

Brazil School of the Prophets: January-February 2019

10. Predestination - (14/04/19).

Class 10: Dn 11:40

- This is 1841, 40 years before Smith

Verses 36-39. "And [there should be a reference] the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: a God whom his fathers knew not shall he honor, with gold and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds, with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." APEC 95.2

Such a character as is above described, was revolutionary France. [king and a kingdom] That dreadful revolution commenced 1789, and was styled the first year of liberty. But not satisfied with the achievements of that year, and the liberty they had asserted and exercised, the revolutionists rested not, until they had established the reign of demoniac equality and frantic atheism. At an early period of the revolution, the illuminated free-masons took the name of jacobins, from the name of a convent where 'they held their meetings. They then counted 300,000 adepts, and were supported by 2,000,000 of men, scattered through France, armed with pikes and torches, and all the implements of the revolution. On the 12th of August, 1792, the wilful king, or atheistical power, exalted himself above all law; the king of France was seized and carried a prisoner to the temple, and his right to the crown declared forfeited; and it was decreed that to the date of rational liberty, the date of equality should in future be added, in all public acts. The names and titles of the nobility of France were swept away at a stroke, and all distinctions in civil society annihilated. APEC 96.1

- He then explains the word point by point

Not satisfied with this, on the 26th of August, 1792, this power exalted himself above all religion, and a decree was passed, establishing atheism by law; and the clergy were ordered to leave the kingdom within a fortnight of its date. APEC 96.2

- Once again he marks it as France revolutionary and not just Napoleon.

Thus this king, [not specifically Napoleon but France] 1. Did according to his will, asserted and

claimed licentious liberty as the right of all. 2. He exalted himself above every god or power, imprisoning the sovereign of France, and setting himself up as the supreme power. 3. He spoke marvellous things against the God of gods; by decreeing that there was no God, and by banishing the ministers of God from his dominion. In November a discourse was pronounced by Dupont, upon atheism, which was applauded by the convention. And in Nov. 1793, it was stated by one of the atheists, that all religious worship had disappeared in his section, even to the very idea of religion. He added, that he and his fellows detested God. On the 17th of October, 1795, all external signs of religion were abolished, and it was decreed that an inscription should be set up in the public burying-ground, that death is only an eternal sleep. APEC 96.3

- Then he quotes vs 40

“The time of the end” is a period to which frequent allusion has been made, and now we are brought down to the period where it is introduced. It has before been stated, that “the time of the end” is from the fall of Popery, 1798, to the end itself. [EGW does this often] The king of the South, we have also seen in the preceding remarks, is Egypt; and the king of the North, is Syria. “Him,” in the 40th verse, is the atheistical government of France... APEC 98.1

- What verse EGW uses to show the Papacy comes down at the ToE? Rev 13:3 and GC 356.1-2

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

- GC 356.1-2 : Dan 12:4 and 2 Thes 2:3
- GC 268 : Rev 11:2-11 and Mat 24:22
- GC 439.2 :
- GC 578.3 : Rev 13

- But how did the Millerites do it?

The inquiry, perhaps, may arise, Why commence the 2300 days with the 70 weeks? I reply,-1. Because the 70 weeks was given as a key to the 2300 days, to show when they began. 2. There is no other time to commence but that. For, if we understand them literal days, we are equally at a loss where to begin. If they commenced when the vision was given, the third year of Belshazzar, it is not true that the sanctuary was in any sense cleansed in 2300 days. If they represent 2300 years, and commenced then, they would have ended A. D. 1747, when no event transpired which could be called the cleansing of the sanctuary. But, leaving that point, we have no other period at which to commence but the one designated in the 70 weeks' prophecy. Indeed, it is now admitted by the strongest opponents of these views, that the two periods were to begin together; but then they contend that the cleansing of the sanctuary means the restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem, and the commencement of a temporal millennium. But it has already been shown, from Luke 21:24, that “Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the

Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled;” and that “then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.” So that the Jews will never be restored to Jerusalem, until the Son of Man comes to possess his everlasting kingdom. Again; Gabriel declared expressly, “At the time of the end shall be the vision.” And the time of the end will be shown to be, from the fall of Popery, 1798, to the end itself. APEC 86.1

