

PIONEER PROPHECY

Understanding the 1843 and 1850 charts



Lesson 8: The Islamic Woe Trumpets

Revelation 9: The Three Islamic Woes

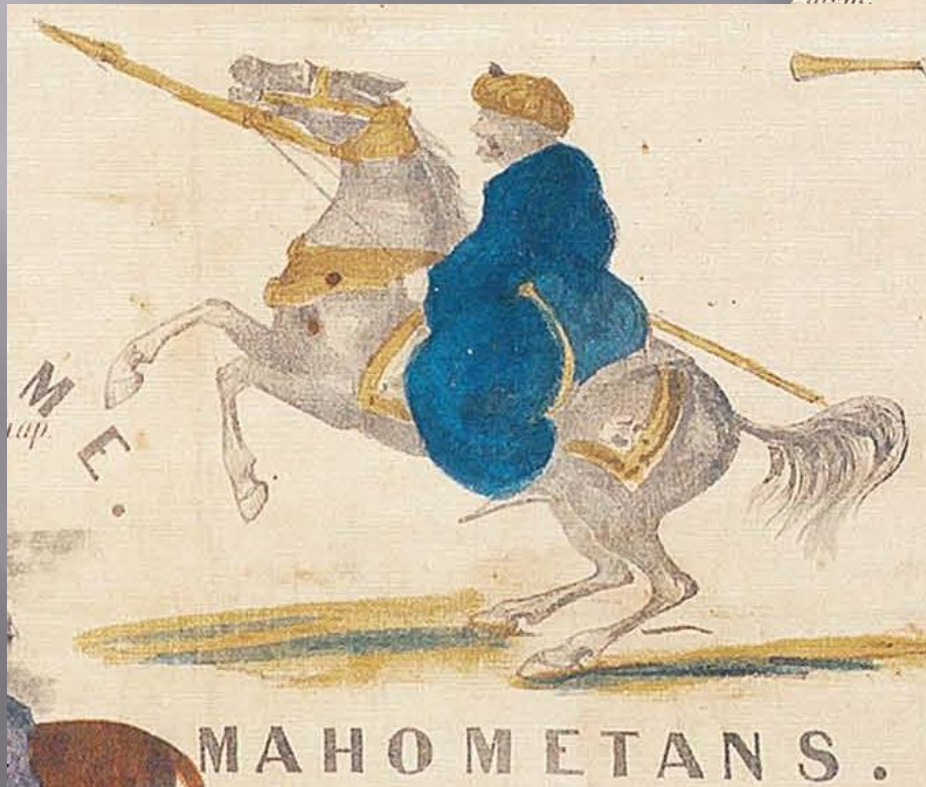


The “woes” of Revelation 9 (trumpets 5-7) are seen on the chart as angels with trumpets and as Mahomatan soldiers on horseback.

