

themselves somehow. They found expression however only in unfolding velvet petals in variegated hues. They somehow made me think, and I asked myself the question: "How have I expressed myself?"

I thought of the voice and Saint John and the revelation—the revelation had come!

I gave a sob and the hardness melted from my heart. The garden *was* mine! It was mine to use for the happiness of

all but not mine to fill me with selfishness. Hastily I seated myself and wrote a little note: "Please forgive me if I have caused you sorrow; I am so sorry. The beautiful flower is an expression of God's great purpose and should not mean inharmony. So please forgive me and be happy." I placed the note in an envelope and slipped it under my neighbor's door. Again I could sing, "Thank God for a garden!" for I had had a revelation.

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## Esoteric Bible Studies

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### TEXT

1. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

#### *The Resurrection.*

2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

#### *The Last Message to Daniel.*

4. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5. Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7. And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth forever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9. And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

—*Daniel, 12th Chapter.*

## INTERPRETATION

Many statements of the Bible cannot be properly understood unless we know something of the spiritual meaning of astrology. The book of Daniel astrologically represents the sign Leo. The first verse of this chapter refers to Michael, "the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people." Michael is a great star angel, the Ambassador from the sun to the earth. He has especial charge of the people referred to as being in the hand of Daniel, as Daniel represents Leo, and astrologically speaking, the sun governs Leo.

In this book the Master or Teacher called Daniel describes his experiences through at least five of the lesser Mysteries. This book has always been one of the most puzzling of the entire Bible to the majority of its readers for the reason that it contains certain formulae of Initiation. But the student of the inner Mysteries finds through its pages spiritual signs that are like mileposts along the way of spiritual attainment.

In chapter twelve, Daniel is summing up the destiny of our Earth Period. He is showing the two paths that humanity follows and the causation that each holds.

Verse two does not bear the literal interpretation given to it for so long in the past, but means the sleep of materiality (there is no sleep more dense). And again, "some to everlasting contempt" does not mean the eternal punishment of orthodoxy, *but only age-long punishment*. The Greek word *aionian*, translated "everlasting," has no such meaning as "infinite duration." It really means *age-long*, a period of time. Those who are saved find an age-lasting happiness in a new era of unfoldment, while those who fail are given an age-lasting punishment by being placed in a lower grade of life's school.

Verse three describes beautifully and accurately the "golden wedding garment" that St. Paul tell us of, that radiant body built of the two higher ethers. This is one of the most important of the

teachings given out by the Rosicrucian Brotherhood.

Verse five refers to an experience of every neophyte when he reaches a certain degree of spiritual development.

Verse seven describes the time when this phase of spiritual power shall have become the heritage of all humanity (for we are all Christs in the making), the time that the Rosicrucian School speaks of as the Vulcan Period, the seventh or final Day of Manifestation.

Verse eight says, "I heard, but I understood not," meaning that Daniel had not yet reached the exalted degree of attainment of the Vulcan Period. He was reading in the archetypal region, as did St. John in Revelation, of the glorious destiny awaiting man.

Verse ten gives conditions that are as applicable today as they were when this marvelous book was written, about 586 B. C.

Verse eleven again refers to the deplorable estate of man when he turns away from the things of the spirit, when he makes a god of self and mammon, forgetting his spiritual heritage, forgetting the divinity that is within him, and forgetting the statement of the Master that the kingdom of heaven is within.

The numbers mentioned in verses eleven and twelve by esoteric addition give us the number twelve, which is the number of occult development, the number of the signs of the zodiac which encircle the sun, the number of the sons of Jacob, who represent the spiritual attainment of the Old Testament, and the number of the disciples of Christ Jesus, who symbolize the spiritual attainment of the New Testament. It is the number that shall belong to every man when he "has been purified and made white and tried."

The experiences of Daniel shall some glad day become the personal experience of each one of us. The time shall come when each of us shall also receive that glorious promise that was given to the great master called Daniel: "For thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."