

TRUTH FOR THE FINAL GENERATION

UNRAVELLING DANIEL 11:40-45

CHAPTER 1

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:).” Matt. 24:15.

“The world is stirred with the spirit of war. *The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.* Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.” 9T 14.2.

“We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days

in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.” 9T 11.1

Daniel 11 brings to view the seven world dominating powers stretching from BC 606 to the end of time. The following table outlines these powers, the start and end of their rule, the length of their dominance, and the symbols by which they are represent in prophecy

THE HISTORY OF WORLD RULING DOMINION FROM BC 606, TO THE 2ND ADVENT

Dominant Power	Start of rule	End of rule	Length of time	Symbols
Babylon	BC 606	BC 539	67 years	Gold – head/Lion
Medo-Persia	BC 539	BC 331	208 years	Silver - chest and arms/ Bear/Ram
Greece	BC 331	BC 168	163 years	Brass - belly and thighs/ Leopard/He Goat
Pagan Rome	BC 168	AD 476	644 years	Iron - legs/Dreadful Beast
Papal Rome	AD 538	AD 1798	1260 years	Feet and toes of iron and clay/Little Horn
Godless ideology	AD 1798	Present (2020)	222 years	Beast from the Abyss
USA	When it rescinds the constitution of Republicanism and Protestantism	When subsumed into Great Babylon – Dragon, Beast and False Prophet	Unknown	Lamb-like beast
Total time span from Babylon (BC 606) to present (2020) = 2626 years.				

*Ten barbarian tribes pillaged Rome for 62 years between AD 476-AD 538

“The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.” The question with which we are concerned is, “what portion of the chapter when fulfilled will cause it to reach its complete fulfillment?” I suggest to you it is the portion from the second part of verse 40 to verse 45. As the rest of the chapter has already been fulfilled we shall therefore be studying the last part of verse 40-45.

“... and the king of the north shall come against him [king of the south] like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

These two “kings” are antagonistic powers pitted against each other vying for world dominance. The terms “king of the north” and king of the south” are explicitly mentioned seven places in the KJV of the Bible, and all in the book of Daniel. The terms occur after the break-up of the kingdom of Greece under Alexander the Great when his kingdom was divided to the four winds of heaven, and controlled by four of his generals. After much in-fighting the kingdom was divided up into two factions, the north and the south.

The following is the outline from the first “king of the north” and “first king of the south” to the present.

1. *“And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king’s daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.” Daniel 11:6.*

Here the “king of the north” refers to Syria under King Antiochus Theos II who attempted to broker a peace agreement with King Ptolemy II Philadelphus of Egypt. Bernice the daughter of “king of the south” Ptolemy, was given in marriage to King Antiochus II for this purpose.

2. *“But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: Daniel 11:7*

In this instance the “king of the north” is still Syria under the rulership of Seleucius II Callinicus, son of Antiochus II who was poisoned by his wife Laodice whom he had divorced to marry Bernice. Bernice fell out of favor and he remarried Laodice. But Bernice brother, Ptolemy III took revenge for her murder, invaded Syria and murdered Laodice and took the city of Seleucia.

3. *“And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.” Daniel 11:8.*

Syria is still “king of the north” under Seleucius II who died three to four years before the “king of the south” Ptolemy III of Egypt who died in 221 BC

4. *“And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.” Daniel 11:11.*

Syria is still “king of the north” but the younger son of Seleucius II, Antiochus III the Great now reigned in his father’s stead who died in exile and whose older brother reigned from 225-223 BC and was poisoned by his generals. The “king of the south” is Ptolemy IV Epiphanes who attacked Antiochus III, “king of the north” and defeated him though he has a much larger army.

5. *“For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.” Daniel 11:13.*

Syria, “king of the north” is still ruled by Antiochus III who came against the “king of the south” the five-year-old boy king of Egypt, Ptolemy V Epiphanes. Around the year 201 BC the “king of the north” invaded Egyptian territory in Palestine.

Approximately one year later, 200 BC, Pagan Imperial Rome emerges as mistress of the Mediterranean area and begun to make contracts with the east. Rome intervened on the behalf of the young Egyptian king and protected him for the Antiochus III “king of the north”. Rome then sieged the opportunity to control Egypt without war, declaring “We, Rome will protect the boy-king!” thus Rome began to take Egypt under its dominion.

6. “So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.” **Daniel 11:15.**

Verse 15 really starts with the last part of verse 14, “and the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision but they shall fall”. In 168 BC Rome had conquered Macedonia and made it a part of their kingdom, then Pagan Rome became the “king of the north.” Seven years later, in 161 BC, Pagan Rome became connected with the Jews, then the people of God, by the famous Jewish League bringing them under Rome as a “protectorate.”

