

I. **Rage (Daniel 11:1-39)**

- A. Dan 11:2 events concerning the historic Persian Empire
- B. Dan 11:3-4 events concerning the historic Greek Empire
- C. Dan 11:5-20 historic conflicts between Egypt and Syria
- D. Dan 11:21-45 future events related to the Antichrist (first 15 verses apply in part to the historic figure Antiochus like as in chapter 8:9-12).
 - 1. Dan 11:21-29
 - 2. From verse 27 on, the primary aggressor or antagonist of the passage begins to blur into an almost entirely future depiction of the Antichrist.
- E. Out of only a handful passages in the Old Testament describing the antichrist in detail, 3 are in Daniel (Little Horn in chapters 7 and 8, and this in chapter 11).
 - 1. Why did God give so much detail about the Antichrist to Daniel?
 - a) Because the Son of Man is at the center of the Book of Daniel, and because Daniel offers a prophetic picture of the end-time church. This anchors us to respond to coming pressures in faith not in fear.
- F. The rage comes to a head:
 - 1. **Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.** ³² **He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.** ³³ **And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.** ³⁴ **When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join**

themselves to them with flattery,³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time. (Daniel 11:31-35 ESV).

2. God's plan includes strategically filling the earth with forerunners (end time messengers with a prophetic spirit) who will watch, pray, and warn.
3. For the prophetic church, the details of Daniel's visions will be a source of great boldness to declare what will happen ahead of time and to warn the nations of the antichrist's true colors.

G. Dan 11:36-39 describes the Antichrist's religious attitudes.

II. Resistance (**Dan 11:40-45**)

A. Verses 40-45 describe the Antichrist's military activities.

1. In 11:40-45 there are 16 masculine, third person, singular pronouns: "he," "him," "his." He is used 7 times (11:40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45) Him is used 4 times (11:40 twice, 44, 45) His is used 5 times (11:41, 42, 43, 45 twice)
2. This, including the king of the north and the king of the south, puts 3 kings in the passage. The strength of this view is that the "he" in this passage is consistently the Antichrist.
3. In a 2 King view, the king of the north is the antichrist.

B. It is also one of the most detailed portions of scripture showing nations that will resist the Antichrist almost until the very end.

C. We imagine a scene in which the antichrist fully controls every nation of the earth unilaterally. There will be nations that resist the antichrist until the very end.

1. This passage highlights the King of the North (Syria), the King of the South (Egypt) and nations from the east.
2. The antichrist, his reign, his terror, and his mark will take time to spread across the world.
3. Here, nations from the east, for example, resist him. But Revelation 16 describes during the bowl judgments that the

kings of the east will finally join with the antichrist (as with all nations at the very end) against Jerusalem (Zech 14, Joel 3).

III. Resurrection

A. “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Daniel 12:1-2 ESV).

1. Israel and all those whose names are written in the book will be delivered together.
2. This deliverance comes with the resurrection of the saints.

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