

**Daniel: 42 – Sermon Notes****Title: “The northern king's conquests”****Scripture: Daniel 11:40-45****Date preached: April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025****Scripture: Daniel 11:40-45**

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40 “마지막 때에 이집트 왕이 시리아 왕을 공격할 것이나 시리아 왕이 전차와 말과 배를 총동원하여 강력한 힘으로 이집트 왕을 칠 것이며 그는 또 여러 나라를 침략하여 물밀듯이 쳐들어가 41 이스라엘을 포함한 수많은 나라를 패망케 할 것이다 그러나 에돔과 모압과 그리고 암몬의 지도자들은 그의 손에서 벗어날 것이다 42 그가 수많은 나라를 침략할 때 이집트도 견디지 못할 것이다 43 그는 또 이집트의 금은 보물을 가져가고 라비아와 에티오피아를 정복할 것이다 44 그러나 그때 동쪽과 북쪽에서 들려오는 소문에 놀란 그는 대단히 격분하여 수많은 사람을 죽이려고 할 것이다 45 그는 바다와 거룩한 산 사이에 천막 궁전을 세울 것이나 그의 종말이 이를 것이니 그를 도울 자가 없을 것이다”

**Review**

Today we will finish chapter number 11. You may feel quite relieved about that. Chapter 11 as I have pointed out before contains a very complex and detailed prophecy. In order to highlight just how accurate the prophecy was it was necessary to do a deep historical dive. Depending on your feelings about ancient history you may have either enjoyed the past few weeks, or found it a bit tedious. I hope the former. I've certainly found it fascinating as I've done the research.

Before we turn to the final five verses of the chapter let me briefly touch on the highlights of last time. We looked last Sunday at verses 29-39. The section begins by talking about an evil, tyrannical ruler who would emerge in the second century BC (verse 29-36). This wicked man hated God, and His chosen people and did all within his power to destroy them. In this regard he certainly fulfils all the necessary requirements for being the first antichrist.

Then in verse 36 we arrive at an intersection. We are about to make a dramatic directional change. From this point on the angelic being tells Daniel about the Antichrist of the far future. He is the evil ruler who will come to the fore in the 70<sup>th</sup> week. The time of tribulation. Let me tell you more about these two men.

We have popular theatre shows in the UK around the festive season called pantomimes. Many people go to watch them in the build up to Christmas. Although the stories vary they almost always have a good character pitched against a dastardly villain. The audience are encouraged to loudly cheer when the hero comes on stage. They are equally encouraged to boo or hiss when the villain appears. So feel free to boo and hiss whenever I mention the name of the vile enemy of God's people, the Antichrist. Let's all boo then as we look at antichrist number one; Antiochus IV Epiphanies.

Antiochus IV was born around the year 215 BC. His father was Antiochus III and he originally named his son Mithridates. This name means, “given by Mithra.” Mithra being the ancient sun god. Antiochus IV effectively stole the throne from the rightful successor in 175 BC.

Like all the rulers of the Seleucid Empire Antiochus had a deep and abiding hatred for the Ptolemaic empire based in Egypt. He desired to conquer their empire and absorb it into his own massive realm. In the year 167 BC he marched his vast army south in order to do just that. He would have been able to accomplish this feat but for one thing. Unfortunately for him the Ptolemies had made a pact with the Romans. The pact stated that the Romans would support them militarily when needed. This is exactly what happened. Antiochus's forces were happily marching toward Alexandria when they were halted by the Roman army led by Gaius Popilius Laenas. The meeting between the two leaders has gone down in legend. The story goes that when they met Gaius drew a line in the sand and dared Antiochus to cross it. Antiochus' choice was stark. Fight and lose, or retreat and be humiliated. Antiochus was a prideful and arrogant man, but he was also no fool. He knew his forces could not match the Romans. He very wisely decided to withdraw. However the shame and humiliation of what had happened burned deep within him. He longed to take out his fury on some weak and unsuspecting foe.

