

Daniel 11

Love the Lord

- **Daniel Fasts/Prays 3 weeks:** Receives a Vision of Israel's Future
 1. One vision covering 3 Chapters; i.e. 10,11, and 12
 2. Uncovers 400 so-called "lost years" between Old and New Testament
 3. Babylon to Medo-Persia to Greece to Rome and beyond

- **Daniel's Vision**
 1. Post-incarnate Jesus at Riverside: Daniel undone
 2. Arch Angel Gabriel ministers to Daniel in v10

God uses angels... to serve us

Hebrews 1:14 [angels are...] ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation

Acts 12:77 [Angel frees Peter]... an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did.

Acts 8:26 [Angel sends Philip] "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority ...

Acts 10:3 [Angel instructs Cornelius] About 3the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" ["Send for Peter"]

Acts 27:23 [Angel encourages Paul] For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul

Matthew 18:10 [Angels report to God regarding children]"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. [Despise Lit. *disdain, think little or nothing of*]

Psalms 91:11 [Angels keep God's people] He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. [Guard, observe, give heed to all our ways]

- Angel Gabriel ministers to Daniel after being delayed:
- **Spiritual Warfare**
 1. Gabriel sent by God day Daniel began to pray
 2. Gabriel fought with the *Demonic Principality* given charge over Persia
 3. Reaches Daniel after 3 weeks
 4. Gabriel will leave Daniel to finish fighting Prince of Persia, then the Prince of Greece
 5. Purpose of demonic interference/bullying/oppression: **To hinder the Word of God**

Daniel 10:21 [Gabriel] But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth.

I. Vision Continues

- **Chapter 11:** 375 yrs. of detailed world history; Persia to Rome before it happened
- Inter-testament period; i.e. time between Old and New Testament
- **Covers details previously found in Daniel:**
 1. **Chapter 2:** Multi-metallic vision
 2. **Chapter 7:** Beasts
 3. **Chapter 9:** Daniel's 70 Weeks

The prophesy bridges the gap from Medo-Persia over to Greece, from Asia to Europe. It tells

of the transition of world powers from one continent to another, from the East to the West. Remember that the prophesy concerns the people of Daniel. It was especially important to Israel because they would be caught in a vice between these different powers. It would be a period of great suffering for these people. [JV McGee]

- **Critics:** Late-daters
 1. Insist that Daniel 11 was written *after the events took place*
 2. Insist the claim it was written beforehand... *is a lie*

Can't have your cake and eat it too...All or nothing

Such a view must undermine confidence in the *entire book*. If the late dating theory is correct, then "the so-called revelation was in fact nothing of the sort ... it follows that the preparation for the vision in chapter 10 was also a fiction put in as local color for the *sake of effect*."

Claiming Daniel 11 was written after the fact would be like prophesying the Vietnam War today, writing the so-called prophesy in a book, and trying to sell it today. Who would buy it? Nobody [NJC]

1 "Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.)"

- 1st Year of Darius the Mede: **Arch Angel Gabriel stands up to...**
 1. **Confirm Darius:** Lit. to strengthen, make strong, make courageous
 2. **Strengthen Darius:** Offer safety, protection, a refuge, a stronghold
- Gabriel in direct opposition to the spiritual Prince over Persia

Angel was with both Daniel and Darius: Daniel's friend during lion's den incident

Daniel 6:20b ... king [Darius] spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."²³ Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia

- **Gabriel speaking...**
- "4 Kings will arise in Persia after current king Darius the Mede" [Co-regent with Cyrus the Persian]
 1. Cambyses 529BC
 2. Pseudo-Smerdis 522BC
 3. Darius Hystaspis 521BC
 4. Xerxes 480BC

2b... 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.

- The Fourth king Xerxes will be the richest
- Xerxes will “stir up” Greece with both...
 1. Military Strength
 2. Economic Pressure

This Xerxes is probably the Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther!

3 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

- **Mighty king will rise up**
 1. Rule over much territory
 2. Basically “do what he wants”
- **Alexander the Great**
 1. Began reign in 335BC
 2. Took Persia and went on to “conquer the world”
 3. Greatest military strategist that ever existed?
 4. Died an alcoholic in 323BC

4 And when he [Alexander] has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, 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.

