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## THE HOLY MISSION

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After the death of Christ the disciples were well-nigh overcome by discouragement. Their Master had been rejected, condemned, and crucified. The priests and rulers had declared scornfully, 'He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.' Matthew 27:42. The sun of the disciples' hope had set, and night settled down upon their hearts. Often they repeated the words, 'We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel.' Luke 24:21. Lonely and sick at heart, they remembered His words, 'If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?' Luke 23:31.

"Jesus had several times attempted to open the future to His disciples, but they had not cared to think about what He said. Because of this His death had come to them as a surprise; and afterward, as they reviewed the past and saw the result of their unbelief, they were filled with sorrow. When Christ was crucified, they did not believe that He would rise. He had stated plainly that He was to rise on the third day, but they were perplexed

to know what He meant. This lack of comprehension left them at the time of His death in utter hopelessness. They were bitterly disappointed. Their faith did not penetrate beyond the shadow that Satan had cast athwart their horizon. All seemed vague and mysterious to them. If they had believed the Saviour's words, how much sorrow they might have been spared!

"Crushed by despondency, grief, and despair, the disciples met together in the upper chamber, and closed and fastened the doors, fearing that the fate of their beloved Teacher might be theirs. It was here that the Saviour, after His resurrection, appeared to them.

"For forty days Christ remained on the earth, preparing the disciples for the work before them and explaining that which heretofore they had been unable to comprehend. He spoke of the prophecies concerning His advent, His rejection by the Jews, and His death, showing that every specification of these prophecies had been fulfilled. He told them that they were to regard this fulfillment of prophecy as an assurance of the power that

would attend them in their future labors. 'Then opened He their understanding,' we read, 'that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.' And He added, 'Ye are witnesses of these things.' Luke 24:45-48.

"During these days that Christ spent with His disciples, they gained a new experience. As they heard their beloved Master explaining the Scriptures in the light of all that had happened, their faith in Him was fully established. They reached the place where they could say, 'I know whom I have believed.' 2 Timothy 1:12. They began to realize the nature and extent of their work, to see that they were to proclaim to the world the truths entrusted to them. The events of Christ's life, His death and resurrection, the prophecies pointing to these events, the mysteries of the plan of salvation, the power of Jesus for the remission of sins--to all these



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## FROM *the* EDITORS

things they had been witnesses, and they were to make them known to the world. They were to proclaim the gospel of peace and salvation through repentance and the power of the Saviour.

"Before ascending to heaven, Christ gave His disciples their commission. He told them that they were to be the executors of the will in which He bequeathed to the world the treasures of eternal life. You have been witnesses of My life of sacrifice in behalf of the world, He said to them. You have seen My labors for Israel. And although My people would not come to Me that they might have life, although priests and rulers have done unto Me as they listed, although they have rejected Me, they shall have still another opportunity of accepting the Son of God. You have seen that all who come to Me confessing their sins, I freely receive. Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. To you, My disciples, I commit this message of mercy. It is to be given to both Jews and Gentiles--to Israel, first, and then to all nations, tongues, and peoples. All who believe are to be gathered into one church.

"The gospel commission is the great missionary charter of Christ's kingdom. The disciples were to work earnestly for souls, giving to all the invitation of mercy. They were not to wait for the people to come to them; they were to go to the people with their message.

"The disciples were to carry their work forward in Christ's name. Their every word and act was to fasten attention on His name, as possessing that vital power by which sinners may be saved. Their faith was to center in Him who is the source of mercy and power. In His name they were to present their petitions to the Father, and they would receive answer. They were to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Christ's name was to be their watchword, their badge of distinction, their bond of union, the authority for their course of action, and the source of their success. Nothing was to be recognized in His kingdom that did not bear His name and superscription.

"When Christ said to the disciples, Go forth in My name to gather into the church all who believe, He plainly set before them the necessity of maintaining simplicity. The less ostentation and show, the greater would be their influence for good. The disciples were to speak with the same simplicity with which Christ had spoken. They were to impress upon their hearers the lessons He had taught them.

