



# DANIEL 11 PART II

## ***Regard for God***

*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 11:36*

In this final portion of Daniel 11 (vs 36-45) the timeline shifts to the future for us, even further to the future for Daniel as we are now looking into the time of the end. We are reintroduced to the character of the coming antichrist who would set himself up against God, blaspheming Him, and have no regard for any god other than himself. When we really boil this down it starts to sound like a lot of the people we know that are lost and in need of the Savior. Revelation 13:1–8 describes him as a man who would receive power from the dragon (Satan). Ultimately we see a man who would be a willing puppet for satan. A mouthpiece for the forces of darkness. We could also see this as a man used and manipulated by satan as he would die alone and nobody would help him. This is the sad state of the problem of sin. When we don't have regard for God, but regard ourselves as better than others and put ourselves on the throne of our lives our fate will be the same as this antichrist. We will meet our end, and nobody will help us. This is true in the physical sense as well as the spiritual. The problem of sin is that it corrupts our minds, distorts our hearts, and drives us away from God and from people. How many people do we know that are being manipulated by the forces of darkness today? How can we have compassion on them and share with them the truth of Jesus?

## ***What does it mean to regard God above all?***

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Where in the New Testament do we see verses that parallel this description of the Antichrist?
2. The 'Spirit of the Antichrist' is already at work in this world, how do you recognize it? Do you recognize any of those attributes at work in your heart?
3. This coming Antichrist is to be a world leader who would unite the world, but only for a short time before his governors turn on him. Why do you think that is? How does that expose the sinful nature of man?
4. Mankind wants so desperately to live in peace in a 'utopian era' that they wrongly believe that we, (mankind) have the power to manufacture it. What is the flaw in this reasoning?
5. In regard to end times study (Eschatology), why should we strive to keep an open mind?