Job 1:8 "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" [Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.]

Job was perfect, Daniel was perfect, and Noah was perfect. That is interesting; God could have chosen any three men but He chose these three that had perfect righteousness in Christ. So what does the devil say?

Job 1:9 "Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. 13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: 14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:"

Now what we are about to look at is an illustration of the End of the World. There are four major events described in Job. These four events are found in the sequence of events in the last six verses of Daniel 11. What Satan is about to do here is to cut off every earthly support from Job. In the last days those that are loyal and faithful to God are going to see every earthly support cut off. [Revelation 13:11-18] everything that is happening here in the life of Job will also happen to the righteous in the last days as well.

Job 1:15 "And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. . .

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These events and calamities are rapid; they are one after another. The final movements will be rapid ones. The first event that affects Job's wealth and finances are the Sabeans. These are the Children of the East; they are descendants of Abraham and Ishmael in Genesis 25. The first event of the Sabeans attacking Job and his wealth being affected, represents 9/11/2001.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. . .

When you look at Job, he was of the children of the East, he was one of the greatest men of the East; he lived in the land of Uz in southern Arabia. Now the fire of God falls from heaven. What beast in Revelation does Satan work through to bring down fire from heaven? That is the lamb-like beast. "He doeth great wonders so he maketh fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men."

The purpose of that strange fire; the counterfeit of the Holy Spirit, the charismatic movement going on in the Pentecostal and Evangelical world; the purpose of that fire is to deceive people so they will make an image to the beast that had a wound by a sword and did live. When the image is set up and church and state have come together, we know that the Mark of the Beast will soon be implemented. The 'fire of God' falls from heaven after 9/11/2001. This is describing the activities now, the final movements of church and state coming together. Satan is working through America's government, working through apostate Protestantism, in order to get the people to make an image to the beast. First event, Sabeans, 9/11; Next event, church and state coming together, the image of the Beast.

17 "While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

Who are the Chaldeans and what are the three bands? The Chaldeans are the Babylonians. In the last days, Babylon that great city is divided into three parts. What are the three parts?

Revelation 16:13 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."

The Three bands are Spiritualism—the United Nations; Catholicism—the Vatican; and Apostate Protestantism—the United States government. There is a church and state, a civil and religious manifestation of each of these three powers. When the three-fold union comes together in bands, we know that the Law of God will be made void and the constitution will be repudiated. When this happens we will have the propagation of Papal falsehoods; then we may know it is time for the marvelous workings of Satan to do his work of personating Christ and the end is near.

18 "While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: 19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

The three-fold bands represent the Sunday Law. The great wind-storm that comes and smites the four corners of the house, sweeping away the structure, sweeping away with storm and tempest all those that are eating and drinking the wine; eating and drinking the doctrines of Balaam, Jezebel and the Nicolaitanes will be swept away by storm and tempest. They are going to perish when probation closes.

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These four events in the life of Job represent the four events from 9/11; to the Sunday Law and beyond to the final time of trouble when Michael stands up.

Job 1:20 "Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

So in all these calamities, all these trials and tribulations, he still did not sin. Can a man live without sinning? Yes he can. He did not charge God foolishly so he wasn't a Foolish Virgin; he was a Wise Virgin. Did Job have the Oil of grace? Yes he did. Did he receive the Latter Rain, was he sealed? I believe so, the Bible will tell us.

Job 29:1 "Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, 2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; 3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;"

Job had a shining candle; what caused his candle to shine so he could walk through darkness was the Oil of Grace.

Job 29:4 "As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;"

This is interesting; "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him and the Bible tells us God will show His covenant to them. Job was able to understand the secrets and mysteries of divine Revelation.

Job 29:5 "When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; 6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;"

He had the Oil, where did he get it from? It came from the Rock, Christ Jesus. The Foolish Virgins believe the truth, advocate the truth, they like to be around those that believe the truth, but they have not submitted themselves to the Holy Spirit's working. They have not allowed their old nature to be broken up; they have not fallen upon the Rock and been broken. When you fall on the Rock and are broken then you can extract the Oil of Grace. He washed his steps with butter; butter and honey; and he was able to receive the Oil.

Job 29:13 "The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem."

Job had the Oil, he had the butter and the Bible is clear that he put on righteousness, the robe of righteousness and salvation.

Job 29:15 "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. 16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth."

He wasn't a blind Laodicean; he was able to see, his eyes were anointed with eye-salve.

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Job 29:19 “My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. 22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. 23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.”

Job represents the people of God in the Last Days that have the Latter Rain, the Oil, and His righteousness; that have His character. This is why Job did not sin or charge God foolishly, even though every earthly support was taken away from him; he was still able to stand in truth and righteousness.

Seeing the Glory

One of the things that impressed my mind regarding the glory Isaiah saw, is I realized that Noah, Daniel, and Job all saw that same glory; the glory of Self-Sacrificing love.

Genesis 6:18 “But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.”

Before Noah went into the ark, God said He was going to establish His covenant with him, and then they were going into the ark. What was this covenant that God was making with Noah? In the following passage you will find that the sign of the covenant, that God promised that He would not destroy the earth with a flood again, was the rainbow.

