

Let's look at Daniel 12:1 - "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince... and there shall be a time of trouble..."



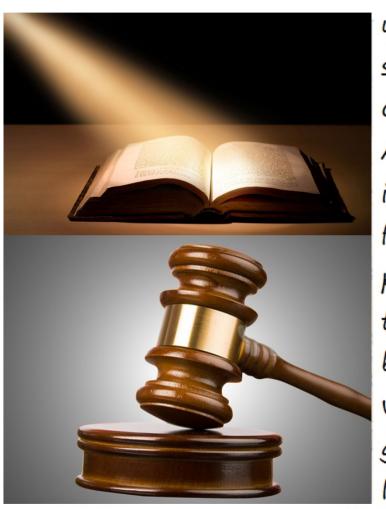
This is the event we are all looking for, we are all preparing for (or supposed to be preparing for).

By this time the loud cry has been given, the latter rain has fallen. But what about the time of trouble?

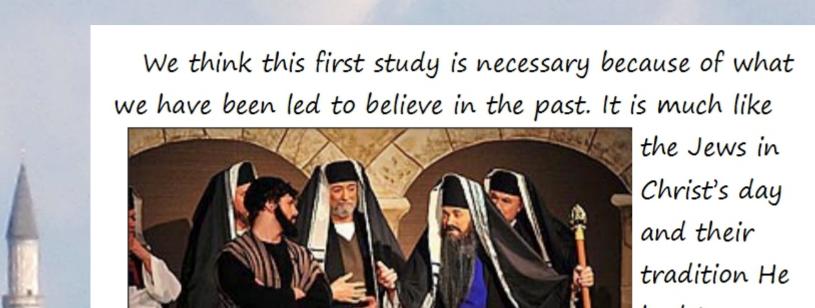


This is the question that this series of studies is going to look at.

There have been several studies on the loud cry and the latter rain and we are going to proceed on with these studies on the time of trouble without further discussion on those two topics. In this first study we are going to find out about the events described in scriptures (especially Daniel) leading



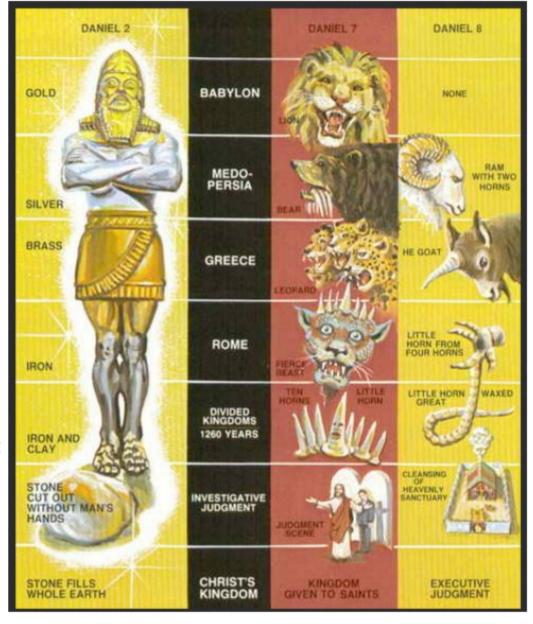
up to this climax of Michael standing up and what others (especially the Adventist pioneers) have identified as the historical fulfillment of those prophecies. We pray that this does not confuse you because determining who was right (if any were) is going to be dealt with later



had to overcome. Therefore we ask you to

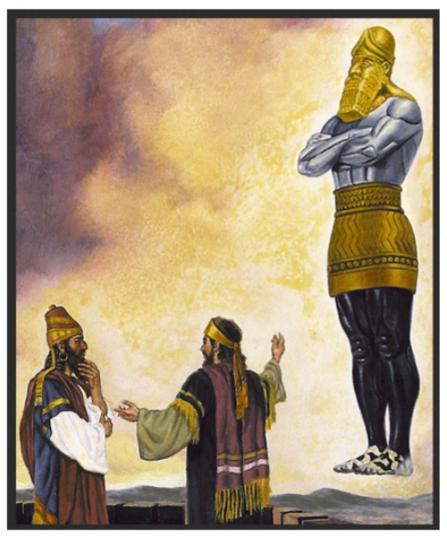
approach this subject with an open mind, compare what we say with what the scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy says and set aside what you may have heard before that contradicts what you see here today.

For most of the prophecies in Daniel there is little disagreement. But in the last part of chapter 11 there is a lot of controversy. In order for us to understand this controversy we need to



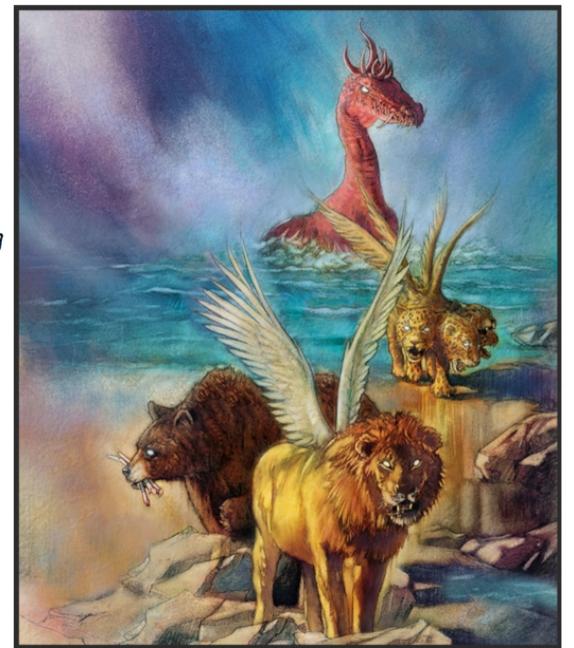
quickly review the prophecies of chapter 2, 7, 8 & 9.

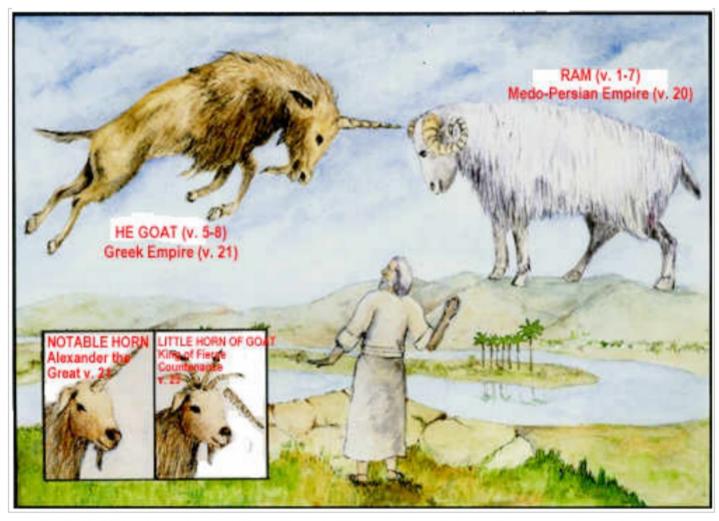
We also need to quickly review the first part of chapter 11 (if that can be done). Please note chapter 10 is an introduction to chapter 11.



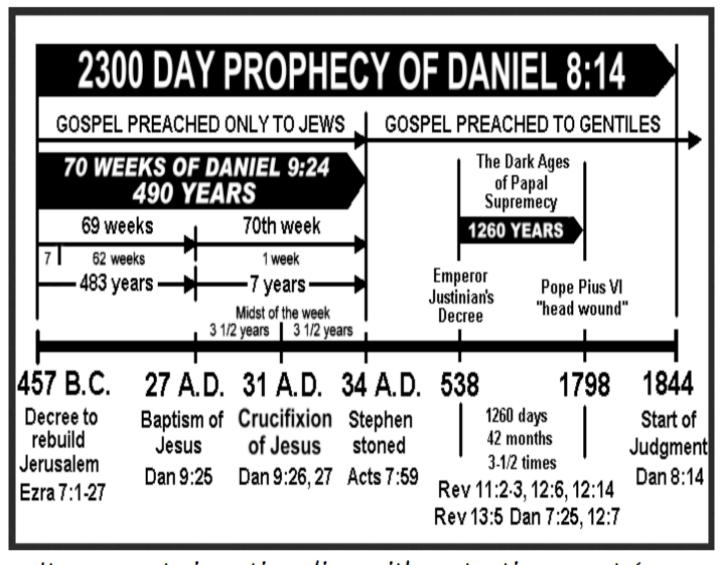
Daniel chapter 2 is a prophecy in general of what would happen to the kingdom of Babylon, then in power, until Christ's second coming using an image of various metals.

Chapter 7 goes over the same territory with more details using beasts with odd characteristics.





Chapter 8 uses two beasts, a ram and a he goat, to describe in even more detail the same events but instead of starting with Babylon, it starts with Medo-Persia.



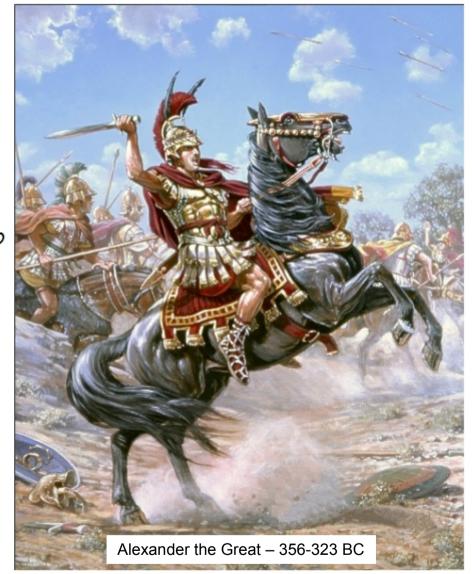
It even puts in a time line with a starting event (see Daniel 8:14). Chapter 9 adds more information to this time line.

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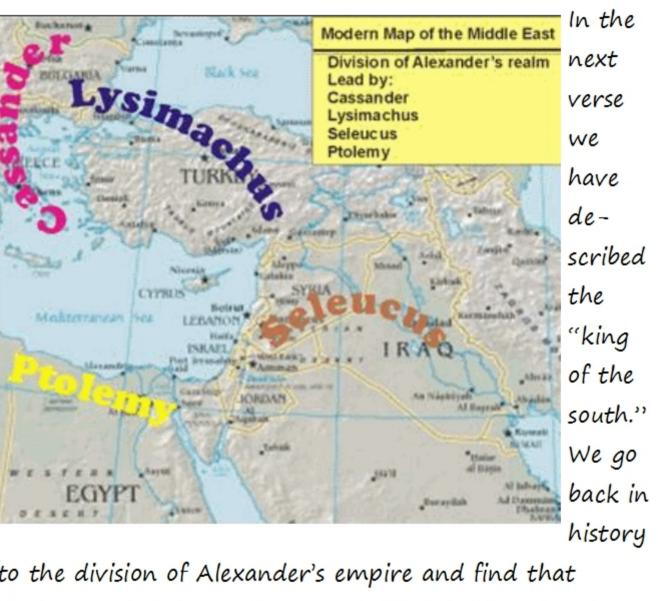


prophecies before. It calls the powers kings. It, too, starts with Persia, and covers the same events as covered in the other prophecies adding more detail. There are no times mentioned as there were in chapters 8 and 9. But we can safely assume that the events described happened pretty much in the sequence given.

