

Daniel



Lesson 29-The Time is Ripe for Truth's Victory

Focus: Dan.12:4/Rev.11

- ❖ **After the 1260 years in the Dark Ages, the Bible tells us that something amazing would take place during the "...the time of the end" (Dan. 12:4). What would happen?**
 - Many would run "to and fro" and "**...knowledge would increase!**" Yes, general knowledge would increase but, especially would the practical knowledge of God's word increase (and of the prophecies). We are not living in the Dark Ages anymore. **The Bible** has come into our hands, and **Jesus is calling us to read it, to study it diligently, and to follow faithfully its teachings!!**
- ❖ **How does God tell us the story of His word through the book of Revelation? (See Rev. 11)**
 - **(v.1,2) A "measuring rod" or standard was given to John (v.1).** This prophecy in verses 1 & 2 is a continuation of the prophecy in chapter 10. The Apostle John (representing the bitter-sweet experience of when Daniel's prophecies opened up in the 1840's) was told that he must "prophesy again" (Rev. 10:11). **At this time, a Standard or measuring rod was given to God's people** (here represented by the Apostle John). In **1846** the people who had gone through the Advent movement and the great disappointment of 1844 **also** became aware of the 7th day Sabbath and our need to lovingly honor Jesus by keeping all of His commandments (including the 7th day Sabbath). **The Standard** of God's Ten Commandments (especially the Sabbath) will be used to test the whole Christian world and to call them back up to God's complete standard of righteousness. **The Temple, the Altar, and the worshipers were to be measured.** These were precisely the 3 things which were cleansed during the Day of Atonement in Ancient Israel (ref. Leviticus 16:16,18,19,30). During this Judgment Hour of earth's history Jesus wants people to stand firmly for Him and to obey all of His commandments as a sign of their loyalty and faithfulness to Him. **(v.2) The "Gentiles" were known for not having the Law of God** (ref. Romans 2:14). During the 1260 years of Papal supremacy (in the Dark Ages), many people were not truly aware of the real teachings of God's Law. God will judge them according to His knowledge of what they knew and did. We are not to judge them by the same standard that we so clearly know and uphold today. God will judge them.
 - **(v.2) –Heaven's truth was trampled underfoot for the 1260 years during the middle ages (from 538 to 1798 AD).** The "time, times, and a half", "42 months," and "1260 days" are all the same time period. **3 ½ years is 42 months or 1260 days.** A day for a year gives us **1260 years which are covered by this time prophecy.**
- ❖ **Who are God's two witnesses that suffer terrible treatment during the 1260 years? (Rev. 11:3,4 ; Zechariah 4:2-6; Psalm 119:105, 130; 2 Timothy 3:15; John 5:39) Hebrews 4:12** compares it to a "two-edged sword." ALSO: Do the names Moses and Elijah have anything to do with this? (v.6) (hint: Law and the Prophets).
- ❖ **What warnings are pronounced against those who attack God's Word? (Rev. 11:5,6; 22:18,19)**
- ❖ **Who finally killed the two witnesses? (Rev. 11:7)**
 - **What does a Beast represent in Bible prophecy? A nation! That's right! (Dan. 7:17, 23).**
 - Out of the "bottomless pit". It comes from nowhere. Emptiness. (not land or sea)

- ❖ **What nation did Satan use to “kill” the Bible? (Rev. 11:8)** (Note: France is the only nation of the ten European nations that ever made an open attack on the Bible. This was during the French Revolution—1789-1799 AD—for 3.5 years it was completely banned, from 1793 to 1797)
 - “Sodom”—was an ancient city that was filled with *unbelief in God, and immorality*. (ref. Gen. 19:14; Jude 1:7)
 - “Egypt”—was the ancient nation that denounced God. They were very **Atheistic**. Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice...?” (Exodus 5:2)
 - Christ “was crucified” by people who mocked Him and didn’t believe in Him.
- ❖ **What happened after the two witnesses were raised? (Rev. 11:11,12)**—British and Foreign Bible society (1804), American Bible society (1816)—were created. Bible circulation went off the charts. Huge revivals resulted, including the Advent Movement of the 1840s which was part of the “Second Great Awakening,” a very famous spiritual revival among Christians near this time.
- ❖ **When God’s power struck, what happened? (Rev. 11:13.)** (Compare with Rev. 17:12, 13)
- ❖ **From this great time of revival in God’s word, truth was brought back into focus among the Advent people of North America (and then around the world).** The book of Daniel and its prophecies were opened and understood. SDA or Seventh - day Adventist Christians remain in the world today as a witness to the truth brought back into focus during that great time of revival and reformation. Their message is a most solemn and important message which God designed for the entire world to hear, as a preparation for the second coming of Jesus!!
- ❖ **As a bi-product from the French Revolution (and the attack on the Bible) our world was introduced to new and deceptive concepts which have forever changed the mindset of many.**

Why did militant atheism spread to Russia? (Galatians 5:9)—During the Russian Revolution of 1917 there was also a great attack on the Bible. This atheistic/godless religion of Satan has made a huge attack on the world and has taken many followers into the darkness of error. Satan continues spreading his godless religion by attaching his “vain philosophies” to the sciences of today (1 Timothy 6:20; Colossians 2:8)

 - The French Revolution (France)—Atheistic/Communist→Russia→China→North Korea
 - Erasmus Darwin (1796)→Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (French Biologist, *Philosophie Zoologique* of 1809)→A man named Robert Edmund Grant was teaching very similar ideas to Lamarck’s in England. He tutored **Charles Darwin**.
 - **In England in 1844**, a man named **Robert Chambers** anonymously wrote and published the [*Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation*](#). (this theory modeled after Lamarckism). This paved the way for Charles Darwin’s book.
 - **In July of 1844 Charles Darwin** completed his **230 page essay** on the “Origin of Species.” The first book was then **published in 1859**. (By the 1860’s its circulation was really taking off). From these sources **Evolutionary theories** started going into the **science Text books!!**
 - Another man of this time was Thomas Paine. He greatly influenced the French Revolution. He wrote the “Age of Reason” (pub. 1793-94) which advocated “Free thinking” and deism (Deism promotes a God who made the world but doesn’t care about us).
- ❖ As Satan launched his attack on the Creator, what was God unleashing into the world? (Rev. 14:6, 7) How many people will hear it?
 - In **1844** the 2300 year prophecy of Daniel 8:14 ended. This signaled the start of the Heavenly Judgment mentioned in Revelation 14:7—“The hour of his judgment has come. **Worship him who made the heavens and the earth...**”
 - There was a group of “Adventist” Christians (*name means: expecting the soon return of Christ*) in America who discovered this Bible prophecy ending in 1844.
 - By 1846 they had also accepted the true 7th Day Sabbath of the Bible. The Bible says, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...**for in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy**” (Exodus 20:8-11)
 - They became known as **Seventh-day Adventists** by 1860. In **1849** they **began publishing** their message and sending it to the world. (In the 1850’s the work continued to grow). **The message of the 3 angels (which SDAs carry) is in direct and blatant opposition to the Satanic and godless tenants of Macro-Evolutionary theory on human origins.**

Question (s) for the Heart:

Will you be a part of truth’s victory by embracing and following all that God has to say to us? ____ Will you choose to stand on God’s side with His commandment keeping people in the last days? ____