

Daniel 11:36-12:13 –28 August 2025

“Leading To The Substitute: Ep 2 of 2”

Introduction

*Book’s Outline: 2 halves (historical chronology chap 1-6 & more detailed prophetic visions in chap 7-12)

*1st half foreshadows the overall End Times

*In Dan 11, the angel gave Daniel a prophecy that today has become a history textbook from 536-164BC

*This was of Antiochus; the clearest Biblical type of the Anti-Christ to come that will rule this world

*”Anti” means *against* or could just mean *instead of*

*This is the same as saying the substitute

*Vs 36 is clear transition from Antiochus to Antichrist

*Vs 35 – *still to come in the future*

*Vs 36 – *succeed until the indignation is finished*

Today, we’ll look at the 3 final themes the Lord reveals to humanity regarding the Last Days

#1 – Anti-Christ’s Identification: He’s the culmination of man’s best efforts (Vs 36-45)

Read Vs 36

1. Some 4th grade students mistakenly think they’re the teacher of their class at school
 - a. Some employees think they have the right to run the company
 - b. Anti-Christ has this attitude about the world
2. Regards himself higher than other traditions & gods, but specifically speaks against the true God
 - a. Read Rev 13:4-6 – He’s worshipped & speaks against the one true God (ie Dan 7:8)

Read Vs 37

1. *Gods of his fathers*
 - a. Strictly, this means he will not follow his parent’s religion
 - b. Could mean he’s Jewish (see next phrase)
2. *The desire of women*
 - a. Could mean he’s celibate or homosexual

- b. Most likely means he doesn't respect Messiah
 - c. All Jews desire to be mother of Messiah
 - d. Jesus called the desire of nations in Hag 2:7
3. He acts as god above gods (Read II Thes 2:4)

Read Vs 38-39

- 1. In place of idolizing the spiritual, he will worship military force & protection
 - a. He will pour lots of money into this
- 2. By military control he'll divide the world into 10 kingdoms for profit
 - a. Pictured as 10 toes in Dan 2, 10 horns in Dan 7 & Rev v17

Read Vs 40-43

- 1. Egypt seems to be 1 of 3 kingdoms he deposes
- 2. Though he begins as a man of peace (Rev 6), he then invades Middle East to rule over Israel
 - a. Now God has prepared for Israel to flee & be protected for the last 3.5 years of the Trib
 - b. Isa 16 says they flee to Petra (Rev 12:14)

Read Vs 44-45

1. This seems to be the gathering together for the Battle of Armageddon at the end of the Trib
 - a. Read Rev 16:12, 16, 19
 - b. Read Zec 13:8-9 – Devastating for Israel
 - c. Read Rev 19:19-21 – He’s weak after all

#2 – Salvation & Glorification: God knows how to deliver and resurrect those that are Him (Vs 1-3)

Read Vs 1

1. Here at the end of the Trib it’s so bad that literally everyone would die (Read Matt 24:21-22)
2. Now specific to Israel, they are here rescued
 - a. Read Rom 11:25-26a
3. How is “all Israel saved”? Daniel just told us
 - a. This is after 2/3 fall in the Trib as we read

Read Vs 2

1. This is the OT’s most direct literal teaching of eternal resurrection and the great divide
 - a. Jesus taught this in (Read) John 5:28-29

2. Now why is it *many* and not “all”, b/c Jesus already rose (firstfruits), the majority rose at the rapture (harvest), now this is the gleanings at end

Read Vs 3

1. There should be these 2 pursuits for those Trib saints & also for us today
 - a. Become a learner, a disciple ourselves
 - b. Help others become disciples as well
2. On earth Jesus came as the Light of the world
 - a. Yet He called us the light of the world to be His representatives
 - b. I believe this is part of our resurrected eternal bodies, that we'll shine to different degrees (Read I Cor 15:41-42)
 - c. Certainly, Jesus is the only Light that matters now or for eternity, but we'll get to reflect Him forever

#3 – Timing & Ramification: Our efforts are often to benefit & comfort others (Vs 4-13)

Read Vs 4

1. This wasn't written for Daniel's generation to benefit from – but it becomes increasingly needed as we approach the last days
2. *Running to & fro w/ knowledge increasing*
 - a. Daniel should let these words settle for now
 - b. In the end, many will seek out its meaning
3. Now certainly there has also been a dramatic rise in travel and general knowledge as well

Read Vs 5-7

1. From the time Anti-Christ pushes into Israel forcing them to flee to Petra will be 3.5 years
 - a. Recall, he comes in peace for 1st 3.5 years
2. Interesting how this angel is on the waters
 - a. In Rev 13 Anti-Christ arises from the sea
 - b. It's as if this angel is preventing his rise until the proper time to allow it

Read Vs 8

1. Daniel asks his last question, “How will it turn out in the end?”
2. Brings us comfort to know that Daniel in his late years still didn’t fully understand God’s plan

Read Vs 9-10

1. There will be time for everyone to cement themselves in the position & belief they choose
 - a. Same thought ends Rev (Read Rev 22:11)
 - b. No one can claim, “I didn’t know”

Read Vs 11-13

1. Abomination of Desolation happens $\frac{1}{2}$ way thru 7-year Trib (Dan 9:27), the end is 1290 days
2. This 1290 days is 30 days longer than 42 months or 3.5 years is listed for many events
 - a. Area of Temple given to Gentiles (Rev 11:2)
 - b. Two Witnesses testify (Rev 11:3)
 - c. Israel flees Anti-Christ (Rev 12:6, 14)
 - d. A/C speaks blasphemies (Rev 13:5)

3. Now, it's unclear how this 30 days then 45 more days period is broken down
 - a. But we know that Matt 25:31-46 (Sheep/Goats) happens at this time
 - b. Maybe 30 days to purge the earth & 45 days to separate the people or vice versa
4. Notice the peace that's given Daniel isn't an understanding of the outcome of everything
 - a. The peace given is of knowing that though he dies (rests), he shall live again forever

Conclusion

So the Lord leaves us w/ these 3 final themes

1. **Anti-Christ's Identification**
 - a. He's man's best effort – but still fails
 - b. Fails b/c he trusts himself & not God
2. **Salvation & Glorification**
 - a. God knows how to deliver & resurrect
 - b. Not one of His own can slip thru His grasp
3. **Timing & Ramification**
 - a. Much of the Bible speaks of God & not us
 - b. Let that expand our view of existence