Unfortunately the poor unsuspecting foe just happened to be the people of Jerusalem. On his way back north to his capital in Antioch Antiochus decided to stop off in the holy city. When he arrived He sent his general Apollonius into the city backed up by a force of around 22,000 men. Once inside the bloodthirsty slaughter began. The Seleucid forces butchered every man they could find and captured the women and children either for prisoners or to sell into slavery.

This horrific event set into motion Antiochus' long term plans to torment and persecute the Jewish people. What he wanted was to eradicate Judaism and force the people to adopt the ideals and practices of Hellenism. In order to achieve this he made life unbearable for God's people. He banned them from openly practising their faith, outlawed their holy days and festivals and desecrated the temple by placing a statue of Zeus on the altar. The pinnacle of his wickedness occurred on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 167 BC. On this particular day Antiochus went into the temple and sacrificed a pig on the holy altar. This made the temple ceremonially unclean and effectively meant that the twice daily sacrifices to God had to be suspended.

As you can imagine the Jewish people were deeply traumatised by these events. What Antiochus was doing elicited a number of different responses from the people. Some, fearful about what resisting might mean went along with what Antiochus was doing. Others, I am happy to report were far more resolute. They would not let their culture be destroyed without a fight. Most famous among the resisters was a man named Judas Maccabeus (Judas the hammerer).

He, along with his brothers formed a resistance movement to fight the tyranny that gripped his nation. At first this small group engaged in guerilla warfare tactics. In this they were very successful. Later, as more people joined their movement they formed a proper army.

Another group of more academically minded people known as the *Chassidim* also emerged at this time. They clung doggedly to the faith and instructed many through these difficult years. We should not overlook the importance this group had in preserving the faith and character of the Jewish people.

It certainly would not be an easy time for the Jewish people. Many brave men would fall in the struggle against the Seleucids. Eventually their efforts brought reward, God would permit them to succeed. They would drive the Seleucid forces out of their land and enjoy a brief time of independence (140 to 37 BC). This brought us neatly to verse 36.

Are you ready to boo again? This is because we now shift our attention to the second Antichrist. We

are of course talking about future events that are shrouded in considerable mystery. We all wish that the bible revealed much more about what will happen but we must be content with what we are given. This means that a certain degree of speculation is called for. This is why bible scholars and teachers differ so widely on their interpretations of these end time prophecies. One of the most interesting debates centres of the person of the Antichrist. People want to know who he will be, where will he come from and what will he be like. As an aside my belief in a pre-tribulation rapture means that as believers we will be in heaven with Christ before the Antichrist rises to power. Or to put it more simply. We won't get to see him.

Here in verses 36-39 the angel gives Daniel a few interesting details about this man. He learn that he will be an incredibly prideful and arrogant man. A man who does not listen to others and does exactly as he wills. He will therefore be characterised as being selfish and self-centred. This becomes manifest in the detail that he will exalt himself and have no regard either for the one true God, or any of the other man-made religions of this world. We know this because he blasphemes God. He says profane and disrespectful things about God. He says these things to undermine God and promote himself. He demands that people worship him as if he were a god. We also learn that he will prosper for a time. Or to put it more accurately God will permit him to succeed for an appointed time. This is because this is all a part of God's divine plan.

The angel also reveals to Daniel some interesting tidbits about the Antichrist's background and habits. He tells him that the Antichrist will ignore or snub the religion of his ancestors. Some have read this and thought that it means the Antichrist will be a Jew. We spoke last time about why this probably won't be the case. What it really means is that he has no regard or respect for any divine being. He doesn't follow the traditions or religious habits of those who came before him. As we noted last time the only one he deems worthy of worship is himself.

He will also have no desire for women. There are a number of ways to interpret this. It may mean that he is a homosexual, an abuser of women or simply someone with no natural affection. Others suggest that it means that he has no desire for the Messiah. Bearing the Messiah was the dream of every Jewish woman.

The final thing we touched on last time was the Antichrists fixation on military might. He will invest heavily in building up his army. His belief will be that his power and might rest in the military strength he possesses. The more tanks, missiles, rocket launchers, attack helicopter and jets he possess the happier he will be.

This military might will come to the fore in the epic battles for supremacy that will take place in the end time period.

