

TRIBULATION AND TRIUMPH FOR ISRAEL

Daniel 11-12

PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.

Summary and Historical Background

Antichrist was introduced in the last lesson as the rebellious king of the revived Roman Empire. He will be the most wicked human that this world has seen. He will cause the death of billions of people through his quest for world power. He will be killed in a war, but raised back to life. He will be given Satan's authority to govern the world as his trusted servant. He will rebel against God in words and deeds. He will be worshipped along with Satan by much of the world before he is cast alive into the Lake of Fire with his false prophet. Then Christ will establish His Kingdom on earth for 1000 years where all believers will be blessed with peace and prosperity. The Eternal Kingdom will follow His Millennial Kingdom where believers will live in the New Jerusalem with God and His Son (Rev 21-22).

Daniel 11:40-45 reveals the war that will occur between Antichrist and the end-time king of the north and kings of the south during the Tribulation. This prophecy will be fulfilled during the 70th week of Daniel before Christ comes to earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

ISRAEL'S TRIBULATION WILL MAKE HER TRIUMPHANT IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM

I. Attack against Antichrist – 11:40-12:1

11:40-45 In the last lesson Antichrist was introduced as the new "king," who is like and yet unlike Antiochus Epiphanes (Dan 11:36-39), Now Daniel is given information concerning a battle which will happen near the middle of the Tribulation that will greatly affect the people of Israel. Many variations of interpretations have been assigned to these verses, and the nature of the information given in this passage forbids dogmatism by any honest commentator. However, the following interpretation seems to be a plausible and consistent picture of this future battle.

Antichrist begins a rise to power through ten kings of the Roman Empire sometime after the Rapture from a rather obscure beginning. He amasses sufficient political power to gain the trust of Israel and she signs a 7-year peace pact with him. Under his protection, this may be the time when Israel builds its Temple on the temple mountain. As the time draws near the middle of the 7-year period, the Roman coalition grows so strong that the "King of the North and the "King of the South" feel their hope of survival is threatened. Just before the middle of the Tribulation, they initiate a battle against the Roman block and the winner becomes ruler of the world. The battle of Daniel 11:40-45 parallels Ezekiel 38-39 et. al. It is not the "battle of Armageddon," which comes at the end of the Tribulation

It must be remembered that the thrust of this entire revelation concerns an outline of prophetic history as it will affect the Jews (11:14). It is not a chronological development of the future of Greece. This is made obvious by the fact that Antichrist is introduced into the narrative (v. 36) by being foreshadowed through the actions of a Grecian, even though he is a Roman. Having then introduced the end-time Roman, the prophecy now depicts an attack against this Roman

by “the King of the South” and by “the King of the North” (v. 40). An examination of the identity of these kings, the time of the battle, and the sequence of the events is the next consideration.

A. Identity of the “Kings” against Antichrist – 11:40, 43; cf Ezk 28:5-6

The “kings of the north” before Christ’s first coming were the Seleucid line of Grecian kings who controlled Mesopotamia and Syria and sometimes Palestine (11:5-35). But the “End-Time King of the North” is different. He is also called the “End-Time Assyrian” (Isa. 10:5ff; 30:31; 31:8-9) and “Gog of the land of Magog” (Ezk. 38; 39). Magog was the son of Japheth who was the son of Noah (Gen 10:1-2). According to Josephus the descendants of Magog were called Scythians by the Greeks (*Antiquities*, book I, chapter 6), and these people migrated to the land of the former republics of the Soviet Union, central Asia and southern Russia. They are of Iranian stock. This king is further identified as “chief prince” (*Rosh*), which is considered a place by many qualified scholars. Then *Rosh* would be the name for Russia indicating that Gog will be a Russian. God will use this northern king to chasten Israel (Ezk. 38:16-17; Isa. 10:6).

Notice that he is an end-time “King of the North.” He parallels the historic Seleucid line of Grecian “kings of the north” in only two ways: (1) he comes generally from the north (north of Israel) and (2) he disrupts the peace of Israel.

