

WARS PAST, WARS TO COME PT. 2

Daniel 11:36-45

INTRO: Wars and rumors of wars are a part of world history and will be until the very end of time. The battles and wars that we will be studying in this lesson are a culmination of centuries of lies, deceit, bribes, and treachery.

- Four great armies are found in Daniel 11:36-45:
- The army made up of the armies of the federation of the revised Roman Empire.
- The army made up of the armies of the North- Syria, Russia and those who will join in with her from that region.
- The army of the South- Egypt and her allies.
- The army of the east made up of armies from the oriental nations of China, etc.

Just as all 135 prophecies of Daniel 11:1-35 have come to pass, the prophecies of the wars yet to come, will come to pass. Even today, we see the gathering storm clouds of global unrest and power struggles.

I. VS. 36, THE END TIME KING

- A. The closing words of Daniel 11:35 bring us into this section of the chapter that points toward the rapture and the tribulation where the king of the end time rises to power.
- B. The king mentioned here is none other than the Anti-Christ of the Revelation. Phillips says that: "He will be the last of all of the Caesars, Borgias, Machiavellis, Hitlers and Stalins who have cursed the earth." (189)
 1. Even Jerome, 347-420 AD, saw this verse as prophecy of the coming Anti-Christ "The Jews believe that this passage has reference to the Anti-Christ...we, to, understand this to refer to the Anti-Christ."
 2. Antiochus, seen in the first part of this chapter as a ruthless selfish ruler, is a foreshadowing of the yet to be revealed Anti-Christ. Again, we quote Jerome: "Just as the Savior had Solomon and the other saints as types of His advent, so also we should believe that the Anti-Christ very properly has as a type of himself the utterly wicked king, Antiochus, who persecuted the saints and defiled the Temple"(136).
- C. "The king shall do according to his will..." This means that he

will be self willed. He will be a narcissistic ideological leader; his ideology will be all that matters. Dear friend, you too are led by your ideology, by what you have been taught, and what you believe.

1. He will “exalt himself and magnify himself above every god...” In of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, we have another description of the Anti-Christ and his pride.
 2. “Shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods...” In the book of the Revelation, we are told of this wicked leader’s power and his blasphemies (Revelation 13:5-7).
- D. “And shall prosper till the indignation shall be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.” This speaks in plain terms about the Sovereignty of Almighty God. For three and a half years, this wicked man and his government shall prosper. He forges a false peace agreement with Israel. He will have a world government that he controls. For those 3 ½ years, sin will be rampant, illicit sex, drug addiction and ungodliness will be a part of his rule. In 2 Thessalonians two, the Anti-Christ is called, “That wicked one”(vs.8), “the man of sin”(vs. 3) and “the son of perdition”(vs.30).

II. VSS. 37-39, THE END TIME RELIGION OF THE WORLD

- A. VS. 37, Whether the Anti-Christ is a Jew or some other nationality is not certain; though many scholars see this verse as an indication that he is a Jew. “Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers.” The God of his fathers seems to point to the patriarchs.
1. “Nor the desire of women” many interpretations have been given of this. John Phillips believes it refers to the Goddess of Nature who has been worshiped chiefly by women. Walvoord sees it as some object of women. Could it be that he simply will not want to have a woman as his mate.
 2. “Nor regard any god” here is a man stuck on himself. He is the center of his world. It is sad that America is raising a generation of people who think only of themselves, magnifying their need and desires above all else.
- B. VS. 38, He will worship the power of his Army and the power to make war. He will glorify killing, especially the torture and killing of the saints of God (Revelation 13:7). He will honor a

false god with gold and precious stones. We need to honor the true and living God so that we will have true riches in heaven: “gold, silver and precious stones” not “wood and hay and stubble” (1 Corinthians 3:12).

C. VS. 39, He will scratch the back of those who scratch his. He will, because of his great power, use the might of others to help his cause and help fight his wars. Phillips says that: “No world power will be able to stand against the antichrist. One way or another, all the world superpowers will be forced to acknowledge him.” (191)

1. Israel, with its strategic location, the hinge of three continents, will be the prize most wanted for material gain and for a center for his false religion.
2. The Anti-Christ will be a smooth dealer, dividing lands, and giving rule to those who do his bidding; all of this for his selfish goals.

III. VSS. 40-43, THE END TIME AND ITS FINAL LAST WORLD WAR

A. VS. 40, Although the Anti-Christ has a great deal of power, he will have his enemies as “the time of the end” arrives. By this time, the world economy is shot and the world is in shambles. The love affair with the Anti-Christ, Satan’s hand picked leader, will be coming to an end (Revelation 18:14-15,17).

1. “The king of the south”– Egypt and those who follow her.
2. “The king of the north”– Syria and her allies, including Russia. This army shall come as a whirlwind with forces from land and sea and conquer much land.
3. The hatred of Syria and Egypt for the Anti-Christ and Israel, will bring these two countries together to fight against him. It will be this move on their parts that will result in the final demise of both countries. It is believed that the Anti-Christ is in Babylon at the time of the invasion.

B. VS. 41, As the Anti-Christ heads to Egypt he marches through Israel, “the glorious land,” as is foretold in Zechariah 14:2.

1. Of the many countries that are overthrown by the Anti-Christ, Edom, Moab and Ammon are spared. Today, these names represent the country of Jordan.
2. The reason as to why Jordan will escape the wrath of the Anti-Christ and his army is not known. It may be because

of an alliance with the Anti-Christ, or it could be God is saving these enemies of Israel for Divine retribution (Isaiah 11:14).

- C. VS.42, At this point in history, the “kings of the east” (vs. 44), will be gathering against the Anti-Christ. He marches on destroying the power of Egypt and taking her treasures. The treasures of the Pharaohs will be his, at least for a short time. We are to lay up treasures in heaven: “where moth and rust do not corrupt.”
- D. VS. 43, The gold, silver and precious things of not only Egypt, but also Libya and Ethiopia are be laid at the Anti-Christ’s feet.

IV. VSS. 44-45, THE END TIME AND ITS FINAL BATTLES

- A. VS. 44, With his empire falling apart, an empire built on lies and deceit, word gets to him that the “kings of the east” are on the march. They are marching from the Far East to the Middle East. They will march through the Euphrates river that has been dried up. They are marching toward Zion; they are marching to Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16).
 - 1. He is also troubled by the news of troop deployments from the north, Syria and her long time ally Russia (Ezekiel 38:14-16).
 - 2. These armies go forth to destroy many people.
- B. VS. 45, As we get to this final verse of Daniel eleven, the seven years, the seventieth week, of Daniel’s prophecy are about to come to a close.
 - 1. This will be the place of the Anti-Christ’s last stand. He will build a palace that is resplendent, but will not enjoy it.
 - 2. “Between the seas” means the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.
 - 3. “In the glorious mountain” is in the vicinity of Jerusalem.
 - 4. “Yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him.” His fate was sealed in eternity past. God’s decrees cannot be overturned (Revelation 19:19-20).

Conclusion: That which “is determined shall be done.”

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