

3.

Leave no unguarded place,  
No weakness of the soul,  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole.  
To keep your armor bright  
Attend with constant care,  
Still walking in your Captain's sight  
And watching unto prayer.

4.

Pray, without ceasing pray,  
Your Captain gives the word;  
His summons cheerfully obey,  
And call upon the Lord:  
To God your every want  
In instant prayer display;  
Pray always; pray, and never faint;  
Pray, without ceasing pray.

5.

From strength to strength go on;  
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down,  
And win the well-fought day:  
Still let the Spirit cry  
In all His soldiers, "Come!"  
Till Christ the Lord descend from high,  
And take the conquerors home.

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## *The Foundation Bible Lessons*

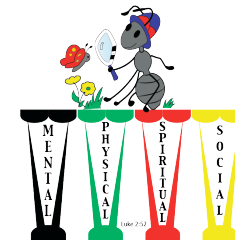
### **PART 6:** **The Sure Word of Prophecy**

**Topic: Satan's Warfare Against the Church**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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#### **SLOGAN**

"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### **MOTTO**

"Building on FOUR"

#### **TEXT**

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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**10. What definite period of time was allotted to this great persecution of God's people under papal Rome?**

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, unto her place, where she is nourished for \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, from the face of the serpent." **Revelation 12:14**

**NOTE:** This is the same period as that mentioned in **Daniel 7:25** and, like the ten horns, identifies the dragon with the fourth beast of **Daniel 7**, and its later work with the work of the little horn of that same beast. In **Revelation 13:5** this period is referred to as "**forty-two months**," and in **Revelation 12:6** as **1260 days**, each representing **1260 literal years**, the period allotted to the supremacy of papal Rome. Beginning in **538 A.D.**, it **ended in 1798**, when the **Pope was taken prisoner by the French**. The woman fleeing into the wilderness fittingly describes the condition of the church during those times of bitter persecution.

**11. What was Satan's design in thus persecuting the church?**

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, *that he might \_\_\_\_\_ her to be carried \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.*" **Revelation 12:15**

**12. How was the flood stayed, and Satan's design defeated?**

"And the \_\_\_\_\_ helped the \_\_\_\_\_, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." **Revelation 12:16**

**NOTE:** The mountain fastnesses quiet retreats, and secluded valleys of southwestern Europe for centuries shielded many who refused allegiance to the Papacy. Here, too, may be seen the results of the work of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, when many of the governments of Europe came to the help of the cause of reform by staying the hand of persecution and protecting the lives of those who dared to take their stand for the right. The **discovery of America**, and the opening up of this country as an asylum for the oppressed of Europe at this time, may also be included in the "help" here referred to.

**13. What did Christ say would be the result if the days of persecution were not shortened?**

"Except those days should be shortened, *there should no \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_*: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

**Matthew 24:22**

**14. Still bent on persecution, how does Satan manifest his enmity against the remnant church?**

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and *went to make \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_*, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." **Revelation 12:17**

**NOTE:** To the very end, Satan will persecute and seek to destroy the people of God. Against the remnant, or last portion of the church, he is especially to make war. Their obedience to God's commandments, and their possession of the testimony of Jesus, or spirit of prophecy (**Revelation 19:10**), are especially offensive to him, and excite his intense ire.

**Soldiers of Christ, Arise**

**1.**

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
And put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies,  
Through His eternal Son;  
Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
And in His mighty pow'r,  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.

**2.**

Stand then in His great might,  
With all His strength endued;  
And take, to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God,  
That, having all things done,  
And all your conflicts past,  
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,  
And stand complete at last.

