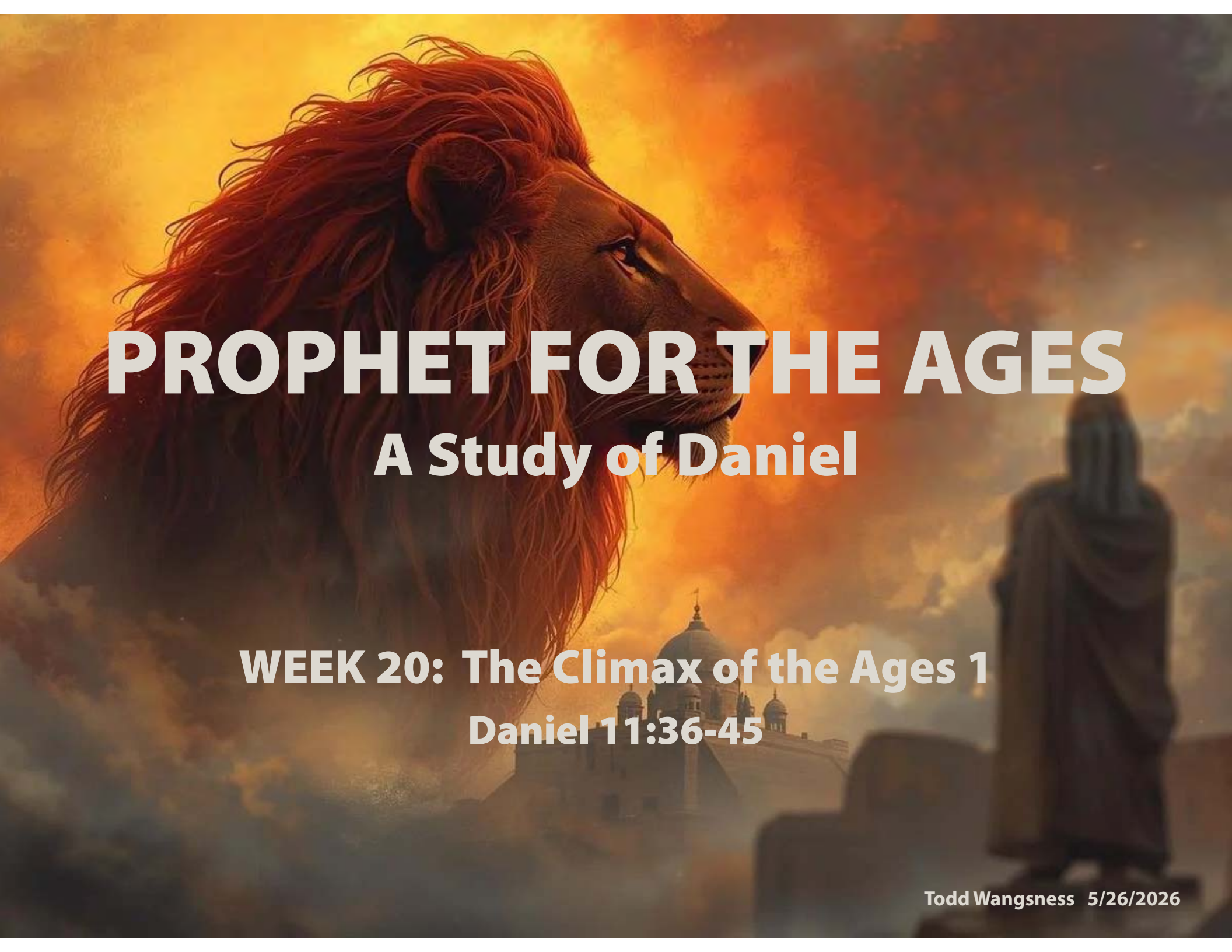




PROPHET FOR THE AGES

A Study of Daniel

WEEK 20: The Climax of the Ages 1
Daniel 11:36-45

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Prophetic Dualism or Typology

