

DIAMONDS FROM DANIEL

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE COMING ANTICHRIST

Persia and Grecia

Here is history foretold. Four kings were to arise in Persia and four kings have come and gone and the fourth indeed was far richer than the other three as all students of history know. This prophecy also asserts that no one of Alexander's family should succeed him. Dominion was to pass from his family altogether which also has been minutely fulfilled. Judah lay right between the rival powers and Palestine became the perpetual battlefield. Nations formed alliances, intermarried, fought, bled and died just as Daniel the prophet foresaw and foretold (11:5-20).

And now will I show thee the truth

Three kings were to arise in Persia. These were:

- (1) Cambyses
- (2) Smerdis
- (3) Darius Hystaspes.

The fourth which was to be "**far richer than them all**" was Xerxes, who stirred up all against the empire of Greece (1-2). Alexander the Great was to oppose the Medes and Persians and rule with great dominion and do according to his own will. His kingdom however, was to be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven (Vs. 3-4).

This breaking up and dividing of the Grecian Empire was to be followed by intrigues and conflicts between the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom. For generations these two strong kingdoms fought and schemed for the mastery (Vs. 5-13).

Then follows a prophetic history of the rise, wars, schemes, intrigues, diplomacies and fall of kings and people unto the time of the end, culminating in the Antichrist who shall do according to his own will, exalt himself, magnify himself above every god, blaspheme the God of heaven and like all materialistic, egotistic blasphemers he shall come to his end and none shall help him (15-45).

The truth

God's word is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Every word of God is important and essential. There has been in the past and there is in the present far too much flippant talk such as:

“In essentials unity,
In nonessentials liberty,
In all things, charity.”

It is well to be reminded that there is no such thing as a nonessential in the Bible. Man shall not live by bread alone BUT BY EVERY WORD . . . OF GOD. Some truths may be more important than others, but ALL TRUTH IS important and ESSENTIAL.

There shall stand up yet three kings in Persia

Gabriel continues his revelation to Daniel concerning the ages to come. In the first year of Darius the Mede, Gabriel stood to confirm and strengthen Michael in the warfare in the spirit world. Gabriel arrests the attention of Daniel by affirming that he is particularly sent to shew Daniel the truth and thus answer his prayers and reward him for his devotion and piety.

In Chapter 11 the whole history of Persia is foretold and the future made known.

A mighty king

“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.”

This mighty king was Alexander the Great, who, after a successful career and after conquering the world, suddenly died, and his kingdom was divided toward the four winds of heaven.

His kingdom shall be broken

Here is a plain prophecy of the death of Alexander and the disruption of his empire which was to be divided into four parts under four generals. It was clearly prophesied that his sons were not to succeed him and it was just as clearly fulfilled. When he (Alexander) shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken (defeat, disruption and division) and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven (four rulers instead of one) and not to his posterity (his sons were not to succeed him).

His kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those

The “**THOSE**” has reference to the four generals. The “**OTHERS**” sets forth in ONE word of inspiration the continuation of the Grecian empire and its constant change. The word OTHERS is true to this very day. How wonderful is the word of God!

King of the south . . . north

The interval of 400 years between the close of the Old Testament and the opening of the New Testament contains little of interest to students of the sacred scriptures. The leagues and conflicts between the kings of the South and the kings of the North with Palestine as a buffer state was all foreseen by the prophet. Following the breaking up of Babylon and the death of Belshazzar there were five political periods or eras.

1. The Persian control of Palestine for about 100 years.
2. The Graeco-Macedonia rule under Alexander the Great who subjugated the Medo-Persian empire (B.C. 330).
3. The Times of the Maccabees and their futile struggles for National Independence (167-141 B.C.).
4. The wicked rule of the Priests (141-63 B.C.).
5. The Conquests by the Romans (B.C. 63).

