



Daniel 11:40-45 and Daniel 12 - Endtime Events

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The last verses of Daniel 11 turn to the “time of the end” - the time we are now living in. Whereas the previous verses are recording events that have already come to pass, the last verses still remain to be fulfilled. This makes them of much more concern and interest to us today. These verses give us indicators of what we need to be watching and looking for in world events.

We continue in Tom Robinson’s (UCG Senior Editor of Beyond Today Magazine) Daniel 11 paper:

<https://bible.ucg.org/bible-reading-program/materials/dan11x.pdf>

[The previous section - of Daniel 11- spanned the centuries from the beginning of Christianity in the early Roman Empire to the inception of the Catholic-dominated Holy Roman Empire system and its subsequent development up to modern times. The next verse clearly advances the time frame of the chapter to the end of this age.]

40a: **“At the time of the end** the king of the South *[now probably an end-time Muslim leader]* shall attack him *[the king of the North, now the final end-time Roman ruler, an individual also known as ‘the Beast,’ Revelation 17:12-17];...*

DD - Why would this be? Why would the king of the South attack the king of the North? Could it be because he, the king of the South, is not happy with a treaty the King of the North made that allowed the Jews to reintroduce sacrifices on the Temple Mount? This promise is later broken. But it appears to be broken during the response of the King of the North to the attack by the king of the South. See the 70 weeks prophecy in Daniel 9, key verse 27:

Dan 9:27 NKJV - Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Verse 27 in the NLT:

The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.”

Verse 27 from the Amplified Bible:

“And he will enter into a binding *and* irrevocable covenant with the many for one week (seven years), but in the middle of the week he will stop the sacrifice and grain offering [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until the complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who causes the horror.”

40b: “...and the king of the North [*the Beast*] shall come against him [*the king of the South, probably a Muslim leader*] like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships [*modern war vehicles of air, land and sea*]; and he [*the Beast*] shall enter the countries [*of the Middle East*], overwhelm them, and pass through.

41: He [*the Beast*] shall also enter the **Glorious Land** [*the Holy Land—the modern state of Israel*], and many countries shall be overthrown; but these [*areas that follow*] shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon [*these three territories constitute the modern country of Jordan, and the descendants of these people may be found among the Palestinians, Turks and other Middle Eastern peoples*].

42: He [*the Beast*] shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43: He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans [*Phutites, including the inhabitants of modern Libya but perhaps meaning all of North and West Africa*] and Ethiopians [*Cushites, including the people of modern Ethiopia and probably Sudan but perhaps meaning all of East and Southern Africa*] shall follow at his heels.

44: “But news from the east and the north [*of opposing nations or forces in these directions near or far*] shall trouble him [*the Beast*]; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

45a: “And he [*the Beast*] shall plant the tents of his palace between the [*Dead and Mediterranean*] seas and [*should be “in” (KJV)*] the glorious holy mountain [*Jerusalem*];...

45b: “...yet he [*the Beast*] shall come to his end [*at Christ’s return (Revelation 19:20)*], and no one will help him

The final chapter “War and Peace in the Middle East” in the UCG Booklet The Middle East in Bible Prophecy sheds more light on these verses:

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/bible-study-aids/middle-east-bible-prophecy/middle-east-bible-prophecy/war-and-peace-middle>

State of Israel had to be established to fulfill prophecy

*Why the time gap in Daniel's prophecy between the ancient world and the world of today—a period of at least 2,000 years—with only sparse and cursory details of events in between? The answer is simple: For almost 2,000 years there was no Jewish nation in the Middle East. **The restoration of the Jewish state in 1948 has made the kings of the North and South relevant again to impacting the Jewish people in the Holy Land.***

End-time prophecy could not be fulfilled without the restoration of the Jews to their homeland. Although their nation is called Israel, remember that the 10 tribes of the ancient northern kingdom known as Israel were taken into captivity by Assyria more than a century before the kingdom of Judah (comprising the Israelite tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with a considerable portion of Levi) was invaded and its people taken to Babylon.

