

MIDDLE EAST FERMENTS
And
THE ANTICHRIST
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The truth is so clear that one can only marvel at the fact that the military, Palestinian Armageddon, came to be accepted among us as a people. But the reader, who has followed us this far, will know from whence it came—from the Jesuits, whose futurism was accepted by other Protestant bodies, and Uriah Smith accepted it from them. And every sermon, every book, every paper, every broadcast address, furthering this idea hinders the work of God and assists the Jesuits in fostering the futurist teaching.

The Jesuits, by bringing in their false system of prophetic interpretation, laid the foundation for ideas introduced among us as a people by Uriah Smith. Uriah Smith substituted Turkey for the Papacy as the King of the North, and this fact in itself must surely awaken true Protestants to the significance of this substitution.

It was merely because the prophecy seemed to bring Palestine into the picture that Uriah Smith accepted popular teachings concerning Armageddon. While Uriah Smith was clear on the New Testament teaching that the church is the Israel of God, he did not see that the land of Israel should also go with the people of Israel. He was therefore led by the Jesuit-fostered system to apply the prophecies dealing with the land of Israel in a literal sense. He overlooked the fact that the Revelator clearly states that the beast and “the false prophet” lead the world to its doom at Armageddon.

Yet notice, that Mr. Were does the very same thing he condemns Uriah Smith for—“futurism,” by asserting, Dan. 11:45—the Papacy will move to Jerusalem. This type of psychological manipulation is known as “reframing.” That the church is the bride? And where does Mr. Were say the spiritual land of Israel is gone, to America a literal place? Or is Mr. Were suggesting the papacy is Israel? ABSURDITIES!

Questions Being Asked

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**ARE SPECIAL EVENTS
PREDICTED TO OCCUR
IN THE NEAR EAST?**

It is being variously taught by some of our people that some great event is going to happen in or near Jerusalem, or that we need to return there, or that the faithful will soon go there to meet Christ, or some such theory.

All of these ideas are based on the error that the Near East will in some way be important in the final working out of end-time prophecies and/ or events.

I do not have space here to go through this in detail here. This error, which is so popular in modern Protestant churches, entered our denomination through the theorizing which Uriah Smith wrote into his book, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*. The book is a good one, except for its interpretation of portions of Daniel 11 (the king of the North) and Revelation 16 (Armageddon). Both of Smith's applications are keyed to the error of literal fulfillment of prophecy in the Near East in the future.

But we do not find this concept of future events occurring in the literal Near East--anywhere in the Spirit of Prophecy! It is just not there. God gave you the Spirit of Prophecy to protect you: will you let it do that? Will you keep reading it, instead of the wanderings of the latest new prophets?

Note: "They cannot find," yet look at the Study on The Four Winds. This is where Armageddon takes place—in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. But notice how well Ferrell's article mirrors Were's.

Foot note. 85. Edwin R. Thiele, Outline Studies in Revelation (Class Syllabus, Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA 94508), pp. 159-184. *All criticism of Uriah Smith's work must be tempered with a recognition of the scholarly limitations of both Smith and the age in which he lived. For his time he did a noble and monumental work.* In 100 years, if time should last, the scholarship of our time will probably deserve to be judged far more harshly.

Note: We know more today? It would be well for those who preach these things to humble themselves, why? For God can see the future and Uriah Smith

revealed exactly what God wanted His servant to proclaim. Notice:—

We must be decided on this subject; for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture, are not sound. They do not prove that the past experience of God's people was a fallacy. We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the sanctuary question was given. ***It is eloquence for every one to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part.*** God never contradicts Himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the ***old landmarks.*** [1 John 1:1-10 quoted.] {1SM 161.4}

Lets seek the LORDS will to settle the matter.

Thus GOD would Have It.

"I feel very tender towards Elder Smith. My life-interest in the publishing work is bound up with his. He came to us as a young man, possessing talents that qualified him to stand in his lot and place as an editor. ***How I rejoice as I read his articles*** in the Review - ***so excellent, so full of spiritual truth.*** I thank God for them. I feel a strong sympathy for Elder Smith, and I believe that his name should always appear in the Review as the name of the leading editor. ***Thus God would have it.*** When, some years ago, his name was placed second, I felt hurt. When it was again, placed first I wept, and said, "Thank God." May it always be there, as God designs it shall be, while Elder Smith's right hand can hold a pen. And when the power of his hand fails, let his sons write at his dictation." Ellen G. White, letter 47, 1902. {20MR 220.2}

GOD Desires.