- Prophetic 'dualism' is the view that many biblical prophecies have a near or partial fulfillment in history that serves as a *type* or preview, while pointing to a far or ultimate fulfillment in end times
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes serves as a prototype or foreshadowing of the final Antichrist. Verses 36–45 shift (or escalate) to the future figure, with language and scope that far exceed Antiochus's historical actions

The Willful King: [Dan 11:36-39](#)

- The Antichrist in this passage is a supremely arrogant, self-deifying ruler empowered by Satan ([ref. 2 Thes 2:3-4; Rev 13](#))
- He rejects traditional religion, promotes a new order centered on himself and power, and forms alliances based on flattery and self-interest.
- This escalates at the midpoint of the Tribulation as he initiates the *abomination of desolation* referenced in several passage in the Old and New Testaments

The Armageddon Scenario: [Dan 11:40-45](#)

- The Antichrist achieves temporary dominance but meets his end supernaturally ([ref. Dan 7:11-12, 26; 2 Thes 2:8; Rev 19:19-20](#)).
- This sets the stage for the *Time of Jacob's Trouble* (Tribulation) for Israel ([Dan 12:1](#)) and God's miraculous deliverance

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Notable Quote About Daniel 11:36-45

“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 BC. Taken as a whole, Daniel 11:36-45 is a description of the closing days of the times of the Gentiles, specifically, the great tribulation with its world ruler, world religion, and materialistic philosophy. In spite of its satanic support, the world government fragmentizes into sectional disputes and a great world war which climaxes with the second advent of Christ.”

- John Walvoord

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OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES TO THE ANTICHRIST

#	Title	Reference	#	Title	Reference
1.	Adversary	Ps 74:8-10; Isa 59:19; Lam 4:11,12; Amos 3:11	18.	Man of the Earth	Ps 10:18
2.	Assyrian	Isa 10:5,12	19.	Merchant w/balances of deceit	Hos 12:7
3.	Belial	Nahum 1:15	20.	Mighty Man	Ps 52:1
4.	Bloody and Deceitful Man	Ps 5:6	21.	Nail	Isa 22:25
5.	Branch of Terrible Ones	Isa 25:5; Isa 14:19	22.	Prince that shall come	Dan 9:26
6.	Chief Prince	Ex 38:2	23.	Prince of Tyre	Ezek 28:2-10
7.	Crooked Serpent	Job 26:13; Isa 27:1	24.	Profane Wicked Prince of Israel	Ezek 21:25-27
8.	Cruel One	Jer 30:14,23	25.	Proud Man	Hab 2:5
9.	Destroyer of the Gentiles	Jer 4:7	26.	Rod of God's anger	Isa 10:5
10.	Enemy	Ps 55:3; Jer 30:14, 23	27.	Seed of the Serpent	Gen 3:15
11.	Evil Man	Ps 140:1	28.	Son of the Morning	Isa 14:12
12.	Head over many countries	Ps 110:6	29.	Spoiler, Destroyer	Isa 16:4,5
13.	Head of Northern Army	Joel 2:20	30.	Vile Person	Dan 11:21
14.	Idol Shepherd	Zech 11:16, 17	31.	Violent Man	Ps 140:1, 10, 11
15.	King of Princes	Hos 8:10	32.	Wicked, Wicked One	Ps 9:17; 10:2,4; Isa 11:4; Jer 30:14, 23
16.	King of Babylon	Isa 14:11-20; (Ref. 30:31-33)	33.	Willful King	Dan 11:36
17.	Little Horn	Dan 7:8-11, 21-26; 8:9-12, 23-25			