- **Before dying legend:** “Give my kingdom to the strong”
- **Not among his posterity:** Sons did not inherit his kingdom
- Divided between four winds: 4 Generals
 1. Cassander Macedonia
 2. Lysimachus Asia-Minor [NT Ephesus and Modern Turkey]
 3. Seleucus Nicator Syria to the North of Israel
 4. Ptolemy Egypt

All four families warred among themselves. Eventually they lost their kingdoms when the Romans marched east [JV McGee]

- Focus now on Kings of north and south of Israel
 1. Kings of the North: Syria
 2. Kings of the South: Egypt

NOTE: Direction in Scripture uses Israel as the center of the earth; i.e. Israel is the center of the earth and her people the apple of God’s eye!

II. Kings of North and South

5 “Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion

shall be a great dominion.

- **King of the South:** Line of Ptolemies in Egypt
- Large territory

6 And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South 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.

- **King of the North:** Line of Seleucidae in Syria about 250BC

Warring parties form alliance: King of the South and King of the North join forces

- **Daughter of the King of the South shall go to the King of the North:**
 1. Ptolemy Philadelpia of Egypt in south gives daughter Berenice to Antiochus Theos of Syria in the north
 2. Antiochus then divorces current wife Laodice
- **She [Berenice] shall not retain power/authority**
 3. After 2 years Berenice' father Ptolemy Philadelpia dies and Antiochus dumps Berenice and takes back former wife Laodice
- **He [Antiochus] authority will not stand**
 4. Laodice [apparently still bitter about Antiochus divorcing her] poisons Antiochus; orders the death of Berenice and son
 5. Laodice enthrones her own son Seleucus Callinicus

7 But 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.

- Branch of Berenice roots one shall arise
- **Ptolemy Euergetes:** Brother of Berenice
 1. After Berenice and son executed went to Syria with an army
 2. Seized what is the "Port of Antioch" today

8 And he shall also carry 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. 9 "Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

- **History records Ptolemy Euergetes'** booty from Syria; Bringing back to Egypt:
 1. 4000 Talents of Gold
 2. 40,000 Talents of Silver
 3. 2500 Idols

10 However his sons shall stir up strife, 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.

- Continued warfare between Kings of the North/South of Israel
- V. 10 "Overwhelm and pass through:

This was fulfilled in Seleucus III and Antiochus III, the two sons of Seleucus II. Both were successful generals, but Seleucus III ruled only a short time and was succeeded by his brother. In a furious battle, Antiochus III took back the Holy Land from the dominion of the Ptolemies. [Guzic]

11 "And 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. 12 When 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.

- **Gabriel still speaking:** King of South will...
 1. Counter attack after losing Israel to Antiochus
 2. Go north to Syria and "Meet a multitude" but...
 3. King of the South will win the battle

This was fulfilled when Antiochus III was defeated at the battle of Raphia. Because of that loss he was forced to give back dominion over the Holy Land to Ptolemy IV. [Guzic]

13 For the king of the North 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. 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.**

- War between North and South continues relentlessly
- Israel will try to fight against Egypt but they will but lose...
 1. Tried to help Antiochus III
 2. Resented rule of Egypt under Ptolemies

V14...violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.

- Israel caught in crossfire in between Testaments: Much Death/Destruction
- King of North will now take advantage of many rising up against Egypt [v14]

15 So the king of the North 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. 16 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 with destruction in his power.

- King of North will build siege around King of South and be victorious
 1. Takes fortified city

2. Southern forces:

- Use best troops
- Still overcome by North having no strength to resist

History records this battle: Antiochus the Great defeats Egypt

This was fulfilled when Antiochus III invaded Egypt again, gaining final control over the armies of Ptolemy V and over the Holy Land. [Guzic]

- After supporting Antiochus III he will turn on Israel

v.16...He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.

- **Here the reason for the vision:** Concerns Glorious Land; i.e. Israel

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; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him.

- **Now about 198BC:** Antiochus III makes treaty with Ptolemy V of Egypt
- Gives his daughter Cleopatra to Ptolemy Epiphanies to gain control of Egypt
- Not the famous Cleopatra who was born 100 years later

V 17...he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him.