The “kings of the south” before Christ’s coming were the Ptolemaic line of Grecian kings who controlled Egypt and sometimes Palestine (11:5-35). But the end-time “King of the South” will be just as different as the “King of the North” will be. Just as the “King of the North” will no longer be bound to geographical Syria and Mesopotamia, the “King of the South” will no longer be bound to geographical Egypt. The Bible makes it very clear that during the Tribulation period Israel will be allied together with Egypt out of mutual fear of the “End-Time Assyrian” or “King of the North” (read carefully Isaiah 19 with Isaiah 30-31). Both Egypt and Israel will also be a part of and in league with the Revived Roman Empire (Dan. 9:27 et. al.), just as they formerly were under the old Roman Empire. Who then could be the “King of the South” in Daniel 11:40? He will be a southern ally of the “King of the North.” His southern allies are specifically mentioned in Ezekiel 38:5 as “Ethiopia and Libya” (cf. Dan. 11:43). A fifth century B.C. historian, named Herodotus, showed that the continent of Africa was composed of various nations along the Mediterranean coast and two southern nations, Libya and Ethiopia. Later the Roman Empire would control those coastal nations, including Egypt. However, Rome never would control ancient Libya and Ethiopia. It seems likely, then, that the Revived Roman Empire will again control the area of Egypt, while the end-time “King of the South” will be the controller of the southern reaches of the African continent. The end-time “King of the South” will be the leader of the allies located south of Egypt on the continent of Africa. More evidences will be pointed out supporting this view as we follow the sequence of the battle. The end-time “King of the South” parallels the historic “King of the South” also in two ways: (1) he comes generally from the south (though not a geographic part of historical Greece; and (2) he disrupts the peace of Israel.

B. Sequence of Events in the Battle – 11:40-45; cf Ezk 38-39

11:40 – “*At the time of the end*” – this refers to the time preceding Christ’s Second Coming.

“*Shall the king of the south push at him*” – literally, “butt” or “thrust.” This thrust comes at the Antichrist (“him”) who symbolizes the Roman coalition. The leader of the African allies, Libya

and Ethiopia, makes a thrust into Egypt which is part of the Revived Roman Empire and which is allied with Israel (see above for the “Identity of the Kings”).

“And the king of the north shall come against him” – could be translated “while the king of the north shall sweep (or “storm”) against him,” the Antichrist. The King of the South shall attack the Roman territory from the south while the King of the North storms in from the north against their common foe, the Antichrist (“him”). Though the historic Greeks had divided into the Kings of the North and South (11:4) and then attacked one another in the area of Palestine, the end-time Kings of the North and South will be united against “the king” introduced in verse 36, which is the Antichrist. The effect is exactly the same! Israel is caught in the middle. And that is the point of this vision (cf. 10:14).

Why will the Kings of the North and South attack Antichrist? The answer is found in Daniel 9:27, which says that Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for seven years. The allies of the King of the North are Muslims as are the nations under the King of the South. The Muslim nations want Israel destroyed, not protected. So Antichrist must be destroyed. In this regard the King of the North is successful. Antichrist is killed by the sword (cf Rev 13:12-14).

“With chariots...horsemen...many ships” – this is a reference to weapons of warfare in Daniel’s day, but certainly not excluding modern weapons of warfare in the last days.

“And he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over” – the “he” refers to the antecedent, “the King of the North.” Some take this “he” to refer to the Antichrist, but a proper understanding of the time element (11:45; 12:1), the sequence of events, the grammar and other parallel passages seem conclusively to indicate that the actions of verses 40-45 are those of the Northern King, not the Antichrist. It will be noted that this battle leaves Antichrist as sole world ruler during the events of 12:1, which will be fulfilled during the “Great Tribulation.” It will be the King of the North who ends up slain on the mountains of Israel (11:45). Having begun his two-pronged attack, the Northerner sweeps down from the north and passes through many countries as he presses toward Palestine. This is another indication that the Northern King comes from much further north than just Syria.

11:41 – *“He shall enter also into the glorious land”* – a reference to Israel, one of his primary targets for she is allied with the Roman Antichrist. Russia will use the hatred of the Muslims for Israel as a pretext for conquering Israel. She wants this strategic land for herself so she can control the wealth of the Middle East.

“And many countries shall be overthrown” – again referring to the Northerner’s need to invade and conquer a number of nations before he reaches Israel.

“But these shall escape...Edom, Moab, and...Ammon.” – These ancient countries comprise in our day the land of Jordan. The King of the North will not invade this area for it is unnecessary. It is not in his path. But even more significant is the fact that God has reserved this area for special judgment due to their constant oppression of Israel (this area is called “Idumea” or Edom” – Isa. 34; also Zeph. 2:8-11).

11:42 – *“He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries.”* – Though he reaches the land of Israel (v. 41), he has another land in mind, namely Egypt.

“The land of Egypt shall not escape” – for she, too, is allied with Rome and Israel. It is fascinating to note that God has promised a purging to Egypt just like the purging promised to

Israel. This purging is to accomplish the same results, for this purging will turn Egypt back to God and she will share in Israel's spiritual revival and blessings (read carefully Isaiah 19 and compare with Isa. 30-31).

11:43 – *“He shall have power...over all the precious things of Egypt.”* Having crushed Israel, the Northerner sweeps on into Egypt where his southern allies are yet fighting the Egyptians and together they crush the Egyptian forces. All of Egypt's power and wealth fall into the control of the “King of the North.”

