

Daniel 11:36 – 12:13      The Word of the Prophets made more Certain

Stories of Faithfulness – Chs 1-6 / Visions of Troubled Times 7-12

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

Final vision recorded in Daniel... BACK TO HEBREW LANGUAGE

...Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia and 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

“The Vision Of The Time Of The End” - Spiritual Warfare...

11.2-35 – Over 100 Very Specific Prophecies / Predictive? Descriptive?

Persians and the Greeks - Dan 11:2-4

Alexander the Great > 4 Empires EMERGED

Remarkable HISTORICAL ACCURACY > Intrigue, Battles Ptolemy / Selucids

Kings of the South (Egypt) and kings of the North (Syria) - Dan 11:5-35

1) In this conflict, Israel would be caught in the middle

2) Israel would suffer extreme blasphemies by one Syrian king (Antiochus Epiphanes)

From Dan 11:36, there is a large diversity of opinion...

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## I. THE IDENTITY OF THE KING AND HIS TIMES

### A. THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS...

1. The king is Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria - 169-167 B.C.

a. The vile and blasphemous ruler described in Dan 11:21-35

b. The time of his persecution would therefore be 169-167 B.C.

c. The time of the Maccabean revolt

2. The king represents the Roman emperors - 60-313 A.D.

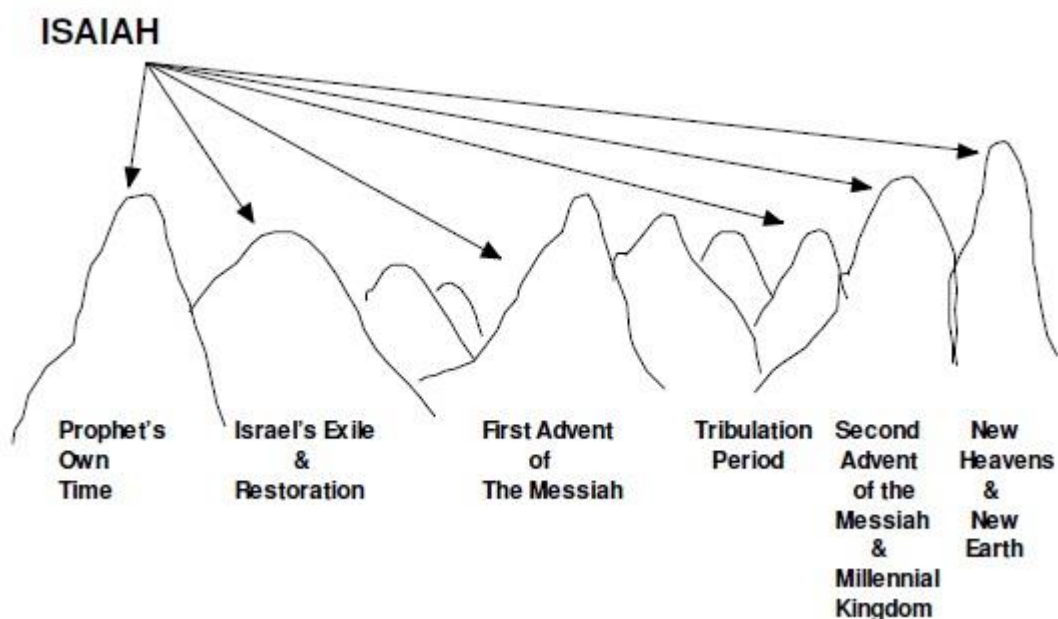
a. Who persecuted the Christians in the early years of the church

b. The time of this persecution would therefore be 60-313 A.D.

3. The king represents the Antichrist

a. A future ruler still to come

b. The time of this persecution would be shortly before the return of Christ



## II. THE EVENTS AT “THE TIME OF THE END”

### A. THE BLASPHEMY OF THIS KING...

#### 1. He shall magnify himself above every god –

Vs. 36,37 “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. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. 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.

##### a. Speaking blasphemies against the God of gods

b. Prospering till the wrath that has been determined is done (suggesting that this was allowed by God as part of divine judgment against Israel) - cf.