We have described a "mighty king shall stand up... and do according to his will" (verse 3) whose kingdom was "broken... toward the four winds of heaven"

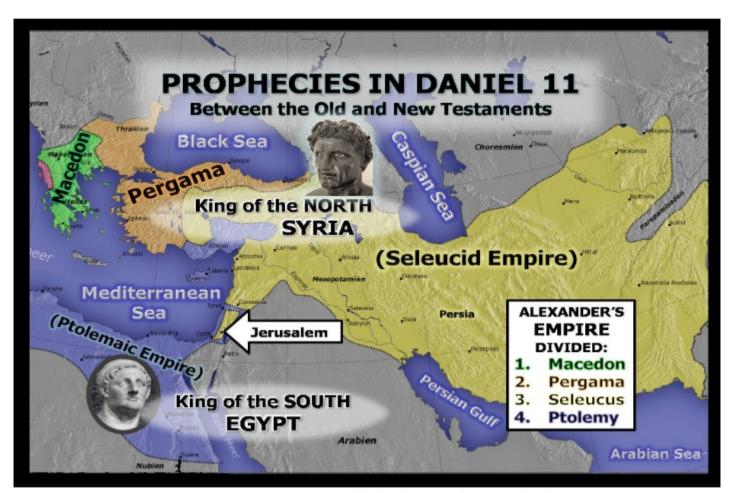


(verse 4). There is no disagreement that this was Alexander the great of Greece and the division of his kingdom to his four generals.

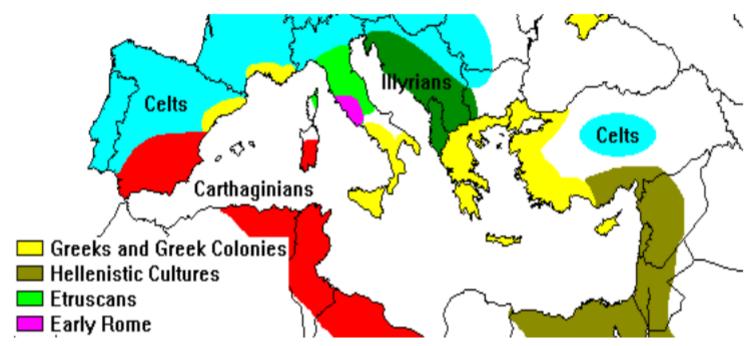


to the division of Alexander's empire and find that Ptolemy ruled the southern part. That leads us to place the four generals according to the points of the compass; east, west, north, and south.

This is important because through the rest of chapter 11 we have many references to the king of the north and south. In fact the phrase "king of the north" only



occurs seven times in the Bible (KJV) and they are all in Daniel 11, verses 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, & 40.



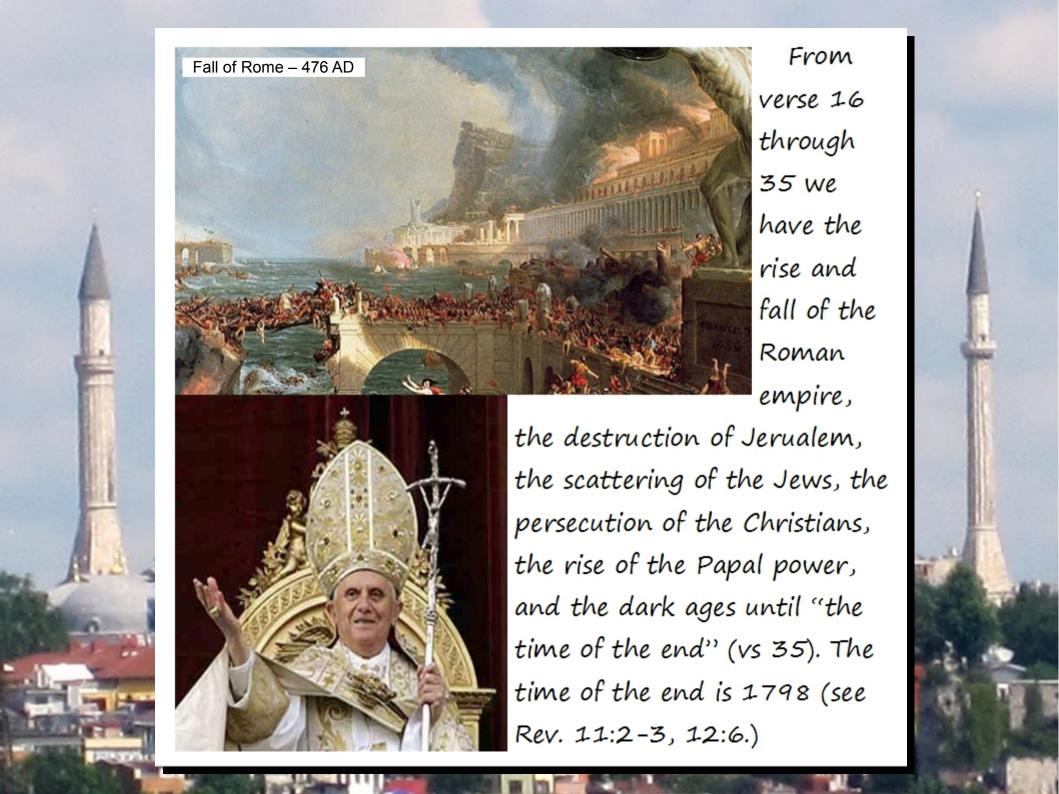
In verse 14 we introduce a new power, "the robbers of thy people." This was Rome who, in 200 B.C., beginning to exert its power, joined forces with the king of the south. Since Rome had joined forces with the king of the south, Rome could not have been the king of the north as the king of the north was overcome by these joined forces. In verse 15 we have the last mention of the king of the north until verse 40.

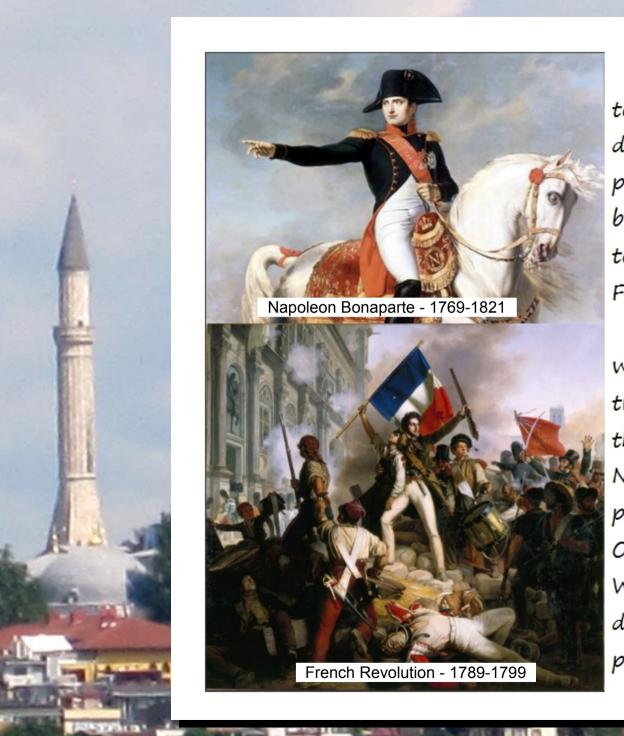
Also in verse 16 we see Rome called the one who "shall do according to his own will." Alexander, in verse 3, was described as doing according to his will. This is important because when we get to verse 36 we have a "king" that "shall do according to his own will." However, in verse



16 the one who "shall do according to his own will" is not called a king. Unlike Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece,

Rome had no king. It began as a republic. Those that were governed controlled those that governed.





From verses 36
to 40 we have
described a new
power that could
be Napleon, his rise
to power, and the
French Revolution.

Verse 40 is
where the controversy begins. Is
the king of the
North France? The
papacy? The
Ottomon empire?
Which is it? What
did the Adventist
pioneers believe?

Today the majority believe that the king of the north in verses 40-45 is the papacy. But there are some who differ in their opinion and apply the prophecy to the Ottoman Empire or modern Islam. But



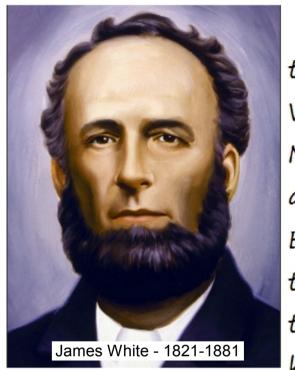


what is the correct view? This is an important question and deserves careful study, because the end of the king of the north signals the time of trouble and the most momentous events in the history of this world.



