BIBLE PROPHECY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Bible and Spirit of Prophecy give us many markers to let us know where we stand in the stream of time of last day events. There are many things which have been revealed regarding the issues involved and the main players in the final crisis. Through it all we have this assurance from the Lord that “The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men” Daniel 4:17. So whatever happens in the presidential election will only happen with God’s permission.

We know from the prophecy of Revelation 13:11-18 that the US will play a prominent role in the windup of world history. It is the US who leads out in enacting a Sunday law and we are told that every country around the glove will fallow her example. That can only happen if the US becomes the world’s great superpower. Revelation 13 also tells us how the US will be able to exercise such universal authority. It will be through its financial, economic and military strength that it will be able to influence every nation around the world to make an image to the beast.

Looking at the situation as it exists in the US and around the world in the mid point of 2020, we see a virulent movement that is anti-Bible, anti-Christian and anti-conservative politically. We are seeing the same kind of atheistic, socialistic, leftist forces that convulsed France during the French Revolution. The rise of atheism in France is depicted in the prophecy of Revelation 11:7-10 and also in Daniel 11:40. In Revelation 11, this atheistic movement is symbolized by a beast rising up out of the bottomless pit just after the 1260 years of papal persecution when God’s two witnesses—the old and new testaments—had been prophesying clothed in sackcloth. See Revelation 11:3 and G.C. p. 266-267.

The French Revolution happened over 200 years ago, but the seeds sown there have continued to grow around the world in the socialism and communist ideology that has entrenched itself in many countries. The people in the US have generally rejected the leftist, atheistic ideology of socialism and communism. However, with the election of a left-leaning administration in 2008 and again in 2012, the political landscape in the US has radically changed. The forces of socialism, nourished by the complicity of the administration, became entrenched in positions of power occupied by bureaucrats who did not lose their positions when the new administration came into power in 2016.

The election of 2016 resulted in a right-wing conservative government taking over the reins of power, much to the amazement of the political analysts who predicted an easy victory for another left-wing government. It seemed impossible for a populist newcomer on the political stage to defeat the mighty forces that were arrayed against him. And it was an impossibility for that to happen, except for the prophecy of Daniel 4:17 which tells us that “the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.” And anyone who is familiar with the prophecy of Daniel could have predicted with some confidence who would win in the 2016 election. And today they can predict with even more confidence who will win the 2020 election.

The prophecy of Daniel 11 is the fourth outline of human history which began with the prophecy of Daniel 2. Daniel 7 and 8 covered the same ground, but with different symbols and adding more details. Daniel 11 spends much more space delineating in greater detail the political events and wars, beginning with the Medo-Persian empire in verses 1-2, followed by the Grecian empire, which occupies verses 3-15. We know that after Alexander’s untimely death, his kingdom was divided among his four generals. Two of these divisions did not account for very much and did not receive any mention in Bible prophecy. But the two main actors in the Grecian empire were the Seleucid dynasty, which governed from Syria, and the Ptolemy dynas-
ty which governed from Egypt. It would be too lengthy to cover all the happenings during their reign except to note that in verses 5 and 6 we begin reading about the king of the north and king of the south. The first mention of the king of the north and south has to do with the two ultimate divisions of the Grecian empire into its northern kingdom ruled from Syria and the southern kingdom ruled from Egypt.

When according to Daniel 11:16, Imperial Rome took over the Grecian empire in 168 B.C., it also became divided into north and south after the assassination of Julius Caesar. Mark Anthony became the King of the South with his headquarters in Egypt from which he governed the southern part of the Roman empire. Octavius became the King of the North with headquarters in Rome from which he governed the northern part of the empire. (Please note that from verse 17 to 39, the king of the north is simply called by the pronoun “he.”)

Pagan Rome fell to the barbarian invasions by 476 A.D. and the Popes of Rome took over the authority abdicated by the Roman emperors. Revelation 13:2 tells us “…and the dragon (pagan Rome) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” It was Justinian who handed over the control of the Western Roman empire to the bishop of Rome. At this point, Papal Rome became the King of the North. See Daniel 11:31-36 where the description of the king of the north is similar to the description of the little horn of Daniel 7 and 8.

