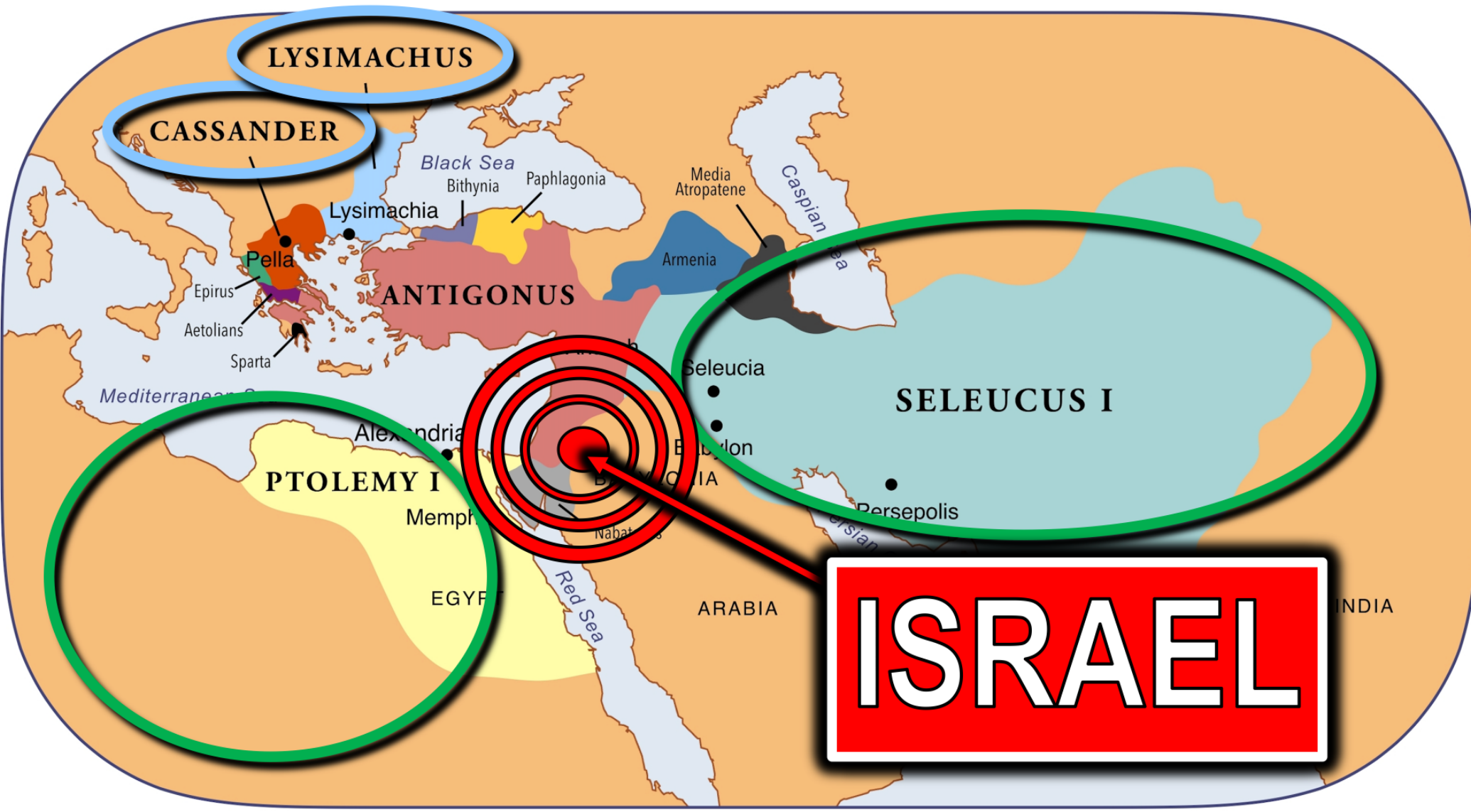


VERSE(S)	DANIEL 11 PROPHECIES	DANIEL 11 FULLFILLMENT
1 & 2	3 more Persian kings arise	Cambyses II (529-523BC) Smerdis (523-522BC) Darius Hystaspes (522-485BC)
2	The fourth will be richer and stronger stirring up all against the realm of Greece	Xerxes (485-465BC)
3	Mighty king shall arise and rule with great dominion	Alexander the Great (336-323BC)
4	His kingdom uprooted and divided into four but not from among his posterity	Alexander the Great's "4" Generals 1) Cassander/Macedonia 2) Lysimachus/Thrace 3) Seleucus/Syria 4) Ptolemy/Egypt
5	The King of the South becomes strong gaining power and having dominion, however one of his princes gains more power and greater dominion over him	Ptolemy I Soter (323-285BC) Seleucus I Nicator (312-280BC)
6	They join forces in a failed political marriage between the daughter of the king of the South and the king of the North	Berenice, Daughter of Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246BC) Antiochus II Theos (261-246BC)
7 thru 9	One arises in his place, comes with an army in the third Syrian war, and enters the fortress prevailing over the king of the North	Ptolemy III (246-241BC) Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225BC)
10 thru 12	His sons assemble a multitude of great forces and wage the Battle of Raphia (217BC), overwhelming and defeating their opponent	Sons of Seleucus II and Seleucus III Ceraunus (225-223BC) Antiochus III the Great (223-187BC)
13	The King of the North returns with a greater multitude and at the end of some years with this greater army and much equipment in the Fifth Syrian War	Antiochus II (202-195BC) Ptolemy V Epiphanes (204-180BC)
14	Many rise up against the king of the South as violent men exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they ultimately fall	War continues between North and South with Israel at the center
15 thru 16	The king of the North builds a siege mound taking the forces of the South, as even his choice troops had no strength to resist	This was the Battle of Panium, (Caesarea Philippi) in Israel ending with the Seleucid victory in 200BC
17	He gives his daughter to destroy his kingdom, but she does not stand with him, nor is she for him	Antiochus III is engaged to be married to Cleopatra but doesn't stand with her father
18 thru 19	A ruler brings this to an end in the Battle of Magnesia in 190 BC only to then fall	Roman General Lucius Scipio Asiaticus defeats Antiochus III
20	One arises in place imposing taxes on the glorious kingdom to offset the financial deficit from these wars; but within a few days he's destroyed, but not in anger or in battle	Seleucus IV Philopater (187-175BC) sent Heliodorus to Jerusalem to seize the treasury in the Temple, but it's believed that he was poisoned
21	A vile person arises who has not been given royal authority and honor, but comes in peace to seize the kingdom using intrigue	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164BC), the younger brother of Seleucus IV Philopater (187-175BC) was not the rightful heir, his son was
22 thru 24	The prince of the covenant acts deceitfully and becomes strong dispersing the plunder, spoil, and riches; devising his plans, but only for a time	This is believed to be the Jewish High Priest Onias III, whom Antiochus in all of his demon possessed evil had deposed
25 thru 27	The Kings of the South with a great army are stirred up to battle; but their hearts will be bent on evil and they won't prosper	Ptolemy VI Philometor (180-145BC) and the Sixth Syrian War between 170-168BC
28 thru 29	While returning to his land with great riches, his heart will be set against the holy covenant; so he does damage then returns to his own land	According to Josephus, this is Antiochus IV who deceived the Jews to forsake the law, not circumcising their children and sacrifices pigs
30 thru 35	Ships from Cyprus also known as Kittim, come against him and in his fear, he swiftly withdraws from Jerusalem	Roman Commander Gaius Popilius Laenas came against Antiochus IV who was attempting to take Alexandria in 168BC
36	"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done."	Daniel's prophecy turns a corner from what we know as history to what we should know about prophecy, specifically concerning the coming Antichrist, who Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadows
37	"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."	Him having no regard for the God of his fathers speaks to the God of Israel, and having no desire for women, speaks to the desire of women at that time to be chosen as the one for the virgin birth of the Messiah
38	"But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things."	This reference to the Antichrist honoring a god of fortresses, gold, silver, precious stones and pleasant things seems to indicate that he will use military might, political power and unprecedented riches
39	"Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain."	This could refer to the Antichrist placing an image of a foreign god, believed to be the image of the beast, as he also seeks to rule over many and divide the land of Israel, namely, Jerusalem
40-43	"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels."	While it is difficult to pinpoint the yet future prophecies these verses are referring to, there is a striking similarity to Ezekiel 38 in particular by virtue of the countries that are mentioned, and perhaps more importantly, those countries that are conspicuously absent from any mention in this battle. Regardless, this is how it ends for the Antichrist.
44	"But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many."	It's believed that this could be referring to the prophecy in Revelation 9 and 16 where we're told that the King of the east will come with an army of Two Hundred Million men who cross over the dried up Euphrates river
45	"And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."	Last, but certainly not least, this last verse is believed to be a prophecy about the battle of Armageddon also in Revelation 16, at the end of the 7-year tribulation



LYSIMACHUS

CASSANDER

ANTIGONUS

PTOLEMY I

SELEUCUS I

ISRAEL

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DAVID: Would you join me in prayer? Lord Jesus, we always look forward to going home with You, Lord. Continue to keep our eyes and our hearts always focused on You, Lord. We ask that You bless this time. We bless Your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

[Congregation says, "Amen."]

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. Good evening.

[Congregation says, "Good evening."]

Welcome. You can be seated. I'm glad you're here tonight. Those of you online, we're glad that you're joining with us as well. Sunday, I put out a prayer plea for Johnny Baginski who is riddled with tumors in his body and brain. Keep him in prayer, please, along with his brother, Xavier who's part of our church ohana and especially their mom, Michelle. Johnny, Xavier, and Michelle, please pray for specifically a miraculous healing for Johnny.

All right. *Daniel Chapter 11* tonight. I'm not going to — I have no words. This is — this is a tough chapter. I knew I was in trouble. I mean, I already knew this going into this, but I — it doesn't help when you hear your fellow pastor friends say, man, I remember when I taught *Daniel Chapter 11*. That was one of the hardest chapters I ever taught in the entire Bible. I'm like, well, thank you so much. You know that just — wow. But it is actually.

So it is considered by many to be the most specific and accurate record of Bible history and by extension, prophecy in the entirety of the Bible. It's believed that there are no less than one hundred and fifty very specific prophecies in this chapter.

And this is why it is that I chose the title/takeaway. You understand why I say it that way, right? The title is the main takeaway. They're synonymous in terms. 'Prophecy is History in Advance.' So that's what we're going to talk about and take away from this chapter but maybe more importantly, why that's important.

Now what is important to understand as we go through this is that Daniel received this prophetic revelation and with it the interpretation literally hundreds of years prior to their precise fulfillment.

In fact, so precise are the this chapter, and I know we've talked about this before, critics have argued that it had to have been written after because it's impossible that the

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prophecies, the predictions written hundreds of years prior could have been fulfilled with such accuracy. Just by sheer virtue of the statistical probabilities of these prophecies that we're about to read coming to pass with such accuracy, the statistical odds are astronomical. They're inconceivable. The number is not even calculable. And this is why it is that there are critics.