- **Antiochus Plan Unsuccessful:** Cleopatra unfaithful to her Egyptian Husband

18 After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many.

- After failing to have daughter Cleopatra infiltrate Egypt
 1. Antiochus III "turns his face to the coastlands"; i.e. Asia Minor and Greece
 2. Helped by General Hannibal of Carthage

18b But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.

- But a ruler shall bring reproach against them to an end!

Enter Rome: General Lucius Cornelius Scipio defeats Antiochus III in Greece

- He shall turn back: Antiochus humiliated in Greece returns home and dies

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

After this defeat Antiochus III had an inglorious end. Needing money badly for his treasury, he resorted to pillaging a Babylonian temple and was killed by enraged local citizens. [Guzic]

20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious

kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

- After Antiochus III came **Seleucus III** as King of the North
 1. Antiochus III eldest son
 2. Taxed Syria and Israel

His plan to pillage the Jerusalem temple was set aside when his ambassador had an angelic vision of warning.[Guzic]

- **Destroyed w/in a few days:**
 1. Seleucus III murdered by his brother..**Antiochus the IV**
 2. **Seleucus III son**, next heir apparent is imprisoned in Rome

Antiochus the IV: **Antiochus Epiphany** [A Vile Person]

21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

- After Seleucus III a "Vile Person" will become King of the North
- **Antiochus Epiphany: 175BC**
 1. **Vile:** With regard to his treatment of Jews
 2. Not given the "honor of royalty"
 - Took it by murdering brother/locking up nephew
 - **Come peaceably;** [Apart from murder of brother]
 - a) Cunning words will be his means
 - b) Vocabulary is power...

...a person's vocabulary level is the best single predictor of occupational success. [Johnson O'Connor]

"Will I have to use a dictionary to read your book?" asked Mrs. Dodypol. "It depends," says I, "how much you used the dictionary before you read it." [Theroux, Darconville's Cat]

3. Grab the kingdom with "intrigue" and flattery

"He flattered Eumenes, king of Pergamus, and Attalus his brother, and got their assistance. He flattered the Romans, and sent ambassadors to court their favour, and pay them the arrears of the tribute. He flattered the Syrians, and gained their concurrence." [Clarke]

4. Little Horn of Daniel Chapter 8
 5. Type of Anti-Christ
- Epiphanies: "Illustrious"
 - Jews called him *Epimanes* Lit. "Madman"

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.

- Israel swept away by Antiochus
- **Prince of the Covenant;** i.e. Onias III: High Priest of Israel
 1. Deposed/Murdered by Antiochus
- **Next Antiochus IV invades Egypt...**

23 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. 24 He shall enter peaceably, 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.

- Gain power and following by redistribution of wealth [As AC]
- **Entitlements to gain allegiance**
- **3 Steps to Ending a Free Nation**
 1. **Diversity:** Honoring differences
 2. **Tolerance:** Shutting the mouths of the righteous
 3. **Empowerment:** Empowering/Enabling those who don't deserve it, have not worked for it, and don't know who to handle it.

25 "He shall stir up his power 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 devise plans against him. 26 Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

- **Victory over Egypt:**
 1. Antiochus will muster his strength
 2. Antiochus will bring a great army and face army of South
 3. Army of the King of South "will be swept away" and many die

27 Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.

- King of North/South sit across from each other at same table and lie to one another
- Talk about a treaty but "it shall not prosper"
- Antiochus will be victorious and take the spoil of Egypt...

28 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.

- Attack defeating Egypt on his way to Syria with a big "bag 'o' cash"
 1. Antiochus heart will turn against Israel [Satanic]
 2. He will "do damage" to Israel and continue home to Syria

- Later he will once again strike Egypt and this time lose:

29 "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. 30 For ships 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.

- Antiochus Epiphanes will lose his second campaign against Egypt
- Rome will intervene with Naval assistance and drive him back

The defeat of Antiochus Epiphanes at his second campaign against Egypt was important, because Egypt beat Antiochus with the help of Rome. At the end of it all, Antiochus Epiphanes and his kingdom were under the dominion of Rome.

