

Daniel 11; The Little Horn

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Daniel 11:36 (ESV)

And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

We are looking at the Little Horn, Anti-Christ, Man of Lawlessness. We are walking through Daniel and letting the book of Daniel unfold things of the end. This is what we have learned so far about this individual.

Principle of interpretation #4 **Speculation:** They will need a very strong leader to unite these nations; probably the anti-Christ reigning during the final seven years in Daniel 9:27.

- Dan.7:20-21 – Little Horn
 - DOMINATING, EVIL, BRUTAL, TERRIFYING
 - GOD HATER
 - CHRISTIAN HATER
 - PROCLAIMS HIMSELF TO BE GOD
 - THE LORD JESUS WILL KILL HIM
- **Daniel 9:27a - HE shall make a strong covenant with many for one week (7 years),**
- **Daniel 9:27b – For half a week he will break that covenant.**
- **Dan.7:25 - they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time;**
- **Rev.13:5 - he was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.**

Now from Daniel we are going to add to the resume of the “Little Horn”. At this point we need to understand that God uses “types” or examples or pictures in the OT to point toward NT fulfillments. In Daniel 8:9-12 we see a type or example of the future anti-Christ. As we have previously seen, after Alexander the Great’s death his kingdom is divided into four parts. Later an evil king becomes ruler of one of these kingdoms. Historically we know the person as Antiochus Epiphanes. We know this is not the anti-Christ because the anti-Christ comes out of the Roman Empire.

Daniel 8:9 (ESV)

Out of one of them came **a little horn**, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward **the glorious land** (Israel).

Daniel 11:1-35 is another stunningly accurate account. Both liberal and conservative scholars agree that all of Daniel 11 verses 1 to 35 contain strikingly accurate predictions. As in Daniel 8, this account identifies Alexander the Great’s Macedonian-Greek Empire, its division into four parts after his death, and the evil king Antiochus Epiphanes. All the battles and intrigue are historically correct. From this account and secular history, we know that Antiochus Epiphanes hated the Jews and put an idol of Zeus in the Jewish Temple of God and sacrificed a pig on the altar of God. This is the same attitude the future anti-Christ will have.

In Daniel 11:36 a change takes place. Daniel is prophesying seeing everything as future to him. He is looking at the mountaintops not seeing the valley in between. Daniel only sees the activities of one person. However looking back we see two people. Before verse 36, it is Antiochus Epiphanes. From verse 36 to the end of the chapter, it is someone different because the facts do not fit the life of Antiochus Epiphanes. From verse 36, a future and different person, the Anti-Christ, is described. **Therefore we add the following information to the resume of the anti-Christ.**

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Note how consistent this is to what we already know about the Little Horn or the Anti-Christ. More narcissistic behavior is revealed.

Daniel 11:37 (NASB95)

He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

He will magnify himself above all things. Among other things, many people believe the Anti-Christ will not like women. The following detail the final battles and maneuvering of the Anti-Christ.

Daniel 11:38–44 (ESV)

(This records battles and maneuvering of the anti-Christ in the last days, which is worth studying.)

The destruction of the anti-Christ is again predicted.

Daniel 11:45 (ESV)

And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. **Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.**

More detail of his destruction in NT Revelation:

Revelation 19:20 (ESV)

And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. **These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.**

Now look at the NT revelation of the Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (ESV)

³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **proclaiming himself to be God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

The coming of the lawless one is **by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,**

Not just evil, but Satan Incarnate.

Rev.13:4 (ESV)

And they worshiped the dragon (Satan), for **he (Satan) had given his authority to the beast**, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

This incarnate evil is going to exercise an evil and control never before experienced in the world.

Revelation 13:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that **no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark**, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is **666**.

Those who reject God are doomed to deception; Embracing darkness leads to greater darkness. God will send a strong delusion to nonbelievers so they will follow the Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Therefore **God sends them a strong delusion**, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

However we will not be deceived and we are greater than the evil one.

1 John 4:4 (ESV)

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

We will stand before Jesus and be rewarded for carrying out our assignment of proclaiming the love of Christ and taking territory by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV)

⁷ **I have fought the good fight**, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, **will award to me on that Day**, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

In this world we Embrace Our Standing:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.