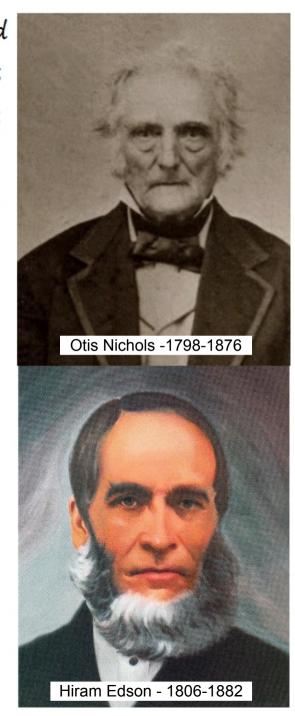
Have you heard the statement that "most of the leaders in the Millerite movement, including William Miller, believed that the king of the north is to be identified with the

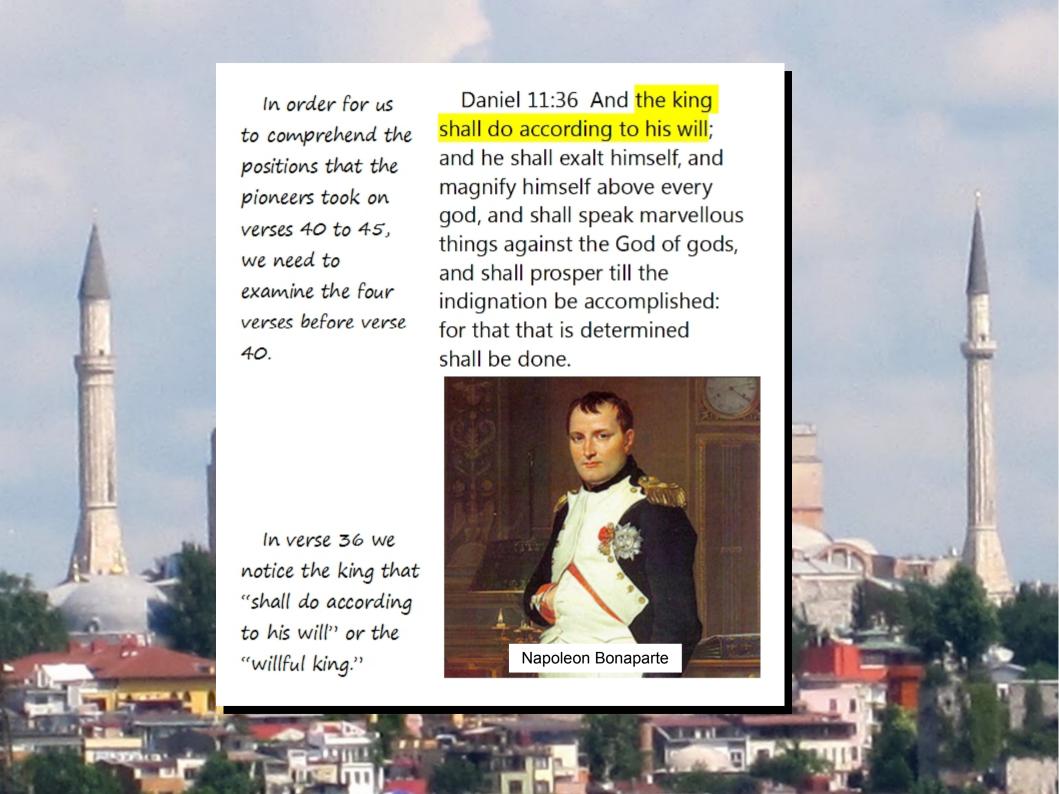
papacy"? We believed it, too, until we tried to find support from the writings of the pioneers.



We found that James White, Otis Nichols, and Hiram Edson thought that the king who

Came to his end was the papacy but not one else any record of agreeing with them. Even James White doesn't give us any clear presentations of precisely how he interpreted this prophecy.







Daniel 11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. 38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. 39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

In verses 37
through 39 we
have this willful
king referred to
by the pronouns
he, his, and
himself. There is
no other power
mentioned either
new or old.



French Revolution



In verse 40 we have three powers mentioned, the king of the south, the king of the north, and him. In the part of the verse shown we have "him" twice. The first one that the king of the south

Daniel 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind...

pushes at must be the willful king mentioned before. The second "him" can be taken two ways, it could be the willful king or it could be the king of the south. If taken the second way then the king of the north can be a new power or it can be the willful king. The king of the north is the same as the willful king is a popular belief today. But it wasn't always that way.

We need now to quickly read Daniel 11:40-45 so we have some background to understand what these pioneers wrote. Quotes they used are highlighted. Also, all the pronouns referring to the king of the north are highlighted.

Daniel 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.



Daniel 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and

44 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.

45 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.



Napoleon Bonaparte - 1769-1821





All this leads up to verse 45, this power, this king of the north comes "to his end."

William Miller did teach that the willful king of verses 36–39 was the papacy. But when he got to verse 40 he had this to say:

"We therefore begin at the 40<sup>th</sup> verse of the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Daniel, 'and at the time of the end' of this papal civil power. Now, another person has obtained this civil power: this was Bonaparte, the ruler of the French



nation... At this time, then, our prophecy begins, and Bonaparte is the person designated by the pronouns he and him in the prophecy." Evidence from Scripture and History of the Second Coming of Christ About The Year 1843; Exhibited in a Course of Lectures by William Miller pages 104-105.

He goes on to show that the prophecy is perfectly fulfilled by Napoleon and that he came to his end with none to help him in 1815.



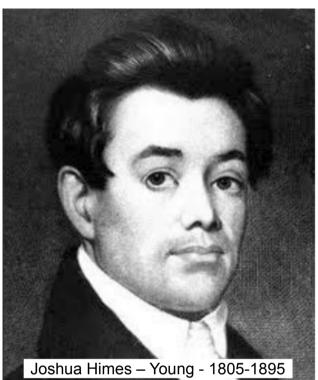
To come to this conclusion he interprets the "glorious land" and "between the seas" to mean Italy. Here is another statement from

Miller where he paraphrases verse 40:

"And at the time of the end (of Antichrist), shall the king of the south (Spain) push at France (Vendean war) and the king of the north

(Great Britian) shall come against France, like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and the French (or Bonaparte the principle ruler;) shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." Evidence from Scripture and History of the Second Coming of Christ About the Year A. D. 1843, and of His Personal Reign of 1000 Years. 1833.



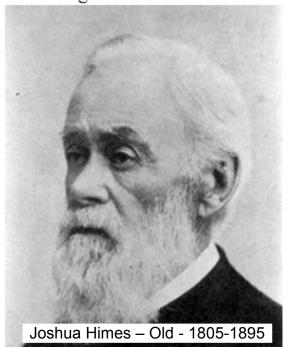


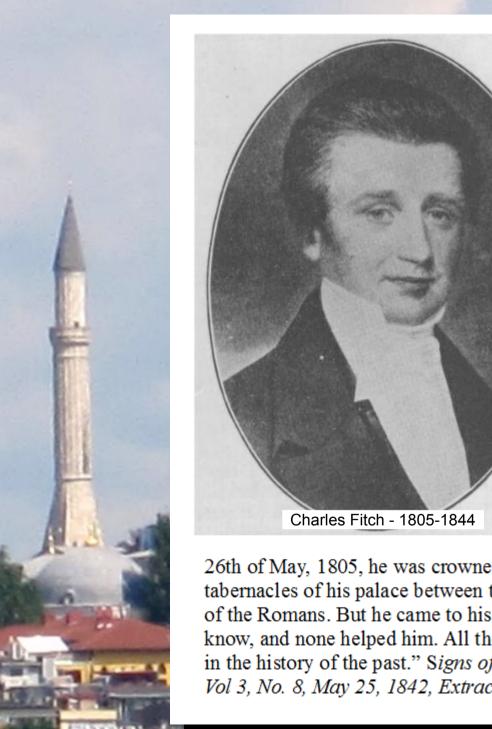
the end (of Anti-christ,) shall the king of the south (Spain) push at France (Vendean war) and the king of the north (Great Britain) shall come against France, like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and the French (or Bonaparte the principal ruler;) shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." Signs of the Times and Expositor of Prophecy, vol 2, No. 7, July 1, 1841, History of Bonaparte, 1290 days.

This makes it even clearer that William Miller did not believe the king of north to be the papacy.

Joshua Himes paraphrases it the same way:

"If this is correct, then France is intended by he or him in this prophecy. In order then, to give my view, the reader will permit me to paraphrase these few remaining verses: And the time of





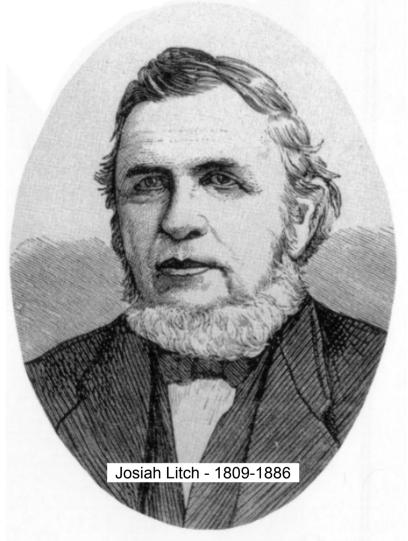
Charles Fitch said it this way, after quoting Daniel 11:40-45:

"Here we have a most striking epitome of the history of Bonaparte. All that was here foretold was true of him, as history abundantly shows. He did plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas, in Italy, which we know is between two seas, and which has ever been the glorious holy mountain of the Romans. On the 15th of May, 1796, Bonaparte took possession of Milan in Italy -- and at that place on the

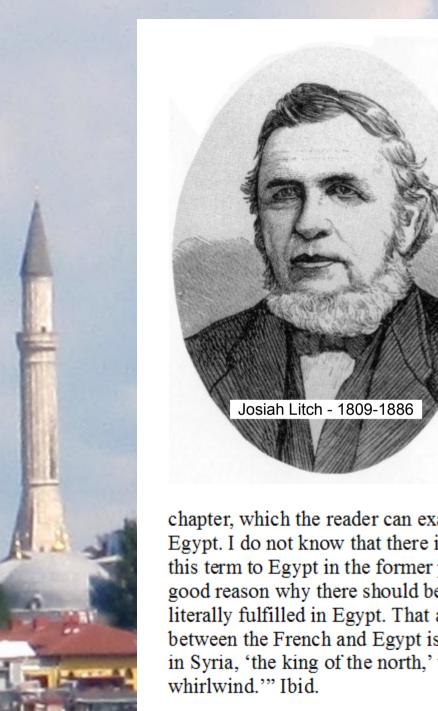
26th of May, 1805, he was crowned king of Italy. Thus he planted the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain of the Romans. But he came to his end on a solitary Island, as we well know, and none helped him. All these predicted events therefore are now in the history of the past." Signs of the Times and Expositor of Prophecy, Vol 3, No. 8, May 25, 1842, Extract from Fitch's Sermons, No. 6.

