

The Little Horn

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Dan. 8:9-11 says, . . . “by him (the little horn) the daily sacrifice was taken away.

Traditionally we as Adventist understand this passage to be that of Pagan Rome coming to Jerusalem and laying siege on the people of the city and their temple, leaving it in ruin. But in a spiritual sense as it relates to Christ, the daily had been removed nearly 40 years earlier by the combined efforts of the Jewish nation and Rome in crucifying Him.

Daniel 11:31, Again, we see this same power (little horn) warring against the covenant of God and in the process removing the daily. (Refer to Abomination of Desolation).

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We will now see how this little horn foreshadows another. Remember, these stories have more meaning for us today than when they actually occurred.

2 Peter 1:12, tells us, “to be established in the present truth.”

But to better understand who the little horn is today, it would be wise to refresh our memories as to the function of the daily.

Numbers 4:16, Here we find the “daily” first mentioned. The “daily” service was instituted by God through His sanctuary on behalf of the Israelites. That service was designed to expel sin from their lives as well as ours.

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This was a service that they were involved with for some 1,400 years. The Levites were in charge of the daily. Not only did they avail themselves, but did so on behalf of the Israelites as well. (Refer to slide 22, Lecture “What Must I do to be saved”)

GC p. 519 says, “Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks.”

This statement reveals how crucial the daily (bible study and prayer) is for our protection and aiding God in sanctifying us. In other words, daily prayer and scripture study are necessary for God to write His law on our hearts and in our minds. (Refer to slide 24, Lecture “What Must I do to be saved”)

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Isaiah 66:1-3 we read, “Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house (our body temple) that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest (when the two become one)?

Vs. 2, “For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things, have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. PP p. 497 says, “with humiliation and searching of heart, let each seek to discover the hidden sins that shut out God’s presence.”

Vs. 3, “He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog’s neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine’s blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. **YEA, THEY HAVE CHOSEN THEIR OWN WAYS, AND THEIR SOUL DELIGHTETH IN THEIR ABOMINATIONS**

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We as Christians have all heard Christ knocking on our heart's door, eagerly embracing the plan of salvation and availing ourselves of the daily, afflicting our souls. (to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at My word.)

Question: But at what point does an individual go from a heart felt service (the daily); one that is “poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word,” to that of offering swine’s blood?

Answer: When they actually learn the answer to the basic question, “what must I do to be saved”, and choose not to follow that path any further. They continue worshiping “choosing their own ways and their soul delighteth in their abominations.” They, like Antiochus Epiphanes, didn’t make an end to the sacrifices, he simply changed them.

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Matt. 19:16 tells us about a rich young ruler coming to Christ asking the question, “what must I do to have eternal life?” Christ replied, “keep the commandments and give up all that you have and come follow me.”

This is nothing less than a total and complete surrender to the will of God, coming out from the world and being separate.

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Question: So, are we capable of removing the daily?

Answer: Yes, there are several ways that this is accomplished.

Positive removal:

1. By your willingness to surrender your will completely and entirely to Christ allowing Him to make an end of sin in you (i.e. being fully sanctified.)

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Negative removal:

2. By conscious neglect by your unwillingness to detach yourself from the world.
3. By feeling rich enough already through substitutionary atonement, feeling no further need to pursue any higher state of holiness than you already perceive yourself as having.
4. The most important deterrent would be not living up to every ray of light available.

Conclusion: These individuals are warring against the covenant of God (by abusing grace) and are in the process of removing the daily. This situation is problematic at best.

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Concluding negative removal statement:

Some argue that saving faith, the faith that will bring them through at the end, will require no more intellectual discernment than that of undeveloped minds of small children.

While it is true that small children can possess saving faith, avoidable ignorance on the part of those who are older will prove to be a fatal liability.

The simplicity of children is a poor excuse for intellectual sloth.

Conclusion: Disaster is the sure fate of all who sanctimoniously shun opportunities to become learned in spiritual things. It is not without reason, then, that God in His mercy, will raise up those of insight among the people, those who give understanding to the many.

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From all of this we see that the apostates continue worshiping toward the very apartment where Christ Himself once was (Holy Place), but from which He has since departed (into the Most Holy Place).

From this it is evident that the last deception in its most deadly form will not come as some radical new doctrine. It will rather come in the form of the rejection of the new (Covenant), a rejection assuming the guise of a defense of the old (Covenant), a defense of what God Himself once established.