"Christ did not tell His disciples that their work would be easy. He showed them the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them. They would have to fight 'against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.' Ephesians 6:12. But they would not

be left to fight alone. He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks--the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe and be assured that My presence will be with you even there. Labor in faith and confidence; for the time will never come when I will forsake you. I will be with you always, helping you to perform your duty, guiding, comforting, sanctifying, sustaining you, giving you success in speaking words that shall draw the attention of others to heaven.

"Christ's sacrifice in behalf of man was full and complete. The condition of the atonement had been fulfilled. The work for which He had come to this world had been accomplished. He had won the kingdom. He had wrested it from Satan and had become heir of all things. He was on His way to the throne of God, to be honored by the heavenly host. Clothed with boundless authority, He gave His disciples their commission..." *Acts of the Apostles*, 25 - 29.



# STUDIES

## PYRRHUS PART 1

by TESS LAMBERT

To introduce the subject matter of the history of King Pyrrhus of Epirus, this article will briefly remind the reader of the information already placed in the public record concerning the study of Acts 27. For more information concerning this (Acts 27) study, please consider viewing the videos presented by Tess Lambert in Portugal provided by the ministry FIN.

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In the reform line concerning the ship of Adramyttium, the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia marks the time period between Panium and the Sunday Law. There is an overturning and the rising up of a nation made up of every tribe; Cilicia means overturn and Pamphylia means multitude. The history of Adramyttium can be overlaid with the history of the ship of Alexandria in the same time period and in the history of Panium to Shipwreck, Ellen White highlights Paul as the leader of the ship. Paul represents the priests and it can be seen that there is a change in Adventism which parallels the change in the U.S. because Adventism and the U.S. do not end at the Sunday Law, only their institutions; what can be seen rising up is a new type of leadership.

In the reform line of the ship of Alexandria, the history from Panium (which is marked as the Midnight Cry) to Shipwreck (which is the Sunday Law on the line of the 144,000 but a closed door for the ship) allows the student to observe three groups of people. Between Panium and Shipwreck Paul is going to a second group of people and it is in this history that he breaks bread to feed them and the number 276 is provided. In Acts of the Apostles, page 444.2, Ellen White speaks about the number on board the ship saying, "Then that worn and discouraged company of two hundred and seventy-five souls, who but for Paul would have become desperate, joined with the apostle in partaking of food." In another passage she says, "They urged that the harbor of Fair Havens was but imperfectly protected from the wintry winds, and that the neighboring town, being so small, would afford little occupation for three hundred sailors and passengers during a stay of several months." Sketches from the Life of Paul, 264.1. In yet another quote, she speaks of 276: "That worn, drenched, discouraged throng of two hundred and seventy-six souls, who but for Paul would have become despairing and desperate, now

took fresh courage, and joined with the apostle in their first meal for fourteen days." Sketches from the Life of Paul, 268.3. The purpose of this is to highlight an example of what people will bring attention to when they are looking to find mistakes and inconsistencies. In this message, we have done many studies in which the number 300 is placed at Panium as the Midnight Cry and the connection of Gideon's army is made. We can also use the study of Acts 27 and place 300 at the Sunday Law. Nevertheless, those who are looking to find mistakes in this study of Acts 27 will have a problem with this because there are not 300 people on board the boat. The question then is, why would Ellen White say 300 sailors and passengers? These comments are not a coincidence; if she wanted to write 276 she could simply write it but she says 300 because she is giving us a symbol, a symbol that we already take into this history as an example of Gideon's army. When you go through those quotes, she uses different numbers but she knows how many people were aboard the ship for these things are not a coincidence.

In the history from Panium to Shipwreck using Acts 27:37 we are given a number, 276, right in the history of the Harvest of the Levites. Using this number as a foundation, we may separate Paul, Aristarchus and Luke which will leave us with 273, symbolizing the Levites. Later at Shipwreck, we have the Harvest of the World or, the Island. Thus, we have Paul, the 273 Levites and the Island, three groups of people woven into the story of the boat.