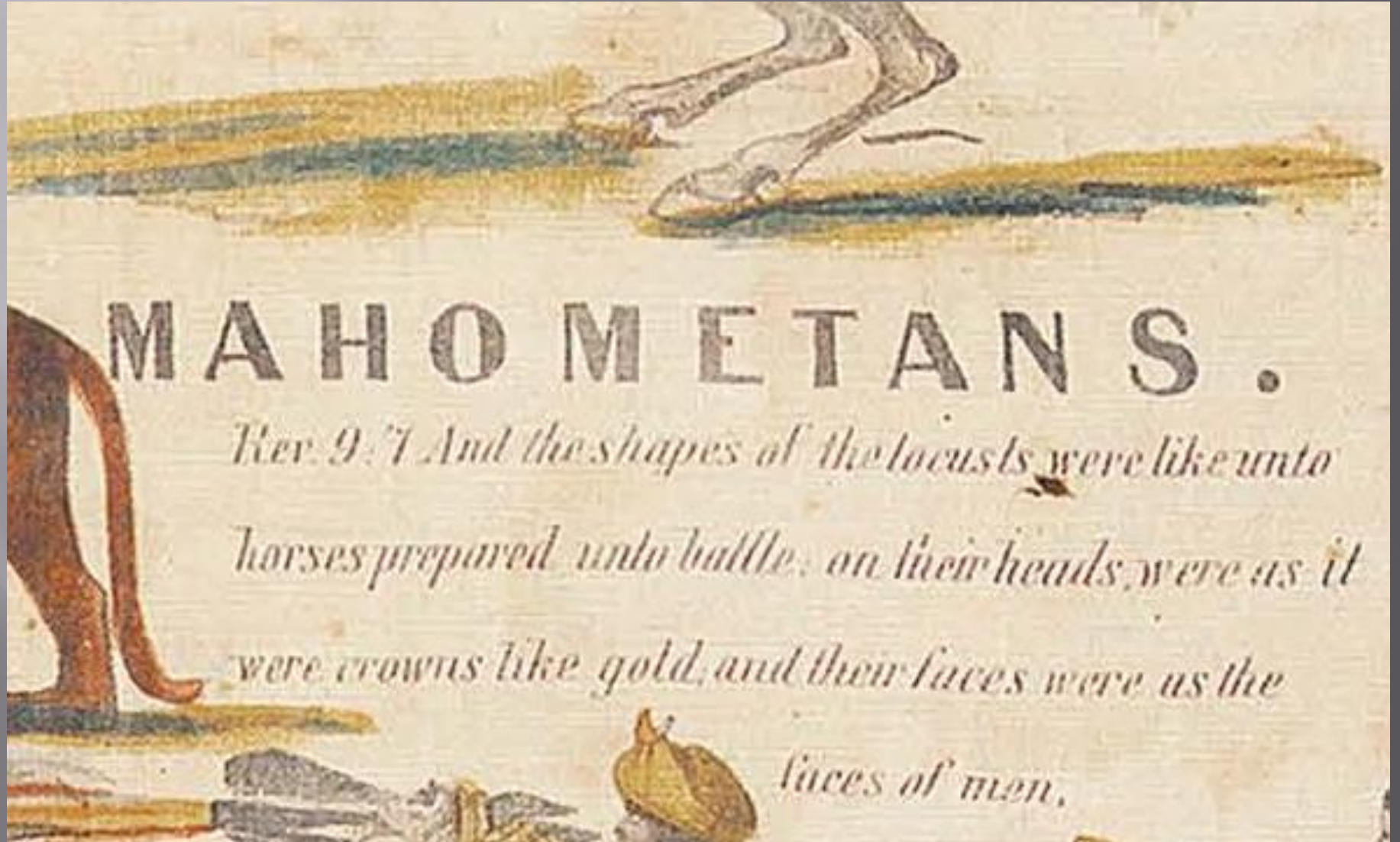
They are found at the bottom right hand corner of the chart.



The angel and Islamic horse of the fifth trumpet or first “woe” is found to the right and slightly above the woman riding the beast.