Genesis 9:11 “And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.”

The Rainbow comes after the rain, but God said, “I am going to establish My covenant with thee and then you are going to go in.” The sign of the covenant is the Bow; the Rainbow is a symbol of God’s glory. The sign of the covenant is the rainbow, a symbol of the glory of God. Around the throne of God there is a Rainbow over His head and that same rainbow is over the head of Jesus. It is the sign of the Everlasting covenant, the plan of Salvation; it shows us the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world. This covenant sign was revealed to Noah even before the flood came.

Ezekiel 1:26 “And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.”

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This rainbow is the glory of God; the glory of self-sacrificing love and Ezekiel sees this; then in chapter 2, God tells Ezekiel that He is sending him to the rebellious house of Israel, He tells him why they are rebellious, then he tells Ezekiel to eat the book. He eats the book and in chapter 3 he is to fill his bowls and heart with that message and then go to the house of Israel. We know that what made him a watchman was the eating of the Little Book; but there is something else that Ezekiel experienced even before the book.

I think if we were to experience this as watchmen it might make a difference. Sometimes we just want to focus on the Little Book. We focus on the events connected with the close of probation; we focus on Islam and the Vatican and the United Nations and the United States. We focus on the Sunday Law and the Mark of the Beast and the time of trouble; which we need to, but for some reason we have failed of making Jesus the great center of attraction of the Third Angel.

It is almost as though we put the kings of prophecy, these beasts and the mystery of iniquity before the Mystery of godliness! We are always giving people the Mystery of iniquity; the Mystery of iniquity; the Mystery of iniquity; without the Mystery of godliness. By beholding what do you become changed into? It is possible that we can study Rome for so long that we become like Rome in spirit and character. We begin to form into its likeness. But before Ezekiel was able to get the book and eat it and become a watchman, he first had a revelation of the glory of Self-sacrificing Love. That is what we have been missing in our experience; we haven't been seeing the glory in chapter 1 that prepares us for 2 and 3, where we eat the book.

Noah saw the glory of God; did Daniel see the glory of God? What I understand is that if we are going to be faithful watchmen and light bearers, whether we go to the house of Israel or to the gentiles—what gives us success, what gave the prophets success, is that they all saw the very same glory of Self-sacrificing Love. We have not uplifted Christ as the great center of attraction of the Third Angel because we haven't seen His glory.

When we see this glory we will never leave it out of our discourses. That is why Sister White says to present the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation, but in connection with these words, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world!" We don't present, "Behold the Lamb of God" because we really have not beheld Him; if we are honest, we haven't beheld Him. We haven't seen the glory of Self-sacrificing Love and fallen down on our face at His feet. But everybody that has this experience, this is what prepares them to be a faithful watchman; a faithful servant; a missionary.

Daniel 10:4 "And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."

Daniel here was seeing a revelation of Jesus Christ; the same as John saw on the isle of Patmos.

7 "And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his

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words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.”

My comeliness, my beauty, my glory was turned to corruption; this is the work of justification by faith, to lay the glory of man in the dust, to prepare him to be clothed with Christ’s righteousness. He sees the revelation of Jesus Christ, the glory of Self-sacrificing Love; then in verse 14 it says;

Daniel 10:14 “Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”

We are trying to make known to people what shall be in the latter days; we are trying to show people that Rome establishes the vision and they do. But we haven’t had a vision or revelation of the excellent glory where our pride, our love of the world, our selfishness is laid in the dust. Did Noah see the glory of God? Yes. Did Daniel see the glory of God? Yes. Did Job see the glory of God? What experience did Job have?

Job 42:1 “Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. 3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

He said “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; I have heard of Your glory and power, I have heard of Your majesty, I have heard about You; but now my eye actually sees You.” It is a personal revelation now. When he saw God, he wasn’t proud and lifted up, “Because I have seen Thee I abhor myself.” This means I hate myself; I am undone; I am unclean; I have unclean lips and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.” The he says; “I repent in dust and ashes. I lay my glory, all my pride, all my selfishness, all my foolishness, all my worldliness, in the dust!” Did Job see the glory of God? Yes.

That is what made the difference; what allowed them to go through the time of trouble in their generations. That’s what allowed them to be faithful. It says that they would be delivered by their own righteousness, what was their righteousness? They saw the glory of self-sacrificing love and until we see this—we will never abhor ourselves. We will still love ourselves. We will still think that we are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.

If we don’t see Him in all of His glory, we won’t hate ourselves and if we don’t abhor ourselves for what we have done to Him, and continue to do to Him, we will never repent, and if we don’t repent we can’t be converted; and if we aren’t converted, our sins can’t be blotted out. If our sins are not blotted out we will not share in the refreshing. If we don’t share in the refreshing, the times of the restitution of all things, Jesus will not come for us to take us to the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

“When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” COL 69.

He is waiting for the manifestation of Himself in His church. He will not have to wait long if we begin beholding His glory, the glory of Self-sacrificing Love.