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NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES TO THE ANTICHRIST		
#	Title	Reference
1.	Angel of the Bottomless Pit	Rev 9:11
2.	Antichrist, Pseudo-Christ	1 Jn 2:22
3.	Beast	Rev 11:7; 13
4.	False Prophet	Rev 13
5.	Father of the lie	Jn 8:44; 2 Thess 2:11
6.	Lawless One	2 Thess 2:8
7.	Man of Sin	2 Thess 2:3
8.	One come in his own name	Jn 5:43
9.	Prince of Darkness	1 Thess 5
10.	Son of Perdition	2 Thess 2:3
11.	Star	Rev 8:10; 9:1
12.	Unclean Spirit	Mt 12:43
13.	Vine of the earth	Rev 14:18

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The "Big Mouth"

- Scripture references describing the Antichrist (the "little horn," the Beast, or the willful king) as having a "big mouth" that speaks boastful, arrogant, great, pompous, or blasphemous things
 - *Dan 7:8 "... And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words [or boastful words]."*
 - *Dan 7:11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain."*
 - *Dan 7:20 "... that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows."*
 - *Dan 7:25 "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High ..." (also notes his persecution of the saints and attempt to change times and laws).*
 - *Rev 13:5-6 "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies ..."*
 - *Dan 11:36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies [astonishing/boastful words] against the God of gods..."*
 - *2 The 2:3-4 Describes the "man of sin" (or son of perdition) "who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped"*

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The Willful King

Dan 11:36 *“Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.*

- Paul and John describe this individual in detail
 - *2 The 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*
 - *Rev 13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.*

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- Although the tribulation will affect all people in the world ... the Jews will be the focus of the coming atrocities
 - *Zec 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested.*
 - There are currently approximately 18 million Jews worldwide, with half living in Israel
 - Using this estimate, two-thirds of that number indicates that at least 12 million Jews will perish in the coming tribulation
- *"For what has been determined shall be done":*
 - The decree is irrevocable ... it is set in stone. Both the decree and its duration will be fulfilled.

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Dan 11:37 *He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.*

- Three characteristics of the willful king:

1. *He has no regard for the God of his fathers*

- Mistranslation: Hebrew 'Elohei' is actually plural. Should be '*gods*'.
- Some have interpreted this to indicate the Antichrist is Jewish
 - That he is of Jewish origin is unlikely
 - Isa 10:5 indicates he is likely Assyrian

2. *He has no regard for the desire of women*

- Some believe that homosexuality is in view ... or he could be such a narcissist that he only regards himself. We just don't know yet.

3. *He has no regard for any god*

- He will magnify himself above all ... men, women, and gods

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Modus Operandi of the Antichrist

Dan 11:38-39 *But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.*

- The Antichrist personal religion will be war ... he follows the philosophy that *might makes right*
- *“The sole confidence of the final world ruler is in military power, personified as ‘the god of war’ or ‘the god of fortresses’. In other words, he is a complete materialist in contrast to all previous religions and all previous men who claimed divine qualities. This is blasphemy to the ultimate, the exaltation of human power and attainment. He is Satan’s masterpiece, a human being who is Satan’s substitute for Jesus Christ, hence properly identified as the Antichrist.” -- Walvoord*
- He is not an atheist as he *“acknowledges his foreign god”* ... rather he will openly worship Satan and will honor him with *“gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.”*

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- *“He shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain”*
 - The Antichrist will grant political authority to his loyal subjects ... just as his predecessor, Antiochus Epiphanes, also did
 - The land he conquers, he will divide and distribute to those who worship him – although this will come with a steep price tag – namely, their unquestioning loyalty
 - *Rev 13:16-18 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

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Conquests of the Antichrist

Dan 11:40

"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through."