Let us use Numbers 3 as a witness to support our claim that the number 276 is connected to the Levites.

Numbers 3:5-7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

This is the very first calling of the Levites to fulfill their role in the services of the tabernacle. What has happened is that God is replacing the firstborn with the tribe of Levi but He needs the tribe of Levi to replace the firstborn, each man. If every firstborn male must be replaced by a member of the tribe of Levi, those numbers must match.



Numbers 3:12, 15 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; 15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

Then, Moses numbers the tribe of Levi; their sum can be found in verse 39.

Numbers 3:39 All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

Of the tribe of Levi, there are 22,000.

Numbers 3:40 And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

Now all the firstborn are going to be counted to make sure that all of them are replaced and their number can be found in verse 43.

Numbers 3:43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen

Thus, at the very first calling of the Levites, there is a problem; there are not enough. There are 22,000 Levites and 22,273 firstborn males thus, you have -273 Levites at their very first calling to fulfill a job function. The history of Panium to Shipwreck is talking about their (the Levites) very last calling to fulfill a job function. They are called in at the beginning of their journey and then they are called in between Panium and the Sunday Law. At the beginning, there are 273 too few; that number needs to be perfect. Therefore, the number 273 is used as a symbol and it is fulfilled between Panium and the Sunday Law (Shipwreck) when the last Levites are brought in.

Another question for us to contemplate is, why the number 273? What can that number teach us about our own time period? When we come across a number like this, let us not assume that it will always take us to a date but it has to take you to a meaning. With much search and study by Tess Lambert, it was observed that taking 273 to a date in history places the student in an interesting time period, specifically 273 BC. The following quote comes from a book called *The Navies of Rome* by Michael Pitassi. He says, "In 273BC, Ptolemy II of Egypt established a diplomatic relation with Rome." They entered into a friendship. Another reference, comes from A. T. Jones, *The Great Empires of Prophecy, from Babylon to the Fall of Rome*, page 220.1. He says that the reputation of Rome had been growing through all of the foreign nations due to a six year war they had against King Pyrrhus. As foreign nations became aware of Rome, Egypt desired their friendship and the Romans were pleased to solicit Egypt's

attention; this occurred in the year 273 BC when Egypt sent ambassadors to Rome. Another reference comes from *A Critical History of Early Rome: From Prehistory to the First Punic War* by Gary Forsythe in which he says that when Rome defeated Pyrrhus, it declared to all of the ancient world that Rome had arrived on the world scene of warfare and power politics. This arrival of Rome was recognized in 273 BC and the reason they became so well-known was because of the Pyrrhic War. Let us briefly consider the history of that war.

For six years, Rome had been fighting King Pyrrhus but they were not fighting to gain the country of Pyrrhus; what they were fighting for was southern Italy. By this point Rome has, in history previous, taken control of the north of Italy but the south is structured differently. It is composed of Greek city-states and there is a chief city-state that has control or influence over all the other city-states; this was Tarentum. Thus, Tarentum had authority or influence over all of the south of Italy. There came a point where Rome was pushing southward and began to interfere because they had conquered all of their enemies in the north. Eventually, Rome declared war on Tarentum and Tarentum was simply not strong enough to fight Rome alone. Therefore, they wrote to one of their relatives, King Pyrrhus of the nation of Epirus which was north of Greece and south of Macedonia.

