

"THE ANTICHRIST: PART 2"

Daniel 11:40-45

One day the Antichrist will rule the entire world. That's not a fictional, fairytale-like assumption. It is a fact rooted in prophecy. I've got to be honest with you. I'm mystified by the lack of respect that many inside the church have for biblical prophecy. However, a quick survey of the New Testament reveals that this dismissive attitude towards the prophetic Scriptures is nothing new. Consider, for instance, Peter's second sermon in the book of Acts . . .

Acts 3:11–26

11 While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

12 But when Peter saw *this*, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, *the one* whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

14 "But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 but put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom God raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses.

16 "And on the basis of faith in His name, *it is* the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

18 "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

21 whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

22 "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

23 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."

Do you see the repeated emphasis on the words "**Prophet**" or "**Prophecy**?" Here's a good definition of an O.T. prophet...

It is sometimes said that prophets are not foretellers but forthtellers. As far as the OT. is concerned, however, the

prophets are forthtellers (declaring the truth about God) by being foretellers (predicting what God will do).¹

The Old Testament prophets revealed precise details concerning the birth of Messiah. A simple survey of these would have provided ample clues about the identity of newborn Jewish Messiah. Unfortunately, the Jewish religious leaders were disinterested, therefore they missed the opportunity afforded to the wisemen from the East. As Peter indicated, this flippant view of prophecy was evident in the 1st century and remains so in the 21st century. God forbid that we miss the prophetic clues concerning the tribulation period, the second coming of the Lord Jesus, the millennial kingdom, and the creation of the new heavens and the new earth.

Maybe you're mulling over this question in your mind—HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ONE MAN CAN RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD? Modern technology like the following surely makes the idea far more conceivable than ever before:

- **global communication networks**
- **the internet**
- **satellite systems**
- **rapid air travel**
- **AI**

The pathway to his rise involves other converging factors such as:

- **widespread chaos**
- **an economic meltdown**
- **intensifying conflict among nations (wars and rumors of war)**
- **natural disasters like famines, earthquakes, etc.**

¹ Walter A. Elwell and Barry J. Beitzel, "[Prophet, Prophetess,](#)" in *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 1782.

■ **global instability following the rapture of the church**

Into this vacuum will emerge a charismatic leader who promises solutions to humanity's crises, offering peace and security while positioning himself as the answer to global disorder. The prophet Daniel, apostles Paul and John described this diabolical person . . .

Daniel 7:8... "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great *boasts*."

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4... Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God.

Revelation 13:1, 3-4... And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. **3** I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; **4** they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST THAT WE WENT OVER LAST WEEK . . .

- This coming world ruler will be charismatic, cunning, and cruel.

- He will be an anarchist—*He will do as he pleases*.

- He will exercise political power given to him by 10 kings (Rev.17:12-13).
- He will exert power in the religious realm, magnifying himself above all gods and blaspheming the true God (Daniel 7:25; 2 Thess. 2:4).
- The world will be persuaded to worship him by the miracles the false prophet will perform in his name (Rev. 13:11–15).
- He will be the final ruler in the Roman world, the little horn of the fourth beast (Dan. 7:8, 24b). Therefore, he must be a Gentile.
- He will demand that the whole world worship him alone.
- He shows no regard for the *desire of women*. Jewish women hoped to be the mother of Messiah, the nation's Savior and King.
- He will succeed in spreading his influence around the world, both politically and religiously (*Rev. 13:7–8*).

Daniel 11:38–39... **“But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. 39 “He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with *the help of a foreign god*; 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.”**

- He will be obsessed with military might, honor a god of fortresses.
- Though this king will come to power offering peace through a covenant with Israel (9:27) he will use military power to expand his dominion.

- He will honor and enrich those who submit to his authority.

Now let's turn our attention to the final section of Daniel 11. In these verses—40 through 45—every occurrence of "he" (seven times), "him" (four times), and "his" (three times) refers to this coming king, the Antichrist.

The wars of Antichrist are described in these verses, and the time of this conflict is declared to be "the time of the end" (v. 40).²

Daniel 11:40–43... "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. 41 "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. 42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against *other* countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. 43 "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.

During the later part of the great tribulation **the king of the South** (Egypt) will attack the Antichrist. (40) Egypt is mentioned twice in verses 42–43. In this invasion Egypt will not come alone but will be joined by the Libyans and Ethiopians (v. 43).³

The king of the North will come against the Antichrist at basically the same time. I can't be sure what country this represents. It could very well be Syria. John Phillips offered this explanation . . .

² Stephen R. Miller, [Daniel](#), vol. 18, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), 309.

³ J. Dwight Pentecost, "[Daniel](#)," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 1371.

Daniel did not see the entire picture, although this chapter of his prophecy has been concerned mainly with the now historic rivalries between north and south, between Syria and Egypt. In the end times, once they see their opportunity to break free from his rule, these two countries will join against the Antichrist. The country of Israel, occupied by the Antichrist, seems to be the focal point of this joint military venture. (Exploring the Book of Daniel, p. 211.)

This will be the beginning of the end!

The Antichrist's mighty, monolithic, worldwide empire is now rapidly falling apart. It was built on treachery and war and held together by terror, lies, and every form of wickedness. It was energized by Satan, but it now is tumbling down around the Antichrist's ears. (John Phillips, Exploring the Book of Daniel, p. 213.)

Daniel 11:44... "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.

An Eastern Coalition of Nations will cross the Euphrates River and deploy on the plains of Armageddon, the mountain of Megiddo. They will be joined by nations from the North. Here is the set up for the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:12–16... The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. **13** 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; **14** for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. **15** ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.") **16** And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

Daniel reports that **the final war will be fought in Israel**, a fact set forth elsewhere in Scripture (cf. Ezek 39:2–29; Joel 3:2–16; Zech 12:2–9; 14:1–21).

Daniel 11:45... “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.

Finally, the career of the most evil man in history will be terminated. Earlier in the book Daniel revealed that “the little horn” will be judged when the Lord comes to set up his kingdom (7:11, 26–27); Paul said this “man of lawlessness” will be destroyed “by the splendor of his [Christ’s] coming” (2 Thess 2:8); and John teaches that the “beast” will be captured and thrown into the lake of fire at Christ’s return (Rev 19:20).⁴

⁴ Stephen R. Miller, [Daniel](#), vol. 18, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), 312.

A simple comparative chart makes plain what we have in King Jesus as opposed to the Antichrist.

Antichrist	King Jesus
Despised (11:20)	Desired
Deceitful (11:23)	Truthful
Hates the holy covenant (11:28)	Loves God's holy covenant
Desecrates the temple (11:31)	Cleanses the temple
Abolished sacrifices (11:31)	Made sacrifice once for all
Persecutes God's people	Refines and purifies God's people
Willful (11:36)	Submissive
Exalts himself (11:36)	Humbles himself
Magnifies himself as god (11:36)	Incarnated himself as God
Blasphemes God (11:36)	Glorifies God
Worships the god of war (11:38)	Is the God of Peace
His kingdom will end (11:45)	His kingdom endures forever ⁵

⁵ Daniel L. Akin, [*Exalting Jesus in Daniel*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2017), 157.

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