"God desires light found in the books of Daniel and the Revelation to be presented in clear lines, It is painful to think of the many cheap theories picked up and presented to the people by ignorant, unprepared teachers. Those who present their human tests and nonsensical ideas they have concocted in their own minds, show the character of the goods in their treasure-house. They have laid in store shoddy material. Their desire is to make a sensation. {1MR 62.3}

The truth for this time has been brought out in many books. Let those who have been dealing in cheap sentiments and foolish tests, cease this work and study *Daniel and the Revelation*. They will ***then have something to talk about that will help the mind. As they receive the knowledge contained in this book, they will have in the treasure house of the mind a store from which they can continually draw as they communicate to others the great, essential truths of God's Word.*** {1MR 62.4}

The interest in Daniel and the Revelation is to continue as long as probationary time shall last. ***God used*** the author of this book as a channel through which ***to communicate light to direct minds to the truth.*** Shall we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King? {1MR 63.1}

The Light Given.

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for **through them the truth will reach many minds**. Patriarchs and Prophets, *Daniel and The Revelation*, and The Great Controversy are needed now as never before. They Should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes. . . Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the sunday-law movement would not be where it is today.- *Review and Herald*, Feb. 16, 1905 {CM 123.1}

In the Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, and in *Daniel and the Revelation*, There is precious instruction. **These books must be regarded as of special importance**, and every effort should be made to get them to the people.- *Letter 229, 1903* {CM 123.2}

The **light given** was that *Thoughts on Daniel and The Revelation*, The Great Controversy, and Patriarchs and Prophets, would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, **the special light God had given His people**. *The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people*.- *Special Instruction Regarding Royalties, p.7 (1899)* {CM 123.3}

No Other Book.

Daniel and Revelation, Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Desire of Ages should now go to the world. The grand instruction contained in Daniel and Revelation has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. **This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth**. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate *Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation*. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. *It is God's helping hand*.-MS 76, 1901. {PM 356.2}

Go Everywhere.

I consider that the book *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation* should go everywhere. **It has its place and will do a grand, good work**. Letter 25a, 1889, p. 3. (To Brother Eldridge, September 8, 1889.) {1MR 60.2}

For This Time.

Especially should the book *Daniel and the Revelation* be brought before people **as the very book for this time**. **This book contains the message which all need to read and understand**. Translated into many different languages, it will be a power to enlighten the world. This book has had a large sale in Australia and New Zealand. By reading it many souls have come to a knowledge of the truth. I have received many letters expressing appreciation of this book. {1MR

The LORD Has Shown Me.

Let our canvassers urge this book upon the attention of all. The *Lord has shown me* that this book will do a good work in enlightening those who become *interested in the truth for this time*. *Those who embrace the truth now, who have not shared in the experiences of those who entered the work in the early history of the message, should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with the truth it presents.* {1MR 61.1}

There Is Found.

Those who are preparing to enter the *ministry*, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find Daniel and the Revelation an *invaluable help*. They need to understand this book. *It speaks of past, present, and future, laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein.* Those who will diligently study this book will have no relish for the cheap sentiments presented by those who have a burning desire to get out something new and strange to present to the flock of God. The rebuke of God is upon all such teachers. They need that one teach them what is meant by godliness and truth. The great, essential questions which God would have presented to the people are found in Daniel and the Revelation. *There is found solid, eternal truth for this time. Everyone needs the light and information it contains.* {1MR 61.2}

God Used.

The interest in Daniel and the Revelation is to continue as long as probationary time shall last. *God used* the author of this book as a channel through which *to communicate light to direct minds to the truth. Shall* we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King? {1MR 63.1}

Canvassing For.

Young men, take up the work of canvassing for *Daniel and the Revelation*. Do all you possibly can to sell this book. Enter upon the work with as much earnestness as if it were a new book. And remember that as you canvass for it, *you are to become familiar with the truths it contains. As you ponder these truths, you will receive ideas that will enable you not only to receive light, but to let light shine forth to others in clear, bright rays.* {1MR 63.3}

I Speak Of This Book.

Now is come the time of the revelation of the grace of God. Now is the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. Satan will seek to divert the minds of those who should be established, strengthened, and settled in the truths of the first, second, and third angels' messages. *The*

students in our schools should carefully study Daniel and the Revelation, so that they shall not be left in darkness, and the day of Christ overtake them as a thief in the night. I speak of this book because it is a means of educating those who need to understand the truth of the Word. This book should be highly appreciated. ***It covers much of the ground we have been over in our experience.*** If the youth will study this book and learn for themselves what is truth, they will be saved from many perils. {1MR 63.4}