

A study on the similarities of visions and dreams of Prophet Daniel and Abraham Lincoln

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Abstract

The similarities in the visions and dreams given to Prophet Daniel, a man of Old testament period found in the Holy Bible and the former President of America, Abraham Lincoln are drawn out in this article. Abraham Lincoln's visitation of dreams made him distressed and that can be seen with the case of Prophet Daniel too. Prophet Daniel had written in his prophetic book which says, "As for me, Prophet Daniel my spirit was distressed within me and the visions in my mind kept alarming me and the visions of my head terrified me" (Dan.7.15). Willie was the second son of Lincoln who had died some months before. Abraham Lincoln had a sweet communion with Willie whom he saw in his vision and confessed about this experience to his personal aide, Colonel Le Grand B. Cannon as, "Overcome with emotion, he dropped his head on the table, and sobbed aloud" (Visions Abraham Lincoln). So both men received their supernatural experiences closely associated with some sort of agony. The predetermined future events were shown clearly to Prophet Daniel and Abraham Lincoln during their periodical times that they stayed on earth. In addition, the revelations about Rome begotten by them exposes the supernatural experiences through their spiritual adornment. Normally, people appear to use motivated reasoning when interpreting their dreams (Cale). But in spiritual aspect, God himself reveals the interpretations to his people through visions and dreams. The similarities of God's revelation to Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel is strongly witnessed through their spiritual aspect of dreaming and seeing visions which is sketched out in this article.

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Introduction

In particular sense, a dream is a sequence of thoughts with various images and scenes arises in a sleeper's mind. A person who dreams is found to be isolated spiritually and has a single company of God. The dream is defined as the mental activity, usually in the form of an imagined series of events, occurring during certain phases of sleep ("dream"). The vision is a mental image produced by the imagination. It is defined as the mystical experience of seeing something that is not in fact present to the eye or is supernatural ("vision"). In the Holy Bible God had revealed to prophets about many things such as future events, warnings about the wrong deeds and blessings to the people of God through the spiritual aspect of dreams and visions. Prophet Daniel who belongs to the period of 621BC was shown about the incidents which will take place in the world at end times through dreams and visions that were predicted in the Book of Daniel. Prophet Daniel saw in visions about Rome that will arise strong in the symbolization of the fourth beast. The dream of Prophet Daniel made him often disturbed and distressed. The night visions made him to self-contradiction in evaluating the meaning for the dream. Abraham Lincoln, who was the former president of America belongs to 1809AD was revealed about the public events to occur through visions and dreams. As it was written, "He devoted 63 of his 152 words to sketching the omnipresence of God" (White 366), Abraham Lincoln had strong belief in God who revealed him through visions and dreams. He intended those revelations through his writings and manifested to the people. He was shown about the military battles that shall happen in America. He got revelations about the future crisis that will arise from Rome at end times. He had dreams about his own death that made him distressed.

The similarities of the revelations of Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel are traced out in this paper.

The revelations of end times

When Prophet Daniel dreamt, God gave the interpretations for the dreams successively. The perceptions of Prophet Daniel are miraculous and inspirational. As for the wordings, "Prophecies not completely fulfilled cannot be fully understood until after their fulfillment" (Deffinbaugh). Prophet Daniel's dream could not be understood until the whole incident occurs. The arising four empires are entirely predicted in the chapters 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 of the Book of Daniel. The third empire found in chapter eleven belongs to Alexander the great, 331BC which is said as, "Then a warrior king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and take action as he pleases". (Dan. 11.3). His kingdom ends with four successors who are Greece, Asia Minor, Syria and Egypt. The Kings of Syria are called "Kings of North". The Kings of Egypt are called "Kings of South" (Dan 11. 5). Prophet Daniel's dream stresses out the sufferings, death, torture that would prolong over the whole generation of the people at the end times of the world. It was portrayed as, "There shall be a time of anguish, and such has never occurred since nations first came into existence" (Dan. 12.1). Prophet Daniel was given an end time revelation which was seen in the incident written in chapter 11 of the Book of Daniel about the war. Finally in the end, a big multitude would be assembled. The King of south furiously would wage war on the King of north and would be defeated. Some years later, King of north again with a big army would rise against King of south. None could withstand him (Dan 11.7). This portrays the end time revelation and the atrocities perpetrated by Antiochus, Titus, the Roman emperors

and the Popes who will be the end time rulers of the world (Halley 65). Abraham Lincoln's perceptions of great signs about the end times during his childhood was really amazing. As he was staying in his grandfather's cabin in the north woods of Minnesota, he saw the vision of end time crisis. He came to visit at the end of the season and during that fine evening time the harvest moon hung with great brightness. The harvest moon found to be so beautiful and from a favored state. The moon began to spin and threw flames and sparkled. The view could be compared to aluminum and metal hand-crank pinwheels. As seen like this, it suddenly vanished sparking and spinning. Wondering at the moon, surprisingly a voice was heard saying, "The end of the world is at hand" (Bulkeley). This vision portrays about the devastation at moon in the sky which signifies the end of the world. Seeing the vision, Abraham Lincoln was in fright and consulted the voice that spoke to him. It replied "You must go find the bones of Abraham Lincoln dig them up and bring them here to prevent the world from coming to an end" (Bulkeley). After a big search, it was heard that nobody could find the bones of Abraham Lincoln. This was a sign for the end of the world (Bulkeley). As the bones of Abraham Lincoln was not found, the world's end cannot be prevented.

A sort of connectivity is found in both of their dreams that uncovers the end time revelations. The four empires which arose at the end times in the world are the great empowerments which proceeds over from the period of Prophet Daniel till the period of Christ and from the period of Christ till the end of the world. Comparatively, Prophet Daniel had seen the end time revelations about various forces and battles of the kings to rise in future and Abraham Lincoln had seen the devastations to occur in the moon during the end of the world. The voice in his vision declared finally that the bones of Abraham Lincoln cannot be found in order to prevent the world coming to an end. These revelations purely insists the spiritual tendency given by God for Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel to know the future events that will take place at the end times of the world.

Visions about Rome

Abraham Lincoln saw in his dream that there will be a future crisis. This caused him to tremble for the safety of his country. No other empire would dominate it, as many tried like Napoleon, Kaiser, Hitler and USSR. Once USA grew high but it didn't last longer to continue to be the powerful rule in the world. The dream is, "I see a very dark cloud on our horizon. That dark cloud is coming from Rome. It is filled with tears of blood.....spreading ruin and desolation..... After it is overPoverty with its Jesuits and merciless Inquisition will have been forever swept away from our country....."(Seldes 72). Abraham Lincoln was revealed about the iniquities in the symbolization of dark cloud that starts from Rome. The dark cloud poured out blood as tears which shows the desolation and devastation to spread in inclusion with poverty over his country, America. The exemplary for it shall be seen in the following incidents. In the second century B.C the western Mediterranean became a Roman lake. It was seen to be extending till the north of Alps, and continues its major move to the east. Successively all the nations falling under the Roman rule which began from Macedonia continues with Greece and Asia Minor (Halley 85). Prophet Daniel prophesied about Rome, which will be the last empire in the world. The description of the fourth beast was the rule of Rome prophesied in the Book of Daniel which was

exceedingly strong in comparison to the other three beasts seen in the same vision of Prophet Daniel (Walvoord). This was predicted in Daniel 7.7, "After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns". The fourth beast seemed to devour with its iron teeth and stamp with its feet. The dominating rule of Rome is stressed here. The elaboration of the ten horns prophecy could be followed in Prophet Daniel 7.8, "I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly". Here the little horn which is elongated, exalted itself as a powerful religious leader in Rome. "As for the ten horns out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them. This one shall be different from the former ones (Dan. 7.24). The arising of another kingdom pointed out here is the Roman Empire.

According to Abraham Lincoln's revelation, the crisis begins from Rome causing bloodshed, devastations and poverty. The money power of the country will endeavor to reign upon the prejudices of the people. The republic will be destroyed (Seldes 70). The ten horns prophecy of Prophet Daniel predicted about the Roman Empire and a great religious leader who will arise, is signified as the little horn. The description of the fourth beast explains the vulgarity and tremendous vanishing act among the nations of the world. The dreams of Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel prove the revelations about the destructions to occur in the world from Rome.

The distressful dreams of Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel

Abraham Lincoln dreamt about his own assassination, in what manner and effect it would take place. His dream finally occurred on the second week of April 1865. He already knew the fact that the southern sympathizers were planning a plot to kill him. On April 14, he was shot dead by his foes at night. (Bulkeley). On the night of Good Friday, Abraham Lincoln had been carried still unconscious to a house near the theatre. His sons and other friends were summoned. He never regained conscious. On the morning he passed away (Benson 449). The secretary of war proclaimed, "Now he belong to ages" (White 675). He had shared his dream of being assassinated by some hostile forces, to his wife Mary, his bodyguard Ward Hill Lamon and two other people who used to sit in the white house. He dreamt about his own death. The dream actually had haunted him and possessed him for the last several days before his death (Bulkeley). Even Lamon, his bodyguard recalled the dream only after Abraham Lincoln's assassination. One along with Abraham Lincoln at White house, his wife Mary, exclaimed, "His dream was prophetic!" (Bulkeley). Mary's exclamation shows the interpretation for the dream of Abraham Lincoln that it was really about his own death.

Prophet Daniel seems to suffer with deep distress by his night visions. He saw in his dream, a beast that looked like a lion and had eagles' wings, the second one, like a bear. It had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth. Another beast appeared, like a leopard which got four wings of a bird on its back and had four heads. The fourth beast looked terrifying with more strength. It possessed eyes like human eyes and a mouth in its horn which

is seen in the Book of Daniel, chapter 7.28, “As for me, Prophet Daniel, my thoughts greatly terrified me, and my face turned pale; but I kept the matter in my mind”. As Prophet Daniel was also troubled at spirit and was under disturbance, he approached one of the attendants from heaven through his prayer for the interpretation of his night vision. His vision was about the four beasts that indicates the four kings who will raise up and reign with four kingdoms (Dan 7.3). Prophet Daniel saw a vision about a ram and the goat, which made him under confusion and depression. The two horns of ram indicate the Kings of Media and Persia. The male goat is symbolized for the King of Greece (Dan 8. 3, 5). On seeing the vision, Prophet Daniel went on a distressed state which is referred in the Book of Daniel, chapter 8.27, “But I was dismayed by the vision and did not understand it”. In spite of his suffering in spirit, Gabriel an angel from heaven came down to interpret about the two horns of ram to him. Till the interpretation for the vision was begotten by Daniel, he was not relaxed.

The various signs and figures visualized in the dream of Prophet Daniel made him distressed as like Abraham Lincoln who was disturbed strongly in spirit being revealed about his death. The spiritual mourning was felt with Abraham Lincoln deep inside him because of the confusion and was unknown of the interpretation for his dream. The incredulous scenes seen by Prophet Daniel in his vision of ram and goat made him distressed. Thus, Gabriel an angel from heaven provided the interpretation for his vision. The dream of Abraham Lincoln was interpreted quite after his death through his wife, Mary. This exemplifies the similarity of distressed state of Prophet Daniel and Abraham Lincoln because of their vision and dream.

Conclusion

The similarities in the visions and dreams of Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel revealing the future events about the subsequent kingdoms and wars give awareness and knowledge about the future world. The prophecy about Rome and its domination revealed through Abraham Lincoln and Prophet Daniel provoke the minds of the readers to testify the real occurrences as it is witnessed even now through our eyes. The religious leader Pope Francis from Rome, is the biggest star considered all around the world. His ruling opportunity and dominion proves the truth and reality of the dreams and visions as they were revealed by God. Abraham Lincoln’s dream about his own assassination and the night visions of Prophet Daniel about the four beasts, in addition to the vision of a ram and goat without knowing the interpretation made them disturbed in spirit. Later Abraham Lincoln’s wife declared that his dream was prophetic interpreting the death of him. And the interpretation for Prophet Daniel’s dream was given by Gabriel, an angel from heaven. The similarities are found in this article and proves the affinity between both of their dreams and visions.

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