As we noted before the Antichrist initially is seen as a great peace-maker. He is lauded as the man who brought peace to the Middle East. A feat that most around the world today consider to be impossible. For this he will be universally respected and admired especially by the people of Israel. The peace he brings will prevail for the first half of the tribulation period (3.5 years). But once we reach the mid-point it is not long before his peace-loving facade slips and things begin to fall apart. It is from this point onwards that we see determined opposition to the Antichrist emerge. Large confederacies from both the north and south will converge upon Israel.

This will be the subject of our sermon today.

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**40 “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through.**

We are now at around the halfway point of the 70<sup>th</sup> week. Three and a half years into the seven year tribulation. That is what is meant here by the expression “**at the time of the end.**” As we have established by this time the Antichrist (the “he” and “him” in this verse) has established himself in Israel. He has chosen to base himself here.

We are then told that two powerful armies will come against him simultaneously. The first army mentioned comes from a southerly direction. So we are thinking of nations geographically located to the south of Israel. In earlier studies we spoke about Egypt as being the enemy to the south. It is entirely possible that a contingent from Egypt is involved in this attack. However it is much more likely that a number of nations have formed a coalition. They are approaching Israel as a united force. This makes logical sense because they are fully aware of the power of the Antichrist and realise that they have a much greater chance of success if they work together. We saw a similar thing in the six-day war against Israel in 1967. On that occasion Egypt, Syria and Jordan worked in unison.

So who might be included in such a coalition for this end time battle? It's difficult for us to be precise. I think however we can fairly safely say that they will be Islamic or Arab nations who currently occupy countries in northern and central Africa.

When it comes to the armies moving down from the north the bible does furnish us with more information. To uncover this information we have to turn to the prophet Ezekiel.

In chapters 38 and 39 of the book of Ezekiel we read about about Magog and her allies attacking Israel. Now there is some scholarly disagreement about when these things will take place. My view is that Ezekiel is telling us about an end time event in which a peaceful Israel is surprisingly attacked. I every much mirrors what we read here in the Book of Daniel. Chapter 38 of Ezekiel mentions 6 nations by name. Let's look at the appropriate verses and see if we can go some way in identifying who these nations might be.

**2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him. (Ez 38:2)**

The first nation, or land mentioned is Magog. Historically speaking Magog was the son of Japeth (Gen 10:2). After the tower of Babel this people group scattered quite widely. Christian historian Dr. Bill Copper provides evidence that the descendants of Magog include a wide array of differing people groups. His extensive research shows that those included in this group could be the Russians, Ukrainians, Hungarians, Finns, Siberians, Yugoslavians, Croatians, Bosnians, Serbians, Slovenians, Slovaks, Bulgarians, Poles and Czechs.

We also read the names of some people groups who inhabited this area; **the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.** These are ancient names of people who lived in northern Mesopotamia and the region of the Caucasus mountains. Today these areas lie in modern Russia. Let's look at the next five.

**5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from* the far north and all its troops—many people *are* with you. (Ez 38:5-6)**

First we read about Persia. This, as I'm sure you are aware is the ancient name for Iran. The nation of Iran has seldom been out of the headlines over the past few years. The great fear of Israel, and the west in general is that they develop a nuclear weapon. Such an event will destabilise the entire region.

We then read about Ethiopia (probably incorporating Sudan) and Libya. Now, you may look at these nations today and wonder about why they might be drawn into this attack. You might also ask how well trained and equipped their respective militaries may be. Well you may be unaware of Russian influence and involvement in both nations.

The Foreign Policy website reported in early 2025 that Russia had come to an agreement with the Sudanese government to establish a naval base near Port Sudan. The Russians also negotiated a deal to use an airbase in southern Libya. Both of these moves were militarily driven. Vladimir Putin was reported as being keen to station military assets in these key strategic areas. So now you see how all these things may tie together. A Sudanese or Libyan military supplied by Russia is a different proposition altogether.

