



# Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

## Daniel (Part-20) (Chapter 11)

**Antiochus Epiphanes IV (21-35):** What do you recall about Antiochus from ch.8? When did he come to power and was he from North or South? What was the outcome of the two battles with Egypt? Who assisted Egypt in the second battle? How did Antiochus respond to the humiliation? Why did some Jews support Antiochus? Was it the right thing to do?

**End time ... Final AntiChrist (36-45):** What do you recall about final antiChrist from ch.7? What are some qualities of this king/antiChrist (36-39)? Who opposes the antiChrist, and what is the outcome of the battle? Which nations are spared the wrath of antiChrist and why? How does the end of antiChrist occur? What happens to the gentile kingdoms of this world? Who wins in the end?

**Application & Verse:** What can we learn from this chapter? What verse can we commit to memory?

# Daniel (part 20) (Ch.11 cont.)

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Alexander the Great (1-4)

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Battles between kings of North & kings of South (5-20)

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Antiochus Epiphanes IV (21-35)

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AntiChrist, Battle of nations, Victory of Christ (36-45)

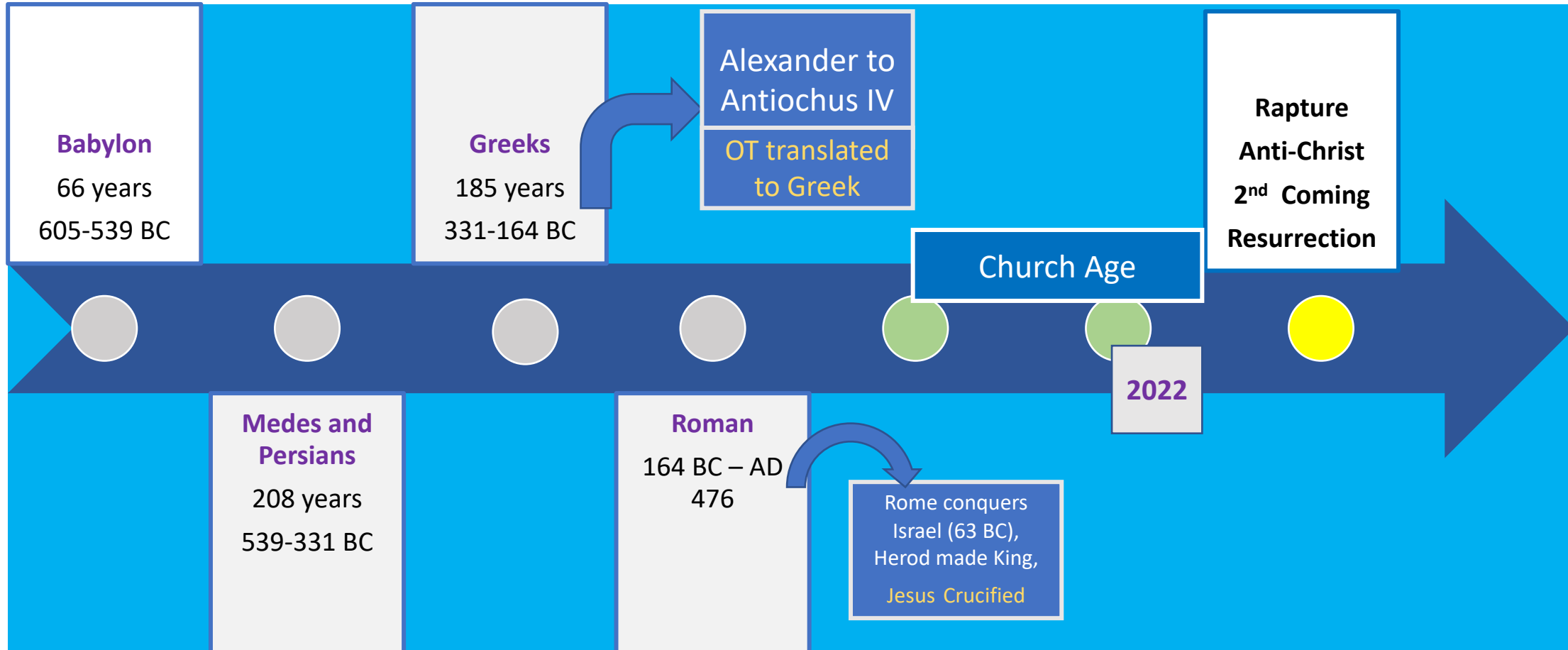
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More than 30 fulfilled prophecies in this chapter