Many of the Jews returned from their captivity, but the 10 tribes seemingly disappeared. The Bible shows that in time all the tribes of Israel will return to the Promised Land, but at this point only the tribe of Judah—or at least a portion of it—has been restored to its historic home.

In the Old Testament prophetic book of Zechariah we read that Jerusalem and Judah (Jews constituting the modern state of Israel) are at the center of world conflict immediately before Christ's return. But this prophesied event could not have taken place without the physical restoration of Judah (now named Israel) to some extent in the Holy Land before the end of the age.

Zec 12:1 NKJV - The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

Zec 12:2 NKJV - "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

Zec 12:3 NKJV - "And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Zec 14:1 NKJV - Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

Zec 14:2 NKJV - For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Hos 5:1 NLT - "Hear this, you priests. Pay attention, you leaders of Israel. Listen, you members of the royal family. Judgment has been handed down against you. For you have led the people into a snare by worshiping the idols at Mizpah and Tabor.

Hos 5:2 NLT - You have dug a deep pit to trap them at Acacia Grove. But I will settle with you for what you have done.

Hos 5:3 NLT - I know what you are like, O Ephraim. You cannot hide yourself from me, O Israel. You have left me as a prostitute leaves her husband; you are utterly defiled.

Hos 5:4 NLT - Your deeds won't let you return to your God. You are a prostitute through and through, and you do not know the LORD.

Hos 5:5 NLT - "The arrogance of Israel testifies against her; Israel and Ephraim will stumble under their load of guilt. Judah, too, will fall with them.

Hos 5:6 NLT - When they come with their flocks and herds to offer sacrifices to the LORD, they will not find him, because he has withdrawn from them.

Is this an indication they will be making sacrifices? (That Daniel 12 says will be cut off.)

Hos 5:7 NLT - They have betrayed the honor of the LORD, bearing children that are not his. Now their false religion will devour them along with their wealth.

KJV: They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: **now shall a month devour them with their portions.**

Luk 21:20 NKJV - "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

Luk 21:21 NKJV - "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

Luk 21:22 NKJV - "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Luk 21:23 NKJV - "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

Luk 21:24 NKJV - "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

How long will Jerusalem be trampled by the Gentiles?

Rev 11:1 NKJV - Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

Rev 11:2 NKJV - "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. **And they will tread the holy city underfoot [for] forty-two months.**

And at the same time...

Rev 11:3 NKJV - "And I will give [power] to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

Zec 14:3 NKJV - Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 NKJV - And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, [Making] a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

Rev 11:15 NKJV - Then the **seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become [the kingdoms] of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

1Co 15:50 NKJV - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 NKJV - Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

1Co 15:52 NKJV - **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

1Co 15:53 NKJV - For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 NKJV - So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1Th 4:15 NKJV - For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive [and] remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

1Th 4:16 NKJV - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 NKJV - Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 NKJV - Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Rev 11:16 NKJV - And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

Rev 11:17 NKJV - saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Rev 11:18 NKJV - The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, **And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great**, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

Dan 12:1 NKJV - "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands [watch] over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, [Even] to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.

Dan 12:2 NKJV - And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, *[Referring to the First Resurrection...]* Some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. *[This would be in the second or third resurrection as some refer to it as.]*

Dan 12:3 NKJV - Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

1Co 15:57 NKJV - But thanks [be] to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 15:58 NKJV - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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## Additional Resources:

UCG World News and Prophecy article "Abomination of Desolation: Jerusalem, Temple Mount, Red Heifer, Dome of the Rock, "Little Horn" - What Does All This Mean?" By Donald Ward

<https://www.ucg.org/world-news-and-prophecy/world-news-and-prophecy-september-october-1998/abomination-desolation>

UCG Booklet Article: War and Peace in the Middle East

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