

## **LESSON 10—DANIEL 11:36-12:13**

### **A. DANIEL 11:36-45**

Daniel 11:36 tells us of the king of the End Time, the final world religion and the final world war, Dan. 11:40-43 and the final battles, Dan. 11:44-45.

“All commentators agree that the chapter division at this point is unfortunate as the narrative of chapter 11 naturally extends through the first three verses of chapter 12. As Porteous expresses it,

The first four verses of chapter 12 are the completion of the long section which began with chapter 10. They give in remarkably brief compass and restrained language the writer’s expectation of what the divinely appointed end would be like. It would be climax of which Israel would be the centre, as is shown by the fact that Michael, the patron angel of Israel, is to play the decisive part on God’s behalf. The great tribulation will come to a head but Israel will escape, all those in Israel, that is to say, whose names are written in the book of life (Ps. 69:29; Ex. 32:32; cf. the later passages Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5). God already knows His own.

The entire section from Daniel 11:36 to 12:3 constitutes a revelation of the major factors of the time of the end which may be summarized as follows: (1) a world ruler, (2) a world religion, (3) a world war, (4) a time of great tribulation for Israel, (5) deliverance for the people of God at the end of the tribulation, (6) resurrection and judgment, and (7) reward of the righteous. All of these factors are introduced in this section.”<sup>1</sup>

#### **1. The Final King: the Antichrist—11:36**

- The Roman world ruler; little horn of Daniel 7; the beast of Rev. 13:1-10
- Absolute ruler
- Claims the role of God—refusal is death (Rev. 13:15)
- Blasphemes the true God
- Will prosper until the time of his end

#### **2. The Final Word Religion—11:37-39**

- Disregards any deities whether pagan or the true God
- “...desire of women”=desired by women
  - explanation...hates God and His Son, Jesus Christ
- some suggest he may be gay
- honour god of fortresses
  - complete description of previous religions (Rev. 17:16)
  - worship world ruler with no reference to any other divine power except Satan
  - “This is blasphemy to the ultimate, the exaltation of human power and attainment. He is Satan’s masterpiece, a human being who is Satan’s substitute for Jesus Christ, hence properly identified as the Antichrist.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Walvoord, John F. *Daniel The Key to Prophetic Revelation*

<sup>2</sup> *ibid*

### **3. The Final World War Erupts—11:40-43**

- King of the South
  - Military coalition south of Holy Land
  - African nations led by Egypt
- King of the North
  - Military coalition of lands north of the Holy Land
  - Could include Russia

### **4. The Final Battles—11:44-45**

- Tidings of east—Rev. 9:13-21 cf 16:12
  - Gigantic invasion of Israel
  - Rev. 9:16 an army of 200,000,000 crosses the Euphrates and descends on Holy Land
- The king counter-attacks
  - Struggle goes up to the day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent—Zech. 14:1-4
- Antichrist shall come to his end

## **B. DANIEL 12:1-13—THE TIME OF THE END**

### **1. The Great Tribulation—12:1**

- “at that time”—Dan. 11:40
- Time of trouble for Israel
- Israel aided by Archangel Michael
  - special responsibility for Israel—Dan. 10:13
- Many delivered—Dan. 7:18, 27
- “This is in keeping with the whole tenor of Daniel which deals with Israel as Daniel’s people. The deliverance will not extend to all Israel in that unbelieving or apostate Israel is excluded; and even here, it refers only to those actually living at the time of the return of Christ as many others may be martyred. The prophecy assures, however, that in spite of satanic efforts to exterminate the people of Israel, a godly remnant will be ready to greet their Messiah when He returns (Zech. 12:10-13:8-9)”<sup>3</sup>
- the Book of Life—Ex. 32:32-33; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27

### **2. The Resurrections—12:2**

- Rev. 20:4—Who?
- Rev. 20:5—Who?

### **3. The Reward of the Righteous—Dan. 12:3**

- Righteous are rewarded at their resurrection
- Wise—those who keep the testimony of the Lord
- Soul-winners

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<sup>3</sup> Walvoord, John F. *Daniel The Key to Prophetic Revelation*

4. **Daniel 12:4**

- Daniel is told to shut up the prophecy until the end
- Knowledge will increase

5. **Daniel 12:5-8**

- How long until the end
- Dan. 4:16—3 ½ years—the last 3 ½ of the Tribulation
- Daniel did not understand
- Many purified
- From abomination of desolation
- 1,290 days
- ‘Go your way’—be at peace