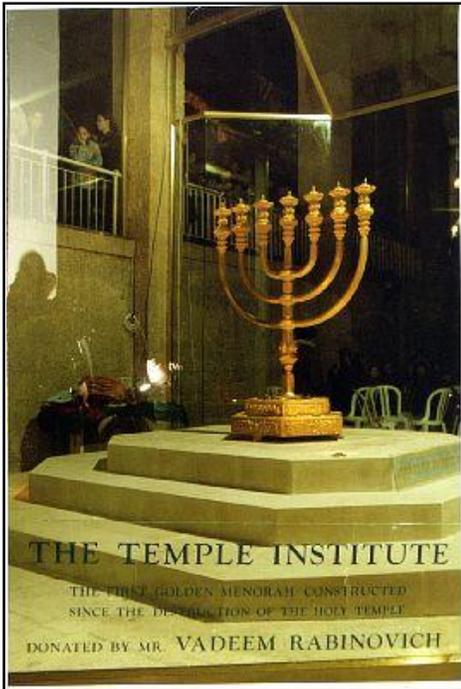


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Chapter 11 Part 2



Introduction to Chapter 11 Part 2

Chapter 11 of Daniel is divided into two parts, the first part covers from the Persian kingdom to the time of Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Antiochus IV attempt to transform Judah and Jerusalem into a Greek outpost of his kingdom, on the border of advancing Roman power, caused the revolt of the Maccabees.

The *abomination of desolation* in Daniel 11:31, the desecration of the Jewish Temple by Antiochus IV caused a reaction, known as the Maccabean rebellion. Antiochus IV rededicated the Jewish Temple as the a temple to Zeus, picturing himself as the god on December 25th, 167 B.C.

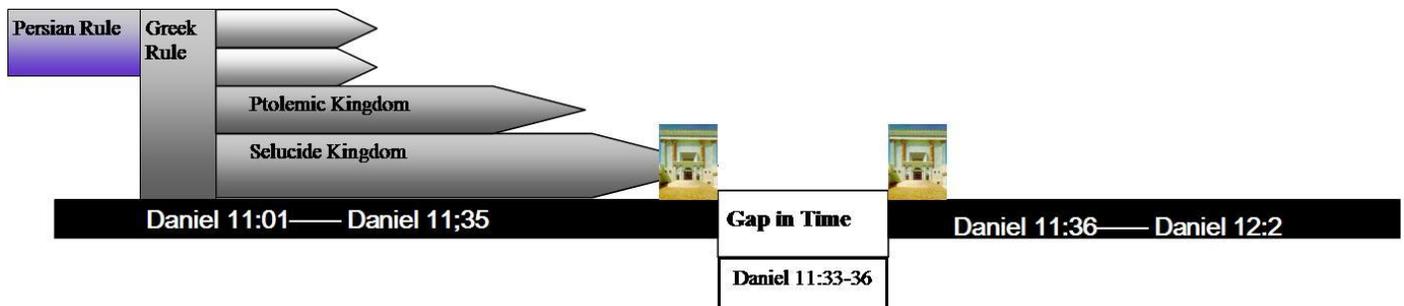
Mattathias, a older priest, with five sons rejected Antiochus IV and led guerilla war and rebellion against the Greek system. After Mattathias died, his sons continued the struggle along with those rejected the Greek pagan culture. This included a group known as the Hasideans (The righteous ones), who strictly followed the laws of Moses. Many died in the struggle, but in December, 164 B.C., the Maccabeans were able to capture the Temple and rededicate it serve God. Antiochus IV, was in the east conducting war against Elamites, he went insane on hearing the success of the Jews against his armies in Jerusalem and died. This rededication is known as Hanukkah, (Dedication) called the is know as

the feast of dedication in John 10:22.

Daniel 11, verses 32 through 35 cover the time of the Maccabean rebellion against the pagan Greek culture. This struggle between those who know their God and those who do wickedly would continue until the end of time. Antiochus IV, was a type of the coming end-time, world leader. The Maccabean rebels were a type, of the righteous Jews who would reject the end time's ruler and thus bring his "Last days" assault on Israel, resulting in the coming of the Messiah.

