## **Preparation** for Armageddon

PROFILE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

The DICTATOR of the Revived Roman Empire (THE ANTI-CHRIST) positions himself for battle Daniel 11:36 The kinq dictator of RRE will do As he pleAses, And he will exalt And MAGNIFY himself Above every god above every god of every culture in the world And will speak Astonishing blasphemies AGAINST THE God of Gods; he is so arrogant that he copies his god, Satan against the true God... the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob And he will prosper <u>until</u> The indigNATION intense anger from God toward the Jews and the world is finished, after 3 ½ years for that which is decreed from the true God, who controls all history Will

**be done** accomplished or *finished*. On the cross Jesus cried out *it is finished* — Praise of God— His plan; Joy to Jesus—fulfilled God's commission to Him;

Salvation for all mankind is finished—whosoever will believe in Jesus Christ will have eternal fellowship with God.

37 **"He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women,** Divine Institution of marriage and home is destroyed and the hopes of the coming Messiah is disregarded by him **NOR will he show regard for any other god;** totally disregards the true God **for he will magnify himself above them all.** This is his worldwide arrogance.

38 **"But instead** of recognizing and worshipping the true God **He will honor A god of fortresses**, fortress who secures his position and power, that is Satan and promising the world security in its rebellion against the true God **A god whom His fathers did not know;** showing that the beast of the Tribulation will not be a Jew, but will come from cultural descendant of the Roman Empire.

*HE will HONOR HIM with Gold, silver, costly stones AND TREASURES.* Gained by universal taxation.

## Preparation for the battle of Armageddon.

Please remember that all this is not about the world but about what is going to happen to Daniel's people—the Jews.

### Daniel 10:14

foreign god

### <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

# 39 *"He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god;* he is

preparing for Armageddon and Satan is preparing to meet Jesus Christ face to face in battle.

He will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price. The first line gives some difficulty to translating: "He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god" NIV He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a NET *He will attack mighty fortresses, aided by a foreign deity.* Hebrew *HE shall do,* or **accomplish** or **complete** this is followed by two nouns:

 $1^{st}$  noun refers to a fortification, a structure, while the  $2^{nd}$  noun modifies something as a stronghold

## He will do—attack, do as he wishes against the fortifying fortresses with the help of a foreign

**God;** However we translate this verse, we see that he is getting ready for an all-out battle and under his own domain he will trample down every opposition. He knows a final battle is approaching.

Remember, the four great armies will be approaching Jerusalem,

MILLIONS FROM THE ORIENTAL EAST; GOG OF MAGOG FROM THE NORTH; PAN ARABIC ARMIES FROM THE SOUTH; AND, OF COURSE, THE RRE FROM THE WEST.

So he is securing himself, especially in the west.

**With the help of a foreign god, or strange god** That is foreign to Israel, a strange god to the Jews, not the god of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... NOT strange to the world. Remember this is stated in terms of Daniel's people.

Next note the three schemes of this dictator, not unlike any political party and certainly in line with the schemes of Satan, which in Ephesians 6 we are challenged to stand firm against.

he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him prestige and will cause them to <u>rule</u> over the many, authority and will parcel out <u>land</u> for a price prosperity.

It is amazing how many Christians sell out growing relationship with Christ in hunger for these three:

### Prestige, Authority, Prosperity.

They don't have time for Bible class. I wish Christians would spend the same amount of time they spend in FACEBOOK, in THE BOOK!

Not more time, but just as much time as you spend on FACEBOOK; spend that same amount of time in THE BOOK OF GOD.

We have to pay special attention to the third scheme:

**AND WILL PARCEL OUT LAND FOR A PRICE** the NASV leaves out a very important definite article which appears in the NIV and KJ **AND SHALL divide The LAND FOR GAIN.** This refers to what will happen too much of Israel during this period of the Tribulation. He will just take over all of Palestine and give away parts of this country for personal gain. Question for the closing of verses 36-39 in which we had the most precise profile of "DICTATOR OF RRE IN THE TRIBULATION" in all of the Bible.

Why did THE HOLY SPIRIT record this future prophecy for us in Daniel 11:36-39? This Question arises from the fact that we will not be here when all these things occur, having been raptured before the Tribulations begins.

Why does THE HOLY SPIRIT tell us this information when it does not directly pertain to us?

#### Answer:

- 1. First this answer comes from understanding of DIVINE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE. There are cults like the Mormons who claim added inspiration, which is heretical to the closing of the book of Revelation. So, the completed canon of Scripture is for all people—including the Jews after the removal of the church. So, this information is for the Jews through their history and especially those alive when the church is removed. So they will know what is going on historically. And in many cases what to do, as in Matthew 2
- 2.

A second important reason for the prophesy of Daniel 11:36–39 is that it is to serve as a warning throughout history; IN GERMANY, THE WORLD HAD A WARNING OF THE LIKES OF HITLER. It is a warning to us in America. These verses serve as a standard by which we should evaluate our own ideas and the world in which we live. With regard to the beast's schemes, serve as a warning how such appeals will cause you to leave the truth of Scripture? How would these appeal to you?

The beast will decree **what** men will worship, **when** men will worship and **where** men will worship. The idea that the state has the right to grant religious freedom is at the center of evil.

It isn't the perogative of the government to grant religious freedom. All government should do is recognize religious freedom, it doesn't grant it.

It is <u>**not</u>** a privilege it is a <u>**right**</u> of the citizens.</u>

In the "day of the beast" the state will own all of the land (verse 39) Today the state can take any piece of land it

wants to right out from under you by means of eminent

domain and other political manevures.

In the Old Testament the state did not have the right to confiscate land by means of eminent domain ( 1 Kings 21). Furthermore, the state in the Old Testament was only allowed to tax the produce of the land, not the land itself which would be a confiscation of private property.

THERE ISN'T MUCH OF A BIG JUMP FROM THE POLICIES OF TODAY TO THE POLICIES OF THE BEAST.

Today the state taxes your family's inheritance, the state dips its hand into your family's wealth. In the Old Testament that never happened, your family wealth was your own family capital. WE SHOULD BE WARNED FROM THESE VERSES AGAINST THE TYRANT IN THE TRIBULATION.

<sup>3.</sup> Quoting from a man from the 19<sup>th</sup> century who has influenced most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century scholars of the book of Daniel, Samuel J. Andrews, in his book *Christianity and Anti–Christianity the Final Conflict.* 

> "THE CHOICE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST IS NOT TO BE THE CHOICE OF THE RULERS ONLY OR OF THE POPULAR LEADERS, THE MULTITUDE BEING UNWILLING, SILENT AND PASSIVE, IT IS THE ACT OF THE

PEOPLES, THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT EXPRESSION OF POPULAR WILL. IT IS THE VOLUNTARY DECLARATION OF CHRISTIANDOM."

In Daniel 11:40 through verse 2 of Chapter 12, we move right into the **BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**. And remember that this was written, given to Daniel to write in ca 538 bc. So it has already been some 2500 years ago and while it has not yet happened we believe with all certainty that it is going to happen and maybe not that far away from today.

Any careful study of these verses demands relating the details with two other important passages:

Daniel 11:40-12:2 Revelation 16:13 Ezekiel 38, 39

Daniel 11:40-12:2

<sup>40</sup> "At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

<sup>41</sup> He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. <sup>42</sup> Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

<sup>43</sup> But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

<sup>44</sup> But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. <sup>45</sup> He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Chapter 12

<sup>1</sup> "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

<sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Revelation 16:13

<sup>13</sup> And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;