# 400 years of silence between OT and NT

Daniel 11 captures some of the events during this  
intertestamental period

# History & Prophecy (4 visions of Daniel: 7,8, 9, 10-12)



Antiochus  
Epiphanes IV  
(21-35)

(175 BC –  
164 BC)

- Also seen in Daniel 8

Prophesied by Daniel more than 300-years before  
Antiochus came to power

# Antiochus IV:

(as seen in ch.8)

- Last king of the North (175 BC)
- Disrespect to Temple & the Law:
  - Desecrated the temple and truth of God
  - Took away daily sacrifices
  - Sacrificed pig on the altar of burnt offering
  - Placed Idol of Zeus in temple, and made human sacrifices
  - Banned circumcision (changes law and times)
  - Burnt holy books
  - Magnified himself
- Cruelty to Jews
  - Killed nearly 100,000 Jews
  - Circumcised children were killed along with their mothers

# Antiochus IV (21-24)

- Antiochus IV comes to power, not naturally, but by murdering his brother.
- A vile person (21)
- Initially rejected but conquers and becomes strong by deceit, bribery, and flattery (21)
- Removed the priest of the temple (22)
- Those who opposed him were silenced
- Did what his fathers nor fathers' fathers have done
- Redistributed the wealth
- Enters Jerusalem peaceably (24)
- Rules for a limited time

# Antiochus IV attacks & alliance (24-27)

- Antiochus **attacks** Egypt and wins (25-26)
- King of Egypt betrayed by his own who are bribed by Antiochus (26)
- Antiochus enters into **alliance** of peace with king Ptolemy, which lacked integrity (speak lies at one table, 27).
- Antiochus plans fail; ... end comes at the time appointed (27) wars break out again!
- Everything ends at God's appointed time!



# Antiochus IV humiliation & response to humiliation (28-31)

First expedition successful and returns with riches  
(28) *His heart shall be against the holy covenant* (28)

At the time appointed, Antiochus IV returns to Egypt  
in 186 BC. Surprised by the resistance (29)

He is confronted, humiliated, and sent back from  
Egypt, assisted by Roman ambassador (30)

How does Antiochus respond to humiliation? How do  
we respond if we are humiliated?

# Antiochus IV humiliation & response to humiliation (28-31)

**Response:** not good ... Anger, bitterness, attempts to reestablish his power

- Have indignation against the holy covenant (30)
- Sends 20,000 men against Jerusalem and abolishes Temple worship
- Desecrates the temple by offering swine's flesh, setting up Image of Greek god, Zeus, for worship
  - Abomination of desolation (9:27, 11:31, 12:11)

# Jewish opposition to Antiochus IV

(the  
Maccabean  
Revolt)

- Such abomination lead to hatred for Antiochus IV and a successful rebellion lead by **Mattathias** (died, 167BC), a Jewish priest, and his 5 sons including Judas **Maccabaeus** who lead the fight against military of Syrian-Greeks.
- (“**people who know their God**” 32 and “**those who are wise**” 33 refer to Maccabees and their followers)
- Jews captured Jerusalem in 165 BC and cleansed & rededicated the temple (Hanukkah)
- Antiochus IV died in 164 BC

# Compromising Jews & Persecuted Jews (32-35)

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**32** – Jews will be divided; with some yielding to his flatteries and embracing the pagan Greek culture (**Hellenists, compromising Jews**), while other standing strong in their faith despite the persecution (**Traditionalists, persecuted Jews**). **Such faithful Jewish people carry out great exploits. Only the faithful can do great exploits! Are we committed Christians or compromising Christians?**

**33** – The faithful teach others; but pay a price for their faithfulness. Antiochus IV attacked Jerusalem and killed 100,000 Jews and took more than 40,000 prisoners, and another 40,000 were sold as slaves.