King Pyrrhus received a request from Tarentum to lead in war against Rome. He was a close relative of Alexander the Great and he had the same type of ambition so, he agrees; he comes up and takes control of the south and then, for six years, fights a war with Rome over these city-states. This is a war between the King of the North and the King of the South. The war lasts six years and the final battle is the battle of Beneventum in 275 BC in which Pyrrhus, King of the South, is defeated by Rome. He is defeated at Beneventum but that work is not complete for while he is defeated, he is not killed and Tarentum is holding out against a siege. So, while Rome has defeated the south and everyone knows that Rome now controls the south, the fall of the south is a process; a process that begins in 275 BC and ends in 272 BC. In 275 BC, Rome defeats Pyrrhus-the King of the North defeats the King of the South- and the south begins to fall. In 272 BC, Tarentum is taken by Rome and the fall is complete. That same year, Pyrrhus is killed in the streets of Argos. Argos has a connection to Lycia (Lycia is placed at the Sunday Law in the reform line of the ship of Adramyttium); they have the same meaning which is harvest, ripened grain. In 272 BC, Rome sent ambassadors back to Egypt. Essentially, Pyrrhus dies and Rome goes back to Egypt. The delegation of ambassadors was headed by Fabius Maximus Gurgus and his name means the maximum flood: Maximus = maximum, Gurgus = flood. Thus, Rome goes to Egypt as the ultimate flood. Therefore, we are not simply taking the number 273 in isolation and saying that it was an interesting year and placing it between Panium and the Sunday Law; what we are



doing is taking a period of history and seeing it mirrored as a period of history. The connecting link is 273; this becomes the way mark of Concord but what we are doing is taking a history and seeing it paralleled by another history. At Panium, the King of the North defeats the King of the South; that is 1989. The Soviet Union did not end in 1989; it began to fall in a way that has now made its ultimate destruction inevitable. So it is in the history of Pyrrhus at the battle of Beneventum, the south begins to fall. Once Torrentum falls, Rome has complete control of the south. Pyrrhus dies in the streets of Argos at the hands of a woman and that is harvest and Rome goes to Egypt as a maximum flood. This history has all of the symbology of the history of Panium to the Sunday Law.

We want to look at the King of the North and the King of the South in our time, really, in the history after 1798; we want to understand that whole period. One can arrive to this history in two ways: one way being the study of Acts 27 and using it to lead the student to the line of Pyrrhus and later arrive to the history of the King of the South after 1798. In this very article, we have been led from Acts 27 to 273, between Panium and the Sunday Law. We have taken the number 273 into history and viewed an entire history of events that tells us of our own. Another way to arrive to the history of the Kings of the North and the South after 1798 is by a study of modern Babylon, the counterfeit. If we were to study the counterfeit it would take us to the history of Fatima which in turn would lead us to the conclusion aforementioned. Thus, there are two separate studies that take us to similar conclusions but each study gives us a different perspective; they give us two witnesses for the same history.

We will now consider other factors so as to further comprehend the role of Pyrrhus and what that means for us in our time, even if the subject matter is not explored in depth. Alexander the Great died in 323 BC:

Daniel 11:4 And when he [Alexander] shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

This verse gives us a picture of the fall of Alexander and the rising up of four famous generals which were Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy. If you were to take this verse into that history, you would have to expand it. You may even have a problem with that if you did not accept that this verse was inspired. As Bible students, we know that it has been written that way for a purpose. In the history of Alexander the Great, he died in 323 BC and his empire was divided into how many parts? In reality, it was divided into many parts. Thousands of generals tore apart his kingdom and they then fought over those pieces in what is known as the Diadochi Wars. There were four of these wars over a

period of twenty-two years ending in 301 BC. So, this verse covers twenty-two years of history and talks about the horn being broken and four other horns rising up. Once more, these four horns are Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy. For the first two wars there are dozens of generals fighting. By the time you arrive at the end of the second war, there are only five generals left-the four that have already been mentioned along with Antigonus.

Antigonus is the most powerful general after Alexander the Great. He was so powerful that these four generals in union still could not defeat him in the history of the third war. So, to explain the apparent "issue" in Daniel 11:4, the reason that it is still so accurate is because it is condensing this history. It is combining these two way marks because Antigonus-if you were to examine his life story-was continuing the work of Alexander. Prophetically-speaking, you can see them as the same person which is why it does not skip from one horn to many, or to five; it simply goes to the four and these four generals defeated Antigonus in 301 BC at the battle of Ipsus. 301 BC is verse 4 when we see his (Alexander the Great) empire divided to the four winds. The year where you have five generals is about 316 BC. For about fifteen years, there are five generals. Antigonus is then defeated at Ipsus and then there are the four noted in prophecy until 298 BC when Cassander dies. That period from 301-298 BC is about three years or so. There must be a prophetic reason for the story to be written this way; it gives us our symbols of the four winds: north, south, east and west. We can also learn much from those four generals and the fact that Daniel 11:4 is purposely written this way expresses to us that literal history is under the control of God and we have a license to use it prophetically by breaking down the symbols involved.