In a famous battle, the Roman Navy defeated the navy of Antiochus Epiphanes. After the battle, a Roman general drew a circle around Antiochus in the dirt and demanded to know if he would surrender and pay tribute to Rome - and demanded to know before he stepped out of the circle. From then on, there was no doubt: Antiochus Epiphanes took his orders from Rome and was under Roman dominion.

- **Antiochus is enraged...**

V30...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.

- **Takes Rage out on believers** because of their covenant with God
- **Coddle** those who forsake their God [Mark of the Beast]

31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

- **170BC:** Antiochus Epiphanes bitter from defeat on his way home
 1. Slaughters over 100,000 Jews in Israel
 2. 40,000 prisoners
 3. Took away daily sacrifices
 4. Offered blood/both of pig on alter
 5. Set up image of Jupiter in Holy of Holies

Abomination that makes Desolate: Overlapping Prophecies

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation, 'spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false

Christ and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

- **Jesus spoke of 2 Abomination of Desolations:**
 1. Antiochus putting statue of Zeus in the Holy of Holies in 170BC
 2. Anti-Christ setting himself up in the Jewish Temple in _____
- **Matthew 24 and 25 is specific to the Tribulation Period**
 1. Great Tribulation
 2. Time of Jacob's Sorrow

32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery

- Those who hate Israel he [Antiochus/AC] will coddle and give gifts
- God will judge those in the Tribulation by how they treat Israel

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

During the Tribulation "earth dwellers" will be judged by the way they treated Jesus brethren the Jews while they are being persecuted by the Anti-Christ

32b...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

- **People who "know their God:** Heroes of the faith between Testaments
 1. Maccabees: Judas the Hammer
 2. Many unknown to us known to God
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33 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.

- Teachers will teach and be persecuted for it

34 Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; **but many shall join with them by intrigue.**

- Some relief for persecuted but imposters will creep in and muddy waters

35 And 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.

- **Those of understanding:** Some will fall/be tested
 1. Refined, purified, and made ready for the time of the end
- It is still the appointed time: God is in control, not taking Him by surprise
- **170BC:** Humiliated by Rome he will turn his rage against Israel
 1. Slaughter over 100,000 Jews
 2. Take 40,000 prisoners
 3. Outlaw Daily Sacrifices to the LORD
 4. Sacrifice a pig on Alter of Temple the LORD

...and place there the "abomination of desolation"

- I.e. Set up image of Jupiter in Holy of Holies
- **Jewish opposition arose against Antiochus IV:** Began with one family
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Expansion of Israel under Maccabees 166BC

Israel was plunged into a grueling period of religious persecution with the accession of Antiochus the IV to the throne of the Seleucid kingdom in 175BC. From circumcision to Sabbath observance, many Jewish customs were outlawed. **Opposition** to Antiochus policies centered around Mattathias home in Modein, a town 17 miles NW of Jerusalem.

A guerrilla war ensued in 164BC. Mattathias son Judas Maccabeus successfully recaptured Jerusalem and reconsecrated the temple. Judas brothers Simon and Jonathan continued the struggle against Syrian tyranny until 142BC. After that date, Israel remained practically independent until Romans invaded Israel in 63BC

After the Temple was liberated and rededicated Judah ordered the Temple to be cleansed and a new altar built in place of the polluted one and new holy vessels to be made. According to the Talmud, unadulterated and undefiled pure olive oil with the seal of the high priest was needed for the menorah in the Temple, which was required to burn throughout the night every night. The story states that one flask was found with only enough oil to burn for one day, yet it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of kosher oil for the menorah. **An eight-day festival was declared by the Jewish sages to commemorate this miracle.**

- Jesus celebrates this festival in John 10:22; the Festival **of Dedication**. We call it **Hanukkah**
- 2nd Future Abomination of Desolation: **Antichrist**

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prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains... **21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

- **Rise and Fall of Antichrist**

III. Type to Anti-Type: Antiochus Epiphanies to Anti-Christ

- Text in Daniel now turns focus *from* Antiochus IV BC *to* future Anti-Christ
 1. After the Rapture of the Church
 2. After the Holy Spirit restraining power over man's sin removed
 3. During ride of 4 Horsemen of Revelation
 - **White Horse:** Anti-Christ
 - **Red Horse:** War
 - **Black Horse:** Famine
 - **Pale Horse:** Death

36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will..."