Question: Is this not?? what happened to the Jews during Christ's ministry?

2Thess 2:11&12 says, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

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Question: Have we as a people taken the truth and perverted it's meaning, and made it a refuge of lies as indicated in Isaiah.

Isaiah 28:15, These lies, we find, originated with the leaders of the church (but not all). (Ezek. 9:6 Clear Word Paraphrase – “began with the priests”)

Vs. 14, They have made a covenant with death and with hell. This covenant is better described in Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 13:22, says, “because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life.” The “Clear Word” says, “you encouraged the wicked in their wickedness and didn't try to stop them.”

Vs. 23 (“Clear Word”) says, “I will rescue my people from your influence...”

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These people believe that substitutionary atonement in and of itself is sufficient to save **EVEN APART FROM TOTAL VICTORY**. So, they refuse to advance in light abusing this most marvelous gift (grace).

Isaiah 28:17 tells us, “that God will sweep away their refuge of lies (perverted truth) with hail.

Psalms 105:32 says, . . .”He gave them hail for rain.” Rain symbolizes the Holy Spirit which reveals truth.

Hail for rain would indicate that the truth becomes a crushing stone. By rejecting the early rain, they were not prepared to receive the latter, and when the truth does come to them, it will crush them.

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Isaiah 28:19 states . . . “It will be sheer terror to understand the message, understanding to late. Unfortunately the world will follow suite.

To bring about **APOSTATE JERUSALEM’S DEMISE OR THOSE “WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS AND ARE NOT” (Revelation 3:9)**, one need only convince its membership that its doctrines are a refuge of lies. With that realization, the whole structure crumbles amidst terror and anguish without a single martyr.

Question: How does one become the little horn?

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Answer: By choosing not to advance in light. The little horn and the followers of the horn attempt to usurp the place of God, not by openly claiming to be God, but rather by refusing to be instructed by any but themselves. God can tell them nothing, for all His words they construe to support their own deceptions.

Hebrews 11:4 says, “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.” He grasped the great principles of redemption. Through the shed blood of his sacrifice, he looked to the future sacrifice of Christ dying on his behalf. On the other hand, Cain’s offering of first fruits was a symbol of coming in his own merits. His gift expressed no penitence for sin. To follow the plan of God would be an acknowledgment of weakness. ...

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... Cain obeyed in building an alter, obeyed in bringing a sacrifice but he rendered only a partial obedience. The essential part, the need of a Redeemer was left out.

Abel chose faith and obedience: Cain, unbelief and rebellion.

Cain and Abel represent two classes that will exist in the world till the close of time. One class avail themselves of the appointed sacrifice for sin; the other venture to depend upon their own merits.

True faith, which relies wholly upon Christ, will be manifested by obedience to all the requirements of God.

But when Cain put it in his heart to slay his brother and follow through with it, that was the abomination that **made** him **desolate**. Thus he received a **MARK**.

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Isaiah 24:5 says, “The earth also is defiled . . . they have changed the ordinance and broken the everlasting covenant.” The end result will be as Matthew states.

Matthew 23:37 - “Behold your house is left unto you desolate.”

When Christ came to present the New Covenant Message, the rejecters in His day refused to receive the new light shining from the Most Holy Place.

The veil that God Himself has placed does not extend so high that all light from the Most Holy Place is cut off from us. But, unfortunately, we treasure the veil of God more than the glory of God. We wrap ourselves more in His veil than in His truth. What has been hidden we thus deny.

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Darkness

Isaiah 29:10,11 – “For the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed.”

Through it all, we are perfectly poised to repeat the history of the Jews. We, like them, do not see the future significance of our present day covenant.

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We have seen in past studies that the Sabbath indeed embodies a message. When one rejects that message by which one can overcome as Christ overcame, then they have, in essence, rejected the Sabbath itself.

Thus, one becomes “**the little horn**”. (Ps. 95:11) – “I swear in My wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”

In fact, it will be revealed that the apostate SDA’s stance against the New Covenant will be that of Babylon’s stance against the Sabbath. They are one and the same.

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So it is important to realize the cross of Christ is a prophecy. The cross of the saints will be the fulfillment of that prophecy.

Psalms 119:71 says, “It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn Thy statutes.”

Remember – obedience is not the means of salvation, but rather the results of.

Christ empowers us to obey. (A willingness that comes from the heart.)

Psalms 40:8 says, “I delight to do Thy will, O my God: Thy law is within my heart.”

Psalms 119:11 says, “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”