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Elder Parminder

Part 2 Daniel 2

In our study yesterday we began to look at the book of Daniel and what I wanted to show is how we can trace the line of prophecy all the way through 2, 7, 8, all the way through 11 and 12. We looked at Daniel 2 the passage that we are all familiar with and perhaps some of the thoughts that I brought out are different from what you had understood. So, I just want to summarize the points that we picked up.

In Daniel 2 we didn't go through every verse, but we laid out the important ones. What I want us to see is that we had a picture of, in the French it says a statue, in the English it says an image. If you tie that up with Revelation, it talks about an image of the beast. In Rev 13 there is a beast that comes up out of the earth and creates an image to the beast. That image means copy. So, the beast that comes up out of the earth makes a copy of the beast that comes up out of the sea. Perhaps we should just quickly go to those verse in case you aren't familiar with them.

In Rev 13 go to verse 1. John is standing on the seashore or on the beach. He sees the beast coming out of the sea. He describes the beast in verses 1 and 2 and then in verse 3 he talks about this beast receiving the wound. We will skip down a few verses in verse 5 it tells you that this beast rules for 42 months. 42 months is 1260 years. This is an image of the Papacy as it ruled Europe or what we might call Papal Rome. We have it here under the 4th kingdom of Daniel 2. The second part of the 4th kingdom in the area of the feet where it is iron and clay. That is Papal Rome.

So, coming down the verses we get to verse 11. There is a second beast that comes up. One comes up out of the sea and this one comes up out of the earth. SO I just want to introduce an important principle even though we mentioned it last night. We spoke about it when we compared these two kingdoms (the statue and the mountain). So, we are going to compare things. And if there is a beast that comes up out of the sea, there is another beast that comes up out of the earth. So, there are these two beasts and we know that the earth or land is opposite to sea. Once you begin to see that there is this contrast being made, one is dry land and one is the sea, you can begin to see other characteristic. The beast that comes up out of the earth in verse 11 it says it's like a lamb which is a gentle animal whereas the sea beast is a ferocious beast. So, the earth beast is good and the sea beast is bad. So, we have a good and bad beast. We know the sea beast comes up in Europe, the papacy. I just want to add one more thought. This is Daniel 7:1 Daniel has his second Dream and in verse 2 it tells you that the beasts come up out of the sea. We will read verse 2

7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the

heaven strove upon the great sea.

So, the winds of heaven are blowing over the sea and it's a storm. Verse 3. Four beasts come up out of the sea.

7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Now the four beasts that are spoken of in Daniel 7, we haven't looked at Daniel 7 yet, but they come up out of the sea. When they come up out of the sea, the sea is in turmoil. Not calm and gentle. There is strife. If we go back to Revelation 13 and look at the characteristics of that beast that comes up out of the sea, in verse 2 you would see this beast is a composite and its parts are all connected to Daniel 7. There is a leopard, a bear, and a lion. It has the characteristics of all of these beasts in Daniel 7. And like those beasts it comes up out of the Sea. If you go to Rev 17:15 it tells you what water or sea is a symbol of. Rev 17:15.

17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

So, sea means lots of people. So, there is lots of people. If sea means lots of people then what does earth mean? It will be the opposite. EGW talks about this but you don't need the spirit of prophecy to explain this. You can get all the information by seeing how you can compare these two animals. These from the earth are not a lot of people. We know that this story is happening during the 1260 and we know that this is happening in Europe. Europe is in the East. So, if this beast comes up in the East then the earth beast comes up in the west. The East or Europe is often called the old world, or the ancient world and this earth beast is the new world. If this is the ancient and the new world, if it is new you can see that there aren't many people or there aren't many nations. So we can get all this information and it is all in agreement with the SOP. But what I want you to see is that you can gather all this without looking at the SOP and they are all in agreement.

Back to Daniel 2 and looking at these kingdoms what we saw was this statue which was an image or a copy. Wait we didn't go to the verse in Rev 13 sorry. Rev 13:14-15. We are going to go to verse 14 first and go halfway into the verse and this beast that comes up out of the earth it says to everyone who lives on the earth to make an image to the beast. It tells you what beast it is. The beast which had a wound. Verse 15 let's read.

