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The ministry of Living Waters is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future – for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now present truth.

We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the prophetic word includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

Coupled with the prophetic message, Living Waters Ministry emphasizes all aspects of the medical missionary work. The “entering wedge” – medical missionary work – must be practiced by those who are to finish God’s work in these final hours.

During this time period, country living becomes more essential with each passing moment. Living Waters Ministry upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God’s people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

Prologue

In the part two of this series, we looked at the cornerstone of the American system – which is the first amendment of the constitution. In this edition we will look at the role of Islam in relation to the papacy.

Sin Punish Sin

The God of Heaven is a just God. All those who choose the path of righteousness get the reward for following that path and all those who follow in the way of Cain or Korah, receive also the just reward for the course in which they have taken in their life. The Bible tells us that whatever a man reaps he shall sow. For those who choose the path of unrighteousness there are inevitable, unavoidable consequences to the actions taken.

Num 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: **and be sure your sin will find you out.**

This verse in Numbers lets the Bible reader know that, whatever the sin may be, if it is unrepented of, it will find you out, and the way in which will find man out is by punishing the sinner with the works of sin.

In the Bible, many times the Lord punished heathen nations by the heathen. This can be easily seen with Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon punishing Tyre for rejoicing over the fall of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 26), or

Nebuchadnezzar punishing Egypt for their sins (Jeremiah 46).

Psa 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: **deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is thy sword***:

Psa 17:14 From men *which are thy hand*, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

Isa 10:5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

Isa 10:6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

This principle is seen working in the nation of Pagan Rome. The barbarian hordes, the Goths, Vandals, and Huns were the powers that God used to sack and destroy Western Rome, this is portrayed in Revelation 8. With this being done, the Catholic Church asserted itself as the solution to the problems plaguing Rome. This connection of the church of Rome and the state of Rome brought extensive centuries long issues for the world. When this connection was made, the church used the state as a tool to punish anything the church deemed heresy.



Transition

When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of “heresy.” In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. {GC 443.2}

Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. An example of this is given in the long-continued persecution of dissenters by the Church of England. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, thousands of nonconformist ministers were forced to flee from their churches, and many, both of pastors and people, were subjected to fine, imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom. {GC 443.3}

It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. Said

Paul: “There” shall “come a falling away, ... and that man of sin be revealed.” **2 Thessalonians 2:3**. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast. {GC 443.4}

“Power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” And, says the prophet, “I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death.” And again: “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.” The forty and two months are the same as the “time and times and the dividing of time,” three years and a half, or 1260 days, of Daniel 7—the time during which the papal power was to oppress God’s people. **This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798.** At that time the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity.” {GC 439.2}

The Papacy did not grow to the throne of the earth overnight, it was through many years of alliances and capitulations that brought the church of Rome to its zenith. The Lord will not and cannot leave sin to go wholly unpunished, Proverbs 11:21, Jeremiah 25:29, as it says in Jeremiah 25:29, “for I will call for a sword”, the Lord will call for a sword to cut down Papal Rome’s blasphemous works and speeches. A sword in Bible prophecy is a symbol for war and destruction. The power that was raised up to war against the papacy was Islam.

When Satan's scheme is found out and he cannot gain say or hinder the work of the Lord, he changes forms to attack the work of the Lord. In heaven, he, Satan, warred against God and Jesus Christ in his created form, as a covering cherub, but when that was found and cast out, he came to earth and continued his warfare against the government of God in the form of a serpent, and the means the Lord sent was to fight against this method was the everlasting gospel, Genesis 3:15. Now, this being understood, when Satan took the form of Pagan Rome to war against the kingdom of God, the Lord used the Barbarians as His sword to punish Rome. A civil power, barbarians, against a civil power, Pagan Rome. Since Papal Rome is a civil-religious power, the sword that the Lord has to raise up must be a civil-religious power, and this power was Islam.

The principle and rule is when the papacy rises, Islam shortly after rises. When the papacy falls, Islam shortly after falls. The papacy rose in the year 538AD to its full height and shortly after Mohammed in the year 606AD rose.