Verse 40 brings us down to the time of the end, which began in 1798. The king of the south by this time has changed from literal Egypt to symbolic Egypt. In 1798, the king of the south is identified in Revelation 11:8 as “the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt….” This has reference to France during the French revolution and the enmity and disgrace which the people of Paris manifested against the Bible and Christianity, when the whole nation became atheistic. France also vented its rage against the Roman Catholic church by slaughtering its priests and confiscating her churches and institutions.

It was at the hands of atheistic France that Rome received its deadly wound when the French general invaded Rome and took the pope captive. This was the King of the South that pushed at the King of the North at the beginning of time of the end. Yet that was not a complete fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel 11:40. The king of the north did not at that time come back against the king of the south like a whirlwind. However, the political ideology of the French revolutionists did not end when the revolution ended. The ideology of atheistic France lived on in the development of socialism as promoted by such men as Engels and Karl Marx. It also developed into communism, which has been manifested in the Soviet Union and China and many parts of the world. The modern King of the South, which combines all the anti-Christian forces of atheism, socialism, paganism and Islam, is now pushing at the King of the North, against the Christian-Judeo principals held by Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

What we are seeing today is a final replay of what happened in the French Revolution. It is a life and death struggle between these two ideologies. And it tells us that the king of the north shall come back at the king of the south like a whirlwind. The professed Christian-Judeo forces combining Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism are predicted to come back at the atheistic, anti-Christian, anti-Bible forces like a whirlwind and completely subdue them. Revelation 13:11-18 and the enactment of a Sunday law will not be done by atheistic, anticommunist rioters. It will be fulfilled by a rejuvenated US Christianity which dominates the world scene for a time through its economic, financial and military superiority. The US will be able to control who can buy or sell, and whoever controls the money controls the world. What we are describing here is very likely to happen after the 2020 election when the Christian-Judeo party is re-elected into power.
But what will happen to the king of the south and the masses of people who had followed his ideology? In the end time, Satan will consolidate all his forces into one united group who will be arrayed against the only alternate party, the remnant people of God. In the final battle, it will be false Christianity which is enforcing the mark of apostasy, against a purified and sifted remnant who have the seal of God. How will this world union take place? Revelation 16:13-14 depicts three unclean spirits going forth to the kings of the earth to gather them together for the final battle against God and His people. At the right time, Satan will appear upon earth as Christ and consolidate this global union and urge them to enact a universal Sunday law.

In Testimonies to Ministers, p. 62 we read about his coming at this time. “In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world. Rebellion against God’s holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him.”

So we are not merely discussing political matters. These things have serious implications for Seventh-day Adventists. Daniel 11:41 tells us that the king of the north will enter the glorious land and many will be overthrown. 5T p. 80 tells us that “Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.” This is the great final test and those who by God’s grace remain faithful will be sealed by the Holy Spirit in latter rain power. They will have the experience of Acts 3:19 and be empowered to proclaim the loud cry message that will stir the nations to their very center. The whole world will be impacted by the mighty message that will expose the sins of Babylon and call out all the faithful souls in her communion.

But according to Daniel 11:44, the tidings of the loud cry will greatly trouble the king of the north and he will “go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many.” He will use the strong arm of the law to stop the message from reaching the people. In Daniel 11:45 it tells us, “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in (and) the glorious holy mountain.” Seas represents people and multitudes. The king of the north will place his forces between the people and the message coming from Mount Zion, God’s glorious holy mountain, to shut it away from them.

Great Controversy p. 607 says, “As the controversy extends into new fields and the minds of the people are called to God’s downtrodden law, Satan is astir. The power attending the message will only madden those who oppose it. The clergy will put forth almost superhuman efforts to shut away the light lest it should shine upon their flocks. By every means at their command they will endeavor to suppress the discussion of these vital questions. The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and, in this work, papists and Protestants unite.”

Yet the king of the north will not succeed. Daniel 7:26 says, “But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.” God’s remnant will be empowered to bring Babylon, the great confederacy of apostasy, to an end. The fit man will commandeer the leader of this apostasy to his incarceration for 1000 years in this desolate earth. “Thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased. . . . He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth “ Isaiah 14:4,6. “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly” Romans 16:20.

Those who are empowered to accomplish the seemingly impossible are the 144,000 depicted in Revelation 14:1-5 and 15:2-4. We can see why they are so honored in the hereafter. Therefore, “Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand “ 7BC p. 970.