“The Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps” – a reference to his southern allies who initiated the southern thrust, following the “steps” or “course” laid out by the Northerner (11:40; note carefully the parallel passage, Ezk. 38:5). The terms “Libya and Ethiopia” referred to the southern part of the African continent according to the ancient historian Herodotus (5th century B.C.).

With verse 43, it seems as though the forces of the King of the North and King of the South have gained complete control of the situation. They have invaded the Roman allies, Israel and Egypt, and have procured control of the most strategic land bridge of the world, the Middle East. But God is not through with this end-time King of the North.

11:44 – *“But tidings out of the east and...north shall trouble him.”* – Not enough information is related here for a positive identification of the tidings, but Revelation (Apocalypse) will give some insight to these tidings. These tidings do not refer to the invaders from the east (Rev. 16:12), because that event happens at the end of the Tribulation. These tidings come to the King of the North in the middle of the Tribulation when he is in Egypt (11:43; 12:1). They come from the east and north, which refers to some troubling news from the area of Palestine. This is consistent with v. 45, for the Northerner moves back into Palestine after he hears these tidings. All seemed to be going well for the King of the North until he hears the bad news from Palestine that Antichrist is alive! He has been restored to life from the dead (Rev 11:7; 17:8). How could this be? It appears that God allows the dragon (Satan) to have the power to resurrect the “beast” (Antichrist) from the bottomless pit (abyss). This is so astounding that the people cry, “Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Rev 13:3-4). Then they worship the dragon and the beast. As a result the False Prophet makes an image to the beast that all people must worship (Rev. 13:12, 14). The Northerner is “terrified” (“troubled” KJV) when he hears this news. There are few things that terrify a seasoned warrior. He is accustomed to death and the horrors of war, but this news terrifies him. The Antichrist is alive again! What can he do to defeat such an enemy?

“Therefore, he shall go forth with great fury...” – indicates that the terror of the Northerner turns to wrath and he amasses his troops for another confrontation.

11:45 – *“He shall plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”* – literally the “palace” is, “the tent of his armory.” This is where his troops and all of their weaponry will be gathered. His camp is located between the Mediterranean Sea and Mount Zion in Jerusalem, probably in the low hills just east of the coastal plain. Here the Northerner gathers his army and prepares for battle.

“He shall come to his end, and none shall help him” – this foretells the destruction of the King of the North. His life suddenly comes to an end in Palestine. God will destroy the Northerner by supernatural means (cf. Ezk. 38:21; 39:4, 6, 11; Isa. 31:8; Joel 2:20). The Muslims will be

confounded without their leader and Antichrist will take his place and rule their lands. He will be unchallenged in world supremacy. Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel (9:27) and this will set the stage for the last half of the Tribulation.

COMPARISON OF DANIEL 11:40-12:1 WITH EZEKIEL 38-39

DANIEL

End Times

11:40 – **At the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him (Antichrist); and the king of the north shall come against him (Antichrist) like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he (king of the north) shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Northern King

11:40 – **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.

Ethiopia and Libya

11:43 - The **Libyans and the Ethiopians** shall be at his steps (the king of the south represents Libya and Ethiopia, not Egypt – cf Dan 11:40).

Israel

11:41 – He (king of the north) shall enter also into **the glorious land** (Israel).

EZEKIEL

End Times

38:8 - After many days thou (Russian) shalt be visited: in the **latter years** thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

38:16 - And thou (Russian prince) shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the **latter days**, and I will bring thee against my land.

Northern King

38:2,3 - Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the **land of Magog** (Scythia), the **chief** (Rosh / Russian) **prince** of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the **chief prince** of Meshech and Tubal:

38:15 – Thou (Russian prince) shalt come from thy place out of the **north parts**, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

39:2 - And I . . . will cause thee (Russian prince) to come up from the **north parts**, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Ethiopia and Libya

38:5 - Persia, **Ethiopia, and Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

Israel

38:8 - After many days thou shalt . . . come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the **mountains of Israel**, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations.

38:16–Thou (Russian) shalt come up against my people of **Israel**, as a cloud to cover the land.

38:18 -Gog shall come against the land of **Israel**

Spoils from Countries

11:42-43 – He (king of the north) **shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries**: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But **he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt**: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Northern King Destroyed

11:45 – He (king of the north) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end**, and none shall help him.

Time of Unprecedented Trouble

12:1 - At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people (Israel): and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time**:

Israel Delivered

12:1 - At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and **at that time thy people (Israel) shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Spoils from Israel

38:12-13 - **To take a spoil**, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations (Israel) . . . Art thou (Russian prince) come **to take a spoil**? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, **to take a great spoil**?