Of course, you're always going to have critics, but they love this chapter because of what's contained in it. And I hate them for it. But anyway... (Chuckling)

But no, they love this chapter because it bolsters their faulty argument that this could not have been written by Daniel prior to the events that are in it. There's only one problem. And it just singlehandedly refutes the critics who try to argue that this could never have been written hundreds of years prior.

It's because Jesus quotes, not the historian Daniel who historically recorded the events after they happened, no, the prophet Daniel who prophesied about these events before they happen. That's what prophecy is. Yeah, but there's no way.

No, because see, prophecy is history in advance. Because God knows the end from the beginning. He's already seen what's going to happen at the end before it even began to happen. I love Jeremiah, inspired by the Holy Spirit, who writes that God knew us before we were even formed in our mother's womb. He foreknew.

See, He lives outside the time continuum. He lives outside of time. He dwells in eternity. He's not subject to time. And thank God for that, right? And when we're in heaven, no more clocks.

[Laughter]

That alone. But God — but God who knows the end from the beginning in His love for us reveals what the future holds to be an encouragement to us. Please don't forget the “why” behind the “what” of this.

Daniel — you remember last week the details that were recorded for us about how his strength had left him? He had collapsed to the ground, prostrate before the Lord. He was trembling and mourning and praying and fasting in his concern for the future of his people.

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And for 21 days he's fasting and praying. And the answer's coming. It was dispatched the first day he started praying, but it took 21 days.

And I know I posed this question last week, and I don't think I handled as well as I should have. So I'm going to try this again this week. Is that okay? The question is this. What if he stopped at day 18?

Because it took the answer — it took 21 days for the answer to come because he had to fight with the Prince of Persia, this high-ranking demonic entity, for 21 days. The reason why it still would have come, even if he stopped at 18 days, is because he had already set out to fast and pray with sack-cloth and — sackcloth and ashes — easy for me to say — for 21 days. And God honors that. And so the answer still would have come.

But why did it come? Because Daniel was so discouraged, so concerned for his people. And so he's crying out to the Lord. And the Lord hearkens unto the voice of his cry and answers his prayer. The chapter prior — remember? He's in the middle of praying, and he's interrupted with the answer to the prayer that he's praying, while he's still praying for the answer that he's being interrupted with, while he's still praying. I could keep going, but I think you got the point.

Now that's the “why” behind the “what.” Please, as we go through this — because it's going to be really gnarly — please don't lose sight of that. Because this is a loving God answering a cry from the heart of the prophet Daniel concerning the future.

And boy, does God answer this prayer. You're concerned about the future? Take heart. I'm going to tell you exact — I'm going to tell you more about the future than you even want to know. I mean, I'm going to take — I'm not only going to tell you about the not-too-distant future for Israel, I'm going to — I'm going to take you through to the end of human history as we know it.

Don't you just love it when God over-answers your prayers? Well, that's what He's doing. Now because of the detailed prophecy in all its specificity, it does present somewhat of a difficulty.

So I want to take a different approach to teaching this chapter by first just reading through this chapter. I mean, I went back-and-forth with this. I inquired of the Lord about this. But I

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made the decision to just read through it. I will insert — as the Lord leads — specific names that will be germane to our understanding. But I'm doing this for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that it will flow much better, and it won't get so discombobulated. And as such, it'll make it go much quicker, to which I'm sure all of you would say, Amen. So be it.

Now, once we've read through it, I'll do my best to provide an explanation of it. Then more importantly, we'll take some time at the end on the application of it to our lives in this, the last hour of human history as we know it. To say that this chapter is packed full of prophecy applicable to our day would be a gross understatement. So we're going to start off now in *verse 1* if you're ready.

You ready? All right. Why don't we pray, first though? Father, please, we readily admit that unless the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see and ears to hear, we're not going to be able to comprehend this or see what it is that You have for us in this chapter. We desperately need for the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our understanding because there's just so much here. And as we near the end of this powerful chapter, it's going to apply to us today in our day, the day in which we are living in these last days.

So please, God, would You just — we don't want to just know this. We want to apply this and take heed to this. So Lord, give us understanding, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen. All right. *Verse 1.*

“Also...”

By the way, this should have been last week. The parentheses — remember the parentheses that wasn't there? It's because it's here at the end of *verse 1*. **“Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.)”** *[Parentheses]*

You know, last week we had to end the chapter that didn't end. So now we just ended it. It should start in *verse 2*. **“And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.”** This is speaking of Artaxerxes.

Think Esther, the Persian Empire.

Verse 3. **“Then [This is subsequent] a mighty king shall arise [Again, a reference to Alexander the Great] [We've talked about him before] who shall rule with great dominion**

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and do according to his will. [Now verse 4 is going to be key] [It says] And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven."

Remember now he died at age 32, some believe pneumonia. He was a heavy drinker, got drunk. It was raining. Went home, slept in his wet clothes, got pneumonia, and died the age of 32. He had conquered the known world by the age of 29 and went into a depression and a funk because there were no more worlds to conquer.

So he dies, but he doesn't have any heirs. And we read that next. **"...but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these."**

So we saw this already. But when he died — unexpectedly, right — what are we going to do? Well, it was recorded, allegedly, that before he died, knowing that he was about to die, he said to his men, divide my kingdom among the powerful. Well, that's very specific. Thank you very much for the directive and your last will and testimony. Imagine how many were jockeying for position.