King of the north . . . south (11:3-20)

Palestine lay right between the two rival powers of Syria and Egypt. As Belgium separates Germany and France so Judah separated Syria and Egypt. As Korea stands between Japan and Manchuria, now Manchukuo, so the land of Canaan stood as a buffer state between Syria and Egypt. The two rival powers therefore made Palestine their battlefield. They formed alliances, intermarried, schemed, planned and purposed, but all to no avail. Ever and anon Syria and Egypt were at war and the land of Judah was their battleground.

THE KINGS OF THE SOUTH refers to the Kings of Egypt, while the expression “**the kings of the north**” has reference to the kings of Syria. Egypt was south of Palestine while Syria was north. Palestine was in the midst. The glorious land became the battle ground of the centuries.

The long series of wars, strife, bloodshed, deceit, diplomacy and trickery depicted in Daniel 11 has been so minutely fulfilled that the critics have argued that it must have been written after the events described had actually happened. They argue that such a correct and complete history could never have been written beforehand. Blind unbelief is sure to err. We believe that God knows the end from the beginning. Prophecy is simply history written in advance as history is simply prophecy fulfilled.

And the king shall exalt himself (11:36)

Daniel jumps across the church centuries and sweeps abruptly into the Great Tribulation. Between verses 35 and 36 there is a long unreckoned period of time, during which God is calling out a Church and Bride, and which was unnoticed by the prophet Daniel.

The willful king of vs. 36 is the Antichrist. The Jews and the world at large rejected the true Christ, the true King, who came to them in God's name. They will accept the Antichrist who will come in his own name (John 5:43).

He will deceive the whole world, break his covenant with the Jews and desolate their land, city and temple. This “**idol shepherd,**” this “**man of the earth,**” this “**man of sin,**” this “**SON OF PERDITION,**” this “**BEAST,**” this “**ANTICHRIST,**” this “**PRINCE THAT SHALL COME,**” this “**KING**” who shall do according to his own will, this self exalting, self magnifying super-egotist, this blasphemer, this disregarder of the God of his fathers, this arch-enemy of Christ, this Satan energized materialist, this desolator of desolators, this murderer and deceiver shall come to his end and none shall help him. The Lord shall consume him with the brightness of his coming.

Daniel, Paul and John with unmistakably united voice and pen, prophesy concerning the stupendous signs and scenes of the last days, the end time, the day of the Lord. Not only so, but the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ is identical with theirs, and all together they solemnly assure us that evil will prevail and increase to the end, that wickedness will intensify and will culminate at last in the great apostasy and final revelation of the man of sin, the Antichrist.

The many Antichrists of John’s day and also of our own day will head up in one great Dictator of dictators, a combined Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, Napoleon and Kemal Pasha all in one. Not only or simply a system of evil, such as Popery, Mohammedanism, Communism, Militarism, Modernism or Heathenism, but all these in one, headed by a person of such power as will make the present Pope and Pasha and the rest of earth’s so-called Potentates look like Pigmies.

Till the indignation be accomplished

The eleventh chapter of Daniel sets forth in graphic outline the course of Gentile power and dominion from the days of Darius (v. 1) and Alexander the Great (v. 3) down to the coming of Antiochus Epiphanes (the madman vs. 4-29) through to the great tribulation (30-35) and the apocalypse of the Antichrist (v. 36).

The king of v. 36 is the last great enemy of God and Israel, the Antichrist. Daniel jumps over the present Church age in which we now live and which has already run its course for more than 1900 years and during which time God has been “**calling out**” a people for His own name. (The present dispensation of the Holy Spirit or Church age was not made known by Daniel).

The king of v. 36 who shall do according to his own will, exalt himself and speak marvelous things against the God of gods and prosper, is none other than the Antichrist. During the closing seven years of Gentile dominion and power he shall practice and prosper. He shall not regard the God of Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob or Judah (his fathers) nor shall he regard the Christ of the God of his fathers (the desire of women) nor regard any god (Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, Mason, Elk, Odd-fellow, Pope, or any other god) for he shall magnify himself above all. He shall be a Hitler, Mussolini, Kemal Pasha, Lenin, Stalin, and Pope all in one.