Next we come to Gomer. Where is Gomer you may ask? Well it refers to the area now occupied in the main by modern Turkey. For many years it seemed as though Turkey looked towards the west. They are a Muslim nation, but were seen as not being particularly hard-line or extreme. It seemed that they had aspirations to be part of the European Union. In recent years their western focused policy seems to have been reversed. Now Turkey aligns itself with those who hate Israel and wish to see her destroyed. Once again we see biblical prophecy taking shape before our very eyes.

Finally, we read about the house of Togarmah. In Ezekiel's day Togarmah was another tribal group of people. They lived in the eastern part of what you and I know today as the nation of Turkey.

So what the angelic messenger is delivering to Daniel is as follows. At some point around the mid-point of the tribulation period two armies will come to attack the Antichrist who is based in Israel. The northern division will come like a whirlwind. This most likely speaks to the speed and precision of their attacks. They will come with large and well-equipped armies. The angel remember is speaking to Daniel in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. So obviously he uses military terms or descriptions that were appropriate and understandable to Daniel. The armies that clash at some future time in Israel will not be riding in horse-drawn chariots. They will be employing contemporary weapons, drones, tanks, ballistic missiles, and jet fighters.

We then read that "he," meaning the Antichrist will have victory over these two armies. They will be overwhelmed by his forces. We are probably to assume that the enemy forces (those who came against the Antichrist) retreat to their respective homelands.

Following this military success the Antichrist (and his army) will pass through and conquer a number of nations. We saw the German forces doing a similar thing during the Second World War. They entered Poland and occupied it before moving on to the Netherlands and France.

Let us read on and discover what the Antichrist does following this victory.

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**41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.**

We learn here that the Antichrist will enter Israel (**the glorious land**). As we know the Antichrist had made a covenant or a peace agreement with Israel. This deal began the final seven year countdown clock. So it would appear that this aggressive move against the chosen people signals the breaking of the peace treaty. This places us as I said before at the mid-point of the tribulation.

At this time many countries will be conquered by the forces under the control of the Antichrist. It seems probable that the Antichrist was greatly angered by the rebellious armies that came against him from the south and north. He is now engaged in an action designed to effectively nullify their power and render them unable to come against him again.

Three nations or people groups escape from his hands. The three are Edom, Moab and Ammon. You can see the historic locations of these nations on the map. They are all located to the east of Israel in modern day Jordan. Interestingly all three groups mentioned were all historic and bitter enemies of Israel. Now clearly these people groups no longer exist. You cannot visit Moab today and converse with a Moabite. So it's likely that it is the geographic location, and not the ethnicity of the people. The proximity of these regions to Israel means that this is the most natural, the logical place for God's people to flee as the Antichrist's forces approach. So it may be that these regions are receiving divine protection at this time. It may be that God is preventing the Antichrist from capturing them.

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

Despite not being able to conquer Edom, Moab and Ammon things are going well for the Antichrist and his army. He will press home his advantage by attacking a number of different countries. This is what is meant here by the expression, “**to stretch his hand against.**” The idea being conveyed is that if you are able to reach out and touch something then you have agency and the ability to act. The converse is also true. If you are unable to stretch out and touch something then you do not have the power to act. Clearly then at this time the Antichrist is in the ascendancy and has the power to act and destroy those who came against him.

Egypt in particular is singled out here. As I mentioned before they may well have been one of the nations that came against the Antichrist. So it is likely that he is now exacting his revenge upon them.

Let us continue and see what he does to Egypt.

#### 42 그가 수많은 □ □ □ 침략할 때 이집트도 견디지 못할 것이다

에돔, 모압, 암몬을 정복하지 못한 것을 제외하고 적그리스도와 그의 군대는 손조로웠습니다. 그는 여러 나라를 공격하여 자신의 이점을 극대화할 것입니다. 여기서 "손을 뻗다" to stretch his hand against"라는 표현은 침략한다는 뜻입니다. 손을 뻗어 무언가를 만질 수 있다면 행동력이 있다는 것입니다. 그 반대도 사실입니다. 손을 뻗어 무언가를 만질 수 없다면 행동할 힘이 없습니다. 그렇다면 분명히 이때 적그리스도가 우세하여 그에게 대적하는 자들을 멸망시킬 힘이 있습니다. 특히 이 구절에서는 이집트를 지적합니다. 앞서 언급했듯이 이집트는 적그리스도에게 대적한 나라들 중 하나입니다. 그러므로 그는 이집트에게 보복을 하고 있을 가능성이 큼니다. 계속해서 그가 이집트에 무엇을 하는지 보겠습니다.