13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast

should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

So, the land beast, they are going to make a copy of the sea beast. This beast that comes up out of the sea is the System that came out of Europe during the 1260 years who we understand to be Papal Rome. But this beast of sea that ruled for 1260 years it's not just iron and clay now. In fact, it is composed of all the beasts that came before it. What I want us to see is that the beast here that comes up out of the sea which is the kingdom of 4b that died, it will be resurrected. Now when it is resurrected it will be a copy. It will be a copy of the original beast. The original beast had all the components of the kingdoms that came before it. That is what this image means in Daniel 2. It means a copy of the Original. You have probably seen a lot of artwork of Daniel 2 and you know that this statue is often drawn in the shape of a Babylonian king. The reason they do that is that they realize it is a copy of Nebuchadnezzar. When he had the dream, Daniel explains it. Nebuchadnezzar wants to know what is going to happen after he dies. He believes his kingdom is going to endure after his death. Daniel tells him it will not. It says after your kingdom other kingdoms shall arise. Three more kingdoms after you. Initially Nebuchadnezzar accepts this version. By the time you get to Daniel 3 what is Nebuchadnezzar doing? He is not dreaming about an image; he is going to make one. When he makes that image what is it made of? The construction. In the Dream only the head is gold and that's Babylon. He wants to make the complete image of gold. What is he saying? He is saying my kingdom Babylon will endure to the very end or the latter days. That is the statement he is making. He wants everyone to agree with it. How do you show your agreement? You bow down to the statue or the image of Nebuchadnezzar. Or you call it the beast. So, Daniel 3 is a story about the end of the world. Because you are not just bowing down to the head of gold you are bowing down to a complete statue from the beginning to the end and it is all gold. So, if you bow down to that statue what are you saying? You disagree with God's plan and with His understanding of the end of the world, with God's prophecy and you accept Nebuchadnezzar's version. So, you are saying whether you are going to bow to God or whether you are going to bow to a man.

As Adventists we have understood this very clearly. Is it good to obey man or is it good to obey God? That is what the story of Daniel 3 is all about. Therefore, that story brings us all the way to the end of the world. Because we don't need to worry about the head. Even Daniel agrees the head is gold. Where is the disagreement? Is what is going to happen in the latter days. We would call it the last days. In the Bible it would be called the time of the end. God says it is going to be a completely different kingdom and Nebuchadnezzar says it's going to be the same kingdom. So those people are actually bowing to the feet not the head because they already know the head is gold. The statement he wants to make is that you accept that Babylon will be at the very end of the world. The question is was he correct? In many ways he was because every kingdom that followed him, all of the followed in the same line as Nebuchadnezzar. So what we saw yesterday is that the statue was a symbol of four kingdoms. The last kingdom was in two parts. Part a and Part b.

Babylon came from the word Babel and the verse that we have chosen Genesis 11:9. This is the verse that speaks about Babel and I would suggest that there are no coincidences or mistakes in the scriptures and in fact in any language you go to they all have the same pagination. The same chapter and verse numbering. So, if we go to Genesis 11:9 we will read.

11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

It gives you the name Babel here. It talks about the people of the world being scattered. If you went to verse 4 the first part will tell you what they want to build. And the last part of the verse will tell you why.

11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top [may reach] unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

So, Genesis 11:9 speaks about Babel which is where the word Babylon comes. They build a tower and a city, and the tower is a symbol of the church and the city is symbol of the world. That is why I have Babylon as a symbol of the church and state. What we did in agreement with Daniel 7 and now Rev 13, we have now two witnesses that we can take this kingdom, Babylon, who's dominion was taken away but who's life continued. Remember the facial features or the personality traits of a grandfather going all the way to the grandchildren. So, the grandfather lives in the grandchildren even though he is dead. This is what is being described in these verses. So, Babylon can be brought all the way to the end of the world.