Well, apparently this is exactly, precisely as it was revealed to Daniel and prophesied in this vision that there would be four that the kingdom would be divided into. It would be given to Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.

Now, why is that important? Well, the first two guys, not so much. but Seleucus and Ptolemy, hang on to those two guys.

Now, *verse 5*. **"Also the king of the South shall become strong, [This is Egypt] [Ptolemy was the Egyptian rule] as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion. And [Verse 6] at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South [Her name is Bernice] shall go to the king of the North." [This is Syria]**

So the Seleucus Empire, south, Syria. The Ptolemy Empire, north, Egypt. Hang on to that. Are we okay so far? Okay, here's what I mean by I didn't want it to be so discombobulated. And I've already made it so discombobulated. So this is a political union, this marriage, this, you know, I'll give you my daughter. Let's come together. Keep it in the family.

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[So she] "... shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in those times." *[Hang on] [In other words, it didn't work out] [That's...]*

[Laughter]

But [Verse 7] from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail. And he shall also carry [Verse 8] their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North. "Also [Verse 9] the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South but shall return to his own land."

So this is a battle now ongoing between the North and the South, the solution Empire — the Seleucus Empire — and the Ptolemy Empire. And it gets worse. I mean back-and-forth.

"However [Verse 10] his sons shall stir up strife, [Apparently, these kids grew up] [They want in on this war battle] and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

And [Verse 11] the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.

When [Verse 12] he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail."

I mean, that's just textbook, right, when you exalt yourself and you're lifted up? *Verse 13* — this is all going to come together — just if you'll be patient.

"For the king of the North [Verse 13] will return and muster a multitude greater than the former and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment. [We're upping the game here]

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[Verse 14] **“Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall. So *[Verse 15]* the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, *[I mean, back-and-forth]* *[And back-and-forth, and back-and-forth]***

So *[Now]* the king of the North *[Syria, Seleucus]* shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist. But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land...”
[Israel, the Holy Land]

And by the way, it's believe that this was in Caesarea Philippi For those of you that have been to Israel with us, this is the specific place that this particular battle took place “...with destruction in his power.

[Verse 17] **“He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it.”**

This is Cleopatra. You know her from history, right? So we're going to try this the other way now, and we're going to send Cleopatra into this as a spy.

“...but she shall not stand with him or be for him. After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him. Then *[Verse 19]* he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.”

Now *verse 20* is interesting because imagine how much all of this is costing. We've got a deficit here.

[Verse 20] **“There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes *[That's how they're going to pay for all of this]* *[Where else is the money going to come from?]* *[So they're going to impose a tax]* on the glorious kingdom; *[Of course]* but *[This is interesting]* within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.”**

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In other words, he's not going to be killed in a fight, or lose his life in a battle or a war. You know, how he's going to lose his life? He'll be poisoned. (Chuckling) That's what you get for trying to collect taxes for me to pay for your war.

“And [Verse 21] [And this is where it starts to get really interesting] in his place shall arise a vile person, [This is none other than Antiochus Epiphanes, a type of, a foreshadow of the Antichrist] to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably and seize the kingdom by intrigue.”

That verse right there is so telling because this is exactly what the Antichrist is going to do. He's going to be the man of peace. It's a false peace because he's the false Christ. And he's going to come by way of intrigue. He's not going to come in the conventional way.

[Verse 22] “With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant. And after the league is made with him, he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.

He shall enter peaceably, [Remember Chapter 8, Daniel, verse 25] [By peace, his policy of peace, he will destroy many] even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.”

In other words, he's going to start throwing money around to gain the favor. **“He shall stir up his power [Verse 25] and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall [I wonder how many wins and losses we have on the North and the South] [Has anybody been keeping track?]**

And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him. Yes, [Verse 26] those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.”

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Some historians calculate literally tens of thousands of people dying in these back-and-forth battles between the North and the South.

[Verse 27] **“Both these kings’ hearts shall be bent on evil, *[Ya think?]* and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.**

“At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. For ships *[Verse 30]* from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. “So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

And forces shall be *[Verse 31]* mustered by him, and they shall *[Listen]* defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, *[In the temple]* and place there the abomination of desolation. *[You see where we're going with this?]*

[Verse 32] **Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits. And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.**

Now *[Verse 34]* when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by *[And there's that word again]* intrigue. And *[Verse 35]* some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.”

Stop right there. *Verse 35* is what I'll affectionately refer to as a transitional verse because everything from *verse 36* on to the end of the chapter in *verse 45* is now yet future. So everything we've read heretofore, up to, and even including *verse 35* has happened with precision accuracy. I know it was hard to keep track: north, south; this, that; they won, you lose; you win, they lose. But everything happened, as we're about to see, exactly as God said it would.

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Now, beginning in *verse 36*, we are going to be talking about the Antichrist that this Antiochus Epiphanes, foreshadowed. So everything from *verse 36*, which we'll read in a second, is yet future, at the appointed time, the time of the end. When's that? Now.

Let me try that again. I did that — the delivery was a little bit fast. I'll slow it down. Daniel is told that this will have to wait until the time of the end. Why? Because it is still for the appointed time, that time that points to the time of the end. It's not now. It's not yet. Well, then, when is it? I'm doing better, aren't I, so far? That time is what we call the last days. You know when the last days are? Right now.

So let's pay attention starting in *verse 36*. Keyword, first word, **"Then..."**

When? Then. When's then? Now.

"...the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods..."

2 Thessalonians 2, the Apostle Paul: The Antichrist will exalt himself as God, declare himself to be a God, and demand to be worshiped because he is God in the newly rebuilt temple of God, and shall prosper. I think it was Daniel 8, again. I think it was still *verse 25*.

