Daniel – Series Two The Willful King II Chapter Eleven Lesson XXV November 11, 2009

In the last lesson we showed four divisions of this chapter. It should have been divided first into its two major divisions.

**Daniel 11:1-35** that which was written by Daniel as prophecy, has now merged into history. Perhaps this is the most important chapter in the Bible that illustrates the fact that Bible prophecy is actually pre-written history. I have a paper in my files in which I read: "It is not true that prophecy is pre-written history" but Daniel eleven proves that the statement *is true* true.

Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him. And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those. And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times. But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north. So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land. But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress. And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it. For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

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But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed. He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him. After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him. Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. 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. 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. And both of 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. 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. At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. 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. 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. 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. 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. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. 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. Daniel 11:1-35

Our major argument stands. God has been interpreting prophecy by fulfilling it. And much that was first written in the Bible as prophecy has now become history. One cannot study the Bible and ignore prophecy.

For a Chafer writes, "one fourth of the Bible when written was prophecy" But now much has become history. So what better way is there to interpret unfulfilled prophecy than in the light of the fact that God has been literally fulfilling it! Furthermore, if the first 35 verses have been fulfilled will not the last verse be fulfilled in the same way?

section of the chapter be as literal in fulfillment as the first ? Page 2 of 17

**Daniel 11:36-45** that section of the chapter not yet fulfilled. This is the second great division of the chapter.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Daniel 11:36-45

# I Daniel 11:2

## a) and now will I shew you the truth"

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" Psalm 119:160 "Thy word is true from the beginning..."

And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. Daniel 11:2

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

Psalm 119:160

Anyone who does not believe that God's Word is truth has lost the right to endeavor to teach it. 2 Corinthians 4:13 "... we also believe, and *therefore* speak." If my memory has not played tricks on me, it was Campbell Morgan who wrote : "If you do not believe , then shut your mouth." The Bible was written for believers.

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We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 2 Corinthians 4:13

b) "Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia."

In Acts 10:19 "while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, *three men* seek thee." Now, had Peter gone to the door and found two men or four men he would have known the message to him was not of the Holy Spirit. In both Daniel 3:2 and Acts 10:19 the message had to be 100% correct.

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Here is a lesson for our day. Some are teaching that present-day prophets need only be 50% correct. Such teaching is false. And in the Old Testament, such prophets were to be stoned. If itis the Spirit speaking it must be exactly right, otherwise we bring the Holy Spirit down to the human level. Even weather-forecasters can be right *sometimes!* 

c)The message to Daniel did not conclude with the three kings to appear in Persia, but continued "and the fourth shall be richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia."

Bible history, as well as secular history tells of these four kings.

- 1. Ezra 4:6 Ahasuerus, also known as Cambyses, ruled in Persia from 529-522 B.C.
- 2. Ezra 4:7 Artaxerxes, also known as Smerdis the magician, ruled from 522-521 BC
- 3. Ezra 4:24 Darius II, also known as Hystaspes, ruled from 521-485 B.C.
- 4. Esther 1:1 Ahasuerus, also known as Xerxes in secular history, known for his great riches, ruled from 485-465 B.C.

As Daniel had written "he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia" History tells us that he attacked Athens, Greece in 480 B.C.

And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. Ezra 4:6

And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. Ezra 4:7

Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia Ezra 4:24

Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) Esther 1:1 Page 4 of 17 **II Daniel 11:3** The last word in verse 2 is "Grecia" Verse 3 "And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will" Then the angel in his message to Daniel, skips over 100 years or more to the time of Alexander the Great of Greece ,to 331 B.C.

And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

Daniel 11:3

Saying that "he will do according to his will" makes Alexander to be a type of the coming Antichrist. Have you ever considered why some of these men have been called great? Alexander the great? Herod the great.? etc

Here we learn that not all the details of history are here.

It is rather a summary of coming history from Darius 1<sup>st</sup> to the time of the Antichrist. The countries and leaders who meddle most with Israel are considered the more important from God's viewpoint.

As I write these lines, the Leaders of Syria and Iran (Persia), are the leaders in medaling with Israel at the present time. They know not that they are digging their own graves. They also know not that they are showing themselves to be enemies of God.

