

The Final Waymark

“The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.” 9T 14

The last event of the prophecy of Daniel 11 is found in verse 45. When this verse is fulfilled, Daniel 11 will have then reached its complete fulfillment. What follows its fulfillment? Scenes of trouble: “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:” Daniel 12:1. These scenes of trouble will soon take place but not until Daniel 11 reaches its complete fulfillment. Daniel 11 provides us waymarks to help us know just how close we are to the scenes of trouble that lie ahead.

The term “prophecies” in the ninth volume of the Testimonies statement indicates multiple prophecies. What other prophecies of the Bible describe future scenes of trouble? Revelation 13:11-17 and Revelation 16 amongst others.

All of Daniel 11 deals with trouble that has transpired on this earth over the centuries but that isn't the trouble Ellen White was speaking of when she said, speaking of the future: “Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.” If she was referring specifically to the trouble found in Daniel 11 it seems that she would have used the same tense of the word “prophecy” that is found in the previous sentence. Perhaps she would have written: “Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in this prophecy will take place.”

Daniel 11 is a prophecy of waymarks that we are to mark off to let us know where we are in the stream of time. When Daniel 11 reaches its completion, the final scenes of trouble will fulfill rapidly and then Jesus will return.

God desire us to know what the last waymark is all about. Why would He tell us that this last waymark is soon to reach its fulfillment, thus completing the chapter if He hadn't already helped us to understand what that final waymark was all about? God's warning through Ellen White would be of little use unless He had, previous to making this statement, helped His church to understand the interpretation of this last waymark.

I believe that God did just that when His church thoroughly investigated Daniel and Revelation over that ten year span of time (1862-1872) and then published their findings in Uriah Smith's book, *Daniel and the Revelation*.

I think that it is time to let the world know that Seventh-day Adventists have, from their beginning, been aware of what the final waymark of Daniel 11 was going to be and that we can see the possibility of its fulfillment on the horizon. And when it is fulfilled, the world will know that Seventh-day Adventists were the only ones who have had a correct understanding of the prophecies relating to the end of the world.

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