“Such as do wickedly shall he corrupt.” Those who are only nominal Christians, not Christians in heart, shall he corrupt by flatteries to submit to all the pretensions of Papal Rome. “But the people (true Christians) who do know their God, shall be strong and do exploits.” They shall protest against the corruptions of Christianity which they witness around them. “And they that understand among the people shall instruct many.” The true servants of God shall keep religion alive through the long dark night of Papal rule. Yet they shall be persecuted and put to death by a variety of means, many days. “When they shall fall they shall be holpen with a little help.” They shall have now and then a respite from their persecutions; but whenever they do, they shall find many to cleave to them with flatteries, and that they are in danger of being corrupted from their simplicity. But, to keep them humble and dependent, “some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge them, and make them white, even to the time of the end, because it is for a time appointed,” Until the time of the end, therefore, the Papal power was to continue and be exerted in persecuting and putting to death all who were in his power, who dared to dissent from the successor of St. Peter. But at the period where the 35th verse leaves us, the time of the end is yet future. APEC 94.1

Dan 11:35 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.

- He picks some points of vs 32 to 35.

“The time of the end” is a period to which frequent allusion has been made, and now we are brought down to the period where it is introduced. It has before been stated, that “the time of the end” is from the fall of Popery, 1798, to the end itself. The king of the South, we have also seen in the preceding remarks [preceding verses of Dn 11], is Egypt; and the king of the North, is Syria. “Him,” in the 40th verse, is the atheistical government of France. This government was to prosper, verse 36, “until the indignation be accomplished;” or until Papal Europe should be scourged for the persecutions inflicted on the people of God. For this purpose, atheistical France was permitted to triumph. The French revolution, and the wars which followed it, and desolated Europe for so many years, were God’s sore judgment on the Papal powers. Buonaparte was an instrument of vengeance in the hand of the Almighty. [this is the 45th president. His purpose is to bring vengeance] “And at the time of the end”-he is presented as growing up out of the revolution, rising above, and giving direction to, that dreadful storm. [911 to 119. So it’s different than theirs because their was the ToE] The Papal dominion was taken away in Feb. 1798; and in May following, at the instigation of Napoleon, the French fitted out an expedition for Egypt, the command of which was given to Buonaparte. He landed in Egypt on the 1st of July, and landed his army at Marubaut, about a mile and a half from Alexandria. The

Turks, although unprepared for this invasion, mustered what force they could, and, shutting the gates of the city, held out until the French forced their way through the old, crumbling walls. Thus, in 1798, the king of the South pushed at him. After reconciling matters, however, with the Mohammedans, as well as he could, he commenced his march through Egypt to the Pyramids, in sight of which they arrived on the 21st of July. Here a decisive battle ensued with the Mamelukes, in which Buonaparte gained an important victory. The effect was, Cairo surrendered to him, and Lower Egypt was entirely conquered. In the mean time, the French fleet, which was moored in the bay of Aboukir, was destroyed by Lord Nelson. After settling the affairs of Egypt, he commenced, in the beginning of 1799, a march into Syria, with an army of 10,000 picked men. Feb. 15, he took possession of El-Arish; and, pursuing his march, he took Gaza without opposition; but at Jaffa (Joppa) the Turks made a resolute defence; but the walls were carried by storm, and 3000 Turks died with arms in their hands. And from 1200 to 3000 more, who had surrendered, were led out of the town, and murdered in cold blood. APEC 98.1

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Thus "the king of the North," Syria, came" against him like a whirlwind," with "horsemen," with "chariots," or wheeled artillery, and with many ships; two British ships, and a Turkish fleet. And he was defeated and driven back with great losses. APEC 100.1

- Discussion on predestination

Millerite history

1888 - around this time EGW says Christ could have returned before (basically from 1844 to 1888. But couldn't have been 1844. Let's refine it:

- 1798
- 1844 - Sabbath began to be introduced into the movement
- 1845 - Bates
- 1846 - EGW Sabbath
- 1848 - Sabbath has become mature, well understood. They want to begin to preach this message (3rd angel, they know) - 'Springs revolution' - (2011 Arab Springs). Also begins a series of study with EGW's mind blocked
- 1850 - Pentecost, public evangelism in serious way. And that's the purpose of the chart
- 1863 - 2nd advent
- 1888

2011 : Arab Spring begins the fight between KN and KS.

- The point: He couldn't have come before 1850.