The Antichrist, we're told, will prosper wonderfully — no, destroy wonderfully. In other words, he'll be met with success and prosperity in his destruction. The damage he will do **"...and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done."**

Verse 37: This one has got a lot of people speculating. We're going to address it and hit it head on. This is a prophecy about the Antichrist. **"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers..."** [*Which has led many to believe that he has to be a Jew*] [*Otherwise, the Jews are not going to accept him as the Christ if he's not a Jew*] **"...nor the desire of women."**

Now, this has led some to speculate that the Antichrist is going to be a homosexual. I don't want to ruin your night, but that's not what that says. Well, then, if that's not what it says, what does that say? Just hang on. Just be patient.

"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; [And here it is again] for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place, he

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shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

Thus *[Verse 39]* he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many and divide the land for gain. *[Sound familiar?]* “At the time of the end the king of the South *[Wait!]* *[But I thought this was future]* *[Yeah, it's still future]* *[Just hang on]* shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

He shall also enter the Glorious Land, *[The Holy Land, Israel]* and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: *[Now watch this]* Edom *[Esau]* *[The Edomites]*, *[Moabites]* Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon *[Ammonites]*.”

Amman, the capital of modern-day Jordan, where you will find a place called Petra, the rock city. It is believed, actually, that Job predated the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And actually he was so wealthy, his vast wealth was such that the only place he could have resided would have been this massive place called Petra, the rock city in modern-day Jordan, a city made of rock that is so secure it only has one access, and it can be guarded by only ten men.

Now, why is that important? Because we're told the Antichrist will be unable to access this particular place known as modern-day Jordan. Why is that? Because. Because of prophecies like in *Revelation 12* and *Matthew 24*, where Jesus himself says, “**When you see the abomination of desolation, that Daniel the prophet spoke about, run!**”

Sorry to yell. Don't turn back. Don't go back and get your charger for your phone. Run. Flee to the place that is prepared for you in the wilderness: Petra. This will happen at the three-and-a-half-year mark, when the Antichrist commits the abomination that causes desolation, and the Jews will realize this is not our Messiah, and our true Messiah would never sacrifice a pig like an Antiochus Epiphanes did and sprinkle the blood on the Holy of Holies. That's blasphemy. That's abominable, and it causes desolation.

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And they run and they go to that place, *Revelation 12* says, on the wings of eagles. And no, please, that's not the United States. I'll never forget when my wife and I went to Petra many, many years ago. You walk in that narrow entrance, the only entrance, and the first thing you see is what they call the Treasury and these huge eagle wings towering over the entrance to this rock city in which they had carved out theaters, homes, coliseums, all protected by rock. Petra = rock.

They're going to be saved by the Rock. And that rock is Christ and protected from the Antichrist for the last three-and-a-half-years of the 7-year tribulation. And God will miraculously provide them with food and water. What? Is that not what God did in the wilderness wanderings?

He — He's the same God yesterday, today, and forever. He provided manna. He provided them water. Yeah, sometimes He had to have it come out of a rock or turn bitter water to sweet at Mara. But they got — they never died of thirst. They never died of hunger. God provided for them for 40 years. I'm pretty sure God could provide for them for three-and-a-half-years in this place.

In fact, there was a guy. I forget his name. He was a Bible commentator and scholar, and I think he was an archeologist too. But he was so convinced that Petra was the place that *Revelation 12* talks about, that they would flee to that place that God prepared for them and be protected for a time, and a time, and half a time, three-and-a-half-years.

He was so convinced it was Petra, about 120 miles from Jerusalem, by the way. That's why Jesus said, pray that your flight to Petra is not on the Sabbath. Why? Because transportation shuts down. And pray that it's not during the winter because that kind of — unless you have snow tires, that's a problem. We don't know about that here.

And pray that you're not pregnant, as a woman because that's going to slow you down too. You're going to get from Jerusalem, when you see this abomination of desolation in the temple, the rebuilt temple, and you're going to flee to Petra, where I'm going to protect you for the last three-and-a-half-years of the 7-year tribulation, and the Antichrist won't reach you, and I'll provide for you.

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And isn't it interesting the specificity of this yet future prophecy in *verse 41*, that he's going to go throughout, overthrow. But when it comes to this particular place we call modern-day Jordan, uh-uh. Why? Because I'm going to protect My people from you, Mr. Antichrist man.

“He [Verse 42] shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and [This is interesting] the land of Egypt shall not escape. [We'll talk more about that] He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also [Listen to this] the Libyans and Ethiopians...”

And by the way, in some of the original manuscripts that is translated Cush, not Ethiopia. We see this again in *Ezekiel 38*, which we'll talk about in a moment. But the reason that's important is because Ethiopia is not modern-day Ethiopia. It's ancient Cush and the area — and yet you gotta know that the boundaries of these modern-day countries are not the same boundaries of these ancient countries at that time. It was a very different looking map.

Cush was not just what we know as Ethiopia. It was primarily what we know today as Sudan. So when you go home — not now because I'm still teaching — but when you go home, go look at a map. And you look at Ethiopia, but right there next to it is Sudan. So it's talking about that entire area. And again, this comports with *Ezekiel 38*, as we're going to see.

But we're told that **“...the Libyans and Ethiopians [Sudan, Cush] shall follow at his heels. But [It gets even better] [The chapter ends with verses 44 and 45] [Look at the detail] But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.”**

The end. Bye. Good riddance. And that's how the chapter ends. All right.