Josiah Litch
handled the
prophecy very
differently. In
regard to the
willful king he
says, after
quoting Daniel
11:35-36:

"Such a system as is here described was the French Revolution. It was founded in Atheism, and triumphed in the overthrow of everything which interposed a barrier to their object. The seed



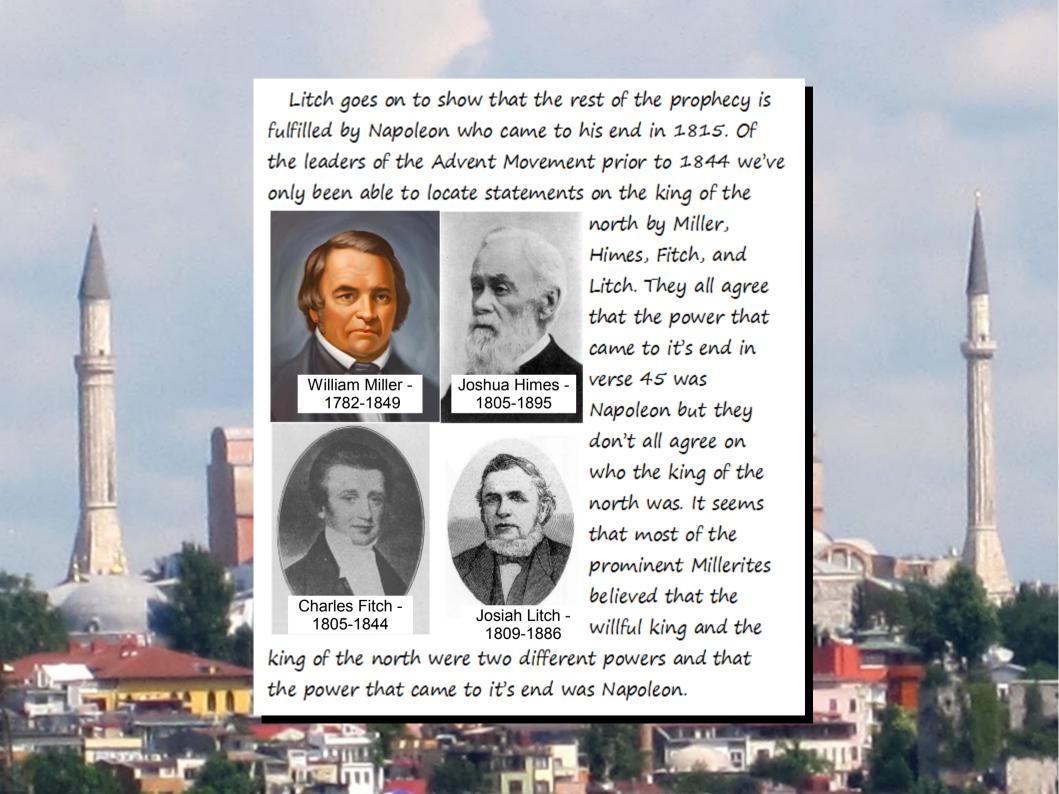
of this revolution were sown by Voltaire, the noted French infidel, who in early youth vowed to dedicate his life to the extermination of Christianity." Prophetic Expositions, vol 2; or A Connected View of the Testimony of the Prophets Concerning the Kingdom of God and the Time of Its Establishment, 1842.



We see from this that Litch did not agree that the willful king was the papacy. When he got to verse 40 he explains it this way:

"'The king of the south shall push at him.' At whom? The answer is, at the subject of prophecy in the preceding verses—the revolutionary government of France. That power is clearly antecedent to 'him,' in this verse. 'The king of the south.' And who is the king of the south? The answer is given in the exposition of the first six verses of the

chapter, which the reader can examine. It is clearly the government of Egypt. I do not know that there is a dissenting voice to the application of this term to Egypt in the former part of this chapter; nor can I see any good reason why there should be in the latter part, as long as it was literally fulfilled in Egypt. That a collision did actually take place between the French and Egypt is notorious... Next came St. Jean D'Acre, in Syria, 'the king of the north,' which was to come against him 'like a whirlwind'" Ibid



This is important to understand because those who

William Miller - 1782-1849

James White - 1821-1881

claim that the pioneers taught that the king of the north was the papacy always identify the willful king and the king of north as the same power. They look at what Miller and other pioneers said about the willful king and assume that they also considered these terms to refer to the same power. This is a misrepresentation of the facts. Not only did none of them say that the king of the north was the papacy, but they didn't think that the king of the north came to his end in verse 45, and all of them saw three powers in verse 40, not two.

But What about James White? Wasn't he the exception?

In 1847 James White printed a booklet that included articles by him, Ellen White, and Joseph Bates. In the article he wrote, entitled *The Time of Trouble*, he makes this statement:

"But as I cannot harmonize either of these views (speaking of two views of when Michael stands up) with the Bible, I wish to humbly give my brethren and sisters my view of these events... Michael is to stand up at the time that the last power in chap. 11, comes to

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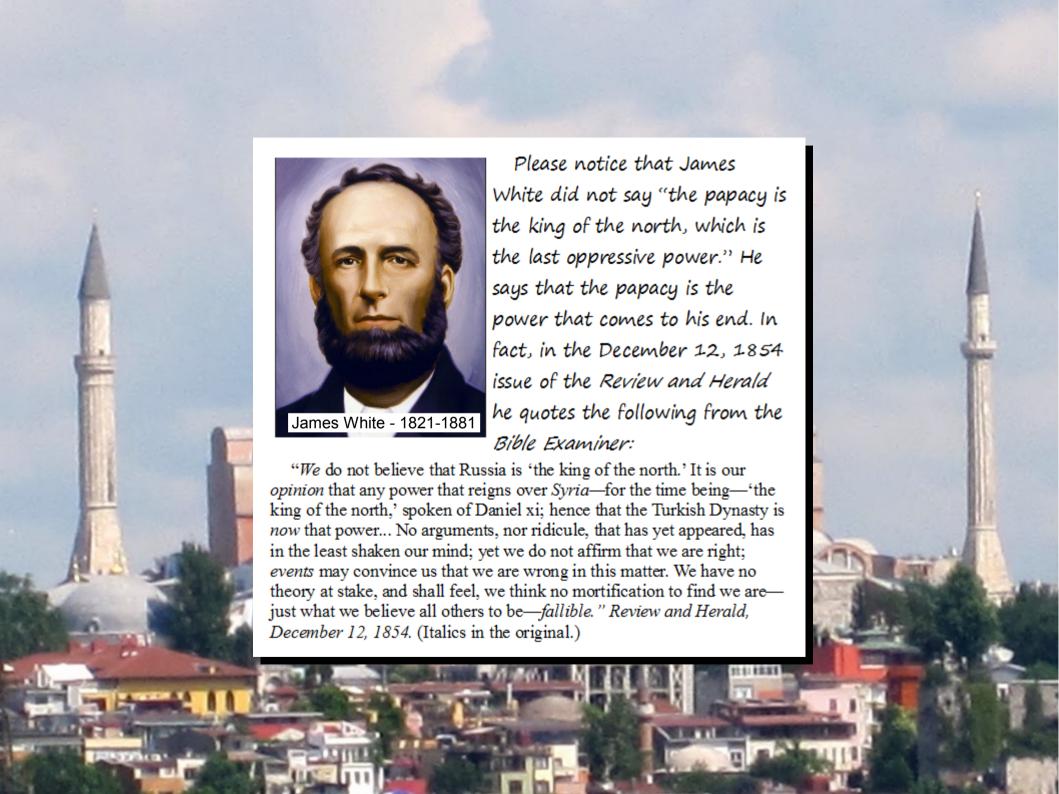
his end, and none to help him. This power is the last that treads down the true church of God: and as the true church is still trodden down, and cast out by all Christendom, it follows that the last oppressive power has not 'come to his end;' and Michael has not stood up. This last power that treads down the saints is brought to view in Rev. 13:11-18. His number is 666." A Word to the "Little Flock," pages 8-9.

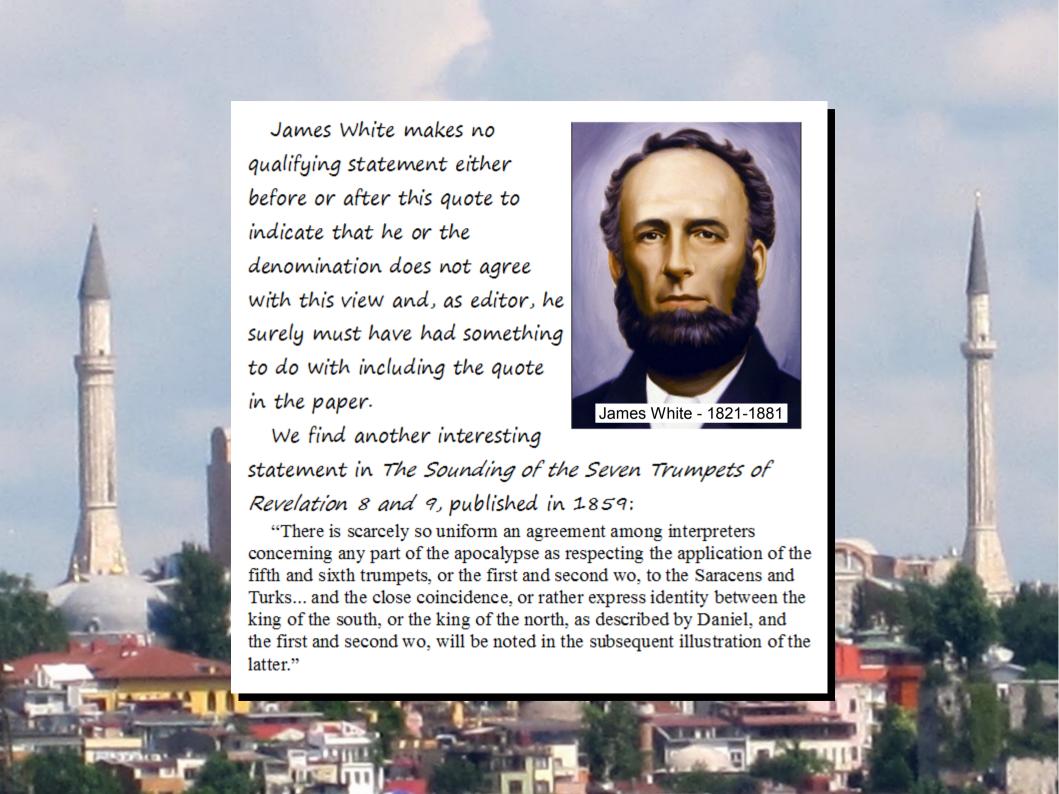
This statement is taken by some to mean that James & Ellen White, and Joseph Bates agreed, that the king of the north was the papacy. This seems to be stretching things a bit when James White is presenting it as "my view."