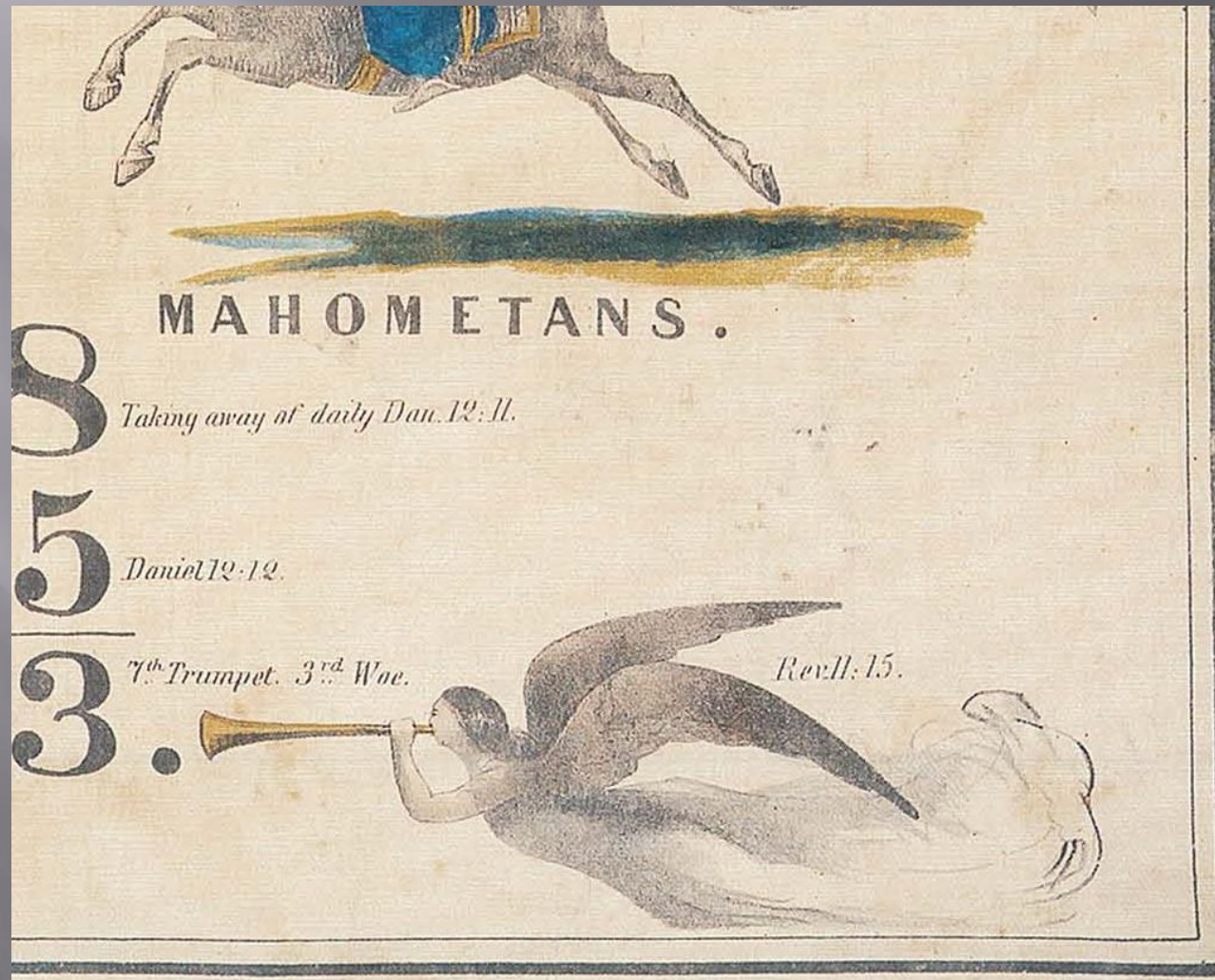
Under the feet of the top horse Revelation 9:7 is quoted.



Next we see the second angel and horse representing the sixth trumpet or the second “woe”. Notice the horseman is firing a gun. The fire from the gun appears to come from the horse’s mouth



Under the second horse we see the angel of the seventh trumpet. There is no horse pictured with this angel.





On the 1850 chart we see four angels. The first one announces the next three "woe" angels.



The First Woe

The first woe commenced July 27, 1299; when Ottomani the founder of the Turkish empire, made his first attack upon the Greeks. Rev. 9. 3-10. Their power was to hurt men five months. - 150 years, ending A. D. 1449.



Remember the date July 27, 1299 as it determines the end of another time prophecy.

The second woe



First woe:

July 27, 1299

Add 150 years = July 27, 1449

Second woe:

an hour = 2 weeks

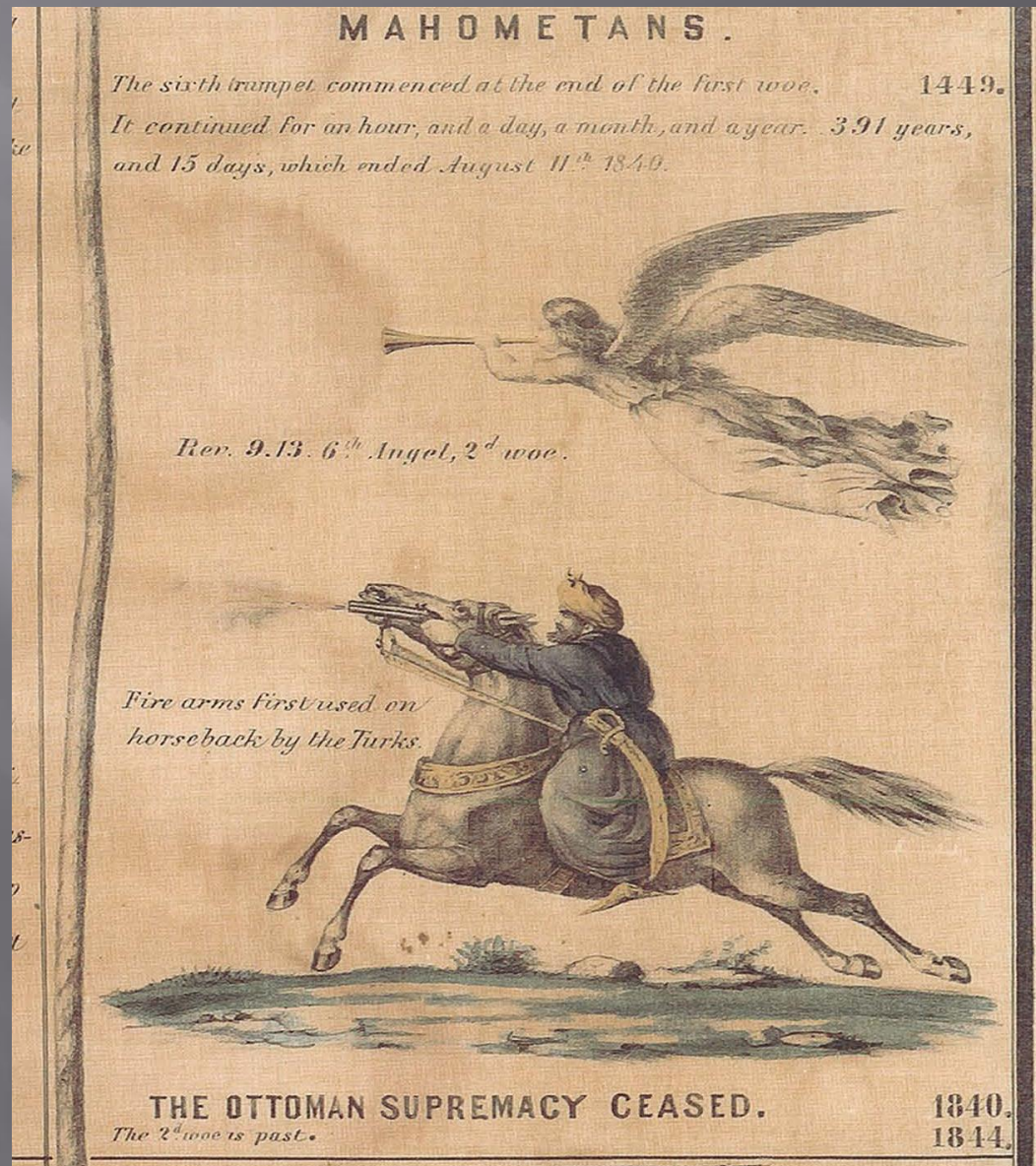
a day = 1 year

a month = 30 years

a year = 360 years

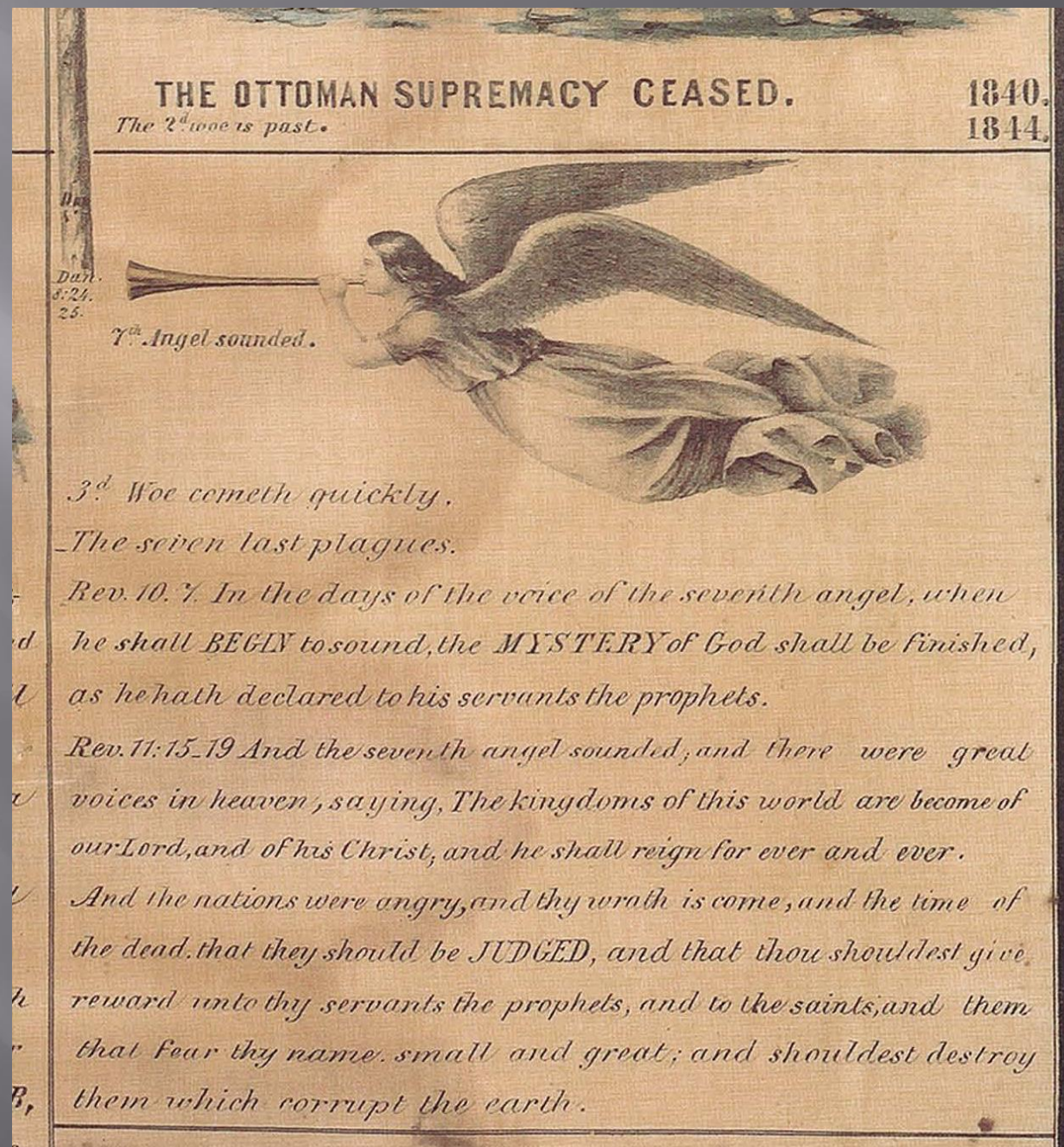
(Total = 391 years + 15 days)

July 27, 1449 plus 391 years = July 27, 1840, plus 15 days = August 11, 1840.



The third woe begins quickly after the end of the second woe. Revelation 10:7 and 11:15-19 are quoted.

Again there is no horse illustrating the third woe.