Northern King Destroyed

38:22 - I will plead against him (Russian) with **pestilence** and with **blood**; and **I will rain upon him**, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, **an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone**.

39:4-5 – **Thou (Russian prince) shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel**, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: **I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field**: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

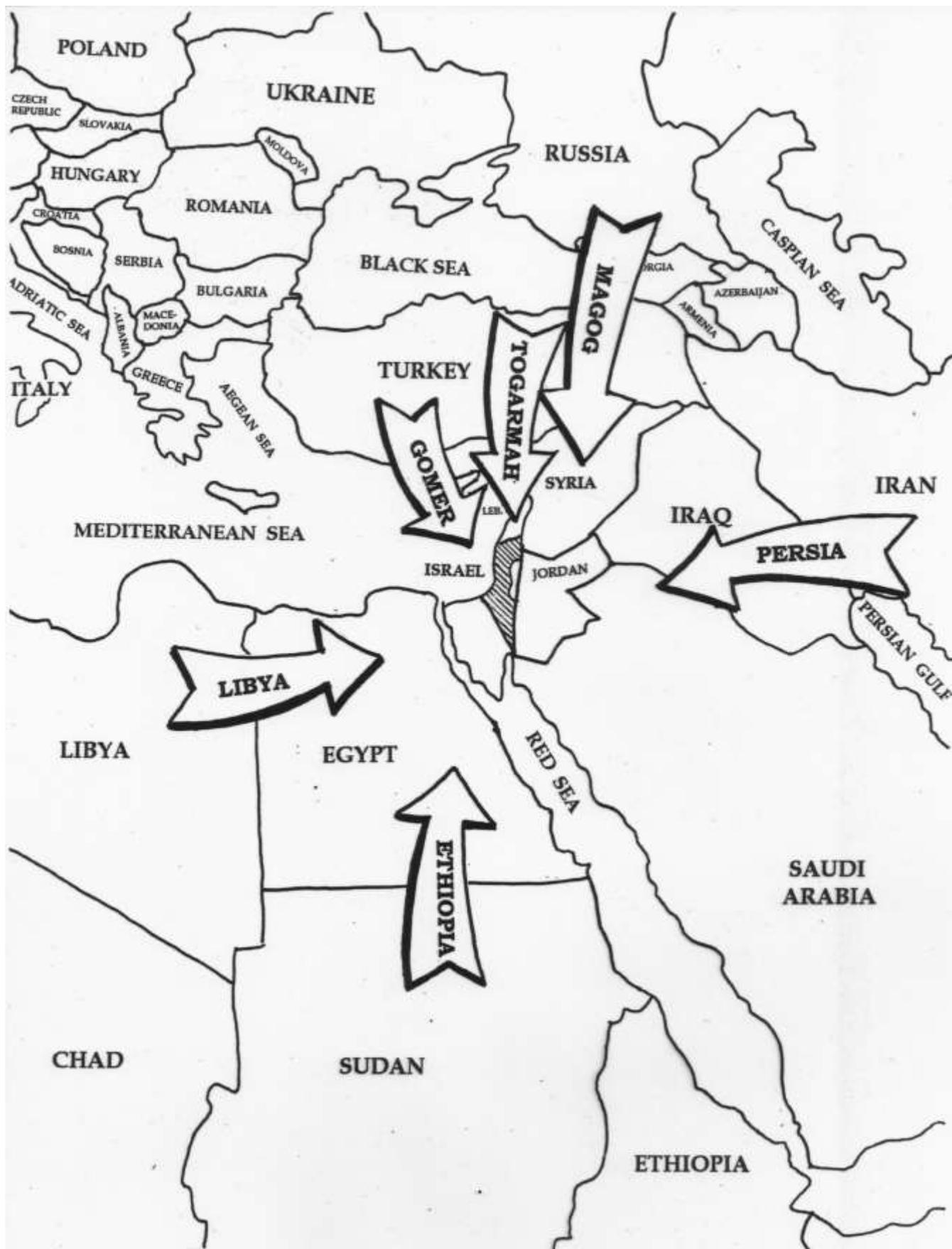
Time of Unprecedented Trouble

38:19-20 - Surely in that day there shall be a **great shaking in the land of Israel**; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and **all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground**.