Here read Psalm 83:1-8. "Keep not silence ,O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, *thine* enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel together thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation: that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." Read the names of the countries!

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Psalm 83:1-8

Psalm 92: For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered."

Isaiah 60:12

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For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted. Isaiah 60:12

Jeremiah 46:28

Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a **full end** of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished. Jeremiah 46:28

Jeremiah 51: 19-20

The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name. Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; Jeremiah 51: 19-20

Isaiah 41:11

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Isaiah 41:11

Isaiah 41:12-14 It seems to me that the Nations and the Church have not taken these predictions seriously.

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 41:12-14

## **III** Daniel 11:4 Here is the prediction of the fall of the Kingdom of Greece.

Its division into "the four winds" we now know to mean the division into four kingdoms We need not repeat the history here. The prophecy did become history. Alexander the Great was broken and his kingdom was divided.

And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those. Daniel 11:4

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#### IV Daniel 11 : 5-20

These verses cover a period of 150 years.

Here it is not the same king, but a number of kings succeeding each other. The Kings from the south are of Egypt (verses 5,6,8,9,11,14)

The Kings from the North are of Syria. (verses 6,7,8,11,13,15).

The wars of these kings were preparing the way for the rise of the Syrian Leader, Antiochus Epiphanes.

Verse 5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. Verse 6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times. Verse 7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: Verse 8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north. Verse 9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land. Verse 10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress. Verse 11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. Verse 12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it. Verse 13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. Verse 14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. Verse 15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand. Verse 16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed. Verse 17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him. Verse 18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him. Verse 19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. Verse 20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. Daniel 11 : 5-20

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**V Daniel 11:21-31 This section** has to do with Antiochus Epiphanes, who is called in verse 21 "a vile person."

In his cunning ways he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

Verse 21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. Verse 22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. 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. 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. Verse 25 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. Verse 26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. Verse 27 And both of 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Daniel 11:21-31

In verse 22, he is called the prince of the covenant, and after the league made with him shall work deceitfully...verse 23.

In verse 31 he takes away the daily sacrifice, and place the abomination that maketh desolate. History tells how he offered a sow on the altar in the Temple.

Although this abomination is now historical it is also typical. Jesus said, and that , long after Antiochus, an abomination will be set up in Matthew 24:15. So Antiochus is not only a type of Antichrist, but what he did is also a type of what the Antichrist will yet do. For me, that is the importance of this history being foretold by the Angel to Daniel

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:) Matthew 24:15

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#### VI Daniel 11:32-34

"The people that know God shall be strong, and do exploits." There is general agreement that these verses have to do with the Maccabee brothers, especially Judas Maccabee. There are those who suggest that many described in Hebrews 11:33-37 are included in this prophecy. The "others" of who this world was not worthy.

But this, we must remember, it was the Jews who took their stand against Antiochus. And they still remember those dreadful days by their Hanukkah celebrations, near our Christmas time, every year.

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. 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. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. Daniel 11:32-34

**Verse 33** Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **Verse 34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. **Verse 35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: **Verse 36** And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: **Verse 37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; Hebrews 11:33-37

This teaches also that it will be the Jews who will rise up against the Antichrist when he comes to power.

Verse 35 speaks of "the time of the end", and as we go on and read in Daniel 12:1 "and at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, *such as never was* since there was a nation even to that same time:..." And we are sure that these words are describing the same period of time described by Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22 "for then shall be great tribulation, *such as was not* since the beginning of the world, to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1

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For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Matthew 24:21-22

At this point in Daniel, that is, between Daniel 11:34, the time of Antiochus, the prophecy in verse 35 skips over more than 2000 years to the time of the end. We should remember that a 1000 years with the Lord is as a day. 2 Peter 3:8

Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. Daniel 11:34

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2 Peter 3:8

When we recall that at the time of the First Coming of Christ, Israel as a Nation, was set aside, then, one can see more clearly that at the time of the Second Coming of Christ the world will see the restoration of the Nation, then this leap in years is understandable.

