



# ARMAGEDDON

How Daniel 11:40–12:1 describes WWIII

## DANIEL 11:40 – 12:1

Three reputable interpretations of this passage now making their way around Seventh-day Adventism describe, respectively, three distinct narratives to occur between 1798 A.D. and the Close of Human Probation. These three narratives are not mutually exclusive. In fact, they complement each other to provide a highly detailed picture of World War III, a prophetic picture which the present state of world affairs may very well be poised to fulfill!

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Daniel 11:40-45 presents in detail the events to take place between the “time of the end” (vs 40) and the Close of Human Probation (Dan 12:1). This prophecy is clearly Present Truth.

Yet there is much debate among Seventh-day Adventism as to which interpretation of the passage is correct. There are *three* main interpretations with minor variations of each.

You may initially think this strange, but I believe all three are correct and important. I believe Daniel 11:40-45 is a prophetic passage exhibiting triple meaning, like the double-meaning of a pun, and thus displaying the infinite intelligence of its divine Author!

It is demonstrably *not* the only passage in the Bible with multiple prophetic significances, but that topic is for another paper.

Below I present what I believe to be the most correct variation of each of the three main interpretations of Daniel 11:40-45 swirling within Adventism. Also, I explain how these three may all be true simultaneously, how all three together present an incredibly detailed picture of end-time events rarely seen or understood.

If you are at all interested, perhaps it is because our Lord wants you to consider this at this time. In that case please read all the way to the end...I think you will be glad you did.

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[Dan 11:40] And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. [41] He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. [42] He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. [43] But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. [44] But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. [45] And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. [12:1] And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

**First Literal Interpretation:** SDA pioneer and thought leader Uriah Smith gave us this interpretation in his book *Daniel and The Revelation*.<sup>1</sup>

According to this view of the passage in question, verses 40-44 were fulfilled between 1798 and the present day and only verse 45 remains to be fulfilled. That verse predicts a Turkish government will invade Israel and threaten to take Jerusalem but will then be defeated with nobody willing to provide it aid.

It is of interest to note that Ezekiel 38–39 predicts that in the “latter days” (38:16) Turkey, Iran, Russia, Libya, and Ethiopia will form an alliance (note that all these are either Islamic nations or have huge Islamic populations; also note that Turkey, Iran and Russia are now allied) and invade Israel. Actually, the passage predicts all this *only if one understands it to be speaking literally* as Daniel 11:45 does in Uriah Smith’s view.

According to Smith’s view of Daniel 11:45, Turkey will be left without help by its allies right as it closes in on victory over Jerusalem – “yet he [Turkey/“Gog”/“the king of the north”] shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” It appears that Eze 39 describes this defeat in more detail.

**Symbolic interpretation:** Below I give the interpretation of Daniel 11:40-45 found in my book, *Lines of Truth*, chapter 4. I am not the only SDA who sees Daniel 11:40-45 in this way. SDA pastor Marc Swearingen presented a similar interpretation in his book *Tidings Out of the Northeast*.<sup>2</sup> Yet well before he did his research, Jeff Pippenger (an SDA layman at the time) published a most similar interpretation of the passage.<sup>3</sup> From my book:

(11:40) At the Time of the End, beginning in 1798, atheistic France will disempower the papacy, and at the final Time of the End, beginning in 1989, the papacy will retaliate with the speed and destructive force of a whirlwind. With US military and economic power backing it, the papacy will retaliate against the then-reigning atheistic superpower, the USSR. The pressure applied by the church will ultimately affect all the countries making up the USSR, and Soviet Communism will be utterly overwhelmed.

(11:41) The US will also be spiritually overcome by the papacy as the American government passes a national Sunday Law. Many Seventh-day Adventists will then be shaken out of the church, but people from Protestantism, people from paganism/spiritualism, and people from Catholicism will escape the spiritual clutches of modern Babylon. (11:42) Modern Babylon will come to control, both religiously and politically, the countries of the entire world.