- **"The King"** shall do According to his own will:
 1. **His own will**
 2. Not the peoples will
 3. Not God's will

John 5:30 [Jesus said] I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

- Jesus our Creator

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For **by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

- Jesus humbled Himself by becoming human and dying on a cross for us:

Philippians 2:5 ... Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- Unlike the king who will do according to his own will [AC] Jesus did the Father's will:

Luke 22:42 ... "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

- **God condescended to us...** because of His great love and desire to be with us:

Psalm 18:16 [David] He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.17 He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.18 They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support.19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Psalm 145:15 The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

- Jews did not accept Jesus at His 1st Coming when He came in His Father's Name
- Jews will accept AC who comes in his own name...

John 5:43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, **him you will receive.**

- Jesus received honor from God the Father. AC will honor himself

36b...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.

- **Anti: "Against" or "In the Place of..."**
 1. The Antichrist
 - Term not in Revelation or Daniel but 1st and 2nd Epistles of John

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming...

2. Man of Sin
 3. Son of Perdition
 4. The Beast
 5. The Wicked One
 6. The Little Horn
 7. Willful King
- **Imposter will:**
 1. Magnify himself
 2. Mock/Blaspheme True and Living God
 3. Prosper till God says enough... "for what has been determined shall be done"

37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god...

- **He will:**

1. Not respect the **"God of his fathers"** *elohiym*; lit. ruler, judge, divine
2. Not respect the **"Desire of women"**
 - **Jesus** is the Desire of Woman
 - All Hebrew woman desired to be mother of Messiah

1 John 2:22 He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

3. Not respect **"any god" i.e.** All religions and all forms of worship

Why will he not give credence/honor to any god? Because he's got one.

37b... for he shall exalt himself above them all.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 [AC] ...opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- **All** hell-bound earth-dwellers will worship him...

Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

"AC is the final and logical expression of humanism" [JVM]

- **Unholy Trinity:** Always a substitute...
 1. Satan posing as the Father
 2. Antichrist an imposter of the Son
 3. False Prophet mimicking the Holy Spirit
 - Holy Spirit points to the worship of Jesus
 - False-Prophet directs worship to the Antichrist [Beast]

Revelation 13:15 [False Prophet] was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

- False Prophet granted power of Satan allowed by God
 1. **Power to "give breath" to the "image of the beast"**
 - *Image* will speak
 - *Image* will cause those who do not worship the beast [AC] to die
 2. **False Prophet causes all to receive the mark of the beast**
 - Right Hand
 - Forehead
 3. **No one will conduct business without one of these three:**
 - Mark of the beast
 - Name or of the beast or...
 - Number of his name [666]

- **At this time:**
 1. 144,000 Jewish witnesses
 2. Angel preaching the Everlasting Gospel: "Do not take the mark"
- **AC is exalting himself above all other deities...**

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.

- **In the place of all other god's AC will Worship**
 1. A god of fortresses

AC will trust in Military Power

Matthew 4:8 ... the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Jesus rejected Satan's offer of all the kingdoms of the world in Matthew 4

AC will accept Satan's offer and become ruler of the world; military leader of the world!

- Military forces are no match for the Living God
- Where is our trust?

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. 8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

AC will Trust in Military *and* Economic Power

2. Worship a "god his father did not know" by accumulation of...

- Gold and Silver
- Precious Stones
- Pleasant Things

- **AC Base of operation in Iraq:** Economic Center where all worlds wealth will move:

Zechariah 5:5 ...the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth." 6 So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." [KJV This is an ephah that goeth forth; i.e. unit of measurement] He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth: 7 Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; 8 then he said, "This is Wickedness!" ["The wickedness"] And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth. 9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. 10 So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?" 11 And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

- **Basket:** Worlds wealth set on a base in Iraq

39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory...

- **Thus: Because** AC worships Military and Economic Power
 1. He will conquer the *strongest* fortresses
 2. He will conquer them *by the power of a foreign god*

Who is this foreign god...this secret weapon?