He shall honor the god of brute force and woe to those who dare to challenge his power (36-39). For seven years he shall practice and prosper till **THE INDIGNATION BE ACCOMPLISHED**. The indignation is the time of Jacob’s trouble, **THE TRIBULATION, THE GREAT**, during which time the Antichrist shall be supreme.

God's fierce wrath upon Israel, hell let loose on earth, the Antichrist supreme, all the world at the feet of Satan and worshipping at the shrine of sin, constitute only a part of the coming tribulation or indignation.

That that is determined shall be done

To oppose, is to be like a moth against a powerful gas light. To resist is to imitate an insane man dashing his head against the walls of his cell. That that is determined shall be done.

He shall magnify himself above all

Subtle attempts are constantly being made to deify man and humanize God. The deification of man was first attempted in the Garden of Eden. "**Ye shall be as God**" was the subtle, slimy hint of the serpent. Nimrod was the second person to start a movement which if successful would have defeated God and exalted man. "**Let US build us a tower and let US make US a name lest we be scattered.**" God had ordered them to scatter abroad and fill the earth. Nimrod ran counter to the plans and purposes of God and brought upon himself and the race the judgments of God which resulted in the first Babel or Babylon.

Pharaoh followed Nimrod by sticking his imperialistic mailed fist under the nostrils of God and saying "**Who is the Lord that I should obey him?**" It was not long before he discovered the answer. In just a few days God wrapped him in a pocketless shroud.

Nebuchadnezzar also attempted the deification of man and the humanization of God by making an image both excellent and terrible. He found at least three holy youths in his kingdom that would neither bow nor bend.

Darius later issued an edict forbidding prayer to any God or gods except himself thus deifying man and displacing God, with the result that God delivered Daniel from the mouth of the lions.

The next and last attempt to put man in the place of God will be by the Antichrist who will exalt himself, magnify himself ABOVE God and demand worship.

As Lucifer before he fell, and Pharaoh in his blasphemous boast before the dreadful passover night, and Nebuchadnezzar before God took away his power to reason and think, SO the Antichrist of coming days shall magnify himself. This is one striking characteristic in all world dictators of the past and present, whether Nebuchadnezzar, Darius, Alexander, Caesar, Mussolini, the Pope, or Hitler, they are alike in that they magnify themselves.

Daniel 11:1-2 gives the prophetic history of Persia.

Daniel 11:3-20 foretells the history of Greece.

Daniel 11:21-35 sets forth the history of Israel and Israel's fierce foe during Maccabean times.

Daniel 11:36-45 forewarns the people of God of the last great monster and murderer, the Antichrist, the king who will be the chief enemy of God's people in coming days, who will invent a new order of worship and compel all to pay homage or perish, who will perform miracles and thus more surely deceive the multitudes and who will exalt himself above all.

Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers

The Antichrist shall be a God-defying and Christ-rejecting rebel. Here also is one proof that the Antichrist shall be of the Hebrew race. The expression "**The God of his fathers**" is always Jewish. The Antichrist must be a Jew. This sweeps away the idea that the Pope is or will be the Antichrist. Neither Kaiser Bill nor Mussolini, nor Hitler, nor Napoleon were Hebrews. Neither Cain, nor Nimrod were Jews, and the Antichrist must be a Jew.

The God of his fathers

The FATHERS always has reference to the Old Testament patriarchs. Seth, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jacob's twelve sons were the fathers of the nation of Israel. The expression "**Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers**" proves beyond quibble or question that the Antichrist will be a Jew, and hence neither the Pope, Hitler, Mussolini, Kaiser Bill nor Roosevelt can qualify as the Antichrist. The coming "**man of sin**" will be all these in one person.

Nor the desire of women

Respect for women is swiftly disappearing from the earth. Women themselves are largely to blame. The shocking shamelessness of the present female species of the human family, with their nudity, their disgusting bathing costumes and dress, their shapeless, bony, stockingless legs, their puppy dog friendships, their lipstick and paint, their giggling, painted, deceptive curling lips and cigarette stained fingers, these and other equally disgusting practices are fast sweeping away the last vestige of respect for girls and women.