A couple of years after the death of Alexander, about 319/18 BC, Pyrrhus was born and he hails from the nation of Epirus. That little nation next to Macedonia is where Alexander the Great's mother was from; she was a princess of Epirus and great aunt of Pyrrhus. Thus, Pyrrhus was a direct relation to Alexander the Great and he is listed in the top four generals that have ever lived; he had the same ambition as Alexander, perhaps the exact same talents. What he did not have was an empire already prepared by his father, but as a man he was a fantastic general. He first becomes involved in history during the history of the fourth war. It is in the fourth Diadochi War that he begins his campaigning and he begins his work for the establishment of an empire by allying with Antigonus, specifically his son, Demetrius. It was Antigonus and his son Demetrius who in this history were fighting against our four generals and in the fourth war Pyrrhus allied himself with Demetrius. Pyrrhus' story is in two parts; first, he tries for an empire in Macedonia (alpha), then he tries for an empire in Italy (omega) until he is finally defeated at the battle of Beneventum and dies at Argos.



## BRIEF TIMELINE OF PYRRHUS:

319/18 BC Born in Epirus

Ascended to the throne of Epirus

302 BC Fought with Demetrius and Antigonus I at the battle of Ipsus.

Visited Ptolemy in Alexandria.

287 BC Helped win control of Macedonia from Demetrius.

286 BC Driven back to Epirus by his former ally, Lysimachus.

281 BC Called to Tarentum to fight the Romans in Italy.

280 BC Great victory against Rome at Heraclea.

279 BC Another victory over Rome at Asculum.

278 BC Called to Sicily to help drive the Carthaginians off the Island.

275 BC Returned to Italy. Defeated by Rome at Beneventum.

272 BC Killed during a night battle in Argos.

It is our desire that this brief article will have reminded the Bible student of the story of Acts 27 as well as introduced the Bible student to the history of King Pyrrhus so as to further cement their faith in God and in His message. Is it not remarkable, dear reader, that God's hand has been involved in the history of ancient kings and generals and it was all designed for us, upon whom the ends of the world are come? This astonishing history was fulfilled over the long course of, seemingly, natural and human events so that we may unravel it and be found ready for what is to come. If you have ever doubted that the Lord loved you and so desperately desired your salvation, may your doubts dissipate as you behold this remarkable history. It was all for you.

## THE DIVISION OF GREECE

by STEVEN JAMISON

Uriah Smith, in his book "The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation" comments concerning the expressions of the kings of the north and south in Daniel chapter eleven, "We speak of only these two, because they are the only ones afterward spoken of in the prophecy, and because, in fact, almost the whole of Alexander's empire finally resolved itself into these two divisions. The successors of Cassander were very soon conquered by Lysimachus, and his kingdom, Greece and Macedon was annexed to Thrace. Lysimachus was in turn conquered by Seleucus, and Macedon and Thrace were annexed to Syria."

There have been presentations which illustrate that for the king of the north to achieve dominance, he must first conquer three geographical areas. It is understood that pagan Rome and the papacy achieved this aim. With the aid of the above Uriah Smith quote, it has also been applied to the achievements of Seleucus Nicator. Seleucus first conquered the eastern realms of Greece's domains and then in defeating Lysimachus, he acquired the north and the west simultaneously, for Lysimachus had already acquired Cassander's western domains. This article seeks to examine the historical evidence that supports such an application.