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The First Woe

Read Revelation 9:1, 2



Star that fell = Mohammed

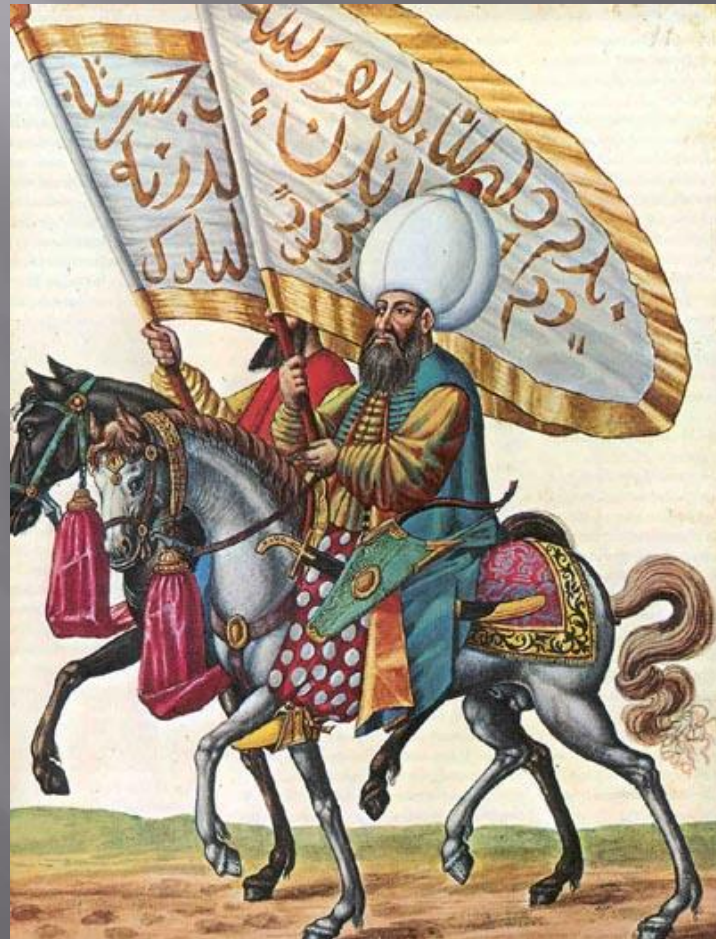
Smoke = false doctrine of Islam

Key = fall of Chrosroes (Persian) murdered 628 AD

Bottomless pit = sinful earth

Read Revelation 9:3-5, 7

Locusts as Scorpions -
on horseback (verse 7)





Abu-Bekr with Mohammed

Art from 1307 AD

Verse 4: “ hurt not the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads”

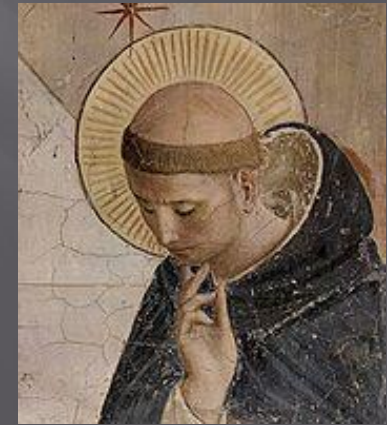
Abu-Bekr after the death of Mohammed instructed his Saracen army:



“When you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women or children. Destroy no palm trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat.

“As you go on, you will find some religious men who live retired in monasteries, and propose to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries: and you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mahometans or pay ‘tribute.’”

(Gibbon: *The decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. V, chap.51, pp 189-190)



The Roman “tonsure” (shaven head) represents sun worship. Halos represent the sun.

Read Revelation 9:5-7



Read Revelation 9:8-10



Sikh Muslim men are required by their religion not to cut their hair and to cover it with a turban.

Read Revelation 9:10, 11

King = The Ottoman Empire consolidated all
Mohammatan tribes under one king or
Sultan during the first woe 1299-1449 AD.

Angel = Mohammed

Abbadon/ Appolyon = Destroyer/ Satan

5 months X 30days = 150 prophetic years

The Second Woe

Read Revelation 9:12-16
Hour-day-month-year

At the close of the 150 year period of the first woe, the last of the Greek emperors was crowned ruler. He received the crown, not as a result of military conquest but rather by written permission for he wrote "I cannot reign unless you permit." Thus the four angels (four principal sultanies of the Ottoman Empire) were loosed by the voluntary submission of the Greeks.



Read Revelation 9:17-19



Ottoman soldiers mostly wore uniforms of red, blue and yellow. (fire, jacinth and brimstone)

The Turkish soldiers were the first to introduce the use of gunpowder and firearms in warfare. As they discharged their weapons while on horseback it would look as if fire was coming from the horses' mouths.



The “third part of men” that were killed is understood to refer to the conquering of the Greek division, or a third part, of the Roman empire. This occurred when they captured Constantinople by the use of cannons.

