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THE ANTICHRIST

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Daniel 8 and 11 are passages that give us the clearest picture of who the Antichrist is and his activities in the entire Old Testament. The Book of Daniel gives us the most information about this man Antichrist through the four visions received by Daniel. All four help to interpret one another (Dan. 7:1-28; 8:1-27; 9:24-27; 11:1-12:13). Central to all four visions is **the Antichrist's power, personality, agenda, and activities and his eventual defeat**. Of the four, Daniel 8 and 11 give us the most detailed prophecy of the Antichrist in the Old Testament.





Daniel 8 focuses on **the personality and power of the Antichrist**. It gives us the clearest description of who the Antichrist is. Daniel 11 focuses on the **religious and military activities of the Antichrist**. In both chapters, God uses the life of this ancient Greek king, **Antiochus Epiphanes**, as a **prophetic picture and foreshadowing of the coming Antichrist**. What was written in Daniel 8 and 11 was only partially fulfilled in the life of Antiochus Epiphanes. The full fulfillment will be through the Antichrist at the End of the Age.



Daniel 8:1-22 talks about the conflict between the ram with two horns and the male goat with the notable horn. The ram with two horns is the Medo-Persian empire. The male goat is the Greek empire and the notable horn is Alexander the Great, who completely defeated the Medo-Persian empire. After the sudden passing of Alexander the Great, the Greek empire was divided into four regions helmed by four kings (Dan. 8:8). The little horn refers to Antiochus Epiphanes who was the descendant of King Seleucus, one of the four kings.

Daniel 8:9-14 is a vision of **the rise of the little horn**, which is a picture of **both Antiochus Epiphanes as well as the Antichrist**. Here we want to focus our study in the context of the Antichrist.

THE LITTLE HORN, WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST IN ITS FULL FULFILLMENT, WILL BRING ABOUT THE CASTING DOWN OF FOUR THINGS:

ONE

“IT CAST DOWN SOME OF THE HOST”

(Verse 10)

As a result of the fierce spiritual battle going on in the heavens, Satan and his hosts were cast down to the earth (Rev. 12:7-9). This happens in the final three-and-a-half years of human history.

TWO

“AND SOME OF THE STARS

(Verse 11)

The Jewish people (Gen. 15:5; 22:17; 37:9-10; Jer. 33:22). Antiochus killed over 100,000 Jewish people and the Antichrist will kill two-thirds of the people in the nation of Israel!

THREE

"THE PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN"

(Verse 11-13)

Antiochus Epiphanes went into the temple in Jerusalem and offered a pig on the altar. This is an utter abomination.

Similarly, the Antichrist will set up his own image in the temple in Jerusalem and demand the whole world to worship him – this is the Abomination of Desolation that Daniel prophesied about (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15)!

FOUR

"HE CAST TRUTH DOWN TO THE GROUND"

(Verse 12)

The Antichrist will have no regard for the truth and law of God and he will be totally defiant.



Interestingly, Daniel 8:12 says “*Because of transgressions, an army was given over to the horn...*”. This tells us that the Antichrist was raised by the Lord to discipline Israel, because of her sin and her rejection of the Messiah.

What are the **2,300 days** mentioned in verse 14? **It is the duration of the restored Jewish temple worship and the period from the Abomination of Desolation to the Second Coming of Jesus.**

After the construction of the temple is completed, **Jewish worship will be restored for 1,040 days before the Abomination of Desolation happens.** After the Abomination of Desolation, there will be another **1,260 days (three-and-a-half years)** before Jesus returns. This will add up to **2,300 days!**

Daniel 8:23-25 is the clearest description of the **personality and power of the Antichrist.** The term *"in the latter time... when the transgressors have reached their fullness"* in verse 23 tells us that the verses apply to the End of the Age when sin and darkness will reach their max. The Antichrist is described as a king who shall arise with:



1 FIERCE FEATURES (V.23)

This man will be cruel, without compassion or mercy.

2

WHO UNDERSTANDS SINISTER SCHEMES (V.23)

He understands complex matters of the spiritual realm. He will be a master of the occultic.

3

HIS POWER SHALL BE MIGHTY, BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER (V.24)

The source of the Antichrist's power is not human, it is from Satan.

4

HE SHALL DESTROY FEARFULLY (V.24)

He will devise unique ways to kill people that will instil great fear and terror. An example of this in history would be Hitler's gas chambers.

5

HE SHALL PROSPER AND THRIVE (V.24)

He shall appear invincible for a season.

6

HE SHALL DESTROY THE MIGHTY AND ALSO THE HOLY PEOPLE (V.24)

He shall kill powerful world leaders and also the Jewish people.

**7 THROUGH HIS CUNNING, HE
SHALL CAUSE DECEIT TO
PROSPER UNDER HIS RULE (V.25)**

The Antichrist shall deceive
many with his convincing lies.

8 HE SHALL EXALT HIMSELF IN HIS HEART (V.25)

He will have no regard for anyone,
only for his own agenda.

**9 HE SHALL DESTROY MANY IN THEIR
PROSPERITY (V.25)**

He will kill many wealthy people.

**10 HE SHALL EVEN RISE AGAINST
THE PRINCE OF PRINCES (V.25)**

The Antichrist will war against
Jesus, believing he will win.

**11 HE SHALL BE BROKEN WITHOUT
HUMAN MEANS (V.25)**

The Antichrist cannot be defeated by
any human means, because his
power comes from Satan. He can
only be defeated by Jesus.




Daniel 11:1 – 12:3 is the most detailed prophecy detailing the conflict in the Middle East from the time of Daniel until the time of the Antichrist.

Daniel 11:1-20 is a history of the region from Daniel's time until Antiochus Epiphanes. Verse 21 to 35 gives us details that have **double fulfillment in the lives of both Antiochus Epiphanes and the Antichrist.** Daniel 11:36 – 12:3 gives us insight into the Antichrist as a king.



Daniel 11:36-39 tells us about **the Antichrist's religious attitudes** — his arrogance as well as his worship of Satan, who is the "*foreign god*" who empowers him in his military conquests. Verse 40 to 45 tells us about his military activities. Finally, Daniel 12:1-3 tells us of the victory of God's people over the Antichrist.

In the midst of the reign of this cruel, powerful, and most wicked king, where the greatest darkness of all times prevails, God has promised hope and light! Daniel 11:32-33 tells us that **God is raising up a kind of people who will bear His light and His glory, overcomers who will know their God intimately, have strength, wisdom, and understanding from the Lord, and will instruct many.** They will move with great power and authority.



They will be the burning ones who will shine like the brightness of the firmament, and turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever!

The decade of the 2020's is the season to focus on preparing ourselves to be the Daniel 11:32-33 people. As we set our hearts and embark on this journey of Preparation for the Times to come, may we truly arise, shine and may the glory of the Lord be seen upon us (Isa. 60:1-3)!



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