Now, pictured here is a map. I spent some time putting this together in order to provide you a visual, which I hope will explain more clearly what we just read, what these prophecies were all about, better said, who these prophecies were all about.

Okay, remember at the beginning I asked you to hang on to the four kingdoms that took over the kingdom of Alexander the Great? So you had Cassandra, and — I always botch this guy's name — Lysimachus —

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[Laughter]

that guy.

But notice they're circled in the blue. Put the image online for the online people. Look at this real quick. Look up there. Cassander and Lysimachus. That guy; look where they're at.

Did you notice the conspicuous absence of any mention of them in what we just read?

They're up there doing their own thing. They're not even involved in this thing. They're probably hearing about the Seleucus and Ptolemy in the South and the North. But they're like, yeah, go ahead. No problem. What's for dinner?

They're not involved. No need. But why is Ptolemy in the south and Seleucus / Syria in the north, why are they going at it? You like my bullseye? I made that. That's Israel, right smack in the middle. That's why. This is all about Israel. This is all about the navel of the whole world.

You know our maps, we have America at the center, in the middle of a world map. You got the world map: America. Of course, we're America. We've written songs about this.

I know I've shared this, but it's maybe apropos. Let me have this one. This was many years ago. I'm in Russian. In fact, it was right after — I'll never forget this. This is right after 9/11 in 2001, and I had a mission — no, it was actually when I was teaching at the Bible College in Moscow, Russia, in 2002.

This was a problem because my passport, even though I'm a U.S. citizen, has my given name: Wahid Fiez Farag. Doesn't get any worse than that. And my birthplace is Beirut, Lebanon. So I'm going to Russia within months after September 11th. 'Alalalalalalala' (Arabic zaghrat)

[Laughter]

Anyway, I made it. Obviously, I'm here. I made it. Lived to tell about it. But I'm there at the Bible College, and the students said, hey Pastor JD, come, we want to show you something. So I'm like, okay. So we're going down the hall in the dorm, and they show me a map on the wall. And they say, what do you notice different about this map?

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Of course, it's in Russian. And, you know, being the super sharp, smart, savvy, you know, on-top-of-it guy that I am, I'm just looking at this thing going, what? I mean, it's all in Russian. No, no. What do you notice is different? You're supposed to be the teacher, and we're the student. What do you notice different?

I'm looking and hemming and hawing. And finally, somebody just felt sorry for me. They're like, Pastor JD, notice what's at the center. Russia. Oh, of course! Everybody thinks they're the center of the world. There's only one problem with that. The Bible says in no less than two places that Israel is the center of the world. In fact, it's more specific in the original language. It's the navel, the belly button from where the umbilical cord is at birth.

In other words, Israel's not only the apple of my eye — that's a whole other deep meaning — but the navel of the entire world, the center of the world. It's the central focal point. It's the bullseye.

Do you think if Israel wasn't located where Israel is located, that Seleucus or Ptolemy would have had the wars back-and-forth that they did? This was all about Israel. And boy, nothing new under the sun. Nothing has changed today. Only the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

It's the same thing. I mean, in an eerie way, the similarities, the parallels are eerie. This is why. And this is what explains the Seleucus Empire in the North, warring against the Ptolemy Empire in the South. It was all about Israel. So you get the visual now?

Okay. It gets better. Here's something else I put together. I spent a lot of time on this, so just appreciate this. I put together a chart because I know you could read the font.

[Laughter]

And we're going to go through every single one of these.

[Laughter]

No, listen, I've color-coded it to delineate between the prophecies that have already been fulfilled and those yet to be fulfilled. And we're going to have a PDF file, downloadable of the map I just showed you and this detailed chart. So the ones in kind of a light gray are fulfilled down to the gnat's eyebrow up to *verse 36*.

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And then from *verse 36 to verse 45* is kind of in the yellow, yet to be fulfilled. So this is what I want to do for the remainder of our time is spend just a little bit of time on the prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled, actually, any time now about to be fulfilled because we're on the cusp of the 7-year tribulation. That's how close we are. Everything's a place.

Even five years ago, I couldn't have said what I just said. In fact, don't do this. But if you were to go back — I'm just only speaking hypothetically for purposes of discussion. If you were to go back and listen to the Prophecy Updates in 2017, 2018, even 2019, this is all we basically talked about ad nauseum, which is why a lot of people got nauseated.

But all we were talking about was how everything is starting to be put in place, all the prophetic puzzle pieces specific to Syria in the north, the Seleucid Empire, and how that from the north they would come into the glorious land, Israel, and how that all fit together. Well, in 2018, I couldn't yet stand in this pulpit and say that all the players were already at the ready because they weren't yet.

About 2019, 2020, kaboom! All of a sudden, it's kind of like, what? They're already there. They're already positioned in of all places, Syria. They're just waiting for the green light. And you have to understand that the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the church is removed in the pre-tribulation rapture. I know I say that; I hope you don't tire of me saying that. I say that virtually every week, more than once sometimes.

But the reason why that is so important is because *Daniel 9:27* is the prophecy that starts the 7-year tribulation when the Antichrist makes stronger, 'ekbir' a covenant that's already in place, and then breaks it at the three-and-a-half-year mark, which comports with everything we just read and all of the other prophecies we've referenced.

And what makes this so fascinating here in Daniel 11 is that this type of the Antichrist that we're introduced to, named Antiochus Epiphanes sort of paves the way as a foreshadow for THE Antichrist at THE appointed time, the time of the end. So can I just take you through real quick? Oh, you guys are so... you're just being nice to me.

