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Dear Sister

Considering the various views held by some of our prominent Bible teachers, and ministers regarding the application of the latter part of Daniel 11, and that my work has been of such a nature as to keep my mind occupied in other matters than the details of prophetic exposition, I do not think that my personal views regarding this subject would be of particular value.

I do feel free to say, however, that I know of nothing in the writings of Mrs. E.G. White that can be cited as determining just who is meant by the "king of the north."

In the early days, we find evidence that Elder James White and some others believed that the last verses of Daniel 11 referred to the papacy. Later, Elder Smith, who was the editor of the Review and the author of our standard work on prophecy applied this passage to Turkey.

You ask if the interpretation of these verses is to be regarded as one of the "blocks and pins of the message," which man is forbidden to move or stir. The statement to which reference is here made, as given on page 258 of "Early Writings," is as follows:

"I was shown three steps,---the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.'"

I think you will agree that an absolute certainty of whether France or Turkey is pointed out in Daniel 11 is not a matter of "vital importance," and that the destiny of no soul depends upon the manner in which either view is received. As long as we remain firm in the great truths involved in the three-fold message of Revelation 14, I believe we need have no fear of some differing views regarding the details of some prophetic expositions such as these.

I have heard of quite an extensive study of the Testimonies that is put out by some one, and I think your name is the one I heard of as the author. Please let us know if this is so, and if we may be favored with a copy for our library. We shall be glad to pay you for it, if you are the author and will send us one.

Yours in behalf of truth,

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