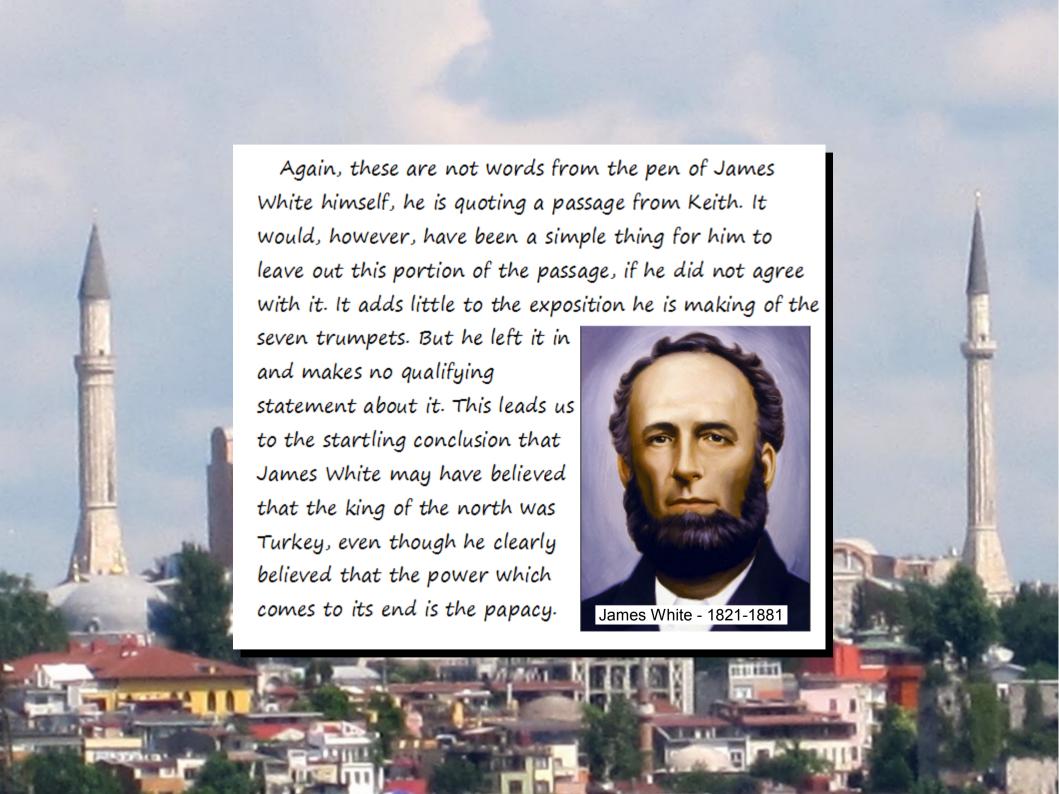
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It is thought because six pages of this book were written by Sister White that she had to have agreed with her husband's view of things, but she published many articles in the Review and this is never taken to mean that she agreed with all the views of everyone else who published articles in the same Review. The same could be said of Joseph Bates, just the fact that he wrote

part of the book does not mean he wholeheartedly agreed with James White's personal view. It doesn't mean he disagreed with it either. We have to leave Joseph Bates and Ellen White out of the equation because we have been unable to find anything either wrote as to who they think the king of the north represents.

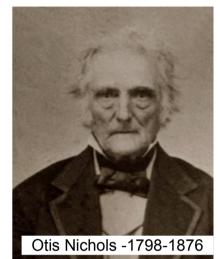




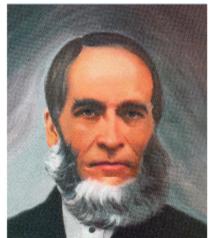




But there are also other articles in the Review on this topic. In 1853 Otis Nichols published an article in the Review and Herald entitled "Papacy and France." In this article he presents the view that the king of the north is England and the king of the south



is a coalition of the French and the papacy. Here again we see the idea that the king of the north and the willful



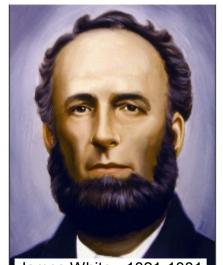
king are two separate powers. He closely follows Miller's reasoning but says verse 45 is unfulfilled.

In 1856 Hiram Edson wrote an article entitled "The Times of the Gentiles" in which he discusses the reasons why the United States is the Hiram Edson - 1806-1882 "glorious land" of Daniel 11.

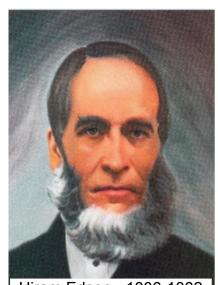
It seems that James White agreed with Edson on this point because he brings it out 21 years later in a *Review* article in 1877.

But Edson does not elaborate on the king of the north except to say this:

"Verses 36-39 contain a catalogue of the acts and doings of the Papal king; and verse 40 foretells an event which should mark the



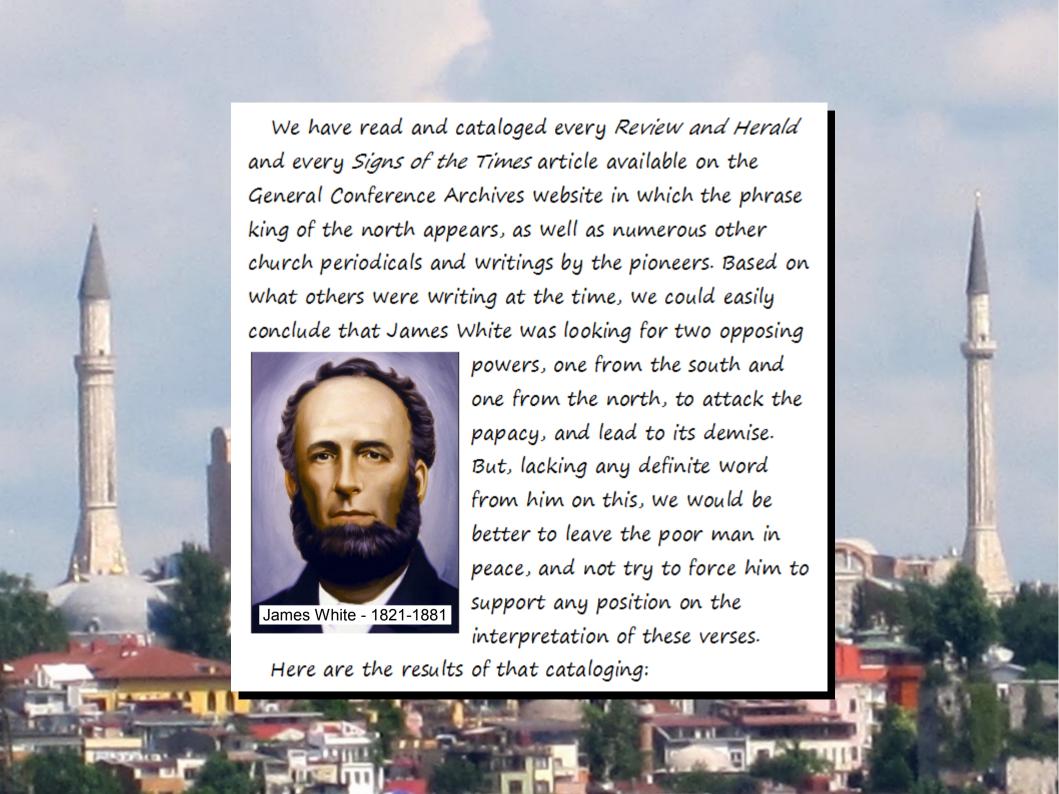
James White - 1821-1881



Hiram Edson - 1806-1882

time of the end, where the indignation would cease; viz, 'And at the time of the end the king of the South shall push at him.' He also foretells that the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, and gives a prophetic history of his campaign, at which time Michael would stand up, and there or then should be a time of trouble such as never was." Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, vol 7, January 10, 1856.

He obviously puts verses 40-45 in the future the same as James White apparently does.



## Pioneer Interpretations of Daniel 11:40-45

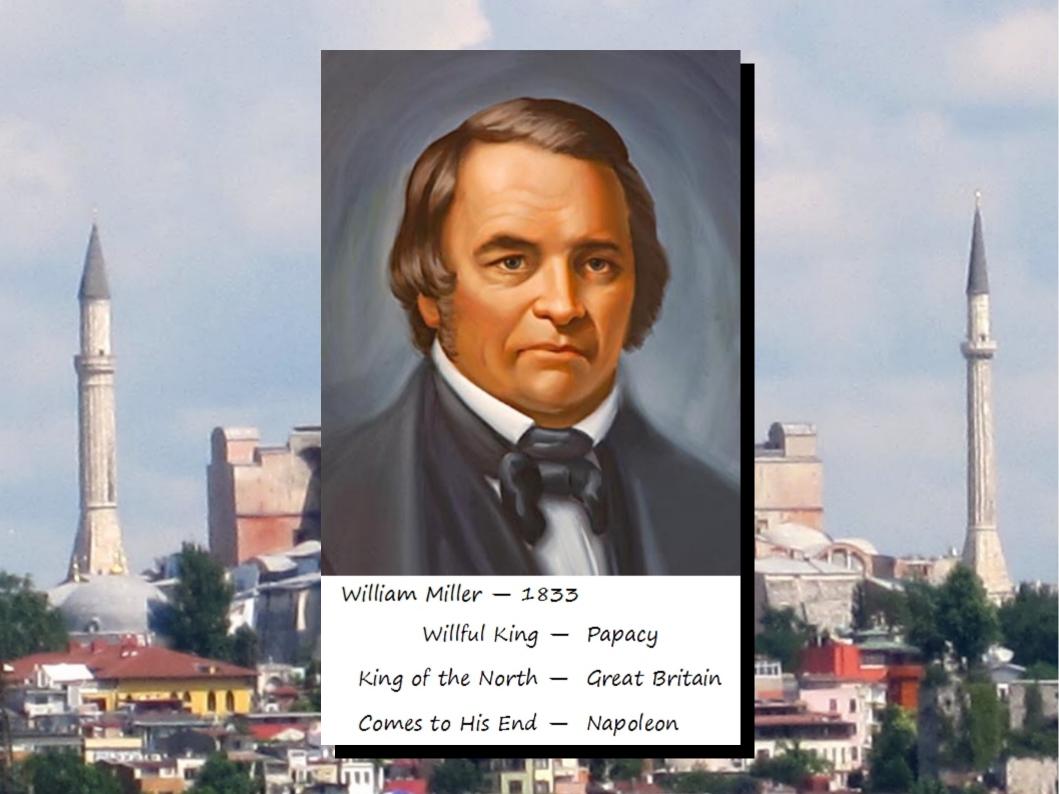
The following chart was put together after doing a search on the phrase "king of the north" on the *General Conference Archives* Website (http://docs.adventistarchives.org/) and the pioneer writings section of the White Estate, *E.G. White CD rom*. We have read and catalogued every article and cataloged every article which uses the phrase "king of the north" in the *Review* and the *Signs of the Times*, and read, but not cataloged, every article in the *Ministry Magazine*, as well as spot reading the rest of the documents that came up in the Archives search.

