

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Chapter 11, Part 2

- V 33-35 transition verses –**big gap (the Church Age)** between time of Maccabees “**until the time of the end**” indicates the next verses leap forward in time to the end (indication here of the time when truth of God spreads, during our current Church Age) corresponds to gap between 69th and 70th weeks in Daniel 9.
- V 36 begins prophecies of end times. Important to remember these events have not happened yet. All we have is speculation right now. Test everything against scripture.
- **CAREFUL!** While most of this chapter has been perfectly fulfilled as we look BACK in history, trying to figure it all out before is very difficult, even dangerous. These last verses are about the end times, in the future, so all our ideas are speculative, except where scripture is clear. The identities of various players (north, etc.) are pure speculation.
- **“Then the king shall do according to his own will...”** the king at the end (the Antichrist, *referred to throughout these notes as “AC”*) will be very willful (sometimes referred to as the “willful king”)
- **“He shall exalt himself...”** This is the little horn in chapter 7. 2 Thessalonians 2 tells us “*he will exalt himself over everything that is called God.*” Revelation details his desire that the whole world worship him.
- **“...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.”** (correlates with Daniel 7, 9 and Revelation 13). We are reminded that God has pre-determined all of this. He is always in control.
- **“He shall regard neither the God of his fathers...”** very Jewish sounding phrase, some think this means AC will be Jewish. But others believe this means that whoever he is, he will not have any regard for any god. He will be violently opposed to the true God.
- **“Nor the desire of women”**....also very Jewish phrase, some think this means AC will be homosexual, but Jewish flavor is usually used to indicate the Messiah (the desire of women – all women desired to be the mother of the Messiah). This would indicate he will be opposed to both God and His Messiah, Jesus. Still others believe this indicates a Muslim, as Islam denegrates women.
- AC could be Jewish, of Seleucid ancestry, which would fulfill Daniel 8, but also because Jesus was Jewish. He is a counterfeit of Jesus. Scriptural arguments to support both positions.
- TWO beasts in Revelation 13, beast from sea (AC) and beast from land (False Prophet). Some believe these and other prophecies are describing two men, not one. AC Gentile, possible Jewish FP.
- **“He shall exalt himself above them all...”** he will try to exalt himself above God and Jesus. (Isaiah 14)
- **“Shall honor a god of fortresses...”** we don’t know exactly what this means. AC will honor only one as his god. He will act against the strongest fortresses – the strongest nations, etc. Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of this world. Apparently he could do that, as he was given authority over the earthly kingdoms. AC will accept this offer. This god of fortresses is probably the enemy himself. AC will worship the enemy, but will command others to worship himself.



- **“...he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.”** He will have some sort of global plan, perhaps redistribution of wealth, global territories, etc. It will not be for good of the world, but his own good. Initially he will be praised, later many will oppose him.
- **“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...”** Likely rulers from Egypt (or kingdom, nation) or a confederation (South is always Egypt in scripture). North always stands for Israel’s enemies, this time could be Russia (Ezekiel 38-39 Gog and Magog invasion? Controversial.... speculation.)
- Ezekiel, however, is clear that his reference is a Russian Arab alliance. What we don’t know is whether this passage in Daniel speaks of that alliance and invasion, or another one.
- **“He shall enter the Glorious Land...”** “Glorious Land” is always Israel. In this invasion the AC enters Israel, and sets himself up as god. He overcomes enemies, but for some reason ancient territories of Edom, Moab and Ammon (modern Jordan) escape his control. Fascinating, especially since many speculate that Petra, located this area, will be a hiding place of refuge for the Jews during this time.
- Several nations will be defeated in this time. AC will establish a worldwide reign. All is not calm, however, and AC is worried about what is happening in east (perhaps “kings from the east” Revelation 16:12-16, maybe Orient armies?) and the north. Most likely build up to Armageddon. AC has growing opposition, eventually culminates in the world’s armies massing in the valley of Megiddo, not only to oppose AC, but to vainly attempt to wipe out the people of God, and God Himself! (Psalm 2: *“Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?”*)
- **“...he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain...”** AC will set up headquarters in Israel between the Mediterranean and Jerusalem (the holy mountain, Zion). Here will be his final stand. (*Headquarters may be originally in Babylon, but Jerusalem at end*)
- **“...yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.”** In the battle to end all battles, the AC will meet his end. NO ONE will help him! God has appointed the time, and the events. They WILL happen just as He has said.
- For all the world’s hype (even unbelievers know what this means), the Battle of Armageddon is anti-climactic – as are the last few words of this chapter: **he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.** No human can come to AC’s rescue, and Jesus triumphs over them all with merely a word.
- Reminder, many of these details are up for speculation, since these events have not yet unfolded in history. When they do, however, the people living through these times will have concrete information here and will not have to speculate about what things will happen. They will know. The information about the final world ruler, and the final world kingdom, presented in Daniel, Revelation, Zechariah and several other places will serve as guidelines, markers, and encouragement for those who must live during these times. Speculation will not be needed. In those days the fulfillment of these events will be clear.

WHY these precise prophecies?

- 1) Initially recorded for comfort and encouragement of people of God who live through difficult days it describes (near fulfillment, historical part, AND for those who will live through end times)
- 2) To show those who follow God His plan, especially for the end times, so we can be aware and watchful.
- 3) For all generations as a testimony to the fact that God knows the end from the beginning, and has it all in His hands.
- 4) God is who He says He is, and His Word is true. Prophecy validates and authenticates Him.