**35** – Such persecution will continue until the time of the end. Persecution often reveals the true quality of our faith and commitment to God (Daniel's friends testimony in the fire, Daniel 3)

# Abomination of desolation noted by Jesus

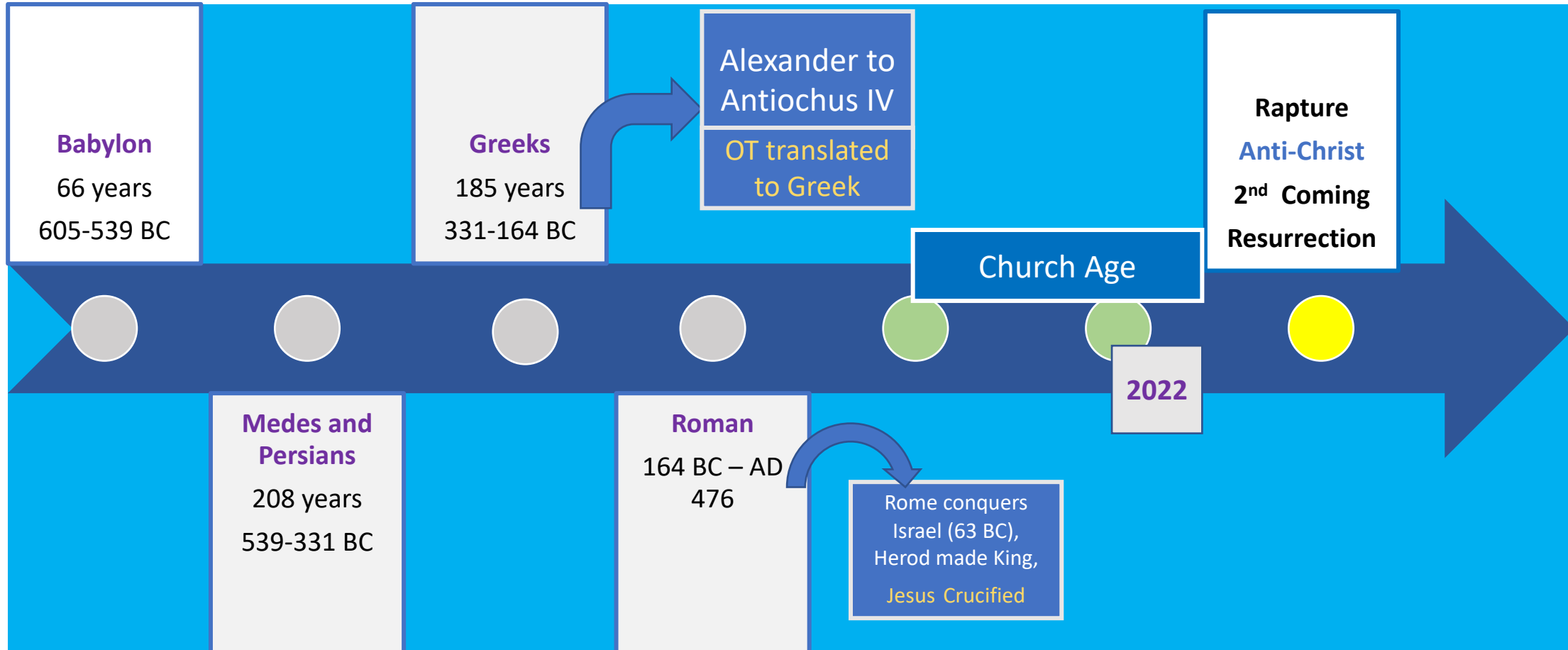
<sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)  
<sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **Mathew 24:15-16** (also in Mark 13, Luke 21)