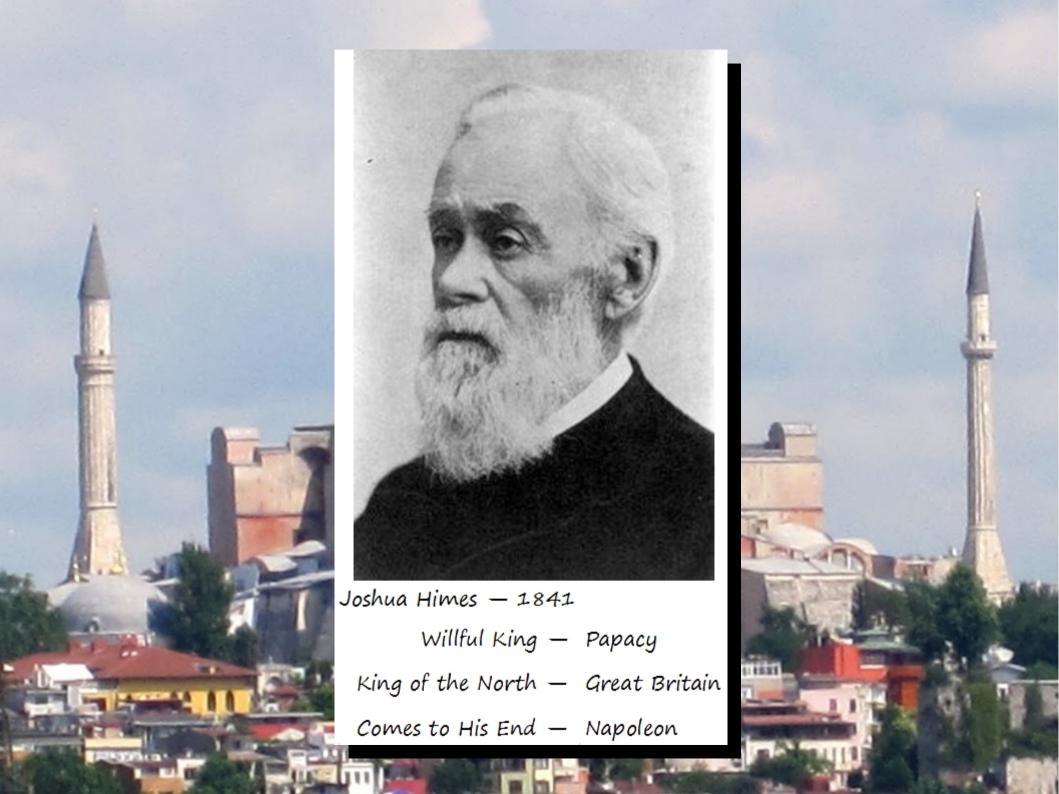
The following list is what we have put together as a result of this research. We have included every pioneer listed on the CD, even if we found nothing in their writings on the subject. We have included every author of an article in the *Review* and *Signs*. In cases where an author, such as Uriah Smith, wrote numerous articles on the topic, we have included only references to the first article which clearly sets for the author's position. In some instances we have included an author twice. This is because the author expresses one opinion in one place and a different opinion later on.

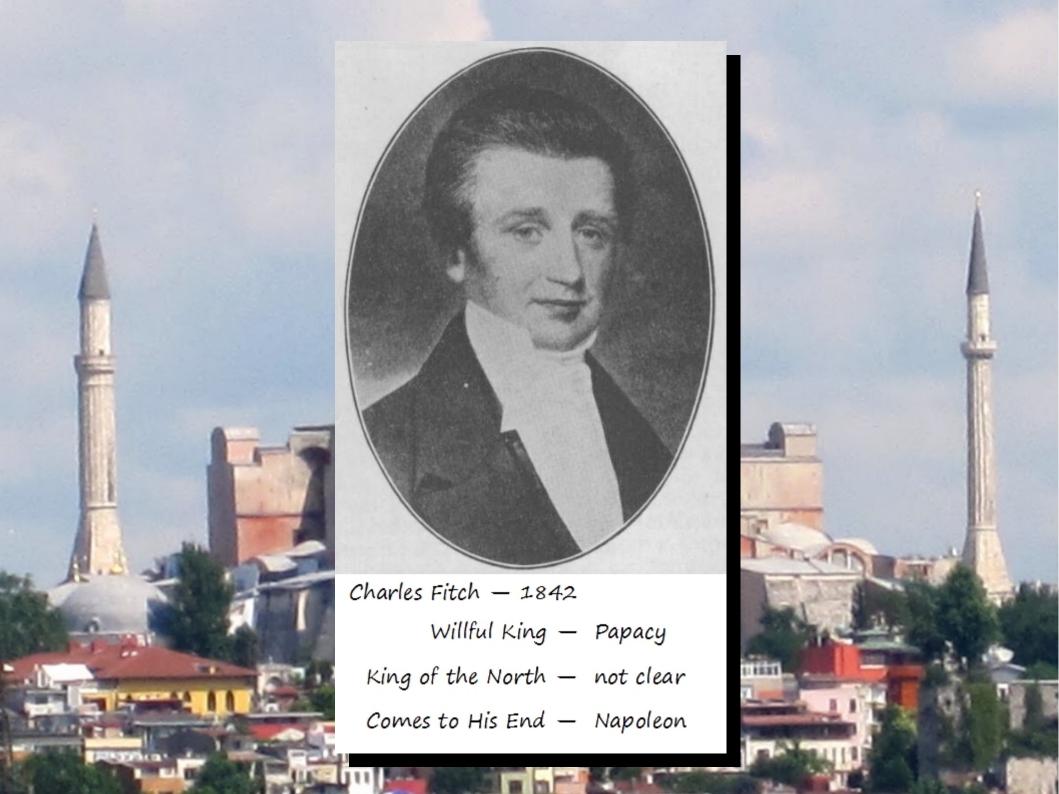
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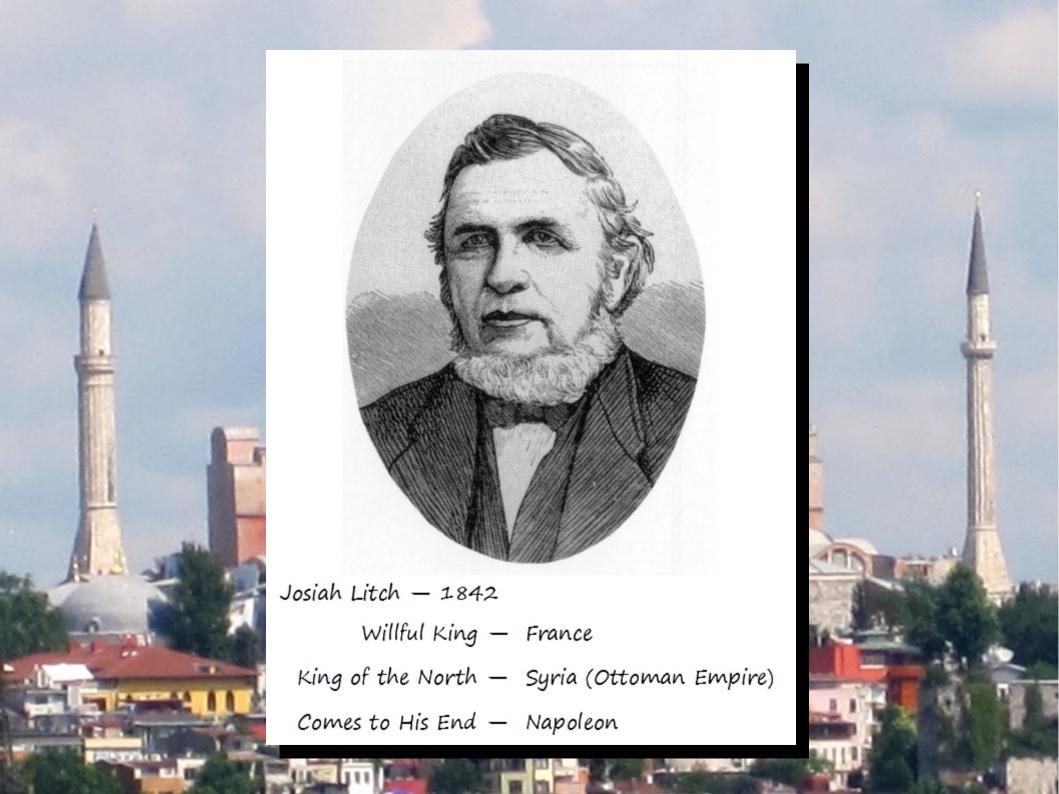
	Willful King	King of North	Comes to His End	Date of Statement
James Stevenson				No statements found
Thomas Preble				No statements found

Joshua Himes	papacy	Great Britain	Napoleon	1841 – Signs of the Times and Expositer of Prophecy 7/1/1841
Charles Fitch	papacy	Not Clear	Napoleon	1842 – Signs of the Times and Expositor of Prophecy, Vol 3, No. 8, May 25, 1842 Extract from Fitch's Sermons, No. 6
Josiah Litch	France	Syria(Ottoman Empire)	Napoleon	1841 – An Address to the Public, and Especially the Clergy, p. 96- 104
James White	Not Clear – no statements found	Possibly Ottoman Empire	Papacy	1847 – A Word to the Little Flock
				1854 – Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 12/12/1854
				1859 – The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets of Revelation 8 & 9, p 31
E. R. Seaman	Not Clear	Russia	Not Clear	1853 – Advent Review and Sabath Herald, 10/11/1853
Ottis Nichols	papacy	Great Britain	papacy	1853 – Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 1/20/1853
Hiram Edson	papacy	Not Clear (very clearly states the king of the	papacy	1856 – Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, 1/10/1856

