

1. Last week I started teaching Dan 11:36 and when time expired we were looking at the identification of the willful king.
2. I want to review some of that studied and then we will pick up with new material at point ten.
3. Let's look again at how the verse has been translated in the KJV and then the NIV.

KJV

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 historically and with amazing precision.
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. In contrast to what we have just studied in Daniel 11:1-35, there is no specific correspondence to history.
5. Accordingly, scholars who regard this as genuine Scripture, see this section as future and unfulfilled.
6. Even the Jews in Jerome's time (c. 347-420) looked upon this prophecy as being yet unfulfilled.
7. Because of the completely unsatisfactory explanation of an historical fulfillment of verses 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.

7.1 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

10.1 A better identification of the king is to relate him to the Roman world ruler, the same individual as the little horn of Daniel seven and the beast out of the sea of Rev 13:1-10 and thus a gentile.

11. There are those like A. C. Gaebelien who believe the king is the Antichrist however he believes the Antichrist, to be acceptable to Israel, must be a Jew.

11.1 He finds principal support for this point of view in the expression of verse 37 "neither shall he regard the God of his fathers," which is identified as the God of Israel.

11.2 He assumes that Jewish people will not accept even a false Messiah unless he has a Jewish background.

12. As we earlier studied there seems little doubt that he, the Antichrist, is a gentile and the False Prophet a Jew. Further there is little doubt verse 36 refers to the Antichrist to come.

13. John Walvoord in his book Daniel *The Key To Prophetic Revelation* has written:

"According to verse 36, the king is an absolute ruler who shall do according to his will. If this is the great tribulation, as intimated in Daniel 12:1, the Roman ruler is a world ruler therefore it is difficult to contemplate any other ruler who could be so absolute in authority. There can be only one king who does absolutely according to his will and this must be the world ruler which ... shall devour the whole earth, and tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book-- will be delivered.

Dan 7:23 "He gave me this explanation: "The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it."

14. Although other rulers will be associated with him, such as the kings of Rev 17:8-12 and the False Prophet of Rev 13:11-18, none of these can be described as absolute rulers.

Rev 17:8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

Rev 17:9 "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.

Rev 17:10 There are also seven kings. Five have fallen [Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia and Greece] one is [Rome of John's day], the other has not yet come [the Ten Nation Federation before the Antichrist takes over]; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.

Rev 17:11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king [the Antichrist]. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

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.

15. Further evidence is found in the fact that he not only assumes political rule but also the role of god. According to verse 36 "he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god."

16. He demands that all recognize at the pain of death his deity. He clearly asserts his supremacy over all others. Never do we find the False Prophet demanding and acting in such a fashion.

17. The False Prophet will be the Jew who leads Israel to follow the Antichrist called in verse 15 the "first beast." The False Prophet will under the influence of Satan give life to the Antichrist and cause his image to be worshiped.

18. The description found in verse 36 given what we know from the Book of the Revelation fits only one person, the ruler of the Revived Roman Empire who "shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished," or better his blasphemous course be fulfilled.

Before we move to Dan 11:37-39 I want to give you an expanded translation of Dan 11:26.

Expanded Translation

Dan 11:36 The Antichrist will do as he pleases. He will magnify himself above every god; he will however display a particular hatred toward the God of Israel. He will say blasphemous things against Him; as a world leader he will be successful until the middle of the Tribulation when he begins to lose control; at the appointed time in God's infinite wisdom, his reign will be brought to an end.

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