

Daniel 11.36–12.4

The Long Shadow

On 6<sup>th</sup> day of Year of our Lord 2019 has Long Shadow of 2018 come over You?

Perhaps ENDED 2018 New FIRM RESOLVE – New YEAR, New YOU!

EAT Better, EXERCISE More, STUDY More, SPEND Less / New & Better!

THROW Away Your DEMONS with Old Calendar...Shadow LURKING...

Step BACK into Daniel 11 –



1 most Interesting / Complicated chs Bible  
VISION God > To DANIEL – 3<sup>rd</sup> & FINAL  
Future of Nations around Israel  
11.2-35 – Over 100 Very Specific,  
Predictive, Descriptive, PROPHECIES

Remarkable HISTORICAL ACCURACY > Intrigue, Battles, Romance

Persians and Greeks – Xerxes, Alexander the Great, even Cleopatra!

...Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me... “I came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”  
Daniel 10.13,14

LAST King mentioned > MOST Terrifying to the PEOPLE of God in ISRAEL

**King Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria - 169-167 B.C.**

DETAILED in Apocryphal Books > Era of Maccabees

WARNING for Faithful: Be READY for DISTRESS, SUFFERING, TROUBLE

NOT All Will be Rescued from Lion’s Den or Fiery Furnace

Message for 1<sup>st</sup> C BC >> points ALL Way to FINAL Century

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away...” John 16.1

BEGIN @ v. 36 NO LINE Across PAGE, some DISPUTE what's going on...

Already SEEN advance of ANTIOCHUS – PAIN he Causes to People of God

v. 21 Onwards – Rise/Success, Conflict/Oppression, Suffering/Steadfastness

NOW from vs. 36 is REPEAT of Exploits of ANTIOCHUS? ON Steriods...

THREE REASONS we can see that TEXT Moves beyond MAN Antiochus...

1) Language takes on bigger-than-life terms.

v. 36 magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods

v. 38 the god of fortresses...gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts

v. 39 strongest fortresses...load with honor...rulers over many

v. 40 At the time of the end...rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships

v. 41 tens of thousands shall fall

v. 42 the land of Egypt shall not escape.

v. 43 ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things

v. 44 great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction.

v. 45 palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain

MORE than what ONE MAN / Empire can Accomplished > Evil Super-Sized

LANGUAGE is COSMIC and MYTHICAL above & beyond the MUNDANE

“In Antiochus one sees a foreshadowing, a scale model, of the final opponent of God's people. The final scourge will be like Antiochus Epiphanes – only more and worse.”

Dale Ralph Davis

## 2) “time of the end”

v. 40 “At the time of the end...

v. 1 a time of trouble, such as never has been

v. 2 those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake

v. 4 until the time of the end.

If LIVING in Bombed Out HOVEL in SYRIA or YEMEN

If Tidal Wave took away HOME & FAMILY in PALU, INDONESIA

If FIRE burned down your ENTIRE Town of PARADISE, CALIFORNIA

FOR YOU that Seems like THE END – NO Strength, No Support, FEEL DEAD!

SAD Story of HUMAN History – Wars, Earthquakes, Pestilence, Destruction

ONE Terrible Historical Moment > Antiochus Epiphanes > Death to Jerusalem

ONE Final Moment > Rebellious Anti-Christ will USHER in FINAL DEATH

## 3) Greater than One Man

vs. 42,43 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train.

v. 45 he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain.

THIS SUPER-MAN will Stretch Out MIGHTY Hand – Plunder Nations

FILL UP a MIGHTY TENT > HUGE Expanse btwn SEA and MOUNTAIN

Daniel is speaking from the sixth century and is looking into the future... telescoping future events... Antiochus Epiphanes takes on larger than life characteristics, which we, living in the light of the New Testament, might describe as anticipatory of a figure called Antichrist. Tremper Longman III

Evil Shadow Lengthens...	Antiochus 'despicable' v. 21	Anti-Christ 'king' v. 36
Rise and success	11.21-24	11.36-39
Conflict and oppression	11.25-31	11.40-45
Suffering and steadfastness	11.32-35	12.1-3

See this TELESCOPING of God's Plan of Human History thru BIBLE...

...you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: "How the oppressor has ceased, the insolent fury ceased!...kings of the nations. All of them will answer and say to you: You too have become as weak as we!..."

ISAIAH taunts KING OF BABYLON will FALL like a MAN / Daniel records

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high...'"

Isaiah 14.4-13

KING of Babylon FUELED with SATANIC Pride > FALLS like SATAN

"Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God: "Because your heart is proud, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas,' yet you are but a man, and no god, though you make your heart like the heart of a god..."