“Let us remember that nations are not brought into prophecy, till somehow connected with the people of God.” **The Sanctuary and Twenty-three Hundred Days, John Nevins Andrews.**

“The robbers of thy people” is an apt description of Pagan Rome because of the heavy taxation she laid upon on the people. The people were forced into slave labor to build roads, aqueducts, and walls with heavy rock foundations. Many of the people were chained in the bottom of ships to become oarsmen in the Roman navy. Pagan Rome was a nation of harsh laws which used crucifixion on pointed stakes as forms of punishment for crimes. It was during the reign of the Pagan Roman Empire that Christ was born in Bethlehem when the entire world was taxed. And it was also under the Pagan Roman Empire that he, the Prince of the Covenant was broken/ crucified.”

7. “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall

come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. **Daniel 11:40.**

In Dan. 11:40 we are introduced to a period called the time of the end. At this time the “king of the south” pushes at the “king of the north,” but afterward the “king of the north” shall come against him [the “king of the south”] *like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.*”

It should be noticed that the “king of the north” has changed from being Syria to the being Pagan Roman Empire. We shall also notice a change will occur from Egypt being the “king of the south.” A time period called “the time of the end is introduced in verse 40. If we can ascertain the time period, we shall be able to identify both of these “kings” at the “time of the end.” The term “the time of the end” occurs five times in the KJV of the Bible.

1. **Daniel 8:17** - *So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at **the time of the end** shall be the vision.*
2. **Daniel 11:35** - *And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to **the time of the end**: because it is yet for a time appointed.*
3. **Daniel 11:40** – *And at **the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.*
4. **Daniel 12:4** - *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

5. **Daniel 12:9** - *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

In Daniel 11:40 the time of the end is associated with war between “the king of the south” and “the king of the north.” The “king of the north” is the papacy which took over the nomenclature at the demise of Pagan Rome. The “king of the south” is designated atheism because of its anti-Creator God ideology and is here represented by France during the Revolution of 1788-1804.

In 1798 that the “king of the south” atheism pushed at the “king of the north” the papacy, captured Pope Pius IV breaking the ideology that she is God’s vicegerent on earth, particularly over the lives of the people of Europe. “In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in church and state had for centuries been controlled by Satan through the medium of the papacy.” GC 268.3. From 1798 to the present atheism has become the “king of the south” and remains the dominant ideology from then to the present. “Plenty of blasphemers, plenty of infidels, there have been, and still continue to be, in England, Germany, Spain, and elsewhere; but France stands apart in the world’s history as the single state which, by the decree of her Legislative Assembly, pronounced that there was no God...” GC 269.

TWO ANTAGONISTIC POWERS YET ONE

The “king of the north” is false religion under a church system headed by the papacy of Roman Catholicism pretending to be the bride of Christ. In effect this system denies Christ and really is the antichrist of the last days. On the other hand, “the king of the south” is atheism denies the existence of the Creator of the heavens and earth. Please recall how these two systems came to be called “the king of the north.” and “the king of the south.” Effectively both of these powers are on the same side and are both fighting against the Creator God. Because of the spirit of selfishness [self] and their quest to be in control, they fight each other to the death for world dominance. This is precisely as the hand in the glove [Satan] will have it. This is a principle referred to as the Hegelian Dialectic.

The “king of the north” at the beginning of the time of the end is the Medieval Roman Catholic Papacy. “In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in church and state had for centuries been controlled by Satan through the medium of the papacy.” GC 268.3.

“It had been Rome’s policy under a profession of reverence for the Bible, to keep it locked up in and unknown tongue and hidden away from the people.” GC 269.1.

And the king of the south is “the beast from the bottomless pit is atheism. “But here is brought to view a new manifestation of satanic power.” GC 268.3.

“According to the words of the prophet, then, a little before the year 1798 some power of satanic origin and character would rise to make war upon the Bible. And in the land where the testimony of God’s two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom.” GC 269.3

This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. During the Revolution, in 1793, “the world for the first time heard an assembly of men, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their united voice to deny the most solemn truth which man’s soul receives, and renounce unanimously the belief and worship of a Deity.” — Sir Walter Scott, *Life of Napoleon*, vol. 1, ch. 17. “France is the only nation in the world concerning which the authentic record survives, that as a nation she lifted her hand in open rebellion against the Author of the universe. Plenty of blasphemers, plenty of infidels, there have been, and still continue to be, in England, Germany, Spain, and elsewhere; but France stands apart in the world’s history as the single state which, by the decree of her Legislative Assembly, pronounced that there was no God, and of which the entire population of the capital, and a vast majority elsewhere, women as well as men, danced and sang with joy in accepting the announcement.” — *Blackwood’s Magazine*, November, 1870. GC 269.4