



The members of the church are called to give the last message before the sunset hour.

ing with fire . . . cast into the sea." — Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 478:5 to 479:1. (For further comments see Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 478 to 483.)

4. What was to take place under the third trumpet? Revelation 8:10, 11.

Here we have foretold the invasions and conquests of Attila the Hun. He called himself the "scourge of God" and boasted that grass never grew on the ground where his horse had trod. His conquests were along the Rhine, in Gaul, and in northern Italy, where the rivers flow down to the south and southeast. (See Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 483 to 485.)

5. What was to occur under the fourth trumpet? Revelation 8:12.

This trumpet brings us to the end of the Western Roman Empire in A.D. 476, when the leader of the Herulian bar-

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barians, Odoacer deposed the last puppet emperor of the West, and himself took the scepter of Rome. Its luminaries, or civil rulers, were smitten, and ceased to shine. Italy now became nominally a province of the empire of the East, but actually a Germanic kingdom under Odoacer. The Roman Empire in the West had come to an end.—*Bible Readings for the Home*, 288:7. (For further reading see Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 485 to 491.)

### ***The Moslem World in Prophecy***

6. What did John see when the fifth angel sounded? Revelation 9:1-3.

Most Bible expositors are agreed that Mohammed is symbolized by the star of this trumpet.

The bottomless pit doubtless refers to the wastes of the Arabian desert, from which came forth the Arabs (Saracens) like swarms of locusts under the new battle cry of Islam. The darkening caused by the smoke fitly represents the spread of Islam and its doctrines over Asia, Africa, and portions of Europe. Their power as scorpions is strikingly seen in their vigorous and speedy attacks upon and overthrow of their enemies. Over a large part of Spain, over North Africa, Egypt, Syria, Babylonia, Persia, North India, and parts of Central Asia the Arabian conquerors superimposed their religion and to a large extent their language and manners upon the native customs, speech, and worship of each of these areas.—*Bible Readings for the Home*, 289:4. (See Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 493.)

7. For an explanation of Revelation 9:4-11 see Uriah Smith, *The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, 498 to 505.