So, we have a church state relationship. Then we went to Medo-Peris. Medo-Persia is a kingdom that has 2 components. The Medes and the Persians. In Daniel 7 it's a bear and you will see that the bear is not even. One side is bigger than the other showing this imbalance. In chapter 8 it is a beast with two horns or two parts. So, we are going to bring this to the end of the world, and we expect to see a power that has two parts to it. The third kingdom is Greece. It says specifically that Greece will rule the world. So, we bring the third kingdom to the end. Then we have Pagan Rome. Pagan Rome is a breaker. It is the kingdom that breaks everything, and it breaks everything all by itself with its own power. It has a military might that can destroy anything. So, we take this idea of the fourth kingdom, I have number one singular or in the political term that we use today it's called a unilateral kingdom. This means there is no one that withstand this power. There are no enemies who can withstand it. So, Daniel 2 has these four characteristics.

Now I want to remind us that when we get to Papal Rome it's called Mystery Babylon. This is taken from Revelation 17:5. In Rev 17:1-5 it talks about a woman and a beast. This is a church state relationship. So we have Papal Rome and Church and State which is all the same model that we have way back here in the tower of Babel. So, the end looks the same as the beginning. Nebuchadnezzar says the feet, or the end looks the same as the head. So even though the materials are different iron and clay, it's actually the same kingdom just like gold but not literally. It has moved to spiritually. This is why it is called Mystery Babylon.

We have arrived at a place where we can all of these characteristics and bring them all to the end. Church and state, two-part power that rules the world in a unilateral fashion. Then if we take the last

part, the way it does that is by looking at the church and the state coming together. Now there are many people who misunderstand what church and state coming together even looks like. We have a very old fashion perspective of what we think the church would look like and what we think the government would look like. Increasingly we are beginning to see that our old traditional perspectives may not be 100 % accurate. But that is a subject for another study. What I want us to see is how to use a methodology called parable teaching to help us better understand how to read the scriptures because often we really don't know how to read. Therefore, we make mistakes.

We have had a brief overview of Revelation 13 and we looked at verse 1 and 11, these two beasts. We began to compare them, and you can see that they are opposite. Dry vs. wet, good vs. bad, few people vs. lots of people, west vs. east, new vs old. When we begin to see this, we can begin to understand in a better way what this beast of earth will do. How it will behave as it wants to create the sea beast. Not the original but a copy of it. So, it is going to make a copy, the Bible says an image, we need to understand what this beast originally looked like. Now if we went back to Revelation 13, we are talking about this beast in verse 11. It says it's like a lamb which is a symbol of good. Christ like and gentle. But what happens to this beast at the end of the verse? It says it speaks like a dragon.

I want us to be sensible the way we understand these verses. There is a sequence of events. It starts as a lamb and then it transitions into a dragon. It does not start as a dragon. We read also in the verse that it has two horns. So, if it has two horns, you know that this power, this kingdom has two parts to it. So, if we connect Daniel and Revelation together what can you already see? You can already see that this is connected to the bear and this came from the second kingdom which was Medo-Persia. So Medo-Persia is a symbolic representation of this kingdom. When you tie them together it is quite easy to see that. So, this beast that starts with good and turns into a dragon, when it turns into a dragon which is something that is bad or Satanic, what does it tell people to do? We read the verses. Verses 14 and 15. It says make an image, a copy of the sea beast. That is what it wants to do. Now this beast which rules for 1260 years, what was it doing then during those year? It was attacking God's people or the church. It was persecuting the church. That is what this beast was doing. Now we have compared the opposite here. Why do we do the opposite. Because this was good vs bad. But now the beast becomes bad. It becomes a dragon. So when it becomes a dragon or something Satanic....Let's hold that thought.