### DANIEL 11:4: FOUR GENERALS OR FOUR DYNASTIES?

"Alexander's four leading generals Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy took possession of the empire. After the death of Antigonus [301 BC], the four confederated princes divided his dominions between them; and hereby the whole empire of Alexander became parted, and settled into four kingdoms." (U. Smith)

This is the standard understanding of the division of Greece into four parts and may well be the valid option. It, however, may be worth considering that Cassander died about 297 BC and Demetrius I of the Antigonid dynasty replaced his sons rule in 294 BC.

"This was one of four dynasties established by Alexander's successors, the others being the Seleucid dynasty, Ptolemaic dynasty and Attalid dynasty." (Wikipedia)

These are the dates given in Wikipedia for these dynasties.

Antigonid: 306 - 168 BC (Ending with the Battle of Pydna)

Attalid: 282 - 129 BC (Bequeathed to Rome 133 BC)

Seleucid: 305 - 63 BC (Ended by Pompey)

Ptolemaic: 305 - 30 BC (Ended by Octavian)

### THE SUCCESSORS OF CASSANDER CONQUERED BY LYSIMACHUS

"The successors of Cassander were very soon conquered by Lysimachus, and his kingdom, Greece and Macedon was annexed to Thrace." (Uriah Smith)

"The successors of Cassander" that were conquered by Lysimachus were not of Cassander's lineage. Demetrius I ousted his sons in 294 BC.

"Cassander's dynasty did not live much beyond his death, with his son Philip dying of natural causes, and his other sons Alexander and Antipater becoming involved in a destructive dynastic struggle along with their mother. When Alexander was ousted as joint king by his brother, Demetrius I took up Alexander's appeal for aid and ousted Antipater II, killed



Alexander V and established the Antigonid dynasty.”

Demetrius was the son of Antigonus, the general who had been killed in 301 BC at the battle of Ipsus. With Antigonus’ death, his kingdom was divided up, with most of his territory taken by Lysimachus and Seleucus. This event normally marks the division of Greece into four parts.

About 287 BC, Lysimachus collaborated with Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, and drove Demetrius out of Macedonia. Lysimachus then expelled Pyrrhus two years later, seizing complete control of Macedonia for himself. Thus is the manner in which it could be claimed that Lysimachus conquered the successors of Cassander. Lysimachus ruled much of Cassander’s former territory for about four years until his death.

**LYSIMACHUS CONQUERED BY SELEUCUS**

“Lysimachus was in turn conquered by Seleucus, and

Macedon and Thrace were annexed to Syria” (Uriah Smith)

Lysimachus’ territories were not long absorbed into the Seleucid Empire. Seleucus armies defeated and killed Lysimachus in 281 BC, though “the victory gave Seleucus nominal control over nearly every part of Alexander’s empire, save the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt, his victory was short-lived. After crossing to take possession of Lysimachus’ European possessions not long after the battle, Seleucus was assassinated by Ptolemy Keraunos and Macedon swiftly became independent once again.”

Ptolemy Keraunos then ruled Macedonia for two years before invading Gauls killed him. After a couple of years of anarchy, Antigonos Gonatas, son of the ex-king of Macedon, Demetrius I, emerged to defeat the Gauls in 277 BC and re-established the Antigonid dynasty in Macedonia.

Meanwhile, concerning Lysimachus’ territories in Asia Minor, in 282 BC Philetaerus, who was Lysimachus’ lieutenant in the fortress of Pergamon, deserted him, offering himself and the fortress to Seleucus. Philetaerus enjoyed considerable autonomy despite being nominally under the Seleucids. His nephew, Eumenes I, succeeded him in 263 BC. He rebelled and defeated the Seleucid king Antiochus I. He minted coins with the portrait of Philetaerus rather than Seleucus whom his uncle had in his coins. Philetaerus is considered the founder of the Attalid dynasty. His domain was initially limited to the area surrounding the city of Pergamon but Eumenes I was able to expand them greatly.