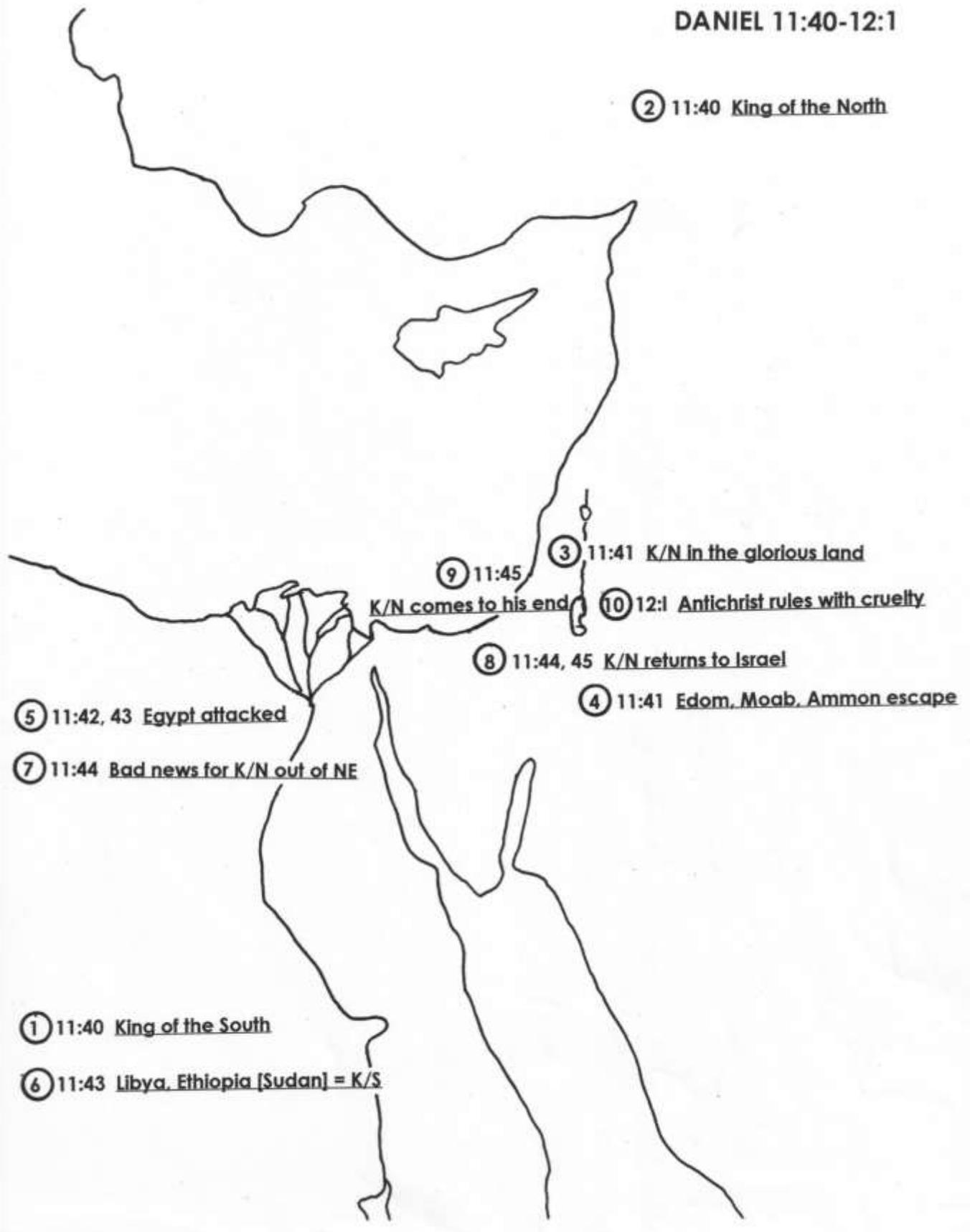
Israel Delivered

39:25 - Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I **bring again the captivity of Jacob**, and have mercy upon **the whole house of Israel**, and will be jealous for my holy name.

38:28 - Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but **I have gathered them (Israel) unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there**.

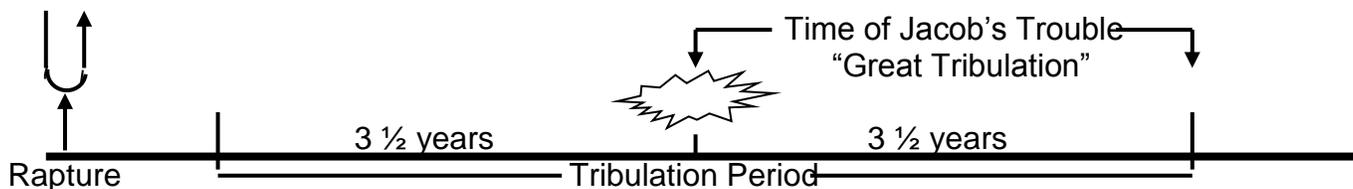


DANIEL 11:40-12:1



C. Time of the Battle – 12:1

12:1 – “At that time” – these words refer to the time of the battle that is described in 11:40-45. Two phrases identify the time of these events: (1) “Michael (shall) stand up” and (2) “there shall be a time of trouble such as never was.” Both of these events point to the middle of the Tribulation.