All right let's just go through a couple, *verse 37*, about him having no regard for the God of his fathers. That speaks to the God of Israel. He's not going to have any regard for the God of Israel because he fancies himself to be God instead of Israel.

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What about him having no desire for women? He's not going to be a homosexual.

(Chuckling) Oh, never mind. A homosexual Muslim. Remember when — okay, I shouldn't — I knew it. I'm sorry. I should have listened to the Holy Spirit.

Okay, what does it mean then, no desire for women? You have to know that every woman's desire at that time was to be the chosen one for the virgin birth of the Messiah. That was the desire. So he has no regard for the woman's desire to be chosen for the virgin birth of the Messiah. That's what *verse 37* is referring to.

Verse 38: This is the reference to him honoring a god of fortresses, gold, silver, precious stones, and pleasant things. Seems to describe his military might, political power, and unprecedented riches.

I recall a Prophecy Update I did with a quote from then Prince Charles, who's now King Charles, saying, and I quote, concerning the money needed for agenda 2030 and climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals because of climate change, which is because they changed the climate with weather manipulation. Create the crisis, control the opposition, and provide the final solution.

He made this comment, and it wasn't a slip up. And as God is my witness, I went through that thing so many times. I read the transcript, I listened to it. I heard all of the rebuttals that no, he didn't say it like that. Yes, he did. He was very articulate when he said it. "He will need trillions at HIS disposal." Oh, who — who he? Who his? The Antichrist will have unprecedented trillions at his disposal. That's *verse 38*.

Verse 39: This could refer to him placing an image of himself, as Paul says in *2 Thessalonians 2*, as Antiochus Epiphanes before him did, when he put an image of Zeus in the Holy of Holies. Well, he's going to put an image of himself as God in the temple, demanding to be worshiped as God.

And then not only that, but we also have in *verse 39* this reference to him dividing the land. This is Zachariah. Oh, my, my brain is getting tired because I'm tired. It's *Zachariah 12*, right, first three verses, *1-3*, about dividing the land. Joel, I think, has another reference about taking them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. You don't want to be there for this, those who seek to divide the land. Well, Zachariah is much stronger.

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Basically, God, through the prophet Zachariah, says that He will make Jerusalem the intoxicating obsession of the entire world. What will they be so intoxicated by and burdened with? Moving the boundary stones, an immovable stone. That's how they used stones to mark the boundaries.

And now they're going to try to divide the land and move those stones in the dividing of the land. We're going to cut it up. What do you mean, cut it up? Well, we're going to cut it in two, the two-state solution, dividing Jerusalem. And so the Lord says, (Chuckling) really? You're going to cut it up? That's My land! I gave it to My people, but that's My land.

David bought it, by the way. We have the title deed to it, by the way. And it belongs to God. In fact, it was offered to David, you might remember, for free, no charge. And David says, I will never do anything for the Lord that doesn't cost me something. And he paid full list price. He might even, like Kailua, I think, paid over list price, like real estate in Hawaii now. But he purchased that land that we know today as Israel.

Here's what's interesting. Zachariah says, **“If you try to cut up My land, I will cut you up, declares the Lord.”** So stay with me. The Antichrist — and we're almost done — is going to cut up, divide Jerusalem, and as part of this covenant, he will allow them to rebuild the very temple that he will defile when he commits the abomination. You realize this is already in place, right?

And prior to January of 2020, I could not have said that because that's when on January 21st — it was a Tuesday — I'll never forget it — one Donald J. Trump unveiled the long-awaited Deal of the Century, as it was dubbed. And as soon as I got my hands on that PDF file, I combed through that, read through that, and I quoted it in a Prophecy Update. And from that point on, it was the beginning of the end.

I had never expected — I was so taken back by the vitriol and the vicious excoriating by many who said, no, it doesn't divide the land. And I quoted it verbatim. It divides Jerusalem, cuts it in two, the Peace and Prosperity Plan, Deal of the Century. **“By peace he will destroy many.”** He will divide the land. This was prophesied how many generations ago in this vision to Daniel? I mean maybe 100 years, 200 years, 300 years for the prophecies that were already fulfilled.

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And then when you get to the ones from *verse 36* on, I mean, what detail. And right now, in the year 2024, we're watching all of this going, man, it's (Struggling to find words) well, it's time to close, but don't look at your watches.

This is exactly what is now happening, happening now, now happening, happening now. *Verses 40-43*, striking similarity to *Ezekiel 38*, particularly because of the mention of Sudan, Ethiopia, the mention of Jordan specific to Petra, Moab, the Moabites. This is where my mom was from, was from Jordan, a small town in Jordan, about two hours out of Amman, the capital, and two hours from Petra. How cool is that?

You know where my mom's mom was born and raised? Nazareth. What good could come out of Nazareth? A grandson from a grandmother who was born there. And so was Jesus of Nazareth, by the way. Anyway, I digress. Let's close it up. Thanks for your patience.

Verse 44. You know, this is — this reference to the kings of the East — he hears news and rumors, and he's upset. Well, this could be Revelation 9 and Revelation 16, where we're told that the kings of the East will come with an army of 200 million men crossing the dried-up Euphrates River.

By the way, this is another thing. Don't do it now. I'm almost done. But when you get home — not tonight — go to bed. Maybe tomorrow do some research. Do you know that the Euphrates River is drying up like it has never dried up before exactly as we are told in the Book of Revelation that it would? As far as the kings of the East: China for sure, Japan may be with them. 200 million men? Pfff! Got plenty more if you need them.

How specific is that? Not 250 million. 200 million. Not 150 million. No, no, 200 million at the ready. Have you seen those videos? I mean, it's actually quite embarrassing. You see the military in China, and they march in perfect step with each other, and they look, and they all look the same.

[Laughter]

Xi Jinping (Head snapping one direction to another)

And you see our military. Never mind. No, don't watch those things. It'll — you'll just — I know you want Jesus to come quickly, but you'll want Him to come quicker if you do.

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Okay, let's — lastly, *verse 45*. It's believed by some, not all, and I'm not dogmatic about this, but I still see *Ezekiel 38 and 39* and the battle of Armageddon in Revelation 16 as bookends on the 7-year tribulation, meaning the battle of Gog and Magog is at the beginning, and the battle of Armageddon is at the end.

Now there's an interesting reference here, where this is how it ends for the Antichrist at the end of the 7-year tribulation. I think it could be a reference to the battle of Armageddon, just like the prior references were to the Battle of Gog and Magog, coming from the north to invade Israel to take a spoil.

All right. What's the application in closing? Twofold. First, and I'm going to pose these in questions, question form, just to consider, all of us, myself included. And I just want us to leave with this and just consider this and take this to the throne and petition the throne.

First question. If the prior prophecies were fulfilled with such precise accuracy, wouldn't stand the reason that the future prophecies will also? That's not rhetorical. Here's the second one. With everything going on in the world today specific to Israel; again, that's the center focal point, and even more specific to Jerusalem, and even more specific, the Temple Mount.

By the way, you know the example of the prophetic clock, God's prophetic clock. The hour hand is Israel, the minute hand is Jerusalem, and the second hand is the Temple Mount. You want to know what time it is on God's prophetic clock? You need look no further than to what's happening in Israel.

Do you know what's happening in Israel right now? It's on fire, by the way. It's just on the verge of all of these prophecies coming to pass. So with everything that's going on in the world specific to Israel and more specific to Jerusalem, wouldn't it also stand to reason that we're on the cusp of these prophecies being fulfilled? You know that Iran, Turkey, and Russia are already, and have been for about three years now in Syria, at the ready, just waiting for the green light.

All of the nations listed by their ancient name in *Ezekiel 38* at the ready, perfectly positioned. You know the one that is the most intriguing to me — and I will close with this — is Saudi Arabia. Tarshish and her young lions: A lot of debate. Don't want to go into that. But Sheba

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and Dedan, *verse 13, Ezekiel 38*, they will only question this allied invasion of Israel to take a spoil. Have you noticed how chummy Saudi Arabia and the Gulf area is with Israel right now? I mean, they're buddies.

They're like — four years ago, maybe even more recent, I could not have stood up here and said *Ezekiel 38* — I, in fact, all the years I've been doing Prophecy Updates, I used to teach it like this. There's coming a day when Saudi Arabia is going to have good foreign relations with Israel. And everybody did the collective eye roll. Like, yeah, like that's going to happen. God said it. That settled it. It not only is going to happen, baby, it already happened. So let me just check the box off. We don't have any more boxes to check off. We've all been check, check, check, check, check, check, check, check, check.

Okay, what about the temple? We talked about the red heifer. Boy, did I get some heat on the red heifer. That was one hot cow. I'll tell you that.

[Laughter]

The ashes of the red heifer. No! No, no. Yeah, not so fast. No. So fast. That was the last — we talked about the typology of the red heifer, the ashes of the red heifer and how it points to the person of Jesus Christ. Oh, my goodness!

You know, the window between the time that calf — it has to be — once it gets to a certain age, it's disqualified. Do you know why that is? I don't either, but yeah, it's like really close because they're not getting any younger. And that's— when I've been to Israel, and you go to the Temple Institute, they've already — their computer technology, they know exactly who the Levites are by their DNA. For the priestly service, they have all of the articles.

Oh, the Ark of the Covenant. What about that? Oh, come on. They know within one meter of where the Ark of the — they have the Ark of the Covenant. So all they need is the red heifer. They asked for the red heifer. They already got that. What are we waiting for?

The rapture, the church to get removed and the restrainer, the Holy Spirit, to be taken out of the way. And then, baby, you can have it. Bye bye. See, ya; wouldn't want to be ya. I'm going to end with that.

[Laughter]

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David, come on up and save these poor, precious people from me continuing. You can stand up. We'll close. What a chapter, huh? Man, whoo!

[Applause]

I'm exhausted, but it's a good exhausted. You know that I probably shouldn't have told you this. I'm glad — I should have — I didn't tell you this at the beginning, and I'm glad I didn't because you would all walked out. You know that some Bible teachers have taken *Chapter 11* and spread it out over a period of about seven, eight weeks? And we just did that in one, well, one-and-a-half nights.

But no, and for good reason because there's just so much. I would encourage you to download the PDF. But please be gracious to me. I forgot to spell check it, so I'm sure there's going to be some spelling errors.

But man, you start going through verse-by-verse those specific prophecies and how they were and when they were. I've even got the dates for you, the names and the dates, B.C., when they were fulfilled, and how they were fulfilled, and by whom they were fulfilled.

Okay, I said I was done, right? So let's pray. Father, wow! Thank You, Lord. If this doesn't get us excited, we might want to check for a pulse. Oh, just thank You for this chapter. As involved and even intense as it is, it's just so exciting for us because of its accuracy and just the portion at the end that deals with the time of the end. And we're that chosen generation, that final generation alive at the time of the end.

Lord, thank You. Thank You for prophecy. Jesus, come quickly. Maranatha! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.