#### 43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.

The Egyptians will be no match for the Antichrist. He will conquer them and plunder their treasures (gold and silver). The fact that he has access to their most precious and treasured possessions indicates their total capitulation. Had they been able to withstand, or resist the conquest in any way they might have kept back or hidden their most valuable items.

We then also learn that the Antichrist continued his advances and conquered the Libyans and the Ethiopians.

It appears as if no one at this time can stand against this Satanically empowered man. It's quite possible that it is this sense of invincibility that leads him to exalt himself. He seeks to crush the institutions that still exist and really impose his will upon the world. This then may be the point in the tribulation in which he abolishes the religions of the world and set himself up as the object of worship. He will tolerate no other kings or gods. He demands that he alone hold the place and position usually reserved for a deity.

So picture the scene. The Antichrist seated upon his ornate throne. This evil man seemingly in complete control. From a worldly perspective he seems to have it all. Riches beyond compare, power, authority and an almost god like status. But it's at this point that things start to go wrong. According to many conservative prophecy scholars it is at this point that God begins to pour out His wrath against the earth.

#### 43 그는 또 이집트의 금은 보물을 가져가고 리비아와 에티오피아를 정복할 것이다

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그 장면을 상상해 보세요. 화려한 왕좌에 앉은 적그리스도. 표면상으로는 이 사악한 자가 모든 것을 완벽하게 통제하고 있는 것 같습니다. 세상적인 관점에서 보면 그는 모든 것을 다 가진 듯합니다. 엄청난 부, 권력, 권위, 그리고 거의 신과 같은 지위. 하지만 이 시점부터 일이 잘못되기 시작합니다. 많은 보수적인 예언 학자들에 따르면 이 시점에 하나님께서 땅에 대한 분노를 쏟아붓기 시작합니다.

#### 44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

We might imagine the Antichrist enjoying himself in his royal residence. Surrounded by excessive

luxury. Indulging in the finest foods and wines. Being entertained by the greatest musicians and performers. When all of a sudden a messenger arrives to give him some troubling news. What we might ask is the nature of this news. All we are told is that something was happening to the east and the north.

The most likely explanation is that enemy forces are approaching from these two directions. It may be that the enemy forces he had already beaten have re-grouped, or have been reinforced. He might have believed them to be totally crushed, but this is not the case. Another commonly held view is that these are different armies moving in to challenge his rule. Some suggest this army from the east is China, or a coalition force from the far east. The Antichrist will not sit back and allow his authority to be challenged. He again musters his forces and goes out to fight. Many will be killed in this conflict.

#### 44 그러나 그때 동쪽과 북쪽에서 들려오는 소문에 놀란 그는 대단히 격분하여 수많은 □□□ 죽이려고 할 것이다

적그리스도가 왕궁에서 즐거운 시간을 보내는 모습을 상상해 보세요. 과도한 사치에 둘러싸여 최고급 음식과 와인 그리고 최고의 음악가와 연주자들이 하는 연주를 즐깁니다. 갑자기 메신저가 도착하여 그에게 불안한 소식을 전합니다. 이것은 어떤 소식일까요? 그것은 동쪽과 북쪽에서 무슨 일이 일어나고 있다고만 기록합니다.