(11:43) Also, modern Babylon will take full control of the world's financial and economic systems. The poor and the rich will be dependent on the confederacy of confusion; the militaries of the world will be at its beck and call.

(11:44) But gospel tidings which call men to sever all connection with Babylon effectively reveal its true character and jostle its crown. The rage of the threefold meta-power of confusion is deadly, and many true believers are beheaded.

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<sup>1</sup> EGW database reference: {1897 UrS, DAR 302.2 – 318.2}

<sup>2</sup> <https://remnantpublications.com/index.php/tidings-out-of-the-northeast.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.sdawatchmen.org/resources/The%20Time%20of%20the%20End.pdf>

(11:45) Armageddon battle is raging. All the religious and political centers of Babylon's power are doing everything they can to break the gospel power and influence of the remnant tiding bearers. They are desperately seeking to spiritually disrupt the righteous unity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church fully purified. The battle rages between the multitudes of the spiritually dead, and the multitudes preaching and receiving everlasting life. (12:1) Finally, modern Babylon's power comes to end as Michael stands victorious to close human probation. Babylon then helplessly suffers the Seven Last Plagues—Plagues from which all those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life at that time will be delivered.

**Second Literal Interpretation:** Tim Roosenberg<sup>4</sup> and Doug Batchelor<sup>5</sup> suggest that all of Daniel 11:40-45 will fulfill in the near future and that the term “king of the north” designates a papacy-backed coalition of “north”/western powers (among whom are the USA, UK, Israel, etc.) and the “king of the south” represents an alliance of Islamic powers in opposition to the “north”/West.

According to this view, there will soon be an Islamic attack against the papacy-backed coalition which provokes a massive and swift counter-attack from the “north” powers. These will enter Israel – the “glorious land” – and overthrow Islamic governments including that of Egypt.

Then news from the east (China) and the north (Russia) will trouble the western coalition. Not surprising since Russia and China will surely not appreciate having all formerly Islamic governments invaded and overthrown by a coalition of their long-standing western enemies.

The king of the north will “go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many” (vs 44). Thusly will the whole world – most notably the US, Europe, Islamic countries, Russia, and China – be brought under papal control and power.

Having established a truly one-world empire (minus the 144,000 who will not submit and can't be killed), the Papacy will “plant the tabernacles of his palace” in Jerusalem likely preparing to make it her global capitol. But human probation then closes as Michael/Truth stands and leaves the Sanctuary's Most Holy Place.

Babylon/confusion falls “and none shall help.”

Now, as I said, I believe all three of these descriptions of the future should be put together to obtain the big picture. So let's use our sanctified reasoning and imaginative powers to make the connections and fill in the details. Of course, our reason and imagination can't give us exactly how things will go down, but at least these can show us the plausibility of all three interpretations being true!

Again, the following narrative I see to be a truth-based fiction. That the future will unfold exactly as I tell it below is most unlikely. However, a similar future to that you are about to read is very possible in light

<sup>4</sup> <https://sealingtime.com/resources/featured-speakers/tim-roosenberg/islam-and-christianity-daniel-11-seminar-tim-roosenberg>

<sup>5</sup> <https://thecompassmagazine.com/news/critical-mass-doug-batchelor-ends-series-on-islam-bible-prophecy> ALSO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvGRGXMQ0eQ>

of current events, and as I see it, a similar future is prophesied by the three-layer meaning of Daniel 11:40-45.

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By the end of summer, 2019 Trump completed the withdrawal of almost all US troops from Syria. It was just as well for the US would need all hands on deck... In the fall of that year, a completely unprecedented hurricane season, a never-before-seen number and size of fires throughout both the east and west, a small yet extremely ominous eruption of the Yellowstone super-volcano, and a significant asteroid strike to the heart of Nashville, TN (not to mention a stock market devaluation of more than 60%) quickly brought a very large number of the American public to believe the God had begun to execute judgment upon the USA for its wickedness.