33 "And those of the people, who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering..... "And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.
Daniel 11:33,35

In Daniel 11:36 to 12:2, we emerge from out "Time tunnel" in the end of days, with the final king of the gentile world in charge and Israel in a very similar situation.



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The King of the End Time

DA 11:36 "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.

The king shall do: The king here is the future king at the end of time. He is the last king of the Gentile powers, the final king before the return of Messiah. This king is ruler of the kingdom pictured as the Iron and clay toes in Daniel 2:44.

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:44

He is the little horn of Daniel 7 who uproots three of his fellows, (Daniel 7:8,11, 19-21,23-26) the final earthly kingdom before the kingdom of God. He persecutes the saints before the Messiah returns, the *son of man*, who destroys his kingdom and establishes the kingdom of God, judges the horn.

"I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Daniel 7:8

This future king is also pictured in Daniel chapter 8, foreshadowed by Antiochus IV Epiphanes by desecrating the future Temple, the Third Temple.

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. **Daniel 8:23**

The End time's king also referred to Daniel chapter 9 as the "*Prince to come*", a descendent of the armies, which destroy Jerusalem and the Temple in A.D. 70. He guarantees Israel's right to rebuild the *Third Temple* with a seven-year agreement, and breaks the agreement and desecrates the Temple at the mid-point, after 3 ½ years.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 9:26-27

There are three competing views on this section of scripture (Daniel 11:36-44).

- That it is further historical or prophetic account fulfilled in Antiochus IV Epiphanes.
- That it is wishful thinking by the author of Daniel which does not correspond to history.
- That it is prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

The first view does not correspond with Antiochus IV's historical events. After the "Abomination of Desolation" (Daniel 11:31), Antiochus IV never defeated Egypt, because of Roman power stopped him, let alone defeat Libyians or Ethiopians (Verse 44).

The second, contradicts the liberal's own position by saying, in the first place the accuracy of the chapter is because it was authored during the Maccabean period, denying its supernatural nature. Yet the author was wrong on the last part, because he did not have command of the facts.

The third view holds to the "futurist" view that the King is the last king, the end time's ruler. According to Jerome's commentary on Daniel, the Jews in Jerome's day saw this individual as a future ruler yet fulfilled. Jerome comments,

The Jews believe that this passage has reference to the Antichrist, alleging that after the small help of Julian a king is going to rise up who shall do according to his own will and shall lift himself up against all that is called god, and shall speak arrogant words against the God of gods. He shall act in such a way as

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to sit in the Temple of God and shall make himself out to be God, and his will shall be prospered until the wrath of God is fulfilled, for in him the consummation will take place. We, too, understand this to refer to the Antichrist.¹

According: What follows from verse 36 to 39 are descriptive qualifiers about this end time ruler. First, we find he acts according to his own will; he is the fulfillment of the Nebuchadnezzar's dream, humanism taken to its logical conclusion. Man acting according to his own will, not the will of God or any deity but his own.

Magnify himself: Like Antiochus IV, this king will make himself the focus of the world. This is in keeping with the nature of man. Antiochus IV installed an image of Zeus in the Temple of Jerusalem, which looked like himself. According to the book of Revelation, this is exactly what this is exactly what the Antichrist will do in the future in the Third Temple, except rather than Zeus it will be himself as the image.



Kim Il Sung of
North Korea

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 13:14-14

Blasphemies ... God of gods: Another characteristic of this man is his hostility to the God of Israel, called the "God of gods". The hostility toward the God of Israel, reflected in Antiochus IV, is ultimately fulfilled in the Antichrist.

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. **Revelation 13:6**

Shall prosper: He will have success for a period. The Hebrew word צלח *Tsalach*, means to rush; to advance, prosper, make progress, succeed, be profitable. He will be unstoppable until the determined time is complete.

Till the wrath: The period of his prosperity is specifically stated as a period of 42 months, 1260 days, 3 ½ years. He will persecute the and prosper until period established by God runs its course.

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. **Daniel 7:25**

This period of time can be found both in Daniel and Revelation, Daniel's 70 weeks is divided into two 3 ½-year periods. According to the Jewish year these periods would each be 1260 days, 3 ½ years, 42 months or a "time and times and half a time".