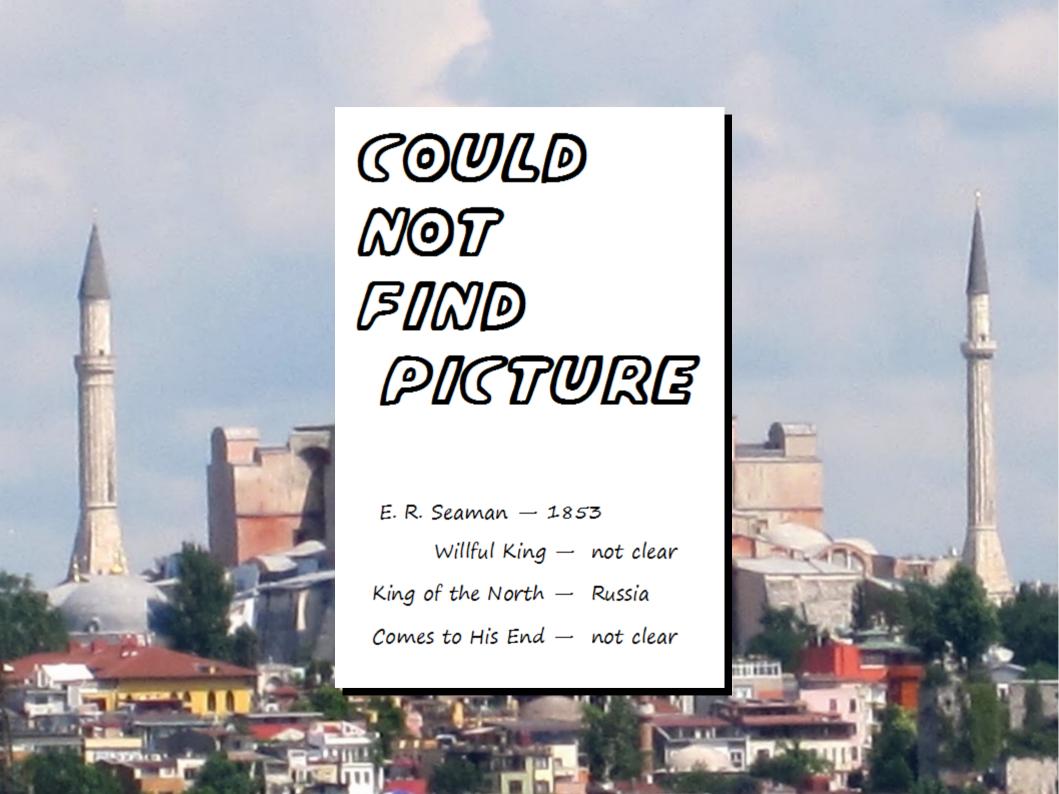


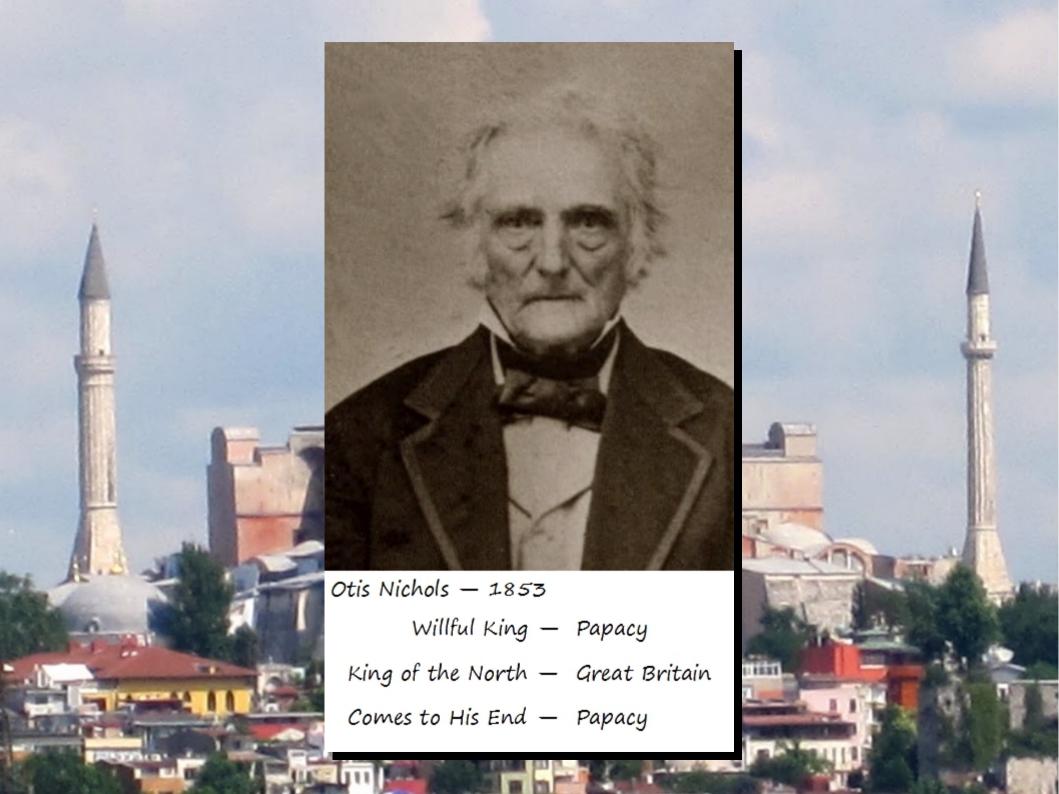


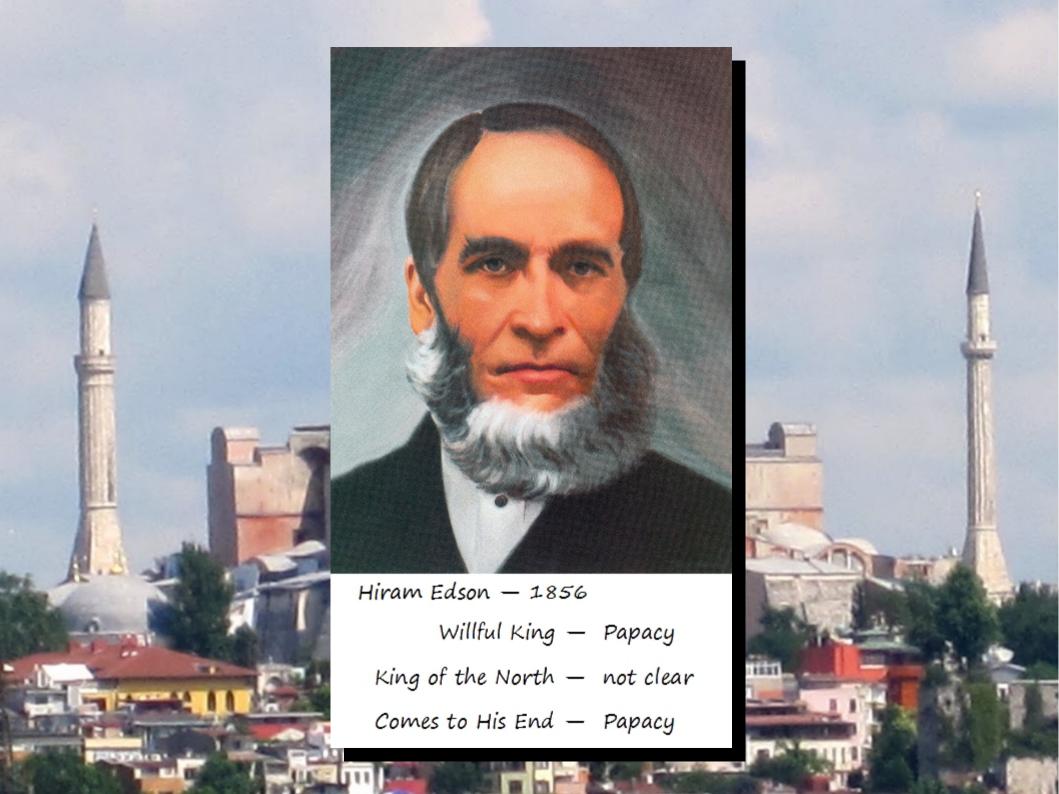




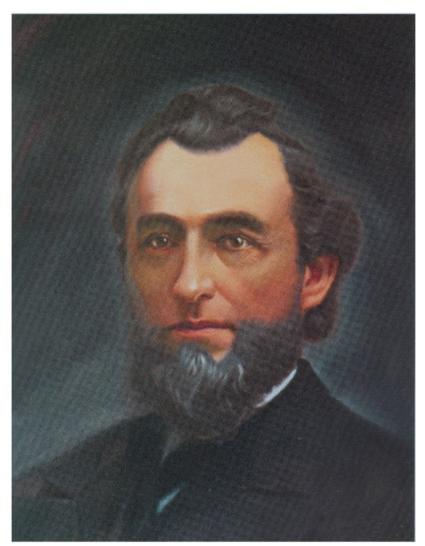










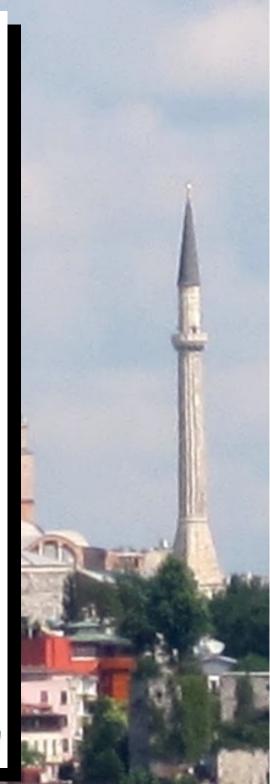


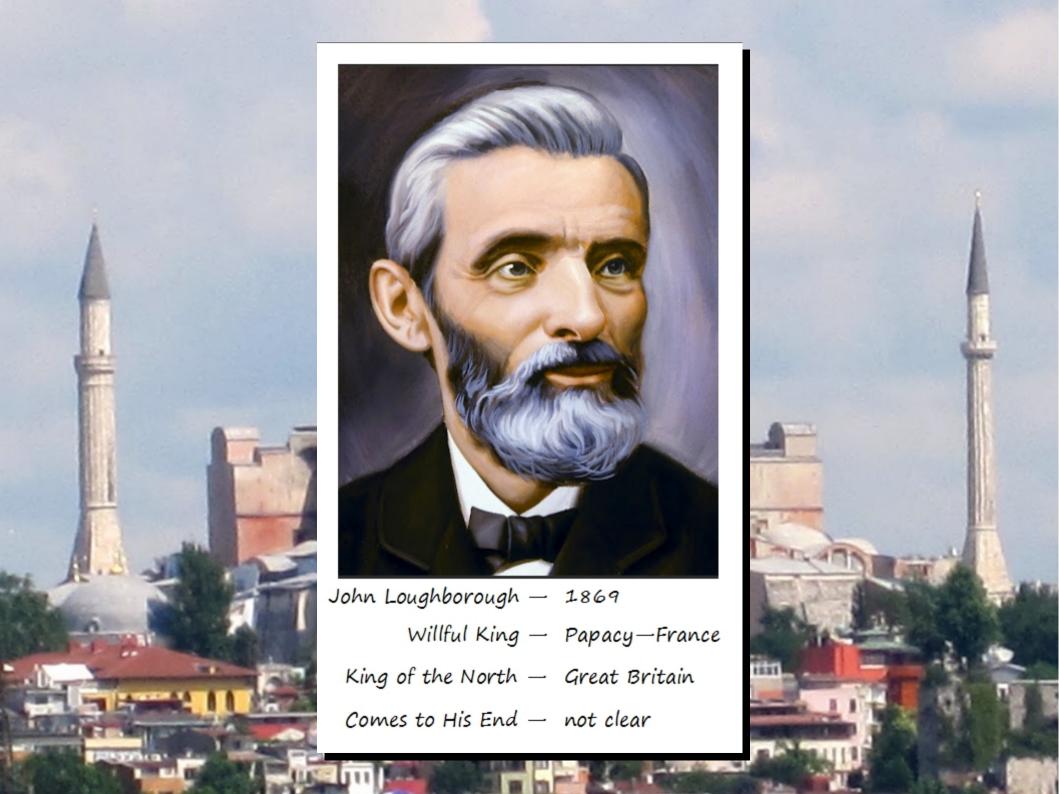
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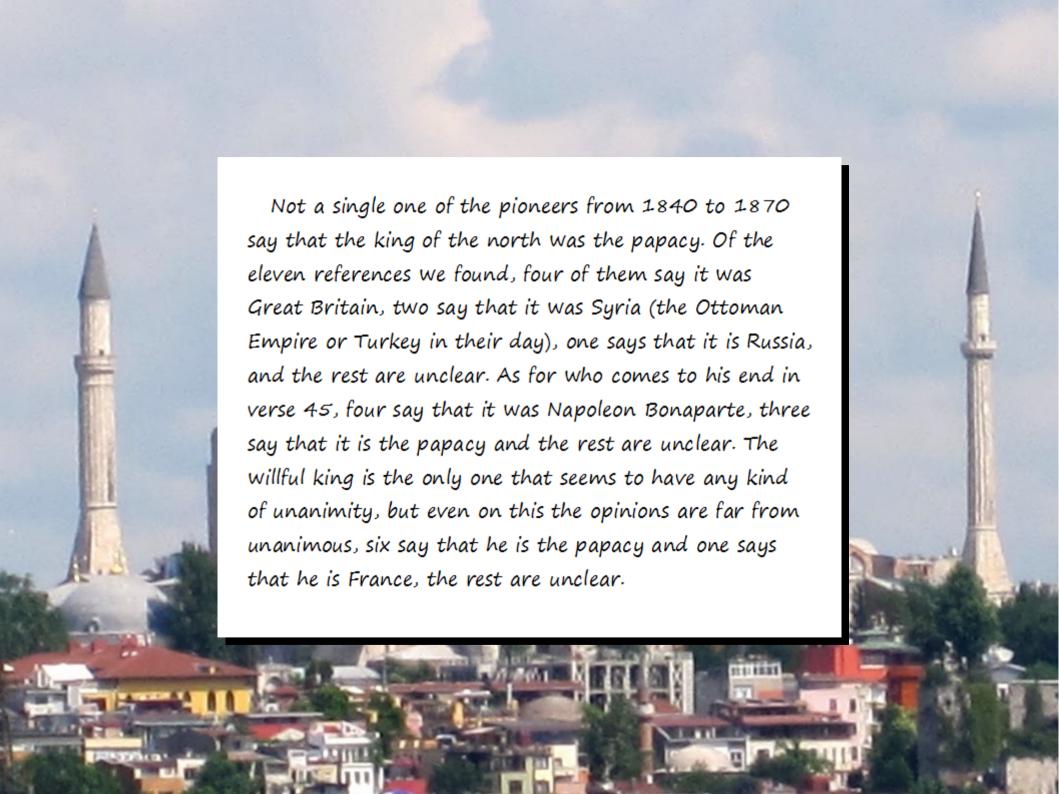
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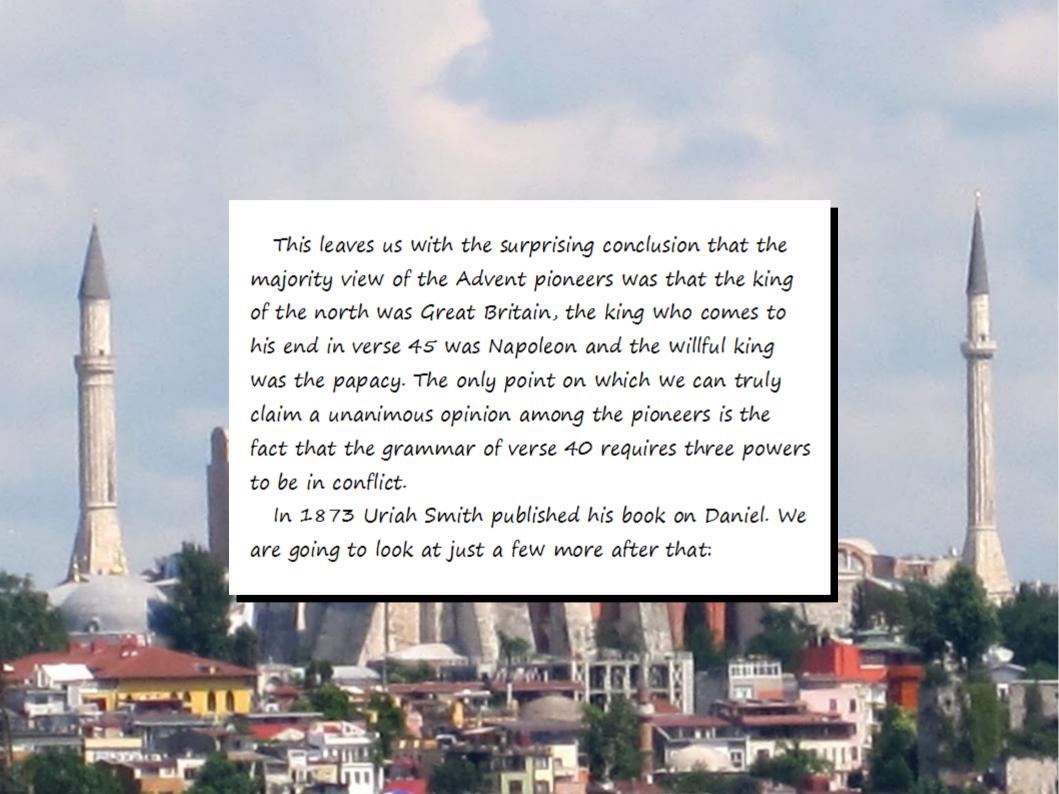
King of the North — not clear

Comes to His End — seems to favor the Papacy

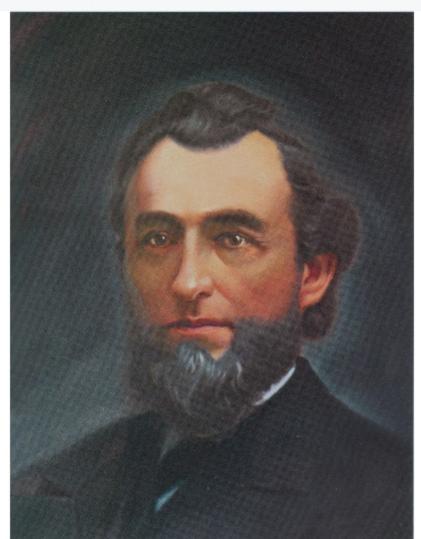










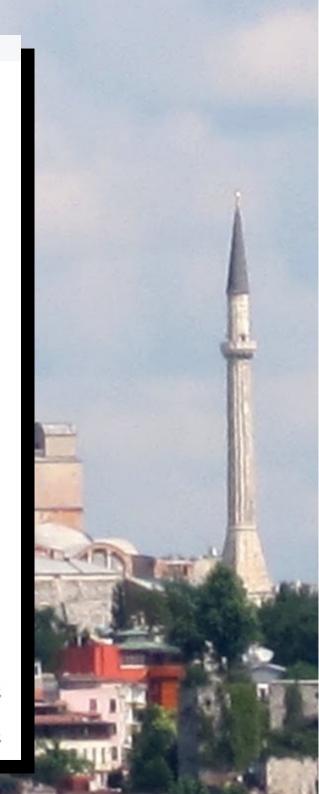


Uriah Smith – 1873

Willful King — France

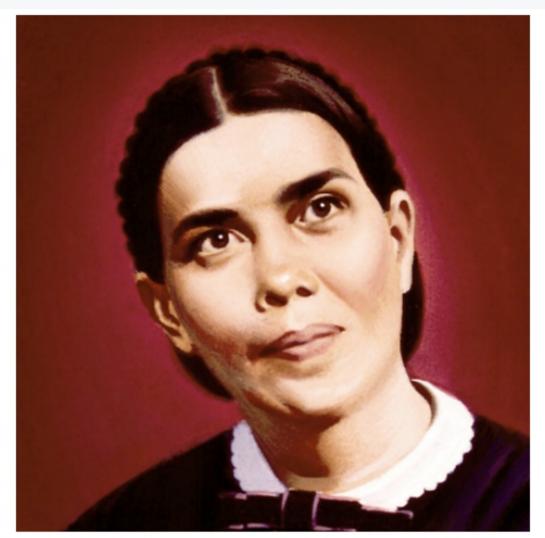