“Michael (shall) stand up, the great prince” – Michael is the great angel that stands up for Israel to protect her. This time is parallel to Rev 12:6-17. Jesus even referred to this time and instructed Israelite believers to flee to the mountains when they would see the image of Antichrist (“abomination of desolation”) in the holy place (Mt 24:15ff). They will see this happen at the middle of the Tribulation. Then they will flee to the mountains and will be protected by Michael for 1260 days. These 1260 days are the last 3½ years of the Tribulation (Rev 12:6). Michael shall stand up at the beginning of these days to protect those Israelites from being destroyed by Antichrist. It will be shown later why Michael will need to defend these believers

Also at this same time Satan and his angels will make war in Heaven (Rev 12:7-12). He will do this in a desperate attempt to kill Jesus Christ. He knows that God has decreed that His Son will rule the nations (Ps 2:7-9). He also knows that God promised David a son (Jesus) that would sit on his throne and rule the nations of earth forever (2 Sam 7:16). Since Satan knows this, he has made several attempts to kill Jesus Christ, so God’s decree and promise cannot be kept.

Revelation 12 provides a brief history of Satan’s failures to destroy Jesus Christ. The first failure came when he tried to kill Him as a baby (12:4). The second came when he failed to keep Him in the grave after he had Him crucified; Christ was caught up to God and to His throne. He knows Christ is waiting for the time when His Father will send Him back to earth to rule the nations with a rod of iron (12:5; Ps 2:7-9; Acts 13:33-34). Even though he knows these things, he believes he can prevent it from happening. Since he was successful in usurping control of the earth from Adam in the Garden of Eden, he believes he can keep control of it forever. His third failure to destroy Christ will be his war in Heaven. Michael and his angels will defeat him and will cast him out of Heaven to the earth (12:7-9).

When Satan is cast to the earth, he knows his time to defeat God’s choice for ruling the world is short (Rev 12:12). He must act quickly. Since his attempts to destroy Christ have been unsuccessful, he must destroy Israel. He knows Israel must receive Christ as their King before Christ will return to rule the nations. If there is no Israel, He will not return.

Satan will attempt to do this by giving Antichrist his power, his throne and his authority to make war with the saints, mainly the Israelite believers, and overcome them (Rev 13:2-7). Antichrist will break his seven-year covenant with Israel in the middle of it and he will make every effort to destroy every Israelite during the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. His purge of Israelites will begin with those Israelites that refused to worship at his image and fled to the mountains. Michael will stand up against Antichrist to protect those believers for 1260 days (Rev 12:6, 13-17). They will be protected until the end of the Tribulation. Antichrist will use his satanic power

and authority to kill every Israelite that he can find. His persecution of Israel will be horrific, greater than Israel has ever experienced in the past. It is known as “Jacob’s trouble” (Jer 30:7), and as “the Great Tribulation” (Mt 24:21).

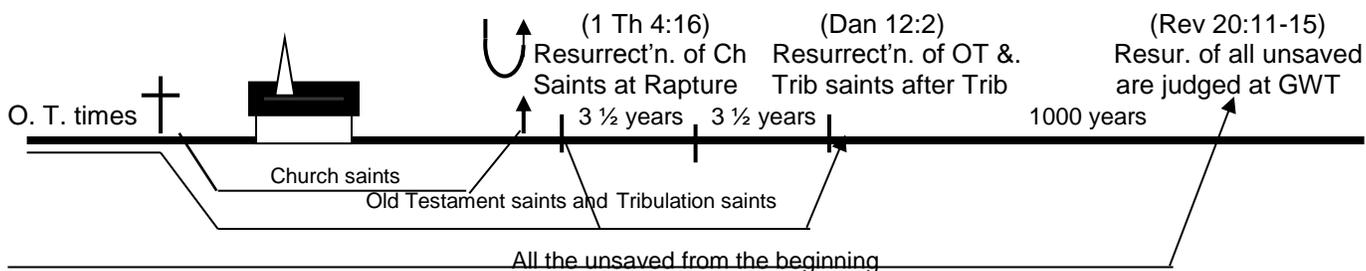
“And at that time, thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book” – the exact same phrase, “at that time,” is used here as earlier in the verse. Both phrases refer to the middle of the Tribulation. The believers in Israel who flee to the mountains will be protected and delivered from Satan’s wrath during the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. This great deliverance is the work of Michael, not the result of Christ’s return to establish His Kingdom on earth. However, this deliverance is indicative of a great spiritual revival among the Jews (and even the Egyptians – Isa. 19:21) in the middle of the Tribulation. Many things stimulate this revival. (1) The miraculous destruction of the King of the North and his forces by God (Ezk. 38:16, 22-23; 39:7, 13; 21:24). (2) The ministry of the two witnesses (Rev. 11:3ff). (3) The broken covenant of Antichrist and the persecution that will follow (Dan. 7:25; 9:27).

