

The Kings of the North and South

An exposition of a key chapter in the Bible - Daniel Chapter 11.

A study of the book of Daniel reveals that there will be a final resurrection of the Roman Empire which will '*devour the whole earth and tread it down and break it in pieces*' Daniel 7:23.

We have to remember that this is speaking of the known earth from the perspective of those days.

We can see that this fourth beast exists at the time of the end, for it is replaced by the Kingdom of God, Daniel 7:27, '*And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*'

The ten kings of the beast's kingdom mentioned in Daniel 7:24 are the same kings described in Revelation 17:12-14, '*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*'

Thus we can see that the king of the North described in Daniel 11, is the ruler of this final end-time resurrection of the Roman Empire in Europe. He it is that Jesus Christ speaks of in Matthew 24:15-16, '*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains.*' Jesus Christ thereby confirms the duality of prophecy found in the prophet Daniel's book and its vital importance for us at the end-time. The amazing thing is how much time and effort is spent by the Beast on Israel and the Middle East.

Daniel himself states that he was told by the archangel Michael, Daniel 10:14, that his visions were about the end-times, '*Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*'

Again in Daniel 11:40, **this same king** is seen at war with the king of the South '*at the time of the end.*'

Daniel Chapter 11

In this chapter, the first 20 verses reveal fulfilled prophecy – events that took place up to Antiochus 3rd and his son Seleucus, who is referred to in verse 20. After that there was a gap of just over 2000 years while there was no Jewish nation in the Middle East, but this changed in 1948 with the establishment of the State of Israel, comprised of the remnants of the Jewish people. In verse 21 the prophecy picks up with the story of Antiochus 4 and events in his lifetime, which picture future **end-time events** in the duality of prophecy mentioned by Jesus Christ. Most commentaries recognise Antiochus 4 as the End Time Beast, but fail to apply verses 21-39 to End Time events.

Verses 21-22 appear to be an introduction to or summary of the following verses in the chapter.

Verse 23 ‘*And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.*’ After making a treaty or league with the nation of Israel, the king of the North enters into the land named Israel today, on the invitation of its leaders, with only a token force of soldiers to ‘protect its sovereignty’, (This takes place at the fall of America and Britain when the surrounding nations begin to threaten Israel with invasion, some 7-8 months after the beginning of the last 7 years – see End Time Timeline). Despite not yet having come to full power in Europe, this man hides his ulterior motives at this point.

Verse 24 ‘*He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.*’ Corrupting people with the power and wealth available to him he begins to devise plans to gradually take over the whole land.

Verse 25-26 ‘*And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.*’

His ambitions extend to a campaign against the Islamist combine of nations to the South – Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and Libya and by corruption some of the King of the South’s closest allies are persuaded to desert him so that his army is overcome.

Verse 27 ‘*And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.*’ At a conference the two evil and deceitful leaders lie to each other but no final conclusion is reached, for the end must await the appointed time.

Verse 28 ‘*Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.*’ The king of the North returns to Europe with his victory spoils, angry at God’s people in Israel for their broadcast warnings to the world not to become involved with him in any way, after making his first moves against them.

Verse 29 ‘*At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.*’ At God’s appointed time he again returns after finding treachery in the agreement made with the king of the South. Again he attacks Egypt but this time it is different.

Verse 30 ‘*For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.*’ He receives urgent demands from his masters in Europe to withdraw, signifying his as yet incomplete emergence as the dictator of Europe which he will soon become. An analogy can be drawn here to the actions and treatment of General Patton in World War 2. In his anger and humiliation he will vent his anger against God’s people, attempting to gain intelligence from those who fall away, fearful of his persecution.

Verse 31 ‘*And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.*’

Gaining great strength and support from his loyal armies, just as did Hitler from his black shirts, he will become much bolder, knowing that his time to grasp complete power in Europe is near at hand. Now he will feel strong enough to begin persecuting God's faithful in Jerusalem in earnest, taking over the broadcast which has warned the world against his worship, completely silencing the daily work and witness of God's church from Jerusalem and taking complete control of the government of Israel, bringing about its desolation. (See verse 36)

Verse 32 '*And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*' With flattery, he will encourage those Jews who have been against God's people in Jerusalem, though some Jews who have come to recognise the work of God will resist him, along with the Christians themselves.

Verse 33 '*And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*' Here is the 5th seal of Revelation chapter 6 – the period of severe persecution upon the saints of the Most High God.

Verse 34 '*Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.*' Some aid will be provided by God but many who have been witnessing and warning from Jerusalem to the world, will be betrayed by insincerity.

Verse 35 '*And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.*' Some of God's people will suffer and die for their faith for a short period of time to test and refine them, Compare : Daniel 12:11, '*And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.*'

Revelation 13:5, '*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*'

Revelation 12:14, '*And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*'

Verse 36 '*And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.*'

The King of the North has now become the beast, - Revelation 14:9-10 '*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.*'

He will claim to be the returned Christ and parade himself amongst apostate Christians in Jerusalem. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, '*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*' This lie he will maintain until the 3 ½ years of the Great Tribulation is over.

Verses 37-38, '*Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.*' 38 '*But in his estate shall he honour the God of*

forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things'.

Complete power and dominion over the world have now become his goal, inspired by Satan the devil.

Verse 39 '*Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.*' As such, during the next 3 ½ chaotic years of the Great Tribulation, with Europe as the only dominant world power he takes over as much of the world as he can after the fall of America and Britain, passing rule to his lieutenants for a price.

Verse 40 '*And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.*' Immediately, his position is threatened once again by the King of the South but this time the Beast is able to call upon his armies from Europe to descend with overwhelming force.

Verse 41 '*He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.*' His armies land at Haifa in the glorious land of Israel, and will spread out to the South, avoiding Jordan after his losses at the return of Christ for His Saints, who flee South from Jerusalem (See End Time Series).

Verses 42-43 '*He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.*' '*But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.*' The Islamic combine of the King of the South (Iran, Egypt, Libya, North Sudan, Ethiopia) is defeated and their oil treasure taken for Europe.

Verse 44 '*But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.*' The Beast's conquests of the oil-rich lands of the Middle East greatly disturb the nations of the East and North (China, Japan, India, Russia) who lose a major source of their fuel. They gather a great army together which begins to move West and threatens the Beast. Revelation 9:14-16, '*Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.*'

Verse 45 '*And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.*' The Beast makes Jerusalem his new capital, but this has no influence on the great armies now heading for the great battle of Armagedon, where the Beast will meet his end. Revelation 19:19-20, '*And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*'

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