Acts 15:14 (at the first Church conference)

Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. Acts 15:14

C.H. MacIntosh : "(this) gives no warrant for the idea, so persistently held by the professing Church, that the whole world is to be converted by the preaching of the gospel." As recently as 2006, one Church denominational paper states "the Church is the hope of the world." (see my "Reader")

C.H.M. "it is through Israel, and not the through the Church, that God will bless the world."

The history of the Nation of Israel, as the voice of God on earth, ended at the cross *until* the time of the great Tribulation that will be the final sign to the world of the nearness of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Romans 11:25 we are not to be ignorant of the fact " that blindness in part is happened to Israel *until* the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 11:25

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It is not without significance that the world is being forced to recognize the Nation of Israel today. In fact the world is paying more attention to what Israel does than anything the Churches are doing. We expect Israel to become more prominent in the world as the Church continues to lose her authority over people.

We repeat what we have often written before. Israel's present blindness is not total- individual Jews can and are being saved. Israel's present blindness is not final. It is only until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

How did we arrive at the conclusion that the Great Tribulation will be the final sign of the Second Coming of Christ ?

Matthew 24:3 "what shall be the sign of thy coming?

Matthew 24:21 then shall be great tribulation

Matthew 24:29 *immediately after* the tribulation of those days (not A.D. 70)

Matthew 24:30 *and then* shall appear the sign of the Son of man ....and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Surely that is His Second Coming.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Matthew 24:3

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matthew 24:21

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matthew 24:29

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30

VII Daniel 11:36 at the time of the end this Willful King appears.

Looking back over the chapter:

Daniel 11:2 the prediction of the Persian Kings became literal and historical

Daniel 11:3 the prediction of the rise of Greece became literal and historical

Daniel 11:21 the prediction of the coming of a vile person became literal and historical

So the prediction in verses36-45 of the coming of a king who will do according to his will, will one day be literal and historical too.

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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. Daniel 11:36

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And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. Daniel 11:3

And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. Daniel 11:21

The providential check upon men will be lifted. And as predicted in 2 Timothy 3:1,2 men will be "lovers of self" "free thinkers" with "free expression" "free-doers". The days will be a repeat of the days of the Judges when every man did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25. All of this, preparing the world to be ready to receive a willful King-the antichrist.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 2 Timothy 3:1,2

In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25

Daniel 11:36 he will prosper *until* the indignation be accomplished. Remember what we read from Joseph Seiss last lesson: "When God lets the wicked have his way, it is that he may destroy them utterly.."

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. Daniel 11:36

Daniel 11:37 The following statements are made:

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. Daniel 11:37

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- a) He will not regard he God of his fathers. Will he present himself as godless?
- b) "nor the desire of women" Could it be that he will be a homosexual? August 16 2006 I was surprised to find this item in the paper. "A group in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan ,a town of 14,000 people, has made application for a gay parade in that town next year" A growing world of homosexuals pressing to be accepted by all, would rejoice to have a world-leader who would be one of them.
- c) Nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all" 2 Thessalonians 2:4 "He as god sitteth in the temple showing himself that he is god."

Daniel 11:38 We notice the contradiction. He sets himself up as god, then, sets up a god whom his fathers knew not, and honors this god with gold ,silver and precious things. Antichrist will satisfy Satan by himself becoming an idol worshipper.

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. Daniel 11:38

In Matthew 4: 9-10 Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him. 1 Corinthians 10:20 teaches that idol worshippers are worshipping devils

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Matthew 4: 9-10

But I *say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 1 Corinthians 10:20

Daniel 11:39-40 He will divide the land for gain. We are of the opinion that this division of the land will have to do with the covenant he will make with Israel at the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week (Daniel 9:27) It would seem that Antichrist will allow the Jews to begin to offer sacrifices, andthen, in the middle of the week cause the sacrifices to cease. You cannot cause something to cease if it has not begun.

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. 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. Daniel 11:39-40

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And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27

Whatever the Antichrist does to please the Jews will cause the Egyptians and Syrians to rise up against him. For , first, "the King of the south will push at him" then "the King of the North" comes against him. He doesn't come alone. He comes with chariots, and with horsemen , and with many ships. All in league with Syria. It is a war scene!