Unfortunately, the revival among some of the Jews will cause greater wrath to be poured out by Antichrist (Rev. 12:17), but God will deliver His remnant (Rev. 12:6, 15-16) who are written in the book (Dan. 12:1; cf. Rev. 7:3-8). Some will certainly suffer martyrdom (Rev. 14:13; 20:4), but this oppression will only serve to further the cause of the Gospel. Much regenerating work will be accomplished during these distressing days (Rev. 7:9, 14).

II. Actions after Christ Returns – 12:2-13

A. Two Resurrections – 12:2-3

12:2 – The vision then passes to the end of the Tribulation. What shall happen to those of Daniel’s people who have died? They will be resurrected. Two resurrections are in view here. The verse could well be translated; “And many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some (the “many”) to everlasting life, and the others to shame and everlasting contempt.” The first resurrection mentioned is the resurrection of “many” righteous Jews and Gentiles at the end of the Tribulation before the Millennial Kingdom officially begins. The “many” will be all of the regenerated men and women from Old Testament times and the time of the Tribulation. (The Church saints will be specially resurrected at the Rapture before the Tribulation, but they will return to earth with Christ to rule with Him in His Millennial Kingdom – Rev 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:4, 6). The only ones left in their graves will be all unregenerate people of all ages. They will be raised together at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. They will stand before Christ at His Great White Throne to receive their condemnation.



(There are two basic resurrections in Scripture, the resurrection of life, or “the first” resurrection, and the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:4-6). The “first” resurrection has several parts. Christ was the first to be resurrected, then the Church saints will be resurrected at the Rapture, followed by the two witnesses near the end of the Tribulation, and finally, at the end of the Tribulation the Old Testament and the Tribulation saints will be resurrected. All of the saints will be resurrected to enter into the

Millennial Kingdom.) The resurrection of the unsaved is between the Millennial Kingdom and Eternal Kingdom.

12:3 – This verse elucidates the rewards of the righteous, who are raised at that time. The “wise” are the ones who are “knowledgeable” or who have the ability to teach (cf. 2 Chron. 30:22 and Prov. 15:23). This parallels the ones who “turn many to righteousness” through their wisdom (soul-winners!). These “shall shine as the brightness of the firmament” and “as the stars forever and ever.” This is a picture of the glory they bring to God through their service (cf. Ps. 19:1; 1 Th. 2:19-20).

B. Completed Judgment – 12:4-10

12:4 – Daniel was told to seal the book, which has the idea of protecting it from alteration (cf. Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19). Many would, literally, “go back and forth” (possibly a reference to the movement of the eye) in studying Daniel’s prophecy so that they might increase their “knowledge” of the end times. Those who study this prophecy are fulfilling it!

12:5-6 – The question was asked as to “how long” it would be to end of the “wonders.”

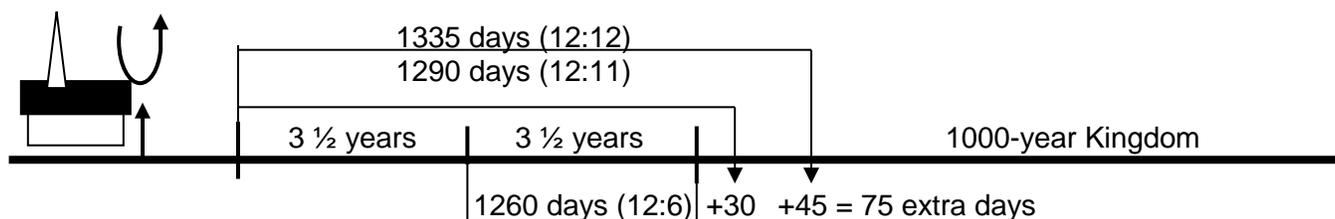
12:7 – The answer came back that 3½ years (time, times, ½ time) would be needed to finalize the judgment upon Israel (the “Great Tribulation”).

12:8 – Another question was asked as to what the “end” or “result” of these things would be.

12:9-10 – The results as well as the prophecy of judgment were certain. Many would be “purified” due to the trial of judgment. And many would continue in their sin. Much like the reactions today when trials come, the wicked do not understand God’s working and often accuse God of being unjust, while the wise understand that the judgment is ultimately for the good.

