

School of the Prophets 2004

The King of the North

Part one:

Michael

The Rise of the Great Controversy

- **“The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the word as a whole, and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God’s original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation.” *Education*, 191.**

Michael: “Who is like God?”

- **And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**
- **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:7–9.**

Mind Upon Mind

- **“Cast out of heaven, Satan set up his kingdom in this world, and ever since, he has been untiringly striving to seduce human beings from their allegiance to God. He uses the same power that he used in heaven—the influence of mind on mind.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 973.**

Michael the Archangel

- I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. Jude 1:5–9.

Satan Resisted

- **“As Christ and the angels approached the grave, Satan and his angels appeared at the grave, and were guarding the body of Moses, lest it should be removed. As Christ and his angels drew nigh, Satan resisted their approach, but was compelled, by the glory and power of Christ and his angels, to fall back. Satan claimed the body of Moses, because of his one transgression; but Christ meekly referred him to his Father, saying, ‘The Lord rebuke thee.’ Christ told Satan that he knew Moses had humbly repented of this one wrong, that no stain rested upon his character, and that his name in the heavenly book of records stood untarnished. Then Christ resurrected the body of Moses, which Satan had claimed.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 1, 342–343.**

Authority to Judge

- “While Jesus is pleading for the subjects of His grace, Satan accuses them before God as transgressors. . . .
- “And to the accuser of His people He declares: ‘The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?’ Zechariah 3:2. Christ will clothe His faithful ones with His own righteousness, that He may present them to His Father ‘a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.’ Ephesians 5:27.” *The Great Controversy*, 484-485.

Prince

- **Sar: Prince.**
- **Occurs 420 times in the Old Testament. It refers especially to military commanders.**
- **But the prince [sar] of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes [sar], came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Daniel 10:13.**

The Prince of Persia

- **Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince [sar] of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince [sar] of Grecia shall come. But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. Daniel 10:20, 21.**

The Highest Evil Angel

- “[Daniel 10:12–13 quoted.] By this we see that heavenly agencies have to contend with hindrances before the purpose of God is fulfilled in its time. The king of Persia was controlled by the highest of all evil angels.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1173.

Michael the Great Prince

- **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. Daniel 11:40–12:1.**

At What Time?

- **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. 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. Daniel 11:44, 45.**

Intercession Ceases

“Daniel 12:1 quoted.

“When the third angel’s message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received ‘the latter rain,’ ‘the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,’ and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received ‘the seal of the living God.’

“Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, ‘It is done;’ and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ Revelation 22:11. Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The number of His subjects is made up; ‘the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,’ is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords.” *The Great Controversy, 613–614.*

Daniel's Last Vision

- Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for *many* days. Daniel 10:14.
- **"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."** *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

Our FIRST work

- “Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 128.
- “When we as a people understand what this book [Daniel and Revelation] means to us, there will be seen among us **a great revival.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113.

These Important Truths

- The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. *The Great Controversy*, 594.
- “The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth’s history.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

An Increase of Knowledge

- “The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. The Scripture says, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased’ (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days. . . .**
- “In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, **but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106–107.

The Close of Probation

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Jesus is to reign as King of kings

The King of kings

- Thou, O king, **art a king of kings**: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. Daniel 2:37.
 - A king of kings, from the north
 - “Exalted to the pinnacle of worldly honor, and acknowledged even by Inspiration as ‘a king of kings’.” *Prophets and Kings*, 514.

A king from the North

For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon, a **king of kings**, from the **north**, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. Ezekiel 26:7.**

**Babylon
a king of kings
from the north**

I Have Raised up *One* from the North

- Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east?
- Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I *am* he. . . . I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun . . . I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. Isaiah 41:2, 4, 25, 27.

The Sides of the North

- A Song *and* Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* **mount Zion, on the sides of the north**, the city of the great King. Psalm 48:1–2.
- How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north**: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:12–14.
 - I will sit in the sides of the north

The Same Work

- “Through the pope of Rome the same work has been carried on here on earth as was carried on in the courts of heaven before the expulsion of the prince of darkness. Satan sought to correct the law of God in heaven, and to supply an amendment of his own. He exalted his own judgment above that of his Creator, and placed his will above the will of Jehovah, and in this way virtually declared God to be fallible. The pope also takes the same course and, claiming infallibility for himself, seeks to adjust the law of God to meet his own ideas, thinking himself able to correct the mistakes he thinks he sees in the statutes and commands of the Lord of heaven and earth. He virtually says to the world, I will give you better laws than those of Jehovah. What an insult is this to the God of heaven!” *Signs of the Times*, November 19, 1894.

Their Prophesying is in Force

- **“Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11).” *Selected Messages, book 3, 338.***

The Land of Nimrod

- **And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. Micah 5:4–6.**

From the North Country

- Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion. Jeremiah 6:22–23.

The Northern Army

- **But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Joel 2:20.**
 - his face toward the east sea
 - his hinder part toward the utmost sea
- 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. Daniel 11:45.**

King of Babylon

- Behold, I will send and take all **the families of the north**, saith the Lord, and **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon**, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Jeremiah 25:9.

Babylon the Great

- **“The woman (Babylon) of Revelation 17** is described as ‘arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness: . . . and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots.’ Says the prophet: ‘I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.’ Babylon is further declared to be ‘that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.’ Revelation 17:4-6, 18. The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom is **Rome.**” *The Great Controversy*, 382.

From the North Parts

- Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from **the north parts**, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
- Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:1–5.

A Smoke From the North

- Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come **from the north a smoke**, and none *shall be* alone in his appointed times.
- What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation?
- That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it. Isaiah 14:31–32.

Babylon unto Jerusalem

- **In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.**
 - The FIRST
- **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. Daniel 1:1, 2; 11:45.**
 - The LAST