The devil and the fashion fixers are swiftly destroying the one time universal respect once shown to women and girls. The expression "**nor the desire of women**" is very striking. All Jewish girls looked forward to becoming the honored Mother of the Messiah and hence the above words may imply that the Antichrist will be as his name actually implies, i. e. one who is opposed to Christ.

The God of forces

The Antichrist will be a great world dictator and Militarist. The next war will be a terrifying holocaust. One gas bomb dropped upon London, New York or Paris will destroy every living plant, animal and man. Irresistible forces will know no impregnable barriers or immovable objects. An American gun now in Maryland can propel a 200 lb. shell with sufficient force to penetrate through a sixteen inch armor plate. Man will be helpless before the combined forces of nature, armies, navies, death dealing machines and chemicals in the air and sea, under the sea and upon the earth.

With a strange god

Satan is even now awaiting the hour for his son—the son of perdition, to appear. Satan is now ready for the apocalypse of his man—the man of sin.

- The true and living God gave His Son to save the world and Satan is yet to give his son to damn the world.
- The God of heaven has given to the race His man, the ideal man, the perfect man, the man of righteousness, truth and holiness and Satan shall yet give his man, the man of sin.
- The mystery of Godliness appeared 1900 years ago to redeem the race; the mystery of iniquity only awaits the rapture of the saints.
- God's prince and King offered Himself to the world and was despised and rejected of men; Satan's prince and coming willful king shall yet appear, be accepted and worshipped.
- The power of God was placed at the disposal of God's Christ and the power of Satan will be given to Satan's Antichrist.
- God's Christ came from above Satan's Antichrist shall come up out of the pit.

“And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them” (Revelation 11-7).

- God's Christ came in His Father's name; Satan's Antichrist shall come in His own name.

“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:43).

- God's Christ humbled himself, Satan's Antichrist exalts himself.

“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished” (Daniel 11:36).

- God's Christ came to do His Father's will, Satan's Antichrist shall do according to his own will. (Daniel 11:36).
- God's Christ was and is the truth, Satan's Antichrist shall be the lie.

“For this cause God shall send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie” (II Thessalonians 2:11).

- God's Christ accomplished His miracles and wonders through the power of God, Satan's Antichrist shall do . . . with a strange god (Daniel 11-36-39).

Whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory

“The God of his fathers,” seems to favor the idea that the Antichrist will be a Jew.

“The desire of women,” may refer to Christ, the Jewish Messiah. Everything in the book of Daniel is Jewish. Every Jewish maiden yearned to be honored by becoming the mother of the Messiah. He was the desire of women. **“Whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory”** indicates clearly that the Antichrist will willingly worship the devil. Satan offered Christ the kingdoms of the world and that which Christ refused and rejected Antichrist will accept. As Christ sought the glory of God so the Antichrist shall seek the glory of his god, the devil.

The Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps

For seven years Antichrist shall be the supreme ruler and desolating Dictator of the world. Disregarding both the will of God and His Christ, the Antichrist shall do according to his own will and magnify himself above God (Daniel 11:36-38). He shall oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped. As God, he shall sit in the temple of God in Jerusalem and profess himself to be God, and shall practice and prosper (II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

All opposition will be ruthlessly dealt with, and all rebels against his reign and rule will be mercilessly mangled and destroyed. The King of the South shall push at him and the King of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind (v. 40) and Palestine shall be the center of the titanic struggle (v. 41).

The Antichrist for a time shall be victorious (v. 42). The wealth of the world shall be at his disposal (v. 43). The continent of Africa, the Sons of Ham, will be solidly behind him (v. 43). **“The Libyans and Ethiopians”** shall be at his steps.” Tidings out of the East and out of the north shall trouble him for it is a time of trouble, indignation, wrath and tribulation (v. 44). Filled with the devil and supported by the Satanic spirits of hell, Antichrist shall go forward to destroy (v. 44).

