

Tidings out of the east and north

DANIEL 11 & 12

INTRODUCTION

The events recorded by Daniel relate to the Antichrist. That narrows the time period to the era immediately following the rapture when Christ has come for his people and hidden His elect people the Jews in what the bible calls a “secret place”. The Antichrist fills the vacuum of spiritual dominion in this halcyon period. He is a figure that has been studied by Christian and Moslem and by theologians for many years. This leader is reported as the central player in the end times by Daniel, our Lord, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Paul and John the divine.

ANTI CHRIST AND THE END TIMES 36-45

*The prophecy recorded in this chapter at this point transitions from the Desolator of Maccabaeian times to **the Desolator** of the End times. For NT material on this figure consult 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 and 17. I have enumerated the series of 13 facts Daniel registers about the antichrist by (f) for “Fact” and 13 further facts about the king of the north noted by (f2)*

HIS WILL IS SUPREME BEYOND RELIGION

And **THE KING** shall do (f) according to his pleasure and **HE** will have constantly lifted him high (f) and **HE** will have made himself great (f) over or beyond every god.

HE OPPOSES YAHWE

And **HE** shall speak *impious things* (f) against the God of Gods and **HE** shall gain success (f) until the consummation of the wrath (of God)...
The obvious end-time wrath is better known to us as "the Tribulation" of Matthew 24...for that which is decreed[Niphal] will take effect [Niphal]
The LORD is stating to Daniel that his decrees will naturally come into play and take their course. This course is set as sure as the path of the stars.

HE ARISES FROM A GODFEARING LINE AND IS WITHOUT FEMALE SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

HE will not know (f) attend to or mark or teach or discern **the gods of his fathers** or know **the desire of women** and HE will not attend to (f) or teach any god but **HE** will constantly exalt or make him great.

HE IS A MILITARIST

But on his base or appointed place [nwk] **HE** will glorify (f) the god of forces.

HE FORWARDS A FAITH ALIEN TO HIS PATERNAL BELIEF

And to the god whom his fathers did not know personally **HE** will do honour (f) with gold and silver and precious stones and delights **HE** shall enact this (f) in the strongholds of power with a strange [rkn-*little known foreign or alien*] god whom **HE** will cause to be regarded (f) or acknowledged and whose glory **HE** will increase (f) and **HE** will cause them to have dominion over very many

HE SELLS ISRAELI REAL ESTATE

(f) and **HE** shall allot the good land for a sale price(f).

HE FACES A NORTH SOUTH Pincer MILITARY ATTACK

And at the time of the end or cutting of **the king of the south** will have butted (f2) or pushed with or against him *This feature may indicate animosity on the part of the Pan Arab alliance...and the king of the north (ROSH-CUM-SYRIA)* will have come against him as a rushing tempest [r[v] *The text is instancing Egypt and probably what is now known as the Pan Arab alliance led by Egypt. The king of the North in the bible context defines in terms of Syria but in prophetic "life situation" going forward as Russia also(cf Ezekiel38-9) with many vehicles and drivers and he shall come into the lands (other territories invaded or used as staging posts in an advance) and overflow and pass.*

THE KING OF THE NORTH PREVAILS

And **HE** shall enter (f2) into the pleasant land (Israel) and many (countries) shall sink together (f2) or fall but these shall escape (f2) his hand-Edom and Moab and the chiefs of the sons of AMMON. *This means that present day Jordan which spans all that territory shall not*

be overthrown or suffer from this movement against Israel. This may be because Jordan is "in the fold" of Anti Christ.

EGYPT AND NORTH AFRICA FALLS BEFORE THE NORTHERN ATTACK

HE shall extend his hand (f2) over countries and the land of Egypt shall not be (f2) for escape by flight. *There is something secret in this phrase. It seems that Egypt is compliant and becomes subservient -abandoned by their allies Ethiopia and Libya[A very plausible reason would appear to be the "burnt earth" state of large tracts of Egypt at the time of the third world war according to Isaiah.*

THE NORTHERN POWER LAYS HOLD ON THE WORLD ECONOMY

HE shall become master (f2) over the store of treasure of gold and silver and over all the precious things of **Egypt and the Libyans and the Ethiopians** shall be in the path (f2) [*d[x the march or chase]*] of his marching (army).