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

“The fifth angel sounded, and a star fell from heaven unto the earth.” **A star is a fallen minister. The sounding of this trumpet took place about A. D. 606, when the Mahomedan imposture took its rise.** This imposture was more the work of a Jew, whom he met in his Syrian journeys, and a Nestorian monk who had been expelled from his cloister, than the work of Mahommed himself. His

system is a confused medley of Judaism, Christianity, and heathenism. The exiled monk was probably the principal agent in the work of forming this imposture, and might with propriety or without violence to the figure, be denominated a fallen star. The key of the bottomless pit was given him, and he opened the pit, and there arose a great smoke out of the pit, and the sun (the Gospel,) and the air (the moral influence of the Gospel,) were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came locusts out of the smoke upon the earth. Smoke denotes errors, and locusts destructive armies. Mahommed, after he and his accomplices had framed their system, began at first to propagate his religion by peaceable means. But not succeeding to his mind, he soon began to meditate more violent measures, and to do by the sword what he could not do by argument. They, (the armies of Mahommed) had power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They tormented men by their sudden attacks, and the wounds and tortures which they inflicted. It was commanded that they should not hurt the grass {PSC 150.1}

Here in the above quote, Mohammedism, Islam, came about shortly after the papacy rose to power to contend against her and her afflictions against God's people. The Lord always has used sin to punish sin. He uses the forces of the enemy to take down the enemies of God. This can be so because "a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." Satan and his forces hate each other and the only "unity" in which they have is in the hatred of Christ and His host.

When the tribes of Arabia were gathered for the conquest of Syria, the caliph Abubeker instructed the chiefs of the

army as follows: **“When you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women or children. Destroy no palm trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat.... As you go on, you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries: and you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mohammedan or pay tribute.”**
{SSP 166.1}

It would seem that God put a spirit of gentleness into the hearts of these warriors toward those Christians, who, in the solitudes of Syria, were keeping the law of God; but the tonsured priests and monks were to be slain without mercy, unless they accepted the faith of Mohammed and paid tribute. Syria was soon wholly in the hands of the Saracens. {SSP 166.2}

The direction of Abubekr to his troops was the direction of the Lord. In the words, “and it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads” was the direction from God that the Christians found in the areas of conquest will not be harmed. We can take solace and rest in God that He will protect us from harm.

If the principle in which was put forth is true, then some time after the reign of the papacy, Islam must go down for its work is no longer needed. We read in GC 439 par. 2, where it states that the supremacy of the Papacy ended in 1798. Now let us look and see where in history Islam's supremacy ceased as well.

In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. **Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown “in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;” and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: “Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.”**—Josiah Litch, in *Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy*, August 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted

by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended. {GC 335.1}

The Ottoman Empire was founded by Othman, a leader of the Islamic religion. Islam was predicted to reign and be a woe to the Papacy for more than 400 years. Josiah Litch predicts that Islam was to reign as the Ottoman Empire for 391 years and 15 days, from Revelation 9:14-15. This being fulfilled, the empire fell on August 11th, 1840, when the Islamic powers subjected themselves to the four Christian powers.

The Islamic power was prophesied of the Lord in the days of Abraham, with his son, Ishmael. The Scriptures state that he, or his descendants, will dwell in the presence of all his brethren and every hand shall be against him and his hand against every man.

Gen 16:11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name **Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.**

Gen 16:12 **And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.**

In the Strong's concordance the phrase "every man" mean "the whole" or "all". The word Catholic means "universal" which means "whole", then from the very outset of the naming of Ishmael, the bible lets us know that

Ishmael's descendants will be against the Catholics or "the whole".

Islam is the power which God uses to answer the cry of affliction from His people. When they are being oppressed by the powers of the earth, God answers their cry by sending Islam to deal with the power that oppresses them.

It has been proven that islam's role is to be against the powers of Catholicism. From 1840 onward they were not a threat to the earth as they were when they were loosed for over 300 years. However, when the Papacy rears her head, then Ishmael raises his head and must come on the scene to deal with her. In the next edition, we will see when islam comes back on the scene, and when it does, it brings us to modern times.