**Antiochus IV is a foreshadow of endtime antiChrist**

Jump in Calendar to end time:  
Prophecy of future king (36-45)

**THE FINAL ANTICHRIST**

# History & Prophecy (4 visions of Daniel: 7,8, 9, 10-12)



# Characteristics of antiChrist

## Daniel 7:24

- speaks blasphemous words
- wears out saints (persecution)
- changes times and laws

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (**Revelation 13:5**)



# The antiChrist

## (36-39)

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**Self-will:** He does according to his will (36)

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**Pride:** He will exalt himself even above God (36)  
(like Satan, Isaiah 14:13-14)

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**Blasphemy:** He speaks blasphemy against God of gods (36)

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**Indifferent:** He shall not regard God of his fathers nor the desire of women (37)

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**Idol worshipper:** He worships God of fortress, military might (38), foreign God (39)

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**Limited Power:** He prospers for 7-years till the indignation be accomplished (36) (Revelation 13:5-6)

## II Thessalonians 2:3-8 (the final antiChrist)

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<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the **son of perdition**; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

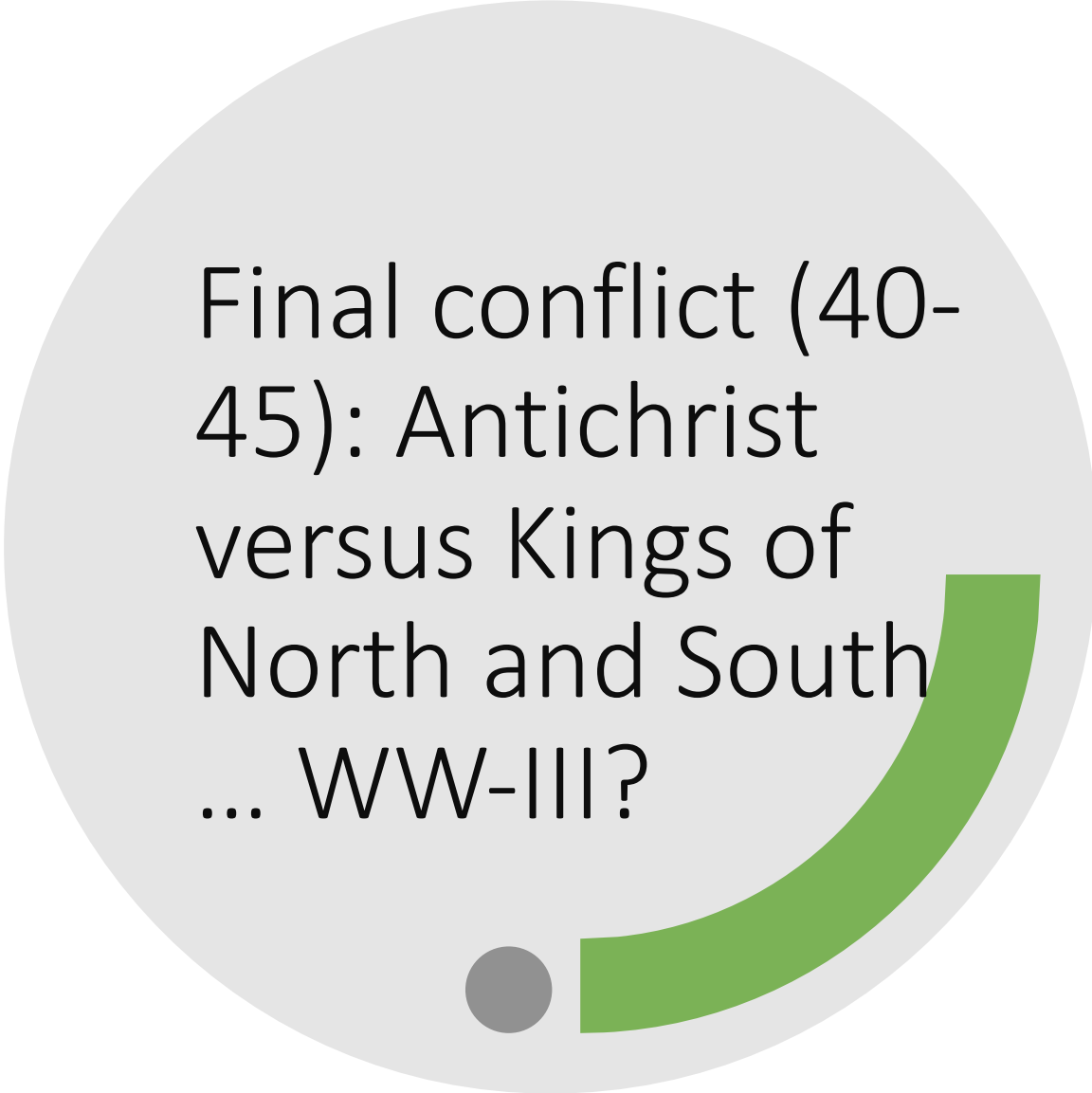
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<sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