Accomplished: God has a determined period, Gabriel informed Daniel three years earlier, *Seventy sevens* or 490 years were determined on his people and his city. At the conclusion of the last half, of the last seven, the wrath will be complete. Daniel 11:36 to 12:2 deal with the last seven years of the Seventy weeks.

Determined: חרץ *Charats*, The Hebrew word means to cut, sharpen, decide, decree, determine, maim, move, be decisive, be mutilated. This period has been cut or divided on Israel from the time of Daniel, at this point in history this divided or cut time will be fulfilled.

Characteristics of the King

Exalt and Magnify Himself above every God
Shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods
Shall prosper till the time of wrath has been accomplished
Shall not regard the god of his fathers
Shall not regard the desire of women
Shall not regard any god
Shall honor a god of fortresses

¹ Walvoord, Daniel the Key to Prophetic Revelation, Pg. 270 Moody Publishing, 1971

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The Final World Religion

DA 11:37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

DA 11:38 "But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

DA 11:39 "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

The God of his fathers: Daniel gives us insight into the religious background of the last king. This statement, "God of his fathers" has been the subject much debate. Based on this verse, some have concluded the Antichrist will have a Jewish background. However, the word for God here is אֱלֹהִים *'elohiym* not Jehovah. This means he will not believe in the God of his descendants, he will exalt himself above all that is called god.

Desire of Women: Based on these words, some have concluded the Antichrist will be homosexual, because he will not have a desire for women. Nevertheless, what this verse says he will not regard, what is "Desired of women" not he will not "Desire Women".

The desire of every Jewish woman was to be the mother of the coming Messiah. The Messiah was promised to come from the seed of Woman (Genesis 3; 15). This king would not regard the Messiah, "The Desire of women", nor would he regard the "God of his fathers". This verse hints the Antichrist, will have Judea/Christian background. We know from Daniel 9:26, he will be a descendent of the armies which destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem, a Roman. Meaning he could very well have a Catholic background.

Any god: Regardless of his religious background, he will not regard any god, not the God of his fathers or any god.

Himself above them all: He himself will be central to this new faith; he will be deified, much like many of the rulers in history. Man's ultimate temptation is self deification.

God of fortresses: Since verse 37 informs us, this king will regard no god, and place himself above all gods. What is meant here? The word fortress, מִצְדָּה *Ma`owz* means place or means of safety, protection, refuge, stronghold and is often translated strength. He will honor in the place of god, strength or power. He will honor the power of military might and strength.

North Korea, which is communist and atheistic, is a good picture of this new religion. The antichrist will be a materialist, denying the spiritual realm and exalting "military might"

honor with gold: This final form of materialism and power, will honored with the wealth of nations. The final religious system on earth, will be atheistic, militaristic and capitalistic. The chief focus will be in the person of the final world leader.

Foreign god: The focus on "Fortresses" and "himself" will be a foreign religion to the background of his ancestry.

Advance its glory: From the book of Revelation, we know Satan loses his place in Heaven and is cast to the Earth. On Earth, he incarnates the Antichrist, and assumes his power as head of his world kingdom. Thus advancing the his own power and glory, he is advancing the glory and power of Satan who will dwell in the body of the Antichrist.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Revelation 13:3-4

Rule over many: He will reward those who are loyal to him, by the division of property and goods.

The Final World War Erupts

DA 11:40 "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, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

DA 11:41 "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

DA 11:42 "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

DA 11:43 "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.

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At the time End: The angel now explains to Daniel a series of end time events leading to the return of the Messiah. In verse 40, two kings are mentioned, **King of the north, king of the south.** Formerly, these kings were mentioned in the context of the Seleucid and Ptolemy kingdoms.

They are now mentioned in relation to an end time conflict against the king of verse 36. The time of conflict is prior to mid-point of the tribulation period. We know from Daniel 12:1, Michael intervenes in Israel's behalf at the mid-point of the tribulation period, and Satan at that time cast from Heaven, incarnates the Antichrist, and commits the "abomination of Desolation". This battle is prior to this event.

Some feel the battle referenced here corresponds to Ezekiel 38-39, the conflict with Gog and Magog. In Ezekiel 38-39, an end time battle, after Israel is gathered out of the nations after a long period of absence.