King of the North - Ottoman Empire

Comes to His End — Ottoman Empire







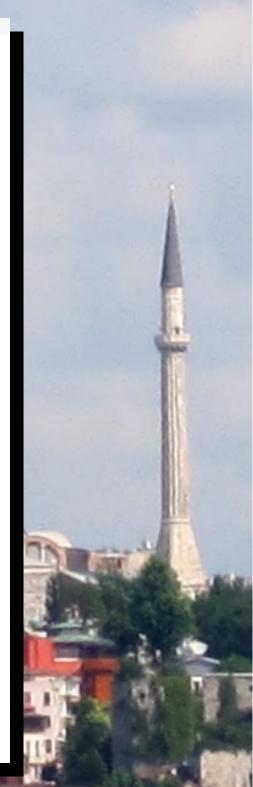


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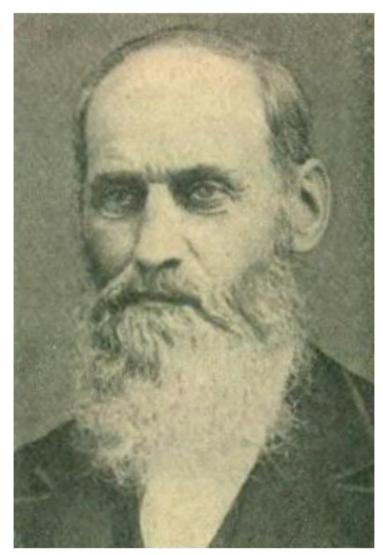
Willful King — not clear

King of the North — not clear

Comes to His End — not clear (seems to favor the Ottoman Empire)







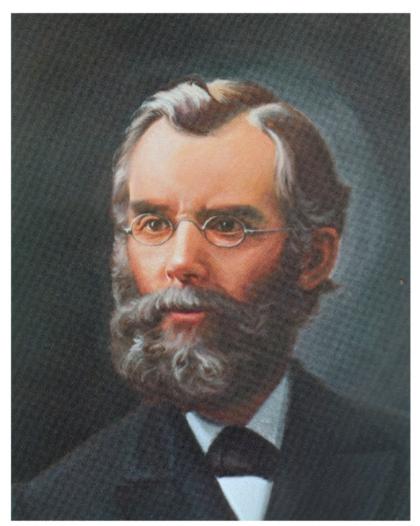
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Willful King — France

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Comes to His End — Ottomon Empire





John Andrews — 1883

Willful King — not clear

King of the North - Syria (first part Dan 11)

Comes to His End - not clear