The sea beast or kingdom is a composition of all the kingdoms that came before it. This is Satan's kingdom. So, if this sea beast is Satan's kingdom and the earth kingdom then speaks like a dragon, it is now going to enforce Satanic principles. So, when it makes a copy of the beast, what do you think that beast will do when it is created? Persecute the church. Before these two beasts were opposites because the earth beast was a good beast. It was the lamb but now it becomes the dragon. When it becomes a dragon, they are not going to be opposite. What are they going to be? The same. So, when it creates this image, the purpose is to persecute the church. If it is going to create this image or copy, how long will it rule for? 1260 years, but it is not literal anymore. It is spiritual. So, I am going to put 1260 in quotation marks because it is not literally 1260. So, what we want to see is the dynamics of this sea beast history are going to be repeated at the end of the world.

What did the dynamics look like It looked like a church, Papal Rome which is this church? It got help of kings, governments, and did what? Persecuted God people. We have all heard of the inquisition that went all the way through Europe punishing God's faithful Children. Who did the killing and the torturing? The Church or the state? The state. The church told the state what to do and the state implemented it. Let me show you a bible verse. Daniel Chapter 8:12. In the English it says the word host and this word host in the French is army. So, we read verse 12.

8:12 And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

So, an army is given to the Papal church and when it does that it will cast things down. It prospers. If you want to go to another verse go to verse 10.

8:10 And it waxed great, [even] to the host of heaven; and it cast down [some] of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Now this army is the army of God or God's people. The Papacy destroys them and stamps upon them. So verse 10 speaks about the persecution of the Church and verse 12 speaks about this church state relationship during the 1260. Therefore, when this lamb beast turns into a dragon beast and it persecutes the church or God's people, it will do that by taking the help of this army or the government.

Let's come back to Daniel 2. We have spoken about the 4 kingdoms. We said the 4th kingdom is in 2 parts. You have the breaker which happens in this singular unilateral kingdom and then the Roman church which is a combination of Church and state is the second part. We read some Bible verse to show this. All of this is the picture of Satan's kingdom. Satan's kingdom is here on earth. It is not in heaven.

Therefore, when you go to the verses in Daniel 2 that speak about the destruction of this system, it speaks of a mountain from which a stone comes out. So, here is this mountain and a stone comes out of it. Originally the stone was inside and then the stone comes out. We will look at the verse again. Daniel 2. Verse 34.

2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet [that were] of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

So, as the stone comes out of the mountain, it is going to destroy the image. This goes to the first part of verse 35 and tells you where the stone came from.

2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream [is] certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

When it comes out it tells you what it will do. It says it will break in pieces the image. The last part of verse 45. If you go back to verse 44 it says that the kingdom of heaven is going to break the image, or it says in the verse the kings.

2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

It says the kingdom will do the breaking. In verse 45 it says the stone will do the breaking. So, we know that the stone is the kingdom of God. So, we have the kingdom of God. Originally the mountain was the kingdom of God. You can only have one kingdom. The question is what happens to this kingdom here (the mountain)? Someone has asked the question about Ephesus. We will talk about that because it helps to explain what this story is about.

So we have spoken about the stones and how it is going to destroy the statue or the image. But what I want us to see is that if this is Satna's kingdom on earth, we know that this is God's kingdom (the mountain) so this must also be His kingdom here on earth. This is not something that is happening heaven (with the mountain) and then this thing here is happening on earth (the statue). Just think. If this was a symbol of heaven like most people think and the stone comes out, people say yes this is Jesus leaving heaven, coming down to earth in the second advent, does that mean heaven is no longer the kingdom of God? You can see just common sense teaches you can't be that way. If Jesus left heaven, Jesus is not the kingdom, the kingdom here is in heaven. Jesus would just be leaving with His army. So, the modeling does not work. This is a story of what is happening on earth and there is going to be a separation. This is God's kingdom on earth, we call it the church. This is teaching that there will be a separation in God's church and the size will tell you this. It starts off small and here is this great mountain. I already showed you that Jesus has fed the multitude at the sea of Galilee and takes His disciples to the head of the river Jordan where it begins. The river Jordan is two words. Jor and Dan. So, where the river starts was the territory or the capitol of which tribe? Dan. Hence JordAN. The name used to be called Pania. It is where we get the word Panium which is an important battle in ancient history for those of us who are familiar with that study. But in the Bible in a time of crisis it is called Ciserea Philipi. Now the buildings of that city were constructed of stone. The stone was quarried out of a mountain. When Jesus says to Peter you are the stone and I am the rock, they are actually standing on that mountain overlooking the city which is at the head of the river Jordan and they can see how these stones had been quarried out of the mountain. There is a large quarry there. So the imagery is a living parable. This would be who (the stone)? Peter the stone. We wouldn't just make it one person. We would make it the disciples or that movement. So yesterday I put a 12 here representing the 12 disciples or the 70 disciples or the 120 at Pentecost in the upper room. We say that this group, this movement came out of the kingdom of heaven represented by Jesus himself who was the king of that kingdom.

