**BIBLE BOWL LESSON 10: “AMERICA AND BABYLON” - Answers**

1. Answer to Review Question 1: The building of the sanctuary in the wilderness was not a miracle like the giving of the manna or the water out of the rock. It was constructed from articles brought out by the people (thread, skin, precious metals, gems, incense, acacia wood, etc). God gave the insight needed to a few to work skillfully to put these together after the heavenly model. (See Exodus 25:1-9; 28:3; 31:6; 35:10, 25, 35, and 36:1)

Similarly, our daily study reflects the light God gives each of us individually, commensurate with our daily needs and stage of spiritual growth. The Sabbath School Lesson moderator is able to take all the threads of thought, and gems of insight brought to the “building of the sanctuary” and put them in perspective to bring out the truth – ie. It is all about knowing Jesus personally (1 Corinthians 2:2).

2. Answer to Review Question 2: “The Present Truth” may be rephrased as “The Truth that is Present;” ie., visible, in front of us; it is NOT a creed, not a belief; it is not in a book, even if it is the Bible. Even special light concerning the Sabbath and the Sanctuary has to be more than a doctrine; it needs to change us into His image so we reflect its transforming effect in our lives; it should be written in our hearts (the New Covenant Heb. 10:16); our lives should be the “epistle.” ([2 Corinthians 3:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians+3:2&version=NKJV) *“You are our****epistle****written in our hearts, known and read by all men;*”). It needs to be translated into a lifestyle for it to be “living Truth.”

3. One - At that time Michael shall stand up (for them); Two - There will be a time of trouble; and Three - People will be delivered.

1. The name *“Michael,”* meaning *“Who is like God.”*
2. Satan, the Dragon; Sea Beast, or pagan and papal Rome; the Land Beast, or the USA.
3. The Sea Beast of Revelation 13 is described as a composite of a leopard, a bear, and a lion, images taken from Daniel 7. Rome is depicted as one of the key antagonists of the end-time scenario.
4. Christ’s model: Hungry but not able to buy food or sell? “Man shall not live by bread alone (Mat. 4:4; cf Deut. 8:3; John 4:34); When the Devil quotes the Bible (Ps. 91:11, 12), should not put God to test (Mat. 4:7; Deut. 6:16); When forced to worship Satan, worship the Lord (Mat. 4:10; Deut. 6:13)

Daniel’s friends’ model: Daniel 3:16-18 – Our God is able!

1. “Babylon is fallen,” and “Come out of her, My People.”
2. Daniel 12:1 - Jesus is by me now, when everything seems lost. Christ went through the second death experience of separation from the Father for us. We need NEVER feel separated from or forgotten by Him. Cf Daniel 3:25.