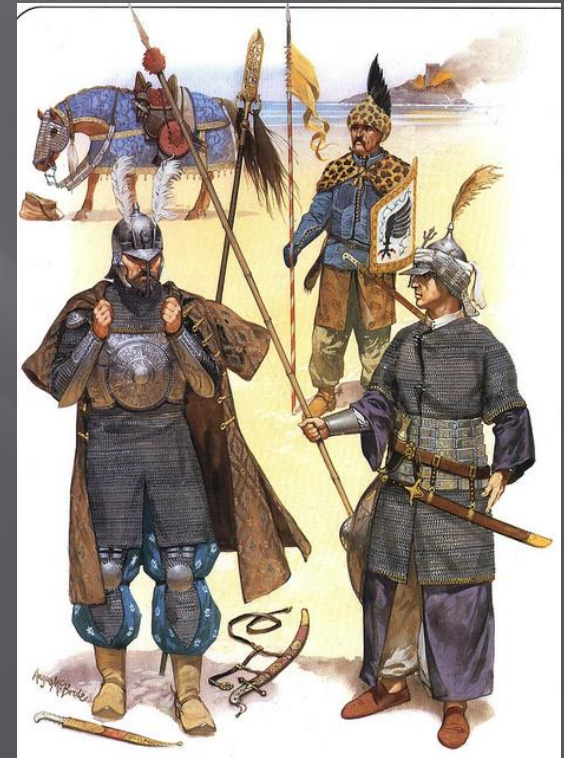


Constantinople/Istanbul today



The horse's tail is a well known Turkish symbol of authority.

A tug, consisting of one, two or three horses tails fastened to the end of a gold lance was carried before Pashas or Beys to indicate their rank. Three tails indicated the highest dignity and were entitled "prince of princes."



Verse 20 calls the Turkish warfare “plagues” against those who worshipped devils and idols made of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood.

Verse 21 says that even after the “plagues” that they did not repent of their murders, thefts, sorceries, nor of their fornication.

Fornication = union of church and state with the church in supremacy



Great Controversy page 334

“In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;"

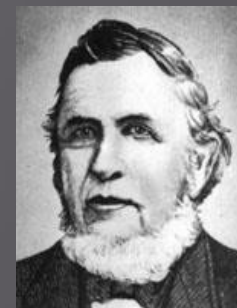


Josiah Litch

“and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote:

‘Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.’--

Josiah Litch, in *Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy*, Aug. 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}





“At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.”

Great Controversy 334, 335 White, Ellen Gould

Sultan Abdul Mejid was in charge of the Ottoman Empire at that time. He took the throne in July 2, 1839 at age 17 when his father died.

He had been educated in Europe and later implemented a number of modern reforms such as the banning of the turban in favor of the Fez and wearing European style clothing.



Abdul Mejid 1840

When the crisis with the Pasha of Egypt arose it was natural for him to turn to the four Christian European powers (England Russia Prussia, Austria) for help. He allowed them to act for him in negotiating the agreement with Egypt.

The Ottoman Empire from that point on ceased to be a sovereign nation, but has instead been subject to the European powers for advice and approval.



The Third Woe

Read Revelation 11:14-19

The Millerite pioneers did not see beyond 1844 for they believed Jesus' second coming would occur then.

The Advent believers that survived the Great Disappointment and continued to study and learn understood that the seventh trumpet or third woe began after the disappointment and continued until the Second Coming of Jesus.

They also recognized the judgment scene, the last plagues and the reestablishment of God's Kingdom.

One aspect of the third woe that seems to have eluded their understanding is that often in Bible prophecy there are two witnesses or types, that, when understood, establish the understanding or meaning of a third.

Prophecy also becomes very clear when it has come to pass and become historical fact. Time has gone on from 1844 nearly 170 years. Have we seen anything occur during those years that might help us see this passage more clearly?

Some Biblical Three-in-one Combos

3 persons of the Godhead (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

3 Elijahs (Elijah, John the Baptist, End-time remnant)

3 phases of Rome (Pagan, Papal, Modern Papal)

3 longest time prophecies (2-2520s and 2300 days)

3 angels' messages

3 woes of Revelation 9 and 11

If the first two woes of Revelation 9 involve Islamic forces warring against a pagan form of Christianity with the church in charge of government, then the third woe during the seventh trumpet will in like manner involve Islamic forces warring against a pagan form of Christianity which will have union of church and state with the church in control.

We are currently hearing more and more frequent rumblings about the need for laws to bring our country back to God. Are we also seeing Islamic opposition mobilizing?



Egypt 

Iran 

Libya 



Is Islam involved in events in our own country?

Ellen White on New York City:

“On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven.”



“These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify the owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used.”



“The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: ‘They are perfectly safe.’”





“But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.” {9Testimonies 11-13}



“ I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, ‘What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Rev. 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.’ The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth.”



“But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God’s power.”





“From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine.” {RH, July 5, 1906 par. 14}