Daniel 11:41 It is then that Antichrist enters also into the glorious land: many being overthrown in war. Edom, Moab, Ammon will escape. (The Present Jordon) Will this be because the Jews will have fled to Petra for refuge. Petra is in Edom . Isaiah 16:1-5 ?

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. Daniel 11:41

Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth. Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness. Isaiah 16:1-5

Daniel 11:42-43.. Egypt will not escape and "the Antichrist will take control of Africa." (McGee) Antichrist will empty the treasures from the Museum in Cairo., the Ethiopians and Libyans being with him.

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. Daniel 11:42-43

Daniel 11:44 Tidings out of the east and north shall trouble him. "The Orient with its teeming millions to join the battle." (McGee) Antichrist will be troubled by the gathering of all to the middle east for the great battle.

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. Daniel 11:44 Page 14 of 17 Daniel 11:45 The antichrist moves to the glorious mountain, that is, Jerusalem. You will notice that in verse that in Daniel 11:41 he "enters the glorious land." Bu here "the glorious mountain" that is, Jerusalem.

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. Daniel 11:45

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. Daniel 11:41

We can only suggest a possible outline of events.

Zechariah 12:3 God says "And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone to all people."

Zechariah 14:2 God says "And I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." God will do the gathering and the reason is clear, the nations come to fight. You can't have a dog fight without two dogs!

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12:3

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Zechariah 14:2

Remember in Daniel 7 we have "a little horn" with roots out of the Roman Empire, whom we believe to be Antichrist. Then in chapter 8 "a little horn" with roots out of the kingdom of Greece. Both are end- time leaders.

The book of Revelation seems to indicate the Antichrist will begin his rule from headquarters in Rome and be part of what we see today in the emerging world church. But then, after a time, he moves his headquarters to Jerusalem.

Arafat did not hide his dreams that one day ,as a Muslim, he would be praying in Jerusalem. All Muslims have interest, now, in Jerusalem. So when Antichrist moves into Jerusalem, it will stirup the Islamic world.

TIME, June 1990 "The central government (of Russia) has deliberately pursed a policy of relative permissiveness toward Islamic culture, which unites about 43 million soviet citizens, nearly one sixth of the total population.

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In notes on Ezekiel 38,39 we wrote: "Believing that Gog (a leader from Magog) and his allies will be a Islamic Union, it may be that the problem of Jerusalem will be one of the reasons for the swift invasion of the land of Israel. Gog, this leader from Russia, could unite the kings of the east and the King of the North (Syria) to come against Antichrist in Jerusalem." The king of the North doesn't come alone . He comes with "chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships" Daniel 11:40. All in a league with Syria. It is a war scene.

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. Daniel 11:40

We are suggesting that Gog or the King of the North, which is Syria, could be the "little horn" of Daniel chapter 8,who also comes against the Prince of princes. Both "little horns" will not realize that behind the scenes God has put hooks into their jaws (Ezekiel 38:4) to bring them to the valley of Jehoshaphat for judgment Joel 3:2,12

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour, even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Ezekiel 38:4

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Joel 3:2,12

The King of the North will no doubt have aligned himself with Gog the prince of Magog As revealed in Ezekiel 38-39. This war will be but the first campaign of another world war that will merge into all nations coming against Jerusalem to Battle. All being brought to the place called Armageddon for the final campaign of the war- the battle of God Almighty. Revelation 16:14-16

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Revelation 16:14-16

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In Revelation 19:16-19 there is a scene of awful destruction, providing a feast for the birds on the bodies of the slain.

And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great. 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. Revelation 19:16-19

Revelation 19:20 Instead of the Antichrist ruling from Jerusalem he is destroyed by being "cast into the lake of fire". The other little horn and the many people with him will be destroyed in the battle of God Almighty

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. Revelation 19:20

Notice how often the word "he" is found in these verses. 40,41,42,43,44,45. Although we cannot put the full picture together, as the Jews could not put first advent events together before they were fulfilled (John 7:40-43), we are persuaded that these last verses in Daniel 11, will be as literally fulfilled as all the other prophecies were fulfilled.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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