- He shall *acknowledge* the foreign god

Possessed by him, Antichrist will advance Satan's Agenda.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For **the devil has come down to you**, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

- **Mid-Tribulation Satan will possess AC:** Legions of Demons will at his command

39b...and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

- He shall cause *them to rule over many?* Demons controlling world leaders
- Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the Statue revealed future world kingdoms
- **Last humanistic Kingdom:** AC Kingdom will be both Iron and Clay

Daniel 2:42 ...as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

- **"They will mingle with the seed of men"** Occult meets Genetics?
- AC possessed by Satan give demons their charge:
 1. Rule over many
 2. Divide the land [Israel] for gain

Verse 40 Key: How we know v 36 forward speaks of Anti-Christ *and not* King of the North

40 "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..."

- King of North/King of the South mentioned coming against *another king* [AC]
- At the time of the end?

It is the "time of the end" not the "end of time" [JVM]

- King of the South [Egypt] will attack the King of the North [Russia?]

- King of the North will come against him [AC] quickly [whirlwind]
 1. Chariots
 2. Horsemen
 3. Many ships

Beginning of the kings of the earth call to Armageddon

Revelation 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."...

...16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

- Unclean Demonic Spirits gather the kings of the earth to Armageddon
- Place called in Hebrew...Armageddon. Northern Israel
- **War:** Russia, China, Iran head to Israel while watching Babylon burn [cf. Rev notes]
- War concludes with the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ:**

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- **All worlds kings and armies traveling toward Armageddon for a Supper**

Revelation 19:17 ...I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the **supper of the great God**, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

Revelation 14:17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one

thousand six hundred furlongs.

- **Previous to the Lord returning**...and the Supper of the Great God

40b [Antichrist]...shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

- Antichrist will enter countries:
 1. **Overwhelm/overpower/Conquer**
 2. **Pass through them** to get to his destination

Use these countries as steppingstones for his agenda...

To take control of the world

V36 ...till the wrath has been accomplished; what has been determined shall be done.

- **God is in control**

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown...

- **He will go into Israel:** On his way many countries will be defeated

41b...but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

- **Edom, Moab and Ammon**

1. Southern Jordan

These 3 Countries will escape from the AC hand. Why?

2. **Petra and Bozrah** are located here
3. **Jews place of refuge from AC during the Great Tribulation**

Revelation 12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is

nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Edom, Moab and Ammon: OT Enemies of Israel
- **Moab as a place of safety?**
 1. David in stronghold with 400 Bums and badguys
 2. Sends his parents to the **King of Moab** to be safe from Saul
 3. David's had family there:
 - Ruth the Moabite married Boaz
 - They begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot **David**.
 - Ruth the Moabite was David's grandmother
 - David sends his parents to Moab to be safe from Saul [AC]

1 Samuel 22:3 ...[David] said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me." 4 So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

- Place where Jesus will wipe out those who try to kill His people:

Isaiah 63:1 [Those waiting for Jesus on Mt. Zion at the 2nd coming see Him coming back from Bozrah] Who is this who comes from Edom, **With dyed garments from Bozrah**, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

- Before Jesus "does business" ...AC will take as much as he can get:

42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 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.

- AC will come against countries: **Defeat/Plunder Egypt**
- Power over the purse of the earth: Economic and Military power
- Libya and Ethiopia submit to him

44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him...

- Anti-Christ will receive a report concerning the East and North

1. China [East] and Russia [North] marching toward Armageddon

44b...therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

- **Strike while iron is hot:** Kings of the East and North set in motion toward Israel
- Set to destroy/annihilate many; i.e. God's people

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain...

- Plant the "tents of his palace" between the "seas" and "glorious holy mountain"
 1. Between Mediterranean sea and Jerusalem
 - **Goal:** To set up a base in Israel
 - **Result:** His demise
- Setting up shop in Israel begins the "**Time of Jacob's Trouble**"
- AC will annihilate 2/3rds of Jews before his demise:

Zechariah 13:8 And it shall come to pass in all the land, "Says the Lord, "That **two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die**, But one-third shall be left in it:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

- **Paul said all Israel will be saved:** Remnant that are God's people will be saved

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

- God will protect His people in southern Jordan; East and South of Israel

45b...yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

- **Antichrist demise:** He who dies with the most toys...still dies

Revelation 19:19 ...I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall

Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?