So, you need to remember that at one level Jesus is the Mountain but in another story, Jesus is the stone of stumbling, the rock of offense. So, He in fact is also carved out of a mountain when they are going to build Solomon's temple. He is symbolized in that construction as being one of the foundation stones. So, Jesus can be considered the Mountain and He can be considered the stone. Jesus was a Jew, a Hebrew. What did He do when He came here on earth? Did He separate from the church or did the church push Him away? Yes, there was a separation and it ended in his death. How did they kill Jesus?

How did the church kill Jesus? Did the church get its hands dirty? No, it doesn't do that. Who does the killing the dirty work? The government the Romans. You see a church state relationship who are going to come and persecute this stone. The Disciples, Christ and His movement. These are all repeating stories. Not only in the world but also amongst us as God's people.

We know that the Papacy, this Satanic organization connects with the world to persecute God's people, but if you go to the new testament, it's not the papacy doing that work, who is doing that work? It's the Jewish church, God's church. A separation occurs (stone being cut out) and they join with the state to persecute and destroy this new church. Where did Jesus come from? Heaven. And where did he come to? To earth. It is all about Earth. If you go back to Rev 12 where did the war begin? In heaven. Where was Satan cast out? On Earth. Satan is on Earth. We will stop there and god back to the beginning. Where was Satan in the beginning? Heaven. Who was he fighting against? Christ. Satan and his army and Christ and His army. Satan is brought down to earth. What happens to Christ? Revelation 12. The woman (the church) gives birth to a child. Who is the child? Jesus. Where is that birth? In Heaven or earth? It is on earth. It is all on earth.

Here is heaven where there is Christ and Jesus. Satan comes down to earth and Jesus comes down to earth. So now the war is here on earth. Did Jesus lose the earth? Yes. Remember the third kingdom rules how much territory? All of the earth. It all becomes Satan's. That sheep is it a person or is it the earth? It can be considered both. Of the whole universe Christ loses the earth. It gets overtaken by Satan. It became the kingdom of Satan. What does God need to do? He needs to fight for the earth. In the parable what does the shepherd do when he loses the sheep? The sheep doesn't come back, the shepherd goes looking for the sheep. He leaves the 99 by themselves. So, Christ is going to come and look for this lost world. Now you have to combine parables. In this story it doesn't say that sheep was stolen by a robber but in this story this one planet is taken by Satan. So, Jesus has to come to earth to make war on earth to win back the one lost planet.

So, on earth who do you see fighting? Do you see human being fighting with demons? We don't see that. We see human fighting against human. We see humans fighting with humans. This is the controversy that we are seeing. There are Satan's agents and there are God's agents. That is what this war is about. You don't see Christ and Satan. We don't see the fight happening in heaven. I want us to see two things. The geography has moved from heaven to earth and the people who are fighting have changed. It is not Christ and Satan who are fight, it is their servants. Servants of Christ and servants of Satan.

Many of the games and the sports that we have here on earth, in fact competitive sports or games, or take boxing. When you have a boxing match, you have two people who are fighting each other in a ring. You know that the people, one group supports one person and the other group supports their champion. This is the story of the Gladiators. So, we are familiar with those? So, this fight is a representation of the Great controversy. We don't have to fight. Someone is going to fight on our behalf. What is the classic Bible story for this?