Rule or ruin is his devilish motto. He goes forth to devour, destroy and damn the sons of men (v. 44). He shall plant his palaces in the land of Palestine, and, Monarch of all he surveys, King of all the earth, Ruler of all the race, Supreme Dictator of the world, pope, prophet, priest of all religions, President of all mankind, everywhere, his satanic majesty, the Antichrist shall hold complete sway over business, commerce, politics and religion. All must receive his mark or be mercilessly mangled and slain. All must bow the knee to him or be broken.

A universal, worldwide business boycott will make buying and selling impossible. Without his own peculiar SWASTIKA, NRA, Blue eagle or some such like mark upon the buyers and sellers, business will be impossible.

Without the mark of the Antichrist death is sure. Just as the Antichrist reaches the pinnacle of his power, just when he is at the height of his unholy ambitions, he comes to his end and none shall help him (11:45). How he comes to his end is fully revealed elsewhere. The Lord Jesus Christ in flaming fire descends from heaven, arrests the Antichrist in person, and flings him into the lake of fire which is his final doom. The Antichrist will be the first person to be cast into THE LAKE OF FIRE which will be the new hell of the future (See *“Riches from Revelation”*).

The Libyans and Ethiopians

The country which the Hebrews described as “**Cush**” lay to the south of Egypt. The Ethiopians were well known to the Hebrews through their business intercourse with Egypt. The inhabitants of Ethiopia were of Hamitic stock (Genesis 10:6). They were divided into various tribes, of which the Sabeans or Sabasans seemed the most powerful. Their distinguished Queen once visited Solomon and is known to us as “**The Queen of Sheba.**” These Sabeans were used by Satan to afflict Job (Job 1:15).

It was a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority, under Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who, having come to Jerusalem for to worship, and returning, was sitting in his chariot reading Isaiah the prophet (Acts 8:27).

The wife of Moses is described as an Ethiopian woman (Numbers 12:1). Ethiopia has been brought into great prominence through the murderous machinations of the mad Fascist, Mussolini.

Between the seas in the glorious holy mountain

“**The glorious holy mountain**” of course is Palestine. “**Between the seas**” has reference to the Mediterranean Sea, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

Megiddo, the battle field of the ages, is truly between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. It is yet to be the mustering place of the Antichrist in the Holy Land. Megiddo or Armageddon is the place at which the hosts of hell, led by Satan and his Antichrist will finally gather (Revelation 16:16). It lies on the southern verge of the historic Plain of Esdraelon, the well known Valley of Jezreel. It is the place of the final mustering of the Antichristian hosts. Both Jerusalem with the valley of Jehoshaphat and Megiddo with its valley of Jezreel are truly “**between the seas in the glorious holy mountain.**”

The Hebrew word Harmageddon like the Greek word Armageddon means simply the Mount of Megiddo. The future Satanic Antichrist battle line is likely to extend from the plains of Megiddo south to the Valley of Jehoshaphat and Jerusalem and farther south to the land of Edom. Satan with his Antichrist is yet to make his last stand and most desperate attempt to destroy God’s saints.

When victory seems within sight Christ descends and smites the forces of Satan and Antichrist and delivers his saints.

He shall come to his end

Daniel 11:36-45 is full of deep and mysterious things. The Antichrist will evidently be a very high minded, self willed, proud, arrogant, idolatrous, covetous, wicked, materialistic-blasphemer. As Satan, Pharaoh, Nimrod, and others before him he shall do according to his own will. As Lucifer, Nebuchadnezzar and Herod, he shall exalt himself and magnify himself. He shall speak against the God of the Hebrews and for a time shall prosper (Daniel 11:36).

The king of the south and the king of the north however shall oppose his will for a time and terrible will be the clash of arms. Dreadful days indeed! No wonder such times are called THE TRIBULATION THE GREAT (Daniel 11:36-45 and 12:1).

The Antichrist and False Prophet are to be arrested by Christ and summarily destroyed by being flung alive into the lake of fire. As Enoch and Elijah were taken to heaven without dying so the Antichrist and the false prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire.

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