Americans were greatly shaken not just by the disasters but also by powerful religious movements that swept the Christian churches. These ultimately led to intense pressure on the US government for Sunday Law enforcement, among other enforcements and policies, by the spring of 2020.

With the removal of US troops from Syria, a vacuum was created. Turkey and Iran, by then allied also with new Islamic governments in Libya and Ethiopia, took the opportunity to expand their power into a greatly weakened Syria. Israel did what it could to fight their advance without provoking these powers too greatly. Russia took a back seat yet seemed to be along for the ride with Iran. Perhaps Russia thought it could discourage an overt conquest of Israel through diplomacy and yet advance/protect its own interests through its allies' presence in the region.

By the end of 2019, Israel found its border face to face with extremely hostile Iranian and Turkish forces confident of Russian, Libyan and Ethiopian backup. The US and Europe (nearly all eurozone economies had recently crashed hard) seemed totally preoccupied with domestic problems. All that seemed to check Iran's and Turkey's lust for conquest of Israel were Putin, Saudi Arabia, and a few other minor powers who were either friendly with Israel or bitter enemies of Iran.

Then came the tipping point. An Israeli journalist was killed on camera just as he was reporting on Israel's threatened western border. The killing instantly sparked the fire of a war the world had been fearing. Its first battles were intense and bloody. But the combined forces of Iran, Turkey, Ethiopia and Libya were victorious and pushed forward into the territory of Israel towards Jerusalem, hell-bent on destroying the nation and taking its most prized city for Allah and Islam.

Back in the US, civil-war-like violence had broken out all over the US in the wake of a highly controversial, right-wing movement pressing for National Sunday law enforcement and immediate US intervention on the behalf of Israel among other things. The violence became most severe just after the federal government finally acquiesced to the movement's demands.

On the same day a National Sunday-observance bill was signed into law, Trump's foreign policy in the Middle East made a U-turn as the US declared all-out war on Iran and Turkey and all their supporters. But this was the climactic final straw that completely broke the proverbial camel's back – the maximally stressed US dollar + financial system. The Federal Reserve, having run out of options whereby to resuscitate its Ponzi scheme as structured, was tasked with completely restructuring the entire finance system of the US...and quickly enough to prevent complete societal breakdown. The new system it soon produced (in partnership with many other government agencies, companies and shadowy individuals)

was 100% digital. The US dollar would be no more. A chip implant (in the forehead or in the hand) would be required in order to participate in any financial activity going forward. The system seemed to solve the financial crisis at hand to a great extent and was quickly adopted by all nations allied with or friendly to the USA.

In just one month the financial panic in the US dissipated as the new financial system (which could only have been pre-planned for the occasion, so quickly was it deployed) began functioning fully. And with the crippling domestic crisis averted, the US again looked to Israel where Turkey and Iran had pressed the war's front nearly to the city of Jerusalem. The US government, having already given itself to the will of the evangelical churches, then followed their fanatical orders and hit Tehran, capitol of Iran, with a nuclear bomb, destroying it. This, on *the very day* of the full outpouring of the Latter Rain!

World War III had commenced. Everyone knew it. Everyone in the world stopped what they were doing. This was 9/11 all over again, but on a much grander scale, and in reverse. The world seemed to hold its breath waiting for a retaliatory Russian or Chinese nuclear strike on a western city. But none came. The East chose to do nothing...at least not yet. (Perhaps I should mention that North Korea immediately launched its entire little collection of nukes at western targets, but these were all intercepted and neutralized by US missile defense systems before they detonated). The Latter Rain, through true Seventh-day Adventists, took the opportunity for evangelism. Millions were converted throughout the world in a few hours!