**CONCLUSION**

When Pagan Rome conquered three geographical areas, it held sway for 360 years, the papacy for 1260 years

and Seleucus but for some months. We also have to allow that when he defeated Lysimachus, it counted as two geographical areas. Seleucus shares the title of the king of the north but does he achieve the goal of ruling supremely? Would he have not had to conquer Egypt to have done so? When Smith comments, “Almost the whole of Alexander’s empire finally resolved itself into these two divisions”, he neglects to say how fleeting Seleucus’ rule over Macedon was and of the other dynasties that were soon to follow or re-emerge as in the case of the Antigonid dynasty.

I believe that it is safe to say that Seleucus does not carry as much weight as the other two witnesses (Pagan Rome and the Papacy) in demonstrating that Rome, at the end of the world, is required to conquer three geographical areas to rule supremely as outlined in Daniel 11:40-45.

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It is when we are engaged in earnest work, working according to our several abilities, that God manifests Himself to us, and gives us grace for grace. A working church in travail for souls will be a praying church, a believing church, and a receiving church. A church whose members are found upon their knees before God, supplicating His mercy, seeking Him daily, is a church that is feeding upon the bread of life, and drinking of the waters of life. The promise, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you,' will be verified to them.

"Christlike activity pursued with persevering zeal will bring large returns. There will be an enlarged experience in love, and the human agents will have elevated views as to what God would do through them as they stand at their post of duty. Then will the church arise and shine, realizing that the glory of the Lord has risen upon her, and that darkness is receding.

"Missionary success will be proportionate to wholehearted, thoroughly consecrated effort. Every departure from true missionary effort, every failure to cherish the missionary spirit, has reacted upon the church, and there has been a decline of spirituality. But every earnest effort that has been made in missionary lines has brought spiritual health to the church, and has not only increased the membership of the church, but has increased its holy zeal and gladness.

"The commandment-keeping people of God ere long will be placed in a most trying position; but all those who have walked in the light, and diffused the light, will realize that God interposes in their behalf. When everything looks most forbidding, then the Lord will reveal His power to His faithful ones. When the

nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and support to Romanism in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge.

"Many have been altogether too long in a sleepy condition. While some have worked intently, and have manifested unfailing energy, others have stood as spectators, and have been ready to make remarks of a critical character as to methods and results. This they are ready to do, though they have never exercised their minds in originating any plans whereby precious souls might be saved for Christ. They stand ready to find fault with those who do something. When these indolent souls awake and show some signs of returning consciousness, they are disappointed if others do not at once find them pleasant places in the work. It is a great shock to them to find out that work cannot be done without painstaking, self-denying, self-crucifying efforts. They expect success, and think that they must have the same order of success as did the apostles on the Day of Pentecost. This success they will have when they go through the experience of humble, self-denying sacrifice as did the apostles. When they present as earnest supplications from broken, contrite, believing hearts as did the apostles, then the same proportion of success will attend their labors. 'For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and

to revive the heart of the contrite ones.' 'To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.'

"The home missionary spirit is little known among us, and its manifestation is greatly needed in every line of work. A portion of the church has begun to exhibit some activity along missionary lines. But if we do not awake more generally and fully, then those who know not the truth for this time will advance before us and block up our way.

"How long will it require to wake up the idlers who have for years loitered in Battle Creek? When will they become faithful witnesses for God? How long will it be before they yoke up with Christ? How much time each day is set apart for the worship of God? How many have seasons for contemplation and for fervent prayer? How many have educated themselves in economical habits, so that they may have gifts and offerings for the Lord's house? How many have had their hearts warmed by the practical exercise of benevolence? How many have made earnest efforts to inspire others to work for the Master? To work at home successfully will need a spirit, faith, and perseverance that will not fail nor be discouraged. There is not one inactive in heaven, and no one will enter the mansions of bliss who has failed to show love for Christ, who has put forth no efforts for the salvation of others." *Testimonies to Ministers*, 205-208.