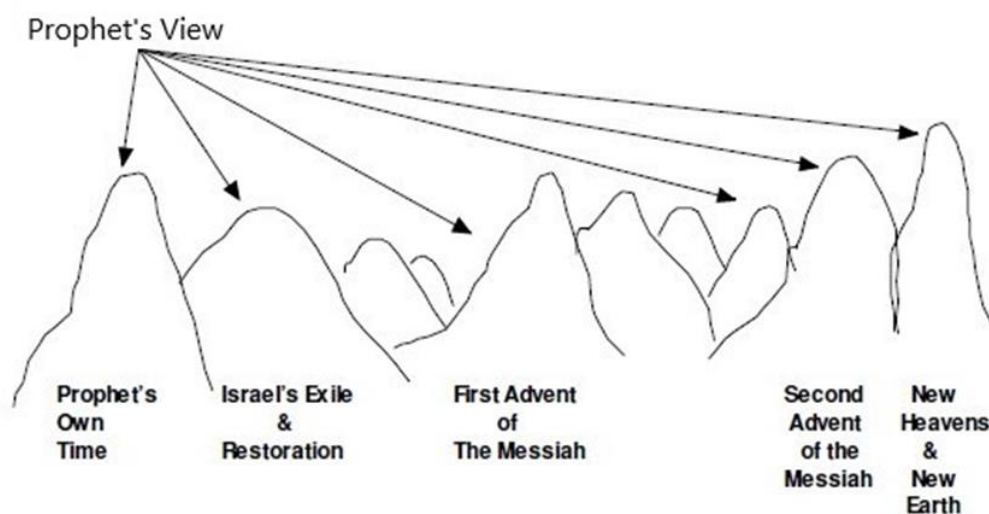
Ezekiel 28.1,2

LARGER than LIFE Language > SITTING in the Heart of the SEAS

MANY Bible Teachers call these 2 Pictures of SATAN

Messages clearly DIRECTED to King of Babylon and Prince of Tyre

KING and PRINCE – SUPER-SIZED – Super Human Evil ACHIEVEMENTS



PROPHETS Sees down CORRIDORS of CENTURIES > Peaks NOT Valleys  
 PREDICTIVE Prophecy > Future Spoken as FACT > God of the Bible is TRUE

Ch 11 Daniel TELLS of EMPIRES Centuries BEFORE they even EXIST

JESUS used this TELESCOPE in some of HIS Preaching too...

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down”... Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”...

...when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains...

“when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13.1-27

It seems...that neither an exclusively historical nor an exclusively eschatological interpretation is satisfactory, and that we must allow for a double reference, for a mingling of historical and eschatological. C.E.B. Cranfield

Jesus' Telescope sees from END of TEMPLE to the END of TIME

Reminds them of Terrible Day ANTIOCHUS > Abominable Sacrilege in Temple

ROMANS will be MORE Terrible > Not One Stone will be Left on Another!

Pulls out Telescope FARTHER – TEMPLE will END so will TIME!

SUN & MOON Stop Working – STARS Falling

ANGELS of God Gathering the ELECT of God for their ETERNAL HOME!

WORLD and all its PROUD BOASTS > is PERIPHERAL to the CHURCH!

Let's look thru TELESCOPE and see 2 Main Points about our TEXT...

### 1. If you Wanna Serve Satan, he'd be Thrilled!

#### a. If you have no god, You must Be God!

v. 36 And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods.

v. 37 He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.

HIS ATHEISM makes him REJECT Family gods & POPULAR gods

Beloved of Women – god TAMMUZ – his Legendary Death Mourned Annually

v. 38 He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.

MAN who is GOD realizes his POWERLESSNESS

Needs GODS of MIGHT and MONEY for his SURVIVAL

v. 39 He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god.

TRAPPED by his CREATUREHOOD – Wants to BE HIS OWN GOD

But CANNOT ESCAPE his TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON ONLY TRUE GOD

...unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness *suppress the truth*. For what can be known about God is *plain to them*, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been *clearly perceived*, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although *they knew God*, *they did not honor him as God* or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and *exchanged* the glory of the immortal God for images

Romans 1.18-23

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, *their god is their belly*, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. Philippians 3.18,19

## b. Death and Destruction are Devilish

v. 40-44 the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train. But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction.

SEEMINGLY Unstoppable KILLING MACHINE > Terror to Neighbor Nations

Like DAILY NEWS – RICHES STOLEN and SPENT on Murder & Terror

Antiochus does EVIL BEST to Swallow Up Nations like MIGHTY HOOVER

Soon ANTIOCHUS cannot tell when OWN Shadow ENDS

And the BIGGER, BADDER, LONGER SHADOW of Anti-Christ Stretches

Where does ONE find POWER to KILL, STEAL, and DESTROY?