David and Goliath. These two humans are going to be fighting on that battle ground and who does David represent? God's kingdom and His people and Goliath represent Satan's kingdom and the Philistines. What happens if David loses? The one person loses the whole kingdom is lost and vice versa. That is how that fight works. In fact, if you go read the story again Goliath says there is no point in all of us fighting. That would be a waste. So, you just get your champion and we will have our champion and one on one. Whoever wins they win the whole war. David and Goliath. The Gladiators. A boxing mach. A football

mach. Any kind of competitive sport. It's all this system about the great controversy. These are real parables about this story that has governed humanity from the very beginning. A game of chess. You have white pieces and black pieces. You have two humans and what are they doing? They are controlling the chess pieces to see who is going to win and who is going to lose. The humans don't kill each other, they kill the chess pieces. So, this is what this story is all about. All of these games. These sports. They are all based on the Great Controversy. The one thing that they teach is the idea of proxies.

Now the word proxy means substitute. So instead of the main players fighting it is going to be a substitute. We either fight for Christ or we fight for Satan. We are not fighting in heaven. We are fighting here on earth. These two kingdoms are not going to fight on a battle ground. The Two Gladiators are going to come and fight in the coliseum. The two countries are not going to fight each other. They are going to go a football pitch and their champions are going to fight each other. It's all about parable teaching. So that we can be clear how substitute or proxy things work. Our whole world is modeled around this concept. The fight between good and bad. This is because God wants us to see how the great controversy works so we can see our responsibility. That is why famous chess players or famous sports people have become the champions of their country like us. The great controversy will finish, and we will be rewarded. Not with a medal but with a crown and we become the champions of God's people, of God's kingdom. Therefore, if we lose as human beings, the whole kingdom is destroyed. Everything becomes dependent upon us. Just like Satan's kingdom is dependent upon the people here on earth whether they succeed or whether they fail. This is why our whole culture and our whole society from the very beginning is all based upon producing champions who will fight for us. We get a general or a king and he will fight for us. He will represent us. He becomes the proxy or the substitute for us. If our king loses our general loses what do we do? We surrender. One person dies the whole country is taken. This is how proxies work. It is really important for us to see this.

So, I just want to summarize. We have looked at Daniel 2. We have seen the 4 kingdoms. The last one is in two parts. We are going to take all these four kingdoms and bring them to the end of the world, and we get all these various characteristics. At the end of the world you will have a church state relationship. The kingdom will be something that has two parts. It will have complete control over the whole world, and it will be a unilateral system. I want to give another word for Unilateral. Dictator. So, we have gone from the singular which is unilateral to a dictatorship. In this dictatorship it will be a church state relationship. This is the kingdom of Satan on earth (statue) and this is the kingdom of God on earth (Mountain or stone). The kingdom of God was one. There is a fragmentation that occurs first. Once the separation occurs first then the stone destroys the statue. The stone comes out of this mountain here on earth. Therefore, something must come out of the statue here on earth. We have not discussed that yet.

The subject of church and state can be traced all the way back to the story of Babel in Genesis 11:9. When you come to Revelation 13 and we talk about the image, whether it's Daniel 2 or Daniel 3 or Revelation 13, it talks about an image. This beast that comes up out of the earth, it wants to create an image to this beast out of the sea. It first is a lamb and then it becomes a dragon. When it becomes a dragon, it will make a copy of this beast. When it was the lamb, it was the complete opposite. Dry vs. wet. Good vs. bad. Few vs. many. New vs. old. But then it becomes a dragon and then you don't have opposites. Then you have the same. This sea beast rules for 1260 and earth beast will create an image that will rule for a symbolic 1260. For the 1260 it persecuted God's people and it will in the next one too. Then we saw in Daniel 8 that this persecution happens when you have a church state relationship. This is exactly what we taught here.

The last subject we talked about was the subject of proxies. Everything has moved from heaven to earth. That is why this has all happened on earth. Everything is here. It is a war between human beings. It is a lot more literal and real than we imagine. Let's pray.