

BEYOND ANTIOCHUS IV (EPIPHANES)

(Daniel 11:36-45)

- I. The King of the END TIMES (Dan. 11:36)
 - A. A TIME GAP between verses 35 and 36 (cf. Isa. 9:6-7)
 1. Verse 35 looks to “the END time” which “is still to COME at the APPOINTED time”
 2. Verses 36-45 has no corresponding HISTORICAL fulfillment
 - B. The king described must be the ANTICHRIST
 1. Corresponds with other PROPHECIES
 - a. Destruction of the IMAGE (Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45)
 - b. Destruction of the LITTLE HORN (Dan. 7:8-12, 20-27)
 - c. Period described in REVELATION 6 – 19
 2. Could be the FALSE PROPHET (cf. Rev. 13:11-18)
 3. Probably the “Roman” WORLD RULER (Rev. 13:1-10)
 - a. Claims ABSOLUTE authority (Dan. 11:37; cf. 7:23)
 - b. Claims DIVINE prerogative (cf. Rev. 13:15)
 - c. Prospers until his blasphemous course is FINISHED

- II. The Final World RELIGION (Dan. 11:37-39)
 - A. Characterized as ATHEISTIC
 1. No regard for TRADITIONAL GODS
 2. No expectation of a SAVIOR/MESSIAH
 3. Worships only HIMSELF
 - B. Respects only POWER
 1. Completely MATERIALISTIC
 2. Completely PRAGMATIC

- III. The Final WORLD WAR (Dan. 11:40-43)
 - A. Control GLOBAL, but not UNIVERSAL
 - 1. Claims world DOMINION
 - 2. Experiences armed REBELLION
 - B. “King of the SOUTH” moves against Palestinian HQ
 - 1. More than merely EGYPT
 - 2. Represents an AFRICAN army
 - C. “King of the NORTH” moves against Palestinian HQ
 - 1. More than merely SYRIA
 - 2. Represents an ASIA army
 - D. The “WORLD” ruler will be victorious, but some ESCAPE
 - 1. He will be ENRICHED
 - 2. His authority maintained only by MILITARY FORCE

- IV. The Final BATTLE (Dan. 11:44-45)
 - A. More trouble from the NORTH and the EAST
 - 1. Apparently a LENGTHY campaign
 - 2. Involves a HUGE army invading from the east (cf. Rev. 9:13-21)
 - B. King launches a COUNTER-attack
 - 1. Many DIE
 - 2. Establishes his tent-palace near JERUSALEM
 - C. Struggle continues until CHRIST RETURNS (cf. Rev. 19:17-21)
 - 1. “He WILL come to his END”
 - 2. “No one will HELP HIM”
 - 3. “For that which is DECREED will be DONE” (v. 36)

- V. Characteristics of the Antichrist
 - A. An ATHEIST
 - B. Obsessed with POWER
 - C. Ultimately DOOMED