

1. Last week I taught Dan 11:29-35 and when time expired we were about to study Dan 11:36.

2. Before we continue that study, I want to give you an expanded translation of Dan 11:29-35. First we will look at the NIV and then an Expanded Translation of each verse

NIV

Dan 11:29 "At the appointed time he will invade the South again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before.

EP

Dan 11:29 Later in about B.C. 168 Antiochus will again invade Egypt, but this time the outcome will be significantly different.

NIV

Dan 11:30 Ships of the western coast lands will oppose him, and he will lose heart. Then he will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant. He will return and show favor to those who forsake the holy covenant.

EP

Dan 11:30 The Roman Senate will send a naval and marine force under the command of Gaius Popillius Laenas who will confront Antiochus demanding his surrender. Antiochus will accede and turn back but on his way through Israel he will vent his fury against God and His people Israel. He will establish a cadre of Jewish sycophants to rule.

NIV

Dan 11:31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

EP

Dan 11:31 His army will be ordered to desecrate the temple fortress and abolish the system of sacrifices. Then they will set up a statue of Zeus in the Holy of Holies.

NIV

Dan 11:32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

EP

Dan 11:32 Antiochus will win over many Jews who are ready to surrender their faith for positions of power; many will succumb and take positions of leadership but many others will remain faithful to the Lord and resist Antiochus' apostasy.

NIV

Dan 11:33 "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.

EP

Dan 11:33 The faithful will adhere to and teach the Law and for their faithfulness they will be incarcerated, tortured and ultimately murdered; their homes and wealth will be confiscated by Antiochus and his Jewish sycophants.

NIV

Dan 11:34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them.

EP

Dan 11:34 There will be a scarce few who will assist them; many who are not sincere will join forces with Antiochus and worship Zeus.

NIV

Dan 11:35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

EP

Dan 11:35 Those who remain faithful will die but in the end they will receive a glorious reward in eternity future.

3. We have studied at length the evils of Antiochus Epiphanes as a type of Antichrist and it is now time to look at the real Antichrist about whom Daniel has much to say.

4. The description begins in verse thirty-six.

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Dan 11:36 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: for that that is determined shall be done.

NIV

Dan 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place.

Principles:

1. Up to now the prophecies dealing with the Persian and Grecian Empires have been fulfilled minutely and with amazing precision in the “near time.” That is to say the past—and we certainly have seen a fulfillment historically.

2. Beginning with verse 36, however, an entirely different situation is in view.

3. No expositor worth his salt claims to see a precise fulfillment in the events described in the remainder of this chapter eleven. Clearly what is seen is a future eschatological completion.

4. Even the earliest of expositors believed the events described in verse 36 and following relate to some king other than Antiochus Epiphanies.

5. Calvin, Jerome and Luther among many others related these latter descriptions to the Revived Roman Empire and the Antichrist to come.

6. In contrast to what we have just studied in Daniel 11:1-35, there is no specific correspondence to history.

7. Accordingly, scholars who regard this as genuine Scripture, regard this section as future and unfulfilled.

8. Even the Jews in Jerome's time (c. 347-420) looked upon this prophecy as being yet unfulfilled. Jerome comments,

"The Jews believe that this passage has reference to the Antichrist ... 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 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."

9. Earlier Jerome had pointed out that Antiochus was merely a foreshadowing of the Antichrist,

"Just as the Savior had Solomon and the other saints as types of His advent, so also we should believe that the Antichrist very properly had as a type of himself the utterly wicked king, Antiochus, who persecuted the saints and defiled the Temple."

10. Because of the completely unsatisfactory explanation of an historical fulfillment of Dan 11:36-45 in contrast with the precise fulfillment of the earlier portion, conservative expositors relate this passage to the end times when the Son of Man returns.

10.1 Men like Dwight Pentecost, Col. R. B. Thieme, John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Hal Lindsey, J. Vernon McGee and many others have concluded the man described in Dan 11:36 and following is none other than the Satan indwelt Antichrist of the Tribulation.

11. The passage, therefore, is contemporaneous with the climax of Daniel chapter two where we find a destruction of the image, and the destruction of the little horn described in Daniel chapter seven; such events being also described in the Book of The Revelation, chapters 6-19.

12. The king described in verses 36-39 of Daniel 11 and the events of the subsequent verses therefore have nothing to do with the second century B.C. and are entirely future and unfulfilled.

13. There are those who argue over whether the king mentioned in verse 36 is the False Prophet or the Antichrist, however, little if no argument exists concerning the eschatological nature of the events foretold.

14. Among conservative scholars two differing identifications of the king of verse 36 are given. The common identification by J. N. Darby is that the king of Dan 11:36 is none other than the Antichrist.

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15. Most expositors identify the king of Dan 11:36 with the man of sin described in 2Th 2:3-10; there are however a few who identify him with the false prophet of Rev 13:11-18.

2Th 2:3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

2Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2Th 2:5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

2Th 2:7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Rev 13:11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

Rev 13:12 He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

Rev 13:13 And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men.

Rev 13:14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Rev 13:15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

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