Who is WILLING ALLY as we want to ACCOMPLISH Evil & Destruction

DANIEL gives us TRUE and RELIABLE DISTANT Picture of the END

NT Writers give us MORE DETAILED Picture of SAME TRUTHS

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. John 10.10

PAUL tells Gospel Workers to be PATIENT, KIND, GENTLE..

God may perhaps grant them (his opponents) repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and *escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.* 2 Timothy 2.25,26

Maybe that it was CHOICE to Serve SATAN

Before you KNOW what happened your CHOICE became your CHAINS

Here is FINAL HEADLINE over 2018....

“Abortion Was the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2018, Killing 42 Million People”  
LifeNews.com 31December 2018

c. Your ‘Greatest Moment’ might become your Worst

v. 36 And the king shall do as he wills...He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

King DOES what he WILLS Up to Moment GOD WILLS his DAY of DOOM

No CONFLICT between God’s SOVEREIGNTY & Man’s RESPONSIBILITY



v. 45 And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

He THINKS he is GOING ON HOLIDAY – GIANT, GRAND TENTS

DEFEATED all ENEMIES Now climbs on to HIS THRONE to REIGN as GOD

PLANE taking him on HOLIDAY LANDS in HELL – End, Alone, Helpless!

Fascinating treatment for a deity-clone who conquers nations and oppresses saints: he is wiped off the stage of history in a mere six Hebrew words.

Dale Ralph Davis

Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. And the people were shouting, "*The voice of a god, and not of a man!*" Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

Acts 12.20-23

HIGH IMPACT Drama > Eternal Truth > Pride comes before DESTRUCTION

## 2. Only Two Choices – Life or Death!

If you are not serving Jesus, you are serving Satan!

### a. Everyone Suffers

v. 1 "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.

MANY People teach Believers will be RAPTURED out of TROUBLES

Most of those Preachers have HIGH SALARIES and Live in SAFE PLACES

## SCRIPTURE and HISTORY Painfully CLEAR...

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake  
 Philippians 1.29

“the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church” Tertullian

RIGHT AFTER Herod DONATED his BODY to be WORM FOOD...  
 ...he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. *But the word of God increased and multiplied.*  
 Acts 12.24

## IN the MIDST of ADVERSITY the Gospel ADVANCES

Christmas Letters from German friends, our age, Lifetime of Gospel work...

Ministry in Afghanistan has grown a lot. The year began with a shock: a longtime German friend from Peshawar was killed in an attack on a hotel in Kabul in January. Brigitte had a big heart for children and poor families. She was targeted as a foreigner. We could come alongside her family at the funeral. Despite all the riots and attacks by fanatics, the church is growing steadily nationwide, especially among the Hazaras. The need for biblical teaching and church planting is great, and so ----- was able to train together with his colleague several groups on two 2-week trips. They then courageously put this teaching into practice.

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted  
 2 Timothy 3.12

### b. Forever is For Real

v. 2 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.

SLEEP is TEMPORARY State – Gonna Wake Up – Wake Up and Meet Judge

CLEAREST Reference to DOUBLE RESURRECTION in the OT

Our chapters go further than anywhere else in the Old Testament to address the issue of justice and retribution. The rewards and punishments for faithfulness and rebellion go beyond death.

Tremper Longman III

And – like ALL DOCTRINES – even MORE CLARITY in NT...

when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed

2 Thessalonians 1.7-10

People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. Amos 8.12 (NIV)

### c. Guarantee from God

v. 1 But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> VISION began with this PROMISE..

I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.

Daniel 10.21

v. 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end.

In a time when God's people will be viewed as trash, scum and faceless protoplasm, they are assured their names are known and precious to God...no church-crushing, saint-smashing regime can remove the names written in the indelible ink of God's book.

Dale Ralph Davis

Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5.28,29

d. To Ends of the Earth, until the End of Time

v. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

FAITHFUL Believers are LIGHT to their DARK WORLD

v. 4 Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Many of our friends and neighbors go through life with no thought for the final resurrection and the day when they will stand before God to give account of their lives. Who else is going to share that news with them? Who is in a better position to speak to them?...How much of our conversation is ‘wise’? Iain Duguid

LONG Shadow of SIN / SATAN not need to SWALLOW You Up

You don't Need to SERVE Satan for ONE More Day of 2019

vs. 32,33 the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. And the wise among the people shall make many understand

ADVENT Birthed a LIGHT that will EXTINGUISH Darkness and Shadows

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1.5

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 4.1-3

Just DAYS after His BRUTAL MURDER – in VERY PLACE was KILLED

Jesus tells FOLLOWERS Go Out and Tell People ABOUT ME!

In the PAIN of that PROCLAMATION – I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS!

Jesus tells us to GO / with us IN GOING / NOT Going Not SURE WITH YOU?!

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7.14

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