C. Completed Blessings – 12:11-13

Two more time segments are mentioned as the book closes. Both segments begin with the middle of the Tribulation as did the time, times, and ½ time of 12:7 (1260 days – Rev. 12:6). The first segment is 1290 days, which adds another 30 days beyond the end of the Tribulation. The second is 1335 days, adding another 45 days, stretching it to 75 days beyond the end of the Tribulation.



These two segments of time are probably transitional days allowing for the accomplishment of many items of business necessary for the official establishment of the Kingdom. The first 30 days will probably be taken up with such things as the resurrection of Old Testament saints and Tribulation martyrs (Dan. 12:2), the regathering and judging of Israel (Ezk. 20:34-35; Mt. 25:1-30), and the judgment of the Gentiles surviving the Tribulation (Joel 3:2; Mt. 25:31-46).

The second set of 45 days will possibly be more concerned with the material/physical preparations for the Kingdom. Israel’s topography must be altered (Isa. 26:15; 54:23; Zech. 14:10), the millennial Temple must be constructed (Ezk. 40-48) and Christ must officially be inaugurated as King on David’s throne. Then the Millennial Kingdom officially begins, for it is said that those who “wait” and “come” to the 1335 days will be “blessed,” i.e., they will inherit the blessings of God’s earthly Kingdom.

12:13 – Daniel was given a special promise and assurance of blessing as this great book closes. He would continue in his course of life until he died (“rest”). Then God assured him that he would inherit a portion (“lot”) of the Kingdom on earth when he was resurrected with His people at the end of the Tribulation.

A CHART TO COMPARE THE VISIONS IN DANIEL

VISION	DANIEL 2 (603 B.C.)	DANIEL 7 (553 B.C.)	DANIEL 8 (551 B.C.)	DANIEL 9 (538 B.C.)	DANIEL 10-12 (536 B.C.)
BABYLON (605-539 B.C.)	GOLD head Symbolic of Nebuchadnezzar. Gold is king of metals.	LION + 2 eagle wings Wings plucked; stands on feet; given a man's heart (Neb's sickness, recovery, conversion)			
MEDO-PERSIA (639-323 B.C.)	SILVER breast / arms 2 arms (Medes and Persians) were united in breast (one empire)	BEAR – one shoulder is higher than the 2 nd – two nations united to make one empire with Persia greater than the Medes.	RAM had two horns: one horn higher than the 2 nd (Persia was greater than Medes)	445 B.C. – Artaxerxes makes a decree to let Nehemiah rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The city was rebuilt during the next 7 wks of yrs.	XERXES was the 4 th king. He was the rich- est and would use his riches to attack the Greeks. This stirred up Greeks' hatred for M-P.
GREECE (323-63 B.C.)	BRONZE belly/thighs Belly (one empire) 2 thighs (2 Greek king- doms rule over Israel)	LEOPARD with four heads (4 kingdoms). Four wings (speedy conquest of M-P)	MALE GOAT has one horn = Alexander. Horn is broken = Alex death. 4 horns; a little horn comes from 1 of them.	The 62 weeks of years includes the last part of M-P Empire, all of Greek Empire and the 1 st part of Roman Emp.	Alex destroyed M-P. His empire is divided 4 ways. Israel is ruled by kgs N or S of them; one persecuted them.
ANCIENT ROME (63 B.C.-A.D.476)	IRON legs 2 legs (Eastern and Western divisions of the Roman Empire.	FERCE BEAST It was dreadful and strong. It had iron teeth.		Christ is heralded as the King in Jerusalem. This ends 62 wks of yrs. Then He is cut off; Jer. destroyed (A.D.70)	
FUTURE ROME (Date ???)	IRON/ CLAY feet Has strength of iron, but weakness of clay. (Clay is brittle pottery)	TEN HORNS These are ten kings that reign at the same time. A little horn will arise in their midst.	The Greek little horn is like the Roman little horn in nature & in persecuting Israel, but he is more violent.	70 th wk of yrs is the Tribulation. AC makes a 7-year cov. with Isr. He breaks the cov. in middle of it; attacks Isr.	AC builds a strong army. Kg of N. attacks AC in Isr. then attacks Egypt, but is killed in Isr. Now AC attacks Isr
MESSIANIC (After the fall future Rome)	STONE >>mountain Set up by God after Antichrist is judged. Christ rules the earth. His Kingdom is eternal	ANCIENT of DAYS gives the Kingdom of David to the SON of MAN. This is when Tribulation begins.		Antichrist (AC), the desolator is desolated. Israel (Isr) receives her Messiah and is given 6 blessings.	75 days after the Tribu- lation, Christ rules the world and those who have received Him will rule in His Kingdom.