- This passage describes a war that will break out during the 70th week
- During the first 3½ years of the tribulation, the world will be divided into ten Gentile nations plus Israel, with the ten Gentile nations ruled by ten kings
- Daniel 7 shows that in the middle of the tribulation, the Antichrist will assume great political power
- During the course of this war, he will kill three kings and subdue the remaining seven
- Although the focus of the Antichrist's evil campaign will be against the Jews, he will initially consolidate his power by decisively defeating attacks from both the South and North (historic Ptolemaic and Seleucid empire regions)

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Conquest of Israel

Dan 11:41 *He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.*

- Following a devastating defeat over the kings of the South and North, he – as did his predecessor – will invade Israel and surrounding countries and overthrow them
- However, the area of ancient *Edom, Moab, and Ammon* shall escape (modern-day Jordan)
- Why would Jordan be allowed to escape?
 - Could it be because the area of Petra is in Jordanian territory?
 - *Mat 24: 15 “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”*
 - *Isa 33:16 “... his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water will be sure.”*
 - *Ref also Isa 16:1-4, 63:1-6, Mic 2:12*

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- Israel will fall during this invasion – unfortunately that is guaranteed
- The same Gentile takeover is described in Revelation 11
 - *Rev 11:1-3 “And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”*
 - According to this passage, the Antichrist will attack and conquer the Temple compound and control it for 3½ years
 - This sets the stage for the *Abomination of Desolation* mentioned in 9:27 and again in 12:11. Jesus also mentioned it in the Olivet Prophecy.
 - *Mat 24:15-16 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”*
 - Only a small remnant of Jews will heed the admonition and escape destruction

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Three Kings Fall to the Antichrist

Dan 11:42-43 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.

- In Daniel 7:8, 20 and 24 it was prophesied that the Antichrist would kill three of the ten kings
 - In this passage, we are told who the first of the three will be, the King of the South (Egypt)
 - He will now have control over the riches of Egypt and unfettered access to the continent of Africa

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Dan 11:44 *But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.*

- Certain scholars have postulated the *east and north* are China and Russia
 - It's unlikely these are the countries referenced
 - According to scripture, east and north refer to Mesopotamia and Syria (modern-day Iraq and Syria)
- If this holds true, whatever Iraq is called during the tribulation will join forces with Syria in resistance against the Antichrist
- He will go out *with great fury* to attack these combined forces and will *destroy and annihilate* them
 - Consequently, the king of Iraq will be the *second* king to fall to the Antichrist
 - The king of Syria will be the *third* to fall

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The Antichrist's Command Center (*Abomination of Desolation*)

Dan 11:45a *And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain;*

- In context, the *"Tents of his palace"* refers to a portable military command center
- *"Between the seas"* is an idiom for between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean
- *"Glorious holy mountain"* refers to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem
- So, it appears the Antichrist will establish a temporary command center right on the Temple Mount itself
 - This likely coincides with the events of the *Abomination of Desolation* in the next chapter (*Dan 12:11*)

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The Mortal Wound of the Antichrist

- ***“He shall come to his end”***: At some point during the tribulation, he will be killed
 - However, according to ***Rev 13:3,12,14***; it appears Satan will resurrect him back to life
 - ***Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.***
- This satanic miracle will cause the remaining seven kings to submit to him
 - ***Rev 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”***

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The Image of the Beast

- Freaky stuff alluded to in the following verses! Advanced AI or Project “Blue Beam” maybe?
 - Or literally an image empowered with Satan himself
 - We just don’t know (yet) ... God willing, we won’t be around to witness these events firsthand.
- *Rev 13:13-15 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*

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Questions To Ponder

- How can we be assured that believers won't suffer the time of trouble prophesied for the end times?

1 Thes 1:10 *... and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

1 Thes 4:16-17 *... we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.*

1 Thes 5:9 *For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.*

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Questions To Ponder (cont.)

2 Thes 2:6-7 *And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*

Rom 5:9 *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

Rev 3:10 *Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

- The actions and atrocities that will be committed by the Antichrist and his minions are described as the most violent and horrific time in the history of man.
 - What can we do now to turn the hearts of unsaved family and friends, and all people for that matter towards the Lord?
 - Do we truly have a heart for the unsaved?