"After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

Ezekiel 38:8

The nations to the north of Israel, Russia and nations to the south of Israel, Libya, Ethiopia, assault Israel, after the nations is established out of the nations, in the latter years. The nations all include the mix of nations including Iran, known as Persia in the days of Daniel who are currently opposed to Israel.

5 "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

6 "Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops-many people are with you.

Ezekiel 38:5-6

In the day of this battle, people will examine what the prophets wrote about it and will see it being fulfillment of the prophets who foretold the day of its coming. The purpose of this conflict is to bring glory to the God of Israel, by having outmanned and out gunned Israel, the victor.

"Thus says the Lord God: "Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?"

Ezekiel 38:17

This end time battle also precedes a seven-year period, in which Israel uses the remnants of this army for their own consumption.

"Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.

Ezekiel 39:9

The seven-year period corresponds with Daniel's 70th week. Israel will use the scrap steel and fuels left behind by this destroyed army for seven years. Placing this invasion prior to the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel, which allows the Temple services to start. (Daniel 9:27)

This with the King of the North and South can also refer to a reconstituted army from those destroyed here in Ezekiel.

He shall: The Antichrist's power will be military, enforcing his will through military might and intimidation. We see this in Revelation,

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Revelation 13:8

He will overwhelm the nations with his power, rather then be destroyed nations will submit to his power. He will be an ally of Israel at the beginning. He allows the Temple to be rebuilt and sacrifice to resume. This changes however 3 ½ years later, at that point he proclaims his deity to the world and demands worship. Israel refuses, and he then attacks his former ally.

Glorious Land: At the middle point of the tribulation, the Antichrist attacks Jerusalem and the Israel, putting an end to sacrifice and setting up an image in the Temple. This period of time is one of the most referenced in all the Bible. This period is covered in Revelation 11-13, Zechariah 14:1-4, Matthew 24:14-30.

In Zechariah and Matthew we read about the conquest of Jerusalem by the armies of the Antichrist.

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zechariah 14:1-2

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

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16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

22" And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.



Matthew 24:15-17,22

These shall escape: Three nations to the east of Israel, are noted for escaping the hand of the Antichrist. In Zechariah, Matthew and Revelation scripture informs about how God intervenes on Israel's behalf at a point where all seems lost. We read, the Mount of Olives literally split open providing a route of escape for a portion of Israel. The nations of Moab, Edom and Ammon, namely Jordan, are saved from the hand of the Antichrist at the midpoint.

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You.

Zechariah 14:4-5

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Matthew 24:15-18

According to Zechariah, 2/3 of the Jewish nation will die in the tribulation period. Only 1/3 will survive and enter the Millennium blessings of Messiah's kingdom.

ZEC 13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

Zechariah 13:9

Not escape: In contrast to Moab, Ammon and Edom, Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, will be defeated by the Antichrist and forced to submit to his new ideology.

The Final Battles

DA 11:44 "But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

DA 11:45 "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

News from the east: The Euphrates river is dried, for the armies of East to assemble. China as well as the rest of Asia, will not just sit idle as the Antichrist sets about controlling the world. According to Revelation 9:13-21, 16:12, 1/3 of mankind dies by the approaching armies of the East. Revelation 9:13-21 takes place in the first half of the tribulation, and Revelation 16:12 at the battle of Armageddon.

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

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Revelation 16:12

North: Gog and Magog which was destroyed in Ezekiel 38-39, is again beginning to stir. In order for the Beast to gain control, many will be destroyed. Within the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation period, according to Revelation 6:8 and 9:18, 47% of the Earth population dies from the judgments which fall on earth.

Great fury: Approaching the middle of the Tribulation period, the Beast will infuriated and try to force the nations to submit to his power.

Destroy

His tent

The glorious holy mountain: The Antichrist, in the end, will vanquish Israel, and give Israel the option to renounce the God of Israel and accept him as their god. Some will accept him, others will reject him, much in the same way Israel could accept reject Antiochus IV. Those who knew their God fled to the mountains to conduct a guerilla war against the armies of the Greeks.

At the middle of the tribulation, Israel will be faced with a similar dilemma. Those who listen to warning of Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:15, and flee to the mountains will survive the tribulation in God's provision, by fleeing into the mountains.

His end: The Antichrist will meet his end at the return of Messiah, the one like the son of Man.

"You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Daniel 2:34

"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

Daniel 7:11

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