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#### 45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

The Antichrist is once again successful. This perhaps should not surprise us. He has Satan and all his minions on his side. Following the victory he returns to Israel to establish his headquarters (his palace). The detail that we are given about the location of his headquarters is that it is between the seas. The two seas that would have been known to Daniel are the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. So he will site his palace at some point between these two bodies of water. We also learn that it is situated on the **glorious holy mountain**. What mountain is this? This I believe is Mount Zion. Mount Zion is the high hill on which King David built a citadel. It is on the south-east side of the city of Jerusalem. The city of God. As we read in Psalm 87,

**1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.**

**2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion**

**More than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

**3 Glorious things are spoken of you,**

**O city of God! *Selah*.**

**(Psalm 87:1-3)**

These verses reveal to us how God feels about this holy mountain and what stands there. It is a place that God loves. This is why the Antichrist, motivated by Satan of course chooses Jerusalem. We know that there is nothing more insulting or disrespectful to someone than to go to their treasured place of residence and defile it.

By this point in history the nation of Israel will have been devastated. Two thirds of the Jewish people will have been killed (Zec 13:8). That's a tough thought to wrap your head around. Israel's current population stands at approximately 9.5 million. So that means by this point in time only 3,135,000 Jews will still be alive in Israel. The Antichrist has been victorious. His armies have crushed all resistance. They came from the north and south. They combined their forces against him and still could not defeat him. This is how it all ends. It ends with the world consumed by this tyrannical bloodthirsty demon possessed man. Or does it?

One little word causes us to pause. It is the word “Yet.” We read the wonderful news, **yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.** Let me flesh out how the the Antichrist (the beast) comes to an end. In Revelation chapter 19 we read about the Lord Jesus Christ's second coming. He comes down from heaven in glory riding on a white horse and followed by the armies of heaven. From His mouth comes a sword which He uses to strike the nations. The Antichrist may have been more than a match for the armies of this earth. But he's no match for our Lord and Saviour. The battle that ensues is over quickly. It is not really a battle at all. It's a wholly one-sided affair, more an act of God's judgement than a proper fight.

The Antichrist will be soundly beaten. How insanelly stupid he must be to think he can oppose the sovereign God of the universe. He will then face an appropriate punishment. His punishment, so we read in Revelation 19:20 be cast alive into the lake of burning fire. The remainder of the Antichrist's army are slain by the sword. This is how it all comes to an end.

Next time Lord willing we will begin the final leg of our journey as we begin chapter 12.

**45 그는 바다와 거룩한 산과 천막 궁전을 세울 것이나 그의 종말이 이를 것이니 그를 도외줄 자가 없을 것이다**

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1. 그의 타진이 성산에 있음이여
2. 여호와께서 아랍의 모든 거처보다 시온의 문들을 사랑하시는도다
3. 하나님의 성이여 너를 기다켜 영광스럽다 말하는도다(셀라)

이 구절들은 하나님께서 이 거룩한 산과 그 위에 서있는 예루살렘 성에 대해 어떻게 생각하시는지 보여줍니다. 하나님께서 사랑하시는 곳입니다. 이것이 바로 사탄의 하수인 노릇을 하는 적그리스도가 예루살렘을 선택한 이유입니다. 누군가에게 소중한 장소에 가서 그 곳을 더럽히는 것보다 더 모욕적이고 무례한 일은 없을 것입니다.

역사상 이 시기에 이스라엘은 이미 황폐해져 있을 것입니다. 유대인의 3분의2가 죽었을 것입니다(스기라 13:8). 우리로서는 도무지 이해하기 어렵습니다. 이스라엘의 현재 인구는 약 950만 명입니다. 그러니 이 시기에 이스라엘에 살아남은 유대인은 약 3,135,000명에 불과할 것입니다. 적그리스도가 승리했습니다. 그의 군대가 모든 저항을 무너뜨렸습니다. 북쪽과 남쪽에서 오는 그의 적들은 그에게 대항하여 힘을 합쳤지만 여전히 그를 물리칠 수 없었습니다. 이것이 모든 것의 끝입니다. 악마에 사로잡혀 피에 굶주린 이 폭군이 세상을 집어 삼키면서 끝납니다. 과연 그럴까요?