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 11:35

c. He shall not regard the god of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor any god

#### 2. He shall honor a god of fortresses –

vs. 38-39 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. He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.

a. A god which his fathers did not know (some suggest the Roman god Mars, or Jupiter)

b. He shall act the strongest fortresses with this foreign god, rule over many and divide the land for gain

## Revelation 6 – 4 Horsemen – Conquest, War, Famine, Death / Hades

Continuous Global Reality > Not FULLY Everywhere, ALWAYS Somewhere

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. Matthew 24.6-8

### B. THE CONQUESTS AND END OF THIS KING...

1. The king of the South (Egypt) shall attack him - Dan 11:40

a. Note that this will occur “at the time of the end”

b. This may help pinpoint the meaning of the “latter days” of Dan 10:14

2. The king of the North (Antiochus Epiphanes) would respond and overwhelm the countries

vs. 40-43 At the time of the end, 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. <sup>41</sup>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.

a. Entering the “Glorious Land” (Israel)

b. Overthrowing many, while Edom, Moab and Ammon will escape

c. Egypt will not escape, even Libyans and Ethiopians will submit

3. He shall come to his end - Dan 11:

Vs. 44-45 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. 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.

- a. News from the east and north will trouble him (from Persia)
- b. He shall proceed to destroy and annihilate many, planting his tents between the seas and the glorious holy mountain (Mt. Zion, Jerusalem?)
- c. Yet he shall come to his end, no one helping him (Antiochus died in 163 B.C. of a terrible disease)

Isaiah 14 Taunt against the king of Babylon: GLOBAL King / Anti-Christ

“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; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ Isaiah 14.12-14

The word of the LORD came to me: “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

TELESCOPIC Prophecy – Immediate / Ultimate Fulfillments – King > SATAN

Revelation 13 > BEASTS – Creations of Dragon/Satan > LEAD people to him

## C. THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF DANIEL'S PEOPLE...

### 1. To occur "at that time" –

Dan 12:1 "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. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

a. To be assisted by "Michael...the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people" - cf. Dan 10:13,21

b. In a time of a trouble not seen before

c. Deliverance of Daniel's people "at that time"

"Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the *antichrist is coming*, even now *many antichrists have come*." 1 John 2.18

### 2. Many who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake –

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.

a. Some to everlasting life

b. Some to shame and everlasting contempt

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

### 3. Those who will shine at this 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.

a. The wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament

b. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever

Maccabean revolt when the Jews came out of caves and mountain hideouts to resist Antiochus

v. 33 “Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.

#### D. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN TO DANIEL...

1. Shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end –

v. 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Revelation 22:10

- 1) The vision of the Revelation was not to be sealed, for the time was at hand
- 2) How then the explanation of some that the events of Revelation have yet to begin, nearly 2000 years later?

2. Two final questions answered

a. One question overheard by Daniel –

vs. 5-7 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.

1) Daniel saw two others, one on each side of a river bank

2) One asked the man clothed in linen (cf. Dan 10:5-6) above the river: “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?”

3) The answer: “...a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.”

a) The “time, times, and half a time” (3 and a half years, 42 months, 1260 days) is commonly used to describe a definite, marked, period of tribulation –

cf. Dan 7:25; Re 11:2,3; 12:6,13-14; 13:5

b) When the persecution has accomplished its purpose, then the things described will take place

b. The question asked by Daniel

vs. 8-13 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

1) Not understanding, Daniel asks: “...what shall be the end of these things?”

2) Daniel is first told:

a) To go, for the words are closed and sealed till the time of the end

3) Daniel is then told:

a) To go his way till the end **SOLID PERSONAL PROMISE!!**

b) For he shall rest and arise to his inheritance at the end of the days

-- This “end” or “end of the days” may refer to the actual resurrection on the day of Judgment, not “the time of the end” spoken of throughout this vision



Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. 1 Peter 1.10,11

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son Hebrews 1.1,2

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. Matthew 13.16,17

## Be WISE

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. Daniel 11.33

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 11.35

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. Daniel 12.3

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## Understanding Reality of Situation

### Living by FAITH in Midst of Challenges

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