TIDINGS FROM THE EAST AND NORTH 11.44

But reports from the east and the north will amaze hasten and terrify him (f2) *The new difficulties in the North and what is taking place far to the East now dominates the strategy of the Northern forces.*

HE shall go forth (f2) with great wrath to destroy [*dmv*] and to cause the devotion of hordes or great ones to destruction *The word HARAM is the word for "ban" which was used in the wiping out of the entire population of cities in the days of Joshua. Thus some sort of mass destructive power comes into play at this stage of the conflict. This going forth may involve ships and perhaps nuclear weapons.* And **HE** shall plant (f2) his field tents [*literally tents of the plain*] between the seas...*Between the Mediterranean and the Jordan at the hill of the splendour of holiness but HE shall come to his end (f2) and there will be (f2) no strengthener for him. With the sudden acute interruption of the LORD this vexed and possibly merciless nuclear onslaught ends and Christ takes up his power to rule.*

DANIEL 12

A BOOK FOR THE END-TIMES

MICHAEL

But at that time (of the Anti-Christ) Michael will stand up to minister - the Great Prince who stands constantly above the sons of your people and there will be distress rivalry hostility or anguish as of a prurient woman which has not come about [*Niphal of hyh*] since there has been a nation until this time-known to modern bible scholars as the "tribulation".

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE & THE COMING JUDGMENT 1

But in that time your people will escape or deliver themselves. *The independence of Israel in the latter day is asserted. When in 1923 the Colonial Office issued the Balfour declaration its wording ran "Israel come to and lives in the country as of right and not on sufferance". The capacity of the nation to avoid entanglement in much of the international distress while remaining at the vortex may also be implied. Today Israel is not in financial distress-large finds of natural resources are available to strengthen her economy. She is not involved in international long-term war as the USA and UK. She is not afflicted by natural disaster. But there is a further rider which suggests that the deliverance ultimately is good for those who are Christ's.*

Each (one) of **those found** written in the book. *The Niphal is again used-so the personal option of the gospel-which people must accept each for himself will yield this deliverance. The singular is used in this case to stress the need for personal faith in Messiah.*

TWO RESURRECTIONS 2

And great numbers from those sleeping ones or those who fall asleep of the dust of the earth or "red earth mourning dust" [*Literally the "earth dust sleepers"*] **will be caused to awake**-some or these for **lives of an age** (*the terms of these lives is determined by the verb of unending being*) and these for exposure and abandonment of great shame [*plural of prj*] and some for **everlasting** or **age-long** contempt. *This condition described the persons who sin during the millennium in Isaiah 66.24. I have concluded that the Isaiah state which is experienced during the millennium to be a state where life remains but is disconnected-like*

suspended animation. The Arabic of ard means "to excite evil"- Theodore (Aramaic) and the LXX have "shame" αἰσχύνῃ which Greek expression is "shame experienced on account of shameful act(s) done." This latter "awaking" of either selection of the people is not apportioned a clear time frame. This "awaking" appears to encompass all nations- (cf. Revelation 20. 5 and 11-15).

ETERNAL LIFE & BIBLE STUDENTS 3-13

And **the wise** or skilled to understand in the writings shall be caused to shine as the brightness of the sky and those who cause the vast numbers to (seek) righteousness as stars **for ever and still**

But you Daniel stop hide or keep secret [mts] the words and seal up as a completed book the book until the time of the end. Many shall continue to **"run or literally "whip" through** (the book) [Pile of fwv] and personal knowledge or experience shall become great. *This is one of those parts of the bible where one can see the Almighty watching over bible students of the latter days - bible colleges and individuals pouring over scripture - leafing from one book to another as they would seek to compare scriptures and understand these great matters more clearly in a way Daniel could hardly imagine.*

Then I Daniel looked and two different or "other" ones standing - one at this bank of the river and one at that bank. And he will say to the man dressed in linen garments who is from above the waters of the river - what is the stretch till the end of these marvellous things? *The question has to do with the independence of Israel-the saved or wise of that people - the judgment(s) of that time - the resurrection the widespread understanding of scripture and mighty evangelism.*

And I heard the man dressed in linen garments who was above the waters of the river and HE caused his left arm to be held high towards the heavens and swore by HIMSELF [Niphal of [bv]by the living One of everlasting that it shall be for a time or yearly festival - two times and half of a time and according to the accomplishments of the continual **"breaking down"** (Hebrew xpn - a word used for "ceaseless rain") the power of the holy people all these things shall be completed.

And I heard but I did not comprehend and I said "My Lord (ADONI) what is the aftermath of these things? And he said "Daniel you must go for the words have been stopped or closed or remain secret and are sealed until the time of the end. Many will have been chosen and

separated and cleansed -the Hithpael of rrb means "(many will have) cleansed themselves"; many will have constantly purged themselves of sin [*nbl*-"*made white*" *like bricks ready for building*] and many will be purified as gold is refined [*prx*] but the wicked shall do wicked things and none of the wicked shall understand but those skilled (in the book) or wise shall understand. *The word understand [Hebrew nyb has at its root the notion of an "umpire"-there is about the concept the idea of a divine umpire or guide].*

From the time the daily sacrifice or offering has been turned aside or caused to withdraw or been removed to the abomination or contamination that destroys is a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who continues to wait [*Hebrew Piel of hkj*] or "tie himself to" and causes himself to touch or reach one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

But you go -you will rest even to the end and you will stand in your inheritance that belongs to the last days or the end times.

FINIS

Bob Coffey
Aramaic Bible Companion