하지만 이 구절에서 한 단어 "그러나 yet"라는 단어가 우리를 멈추게 합니다. **그의 종말이 이를 것이니 그를 도외줄 자가 없을 것이다** 라는 놀라운 소식을 기록합니다. 적그리스도(짐승)가 어떻게 종말을 맞이할 지 자세히 설명하겠습니다. 요한계시록 19장에서 주 예수 그리스도께서 재림하십니다. 그분은 영광 가운데 백미를 타고 하늘로 부터 오시고 하늘 군대가 뒤따릅니다. 그분의 입에서 나오는 검이 나라들을 치는 데 사용됩니다. 적그리스도는 이 땅의 어떤 군대보다 더 강할 것입니다. 하지만 그는 우리 주 구세주의 적수가 될 수는 없습니다. 싸움은 금세 끝납니다. 싸움이라고 하기에는 너무나 일방적인 것이었습니다. 싸움이라기보다는 하나님의 심판에 가깝습니다.

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다음 주에는 긴 여정의 마지막인 12 장을 시작하겠습니다.

### Lessons to learn

We will do something a little different today. As we've come to an end of chapter 11 lets look back on the whole chapter and consider what we can learn from it. I have ten lessons we can learn.

오늘은 11 장을 마쳤으니 11 장 전체를 돌아보고 무엇을 배울 수 있는지 생각해 보겠습니다. 우리가 배울 수 있는 교훈을 열 가지 말씀드리겠습니다.

### 1. The Sovereignty of God

Throughout the chapter we see a vivid example of God's sovereignty over the affairs of nations and kings. Despite the rise and fall of empires, God always remains in control. This reminds us that no matter how chaotic the world seems, God is the ultimate ruler, orchestrating history according to His divine plan. Keep this in mind as we continue to see things becoming increasingly troubling around the world.

#### 1. 하나님의 주권

이 장 전체에서 우리는 국가와 왕들을 관장하는 하나님의 주권에 대한 생생한 예를 봅니다. 제국들은 흥망성쇠를 거듭 하지만 항상 모든 것을 통제하는 분은 하나님이십니다. 세상이 아무리 혼란스러워 보여도 하나님은 궁극적인 통치자이며, 그분의 신성한 계획에 따라 역사를 조율하고 계심을 상기시켜줍니다. 전 세계적으로 점점 더 많은 문제들이 일어나는 것을 보면서 이 점을 명심하십시오.

### 2. The Power of Prophecy

Daniel 11 is a testament to the power of prophecy. This is because as we have seen it accurately predicts historical events with remarkable precision. This chapter reminds us that God's Word is trustworthy and true. As believers, we can find comfort in knowing that the Bible is not just a historical document but a living testament to God's omniscience and His plan for humanity.

#### 2. 예언의 힘

다니엘 11 장은 예언의 능력에 대한 증거입니다. 역사적 사건들을 놀리울 정도로 정확하게 예측하기 때문입니다. 이 장은 하나님의 말씀이 신뢰할 만한 진실임을 상기시켜줍니다. 성경이 단순한 역사적 문서가 아니라 하나님의 전지전능하심과 인류를 위한 계획에 대한 살아있는 증거라는 사실은 우리 믿는자들에게 위안을 줍니다.

### 3. The Rise and Fall of Kingdoms

The chapter outlines the rise and fall of various kingdoms, illustrating the transient nature of earthly power. As we know from a study of history empires, kings and rulers come and go. We would therefore do well to remember that worldly power is temporary, and our ultimate allegiance should be to God's eternal kingdom.

#### 3. 제국들의 흥망성쇠

11 장은 다양한 제국들의 흥망성쇠를 요약하면서 세상 권력이 잠시 뿐임을 보여줍니다. 역사를 보면 알 수 있듯이 제국, 왕, 통치자들은 왔다가 사라집니다. 따라서 세상의 권력은 일시적이며 우리는 궁극적으로 하나님의 영원한 왕국에 충성을 해야 함을 기억하십시오.

### 4. The Importance of Faithfulness

Amidst the political turmoil described in Daniel 11, the call to remain faithful to God is starkly clear. The chapter encourages us to stand firm in our faith, even when faced with adversity. As believers, we are called to be steadfast, trusting in God's promises and His ultimate victory.