# EVENTS

## MAY

### Ministerio El Librito (Bolivia) School of the Prophets

Dates: May 1-July 28  
Speakers: Gabriel Barrios, Marco Barrios  
Location: Tacuarembó, Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
Info: [librito.org](http://librito.org)

### Escola dos Profetas (Brazil) School of the Prophets

Dates: May 12-August 12  
Speakers: Arjan den Heijer, Brittani Krebec  
Location: Governador Valadarea, Minas Gerais, Brazil  
Info: [livrinho.org](http://livrinho.org)

## JUNE

### Future News Canada (Canada) Camp Meeting

Dates: June 24-30  
Speaker: TBA  
Location: Pigeon Lake, Alberta, Canada  
Info: [futurenews.ca](http://futurenews.ca)

### Seminar (Czech Republic) "Daniel 11" Camp Meeting

Dates: June 28-July 4  
Speaker: TBA  
Location: Czech Republic  
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### Ecole des Prophetes (France) School of the Prophets

Dates: June 28-August 21  
Speaker: Parminder Biant  
Location: Limoges, France  
Info: [legrandcri.org](http://legrandcri.org)

## AUGUST

### Future Is Now (Germany) "Sola Gratia"

#### International Camp Meeting

Dates: August 25-September  
Speakers: Parminder Biant, Thabo Mtetwa, Jeff Pippenger  
Location: Engelsbach, Germany  
Info: [future-is-now.net](http://future-is-now.net)

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

## ★ Calling All Writers! ★

The present truth movement is steadily expanding, and it is our privilege to publish works submitted by you in hopes to further our intellectual and spiritual understanding in this message. *Future News* publications are currently undergoing design and formatting modifications. In this process we intend to add sections of content that encompass all areas of this message, including: prophecy; worldwide ministry events and news; pioneer backgrounds and information; true education; country living; gardening; health and natural remedies; testimonies; FAQs.

There are only a small number of brethren who have been submitting content for publishing, and now that we are planning to expand the breadth of this publication, we solicit your help that we may continue to put forth such

publications on a monthly basis. We know there is a wealth of knowledge amongst the brethren in this movement and we invite you to share it! Therefore, during this time, we encourage those who are interested to write and submit material on any of the aforementioned topics for our newsletters. Additionally, your feedback regarding the changes taking place in the design, formatting, and content is appreciated.

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–Future News Editorial Team



### STUDIES & TESTIMONIALS

*Share your studies and special testimonies with us! We would love to hear them.*



### ADVENT PIONEERS

*Millerite history and the works of our pioneers are an integral part of our learning experience in this movement. Please share any interesting information you know or an insightful passage from their writings that we would all enjoy reading!*



### GARDENING

*Growing your own food is a skill that many of us want to learn about! Whether you are a pro or a newbie to this activity, we would love to hear your tips, preferred methods, and any information that you have found beneficial or interesting for our readers.*



### WORLDWIDE NEWS

*How is the Lord working in your part of the vineyard? It is always a blessing to read updates and news from those working in a personal capacity for the Lord and from those in ministry work.*



### TRUE EDUCATION

*Education is an important component of the present truth work, as we know the Lord has opened up schools of the prophets all around the world. Share your knowledge on what you have learned about true education from Inspiration.*



### HEALTH & NATURAL REMEDIES

*The health message is the right arm of the Gospel. This realm of our message is of utmost importance! Share your knowledge with us on: hydrotherapy, natural remedies, diet and nutrition, homemade products, etc.*



### EVENTS

*Have an event coming up? Let us know! Camp-meetings, schools of the prophets, health seminars, etc.*



### COUNTRY LIVING

*The Lord calls His people to separate from the city life and move to the country—often times a new experience for most of us. If you have any tips, experiences, or studies on this that you would like to share with our readers, please do!*



### FAQ

*Do you have questions or need help understanding a particular area of present truth? Send in your questions!*

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"From the humblest lot those whom He has seen faithful have in time past been called to witness for Him in the world's highest places. and many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. The whole world is opening to the gospel. Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. From Japan and China and India, from the still-darkened lands of our own continent, from every quarter of this world of ours, comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy. And it rests with us who have received the knowledge, with our children to whom we may impart it, to answer their cry. To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' Esther 4:14." *Education*, 262.