Upon receiving news of the A-bomb, heart-sick Iranian forces immediately retreated from Israel leaving the Turkish Armed Forces alone to be overpowered by the superior Israel Defense Forces. President Trump immediately followed up His nuclear attack on Iran by sending Jared Kushner, son-in-law, senior advisor, and Jew, with an overwhelming provision of military manpower, war-machines, and both conventional and nuclear weapons and defense systems to Israel. Urged on by evangelical churches back home, Kushner entered into a special war-time pact with Israel and commended to launch a massive offensive against all Islamic countries and peoples hostile to US and Israeli interests. Soon he quelled Islamic uprisings in Israel and Jerusalem (while Islam united and protested most violently throughout the rest of the globe), demolished the Dome of the Rock and commenced to build the Third Temple in its place. Feeling economically and militarily compelled to do so, NATO backed Trump, Kushner, and team-Papacy in general.

The Muslim world united under one they called The Mahdi and with him denounced Jared Kushner as the anticipated Dajjal. The Jews were quick to hail Jared Kushner as their long-awaited Messiah. And observing this, the evangelical Christian world decided Kushner must be "the prince that shall come" (Dan 9:26), the antichrist! All this suited the real antichrist quite well. The major world-religions were each finding clear confirmation *in current events* of their various eschatological delusions. The Papacy officially held itself aloof from all the doctrinal excitement and drama, refusing to express anything more than vague and sanctimonious platitudes. She would have remained almost wholly out of news headlines if it had not been for the 144,000 and their outcry...that she was the Great Whore of Bible prophecy.

Behind everything, secretly pulling all the strings of power, were Catholic Jesuits led directly by Satan, their god. Yet as these arch-rebels most successfully massaged and compelled countries – even third-world countries in South America, Africa and Asia – towards full membership in good standing with the New World Order, the message and miracles of the 144,000 were not without great effect throughout a

world struggling to find an entirely new stability. Of course the messengers of truth calling God's people out of Babylon were blamed for all the strife and ills of the Order's war and persecuted accordingly.

As the "north"/West launched offensives aimed at subduing the Muslim world, various Asian, South American, and African countries unwilling to politically and societally submit to the Order joined with Russia in a single massive defensive alliance. The war raged unimaginably brutal and expensive. All the conventional military and economic might both of the West and of the East were pitted against each other. For three and a half years WWII raged throughout the earth, but most intensely in the territories of fundamentalist Islam.

By the end of these years of continuous fighting, all the resources of Islam were completely spent...annihilated. The West advanced to the borders of Russia and China, which, themselves financially and militarily exhausted to the point of failure, nevertheless refused to give up. The Alliance then vowed that any further provocation from the Order would result in a nuclear holocaust. Already tasting complete victory over the world, the Order pushed into China all but inviting a nuclear strike.

It came. A nuclear exchange. Only a few dozen A-bombs detonated on their targets. The Order and the Alliance were each hit by more than a handful of each other's bombs. But Satan had given the Order special intelligence through his Jesuits regarding exactly where and how to strike so as to completely destroy the Alliance's nuclear capability. Without this ability the Alliance immediately surrendered and the Papacy, at the zenith of world dominance (yet with a greatly reduced population in the earth to dominate), immediately began a huge remodeling project in Jerusalem, home of the newly completed Third Temple.

She purposed to make ancient Zion a befitting capitol of a New World. Ten kings were at this time appointed to rule the anticipated New World to be developed under the Pope. These kings were selected from the military generals which had been most responsible for bringing the Catholic Church and her World Order complete victory...

Well...almost complete victory. There yet remained 144,000 "unkillables," as they had become known. These could not be brought to obey men over their God nor could they be "depopulated" or exterminated.

Literally one hour after the official inauguration of the ten kings with the announcement of their dominions, Jesus Christ stood in the Most Holy Place of Heaven to close human probation. Then all the wicked world woke up to just how badly they had been duped by *the Papacy* and her Jesuit generals. And a world possessed of demons turned upon her. And the wrath of God was poured out upon that world in the form of Seven Last Plagues. But the 144,000 were spared.

Then the indescribable Coming of Christ! Halleluiah!!

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful. [Rev 17:14](#)