#### 4. 신실함의 중요성

다니엘 11 장은 정치적 혼란 속에서도 하나님께 변함없이 충실해야 함을 분명히 가르칩니다. 이 장은 역경에 직면하더라도 믿음을 굳건히 지키도록 격려합니다. 신자로서 우리는 하나님의 약속과 그분의 궁극적 승리를 신뢰하며 확고부동해야 합니다.

## **5. The Reality of Spiritual Warfare**

Daniel 11 highlights the spiritual battles that are ongoing behind the scenes of earthly events. This chapter reminds us that our struggles are not merely against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces.

### **5. 영적 전쟁의 현실**

다니엘 11 장은 세상에서 벌어지는 사건들의 배후에서 진행되는 영적 전쟁을 강조합니다. 우리의 싸움이 단순히 육적인 것만이 아니라 영적 세력에 대한 싸움임을 상기시켜줍니다.

## **6. The Consequences of Pride**

The chapter warns against the dangers of pride, as seen in the actions of the kings who exalt themselves above God. Daniel 11 serves as a cautionary tale, urging us to remain humble and reliant on God's wisdom rather than our own understanding.

### **6. 교만의 댓가**

11 장은 하나님보다 자신을 높이는 왕들의 행동에서 볼 수 있듯이 교만의 위험에 대해 경고합니다. 다니엘 11 장은 우리에게 겸손을 유지하고 우리 자신의 이해보다는 하나님의 자혜에 의지하라고 경고합니다.

## **7. The Assurance of God's Justice**

Despite the apparent success of wicked rulers, Daniel 11 assures us that God's justice will ultimately prevail. The chapter reveals that those who oppose God will one day face judgment. This reinforces the truth that righteousness will be rewarded and evil will be punished.

### **7. 하나님의 정의 실현**

표면적으로는 악한 통치자들이 성공하는 것처럼 보일지라도 다니엘 11 장은 하나님의 정의가 궁극적으로 승리할 것을 확신시켜 줍니다. 하나님을 대적하는 자들은 언젠가 심판을 받을 것입니다. 의인이 상을 받고 악인이 벌을 받을 것이라는 진실을 확신시켜 줍니다.

## **8. The Role of God's People**

In the midst of the chaos described in Daniel 11, God's people are called to be a light in the darkness. The chapter encourages us to be bold in our witness, sharing the hope of the Gospel with those around us.

### **8. 하나님 백성들의 역할**

다니엘 11 장에 묘사된 혼돈 속에서 하나님의 백성은 어둠 속의 빛이 되도록 부름을 받습니다. 우리가 주변 사람들에게 복음의 소망을 전하면서 담대하게 증거하도록 격려합니다.

## **9. The Hope of Deliverance**

Daniel 11 points to the hope of deliverance for God's people, even in the face of persecution. This chapter reminds us that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. As we trust in Him, we can be confident that He will deliver us from every trial and tribulation.

### **9. 구원의 소망**

다니엘 11 장은 하나님의 백성이 박해를 받을지라도 구원의 소망이 있음을 지적합니다. 하나님이 우리의 파난치이고

힘이시며, 환난의 때에 항상 함께하시는 도움이심을 상기시켜 줍니다. 우리가 하나님을 신뢰할 때, 그분께서 모든 시련과 환난에서 우리를 구원해 주실 것이라고 확신할 수 있습니다.

### **10. The Ultimate Victory of God's Kingdom**

Finally, Daniel 11 foreshadows the ultimate victory of God's kingdom over all earthly powers. This chapter assures us that, in the end, God's kingdom will reign supreme, and every knee will bow to Jesus Christ. As believers, we can look forward to the day when God's perfect justice and peace will be fully realized on earth.

### **10. 하나님 왕국의 궁극적인 승리**

마지막으로 다니엘 11 장은 모든 세상 권세에 대한 하나님 왕국의 궁극적 승리를 예고합니다. 결국 하나님의 왕국이 통치할 것이며 모두가 예수 그리스도께 무릎을 꿇게 될 것을 확신시켜 줍니다. 신자로서 우리는 하나님의 정의와 평화가 이 땅에서 완전하게 실현될 날을 기대할 수 있습니다.