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<sup>8</sup> And then shall that **Wicked** be revealed, whom the **Lord shall consume** with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Final conflict (40-  
45): Antichrist  
versus Kings of  
North and South  
... WW-III?



# Antichrist: conquest and growing opposition (40-45)

- king of South (Egypt) and North (Syria) come against antiChrist (40)
- antichrist enters into glorious land (Israel) and many countries overthrown (41) ... some shall escape (Edom, Moab, chief of the children of Ammon (41) (Ammon = Jordan)
- Political power and material possessions through victory over Egypt & allies, Libya, Ethiopia (42-43)

# Antichrist: conquest & growing opposition (40-45)

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- Troubled by news out of the **East and out of the north** (44)
- Plants his palace between the seas (Mediterranean and dead sea) in the glorious holy mountain (Zion) in Jerusalem) (45)
- Comes to his end, and no one helps him! (45; Daniel 7:11)
- Who brings the end of antiChrist?



# Defeat of antiChrist

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At the time of the end: Confederation of kings come against the great leader;  
Location of battle: near the holy land

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Armageddon ... Christ returns at the end of this global turmoil to defeat the enemies and establish his kingdom. (Revelation 19:17-19)

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No one can help him (45) ... eventually antiChrist is defeated by Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:11-15)

# The end

**Zechariah 14:1-4** (final battle for Jerusalem)

Jesus returns

Jesus descends on top of the mountain

Jesus returns as the King of Kings, destroys the antiChrist and the false prophet.

**In the end, believers Win**

# Zechariah

## 14:1-4

**14** Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. <sup>2</sup> For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup> **Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations,** as when he fought in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup> **And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives,** which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.



# End of antiChrist (in the lake of fire)

Beast slain, body destroyed, thrown in fire (Daniel 7:11)

- And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone” **Revelation 19:20**

# The end of evil ... antiChrist, Satan, and sinners

## End of antichrist (Battle of Armageddon)

- Christ returns for the battle (Revelation 19:11-16)
- The battle (Revelation 19:17-19)
- antiChrist defeated and thrown in lake of fire (Revelation 19:20)

## End of Satan

- Satan bound for 1,000 years and Millennial Rule begins (Revelation 20:1-6)
- Satan released for a short time (Revelation 20:7-9)
- Satan cast into lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)

## End of Sinners

- Great white throne judgment for sinners/second death (Revelation 20:11-15)

## The glorious end:

kingdoms of this world will be superseded by  
the Kingdom of God, and possessed by saints ...  
will you be part of this eternal kingdom?

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. **Revelation 11:15**

The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever  
(**Daniel 7:18**)

# What memory verse?

1:8a

2:22

7:18

3:17-18

4:34

8: 19

5:25

6: 27

9:20a

10:

11: