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An Exile Longing for Heaven



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Outline of Chapter 11

Three Eras of increasing wicked rule:

I. 1-20 - Rule of Persia and Greece

II. 21-35 - Rule of Antiochus Epiphanes

III. 36-45 - Rule of the Antichrist

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Review from Last Time

Three Purposes of God worked out through wicked tyrants:

1. The Humbling of Ungodly Nations (1-20)

2. Antiochus Epiphanes (21-35) – A Madman used to create Greater Commitment to God

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3. The Final Antichrist (36-45)

v.35 - prophecy is moving into the time of “the end”

Daniel 12:4 - seal up the book until the end of time

Who is the Antichrist in Scripture?

I. A Ruler whose origin is from the 10 horns (Europe or Middle East) – Daniel 7:24-25

II. A Human Ruler who expresses Satanic Rebellion against Christ – 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

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Testing Commitment to Christ

a. A Time of Great Blasphemy (36-39)

b. An Evil Tyranny that can only be Overcome by Christ (40-45)

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a. A Time of Great Blasphemy (36-39)

i. Worship Antichrist or Die!

- 36 – he will exalt and magnify himself above every god

2 Thessalonians 2:4

Daniel 9:27

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Revelation 13:8

Revelation 13:6

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain – Exodus 20:7

We do the same thing today when we speak of God lightly or as a curse word

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He will only be allowed to do this for 3.5 years (42 months)

Authority to act for forty-two months was given to him – Revelation 13:5

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- 37 – He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers, or for the desire of women
- Men follow gods that give them power or wealth; women in Daniel's time followed a handsome young god known as Tammuz or Adonis (Ezekiel 8:14)
- The Antichrist is so arrogant he sets himself as the one and only god – the source of all blessing

They worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast?' – Revelation 13:4

...and no one may buy or sell except the one who has the mark – Revelation 13:15-17

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a. A Time of Great Blasphemy (36-39)

Anne Askew (born 1521) refused to stop reading the Bible even under threat and torture

- Banished by her husband, imprisoned and interrogated over her biblical faith
- she never recanted – even when illegally put on the rack
- She was burned at the stake at Smithfield, aged twenty-five, on 16 July 1546
- offered pardon to the end if she would recant

"I came not hither to deny my Lord and Master."



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ii. Honor Satan for Power!

- 38 His god, unlike most of history, was military might and war

You are of your father the devil... he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth – John 8:44

Satanic Power loves war instead of peace

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- 39 – He will give great honor to those who recognize him

Satan entered into Judas Iscariot... he discussed with the chief priests how he might betray Him, and they agreed to give him money – Luke 22:3-5

Satanic Power is built on greed and immorality – Ezekiel 28:17, Revelation 18:2-3

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b. An Evil Tyranny that can only be Overcome by Christ (40-45)

i. He Becomes the World's Richest Ruler

- 40-41 - he enters the Beautiful Land, and many countries fall
- Armies rise against the Antichrist's headquarters of false worship in Israel
- But Edom, Moab, and Ammon (modern Jordan) are rescued from his hand – possibly where Jews flee, heeding Jesus' warning in Matthew 24:16

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- 42-43 – the land of Egypt will not escape; he rules over the hidden treasures of gold and silver
- His victorious campaign extends through Egypt to Libya and Cush (most of North Africa)
- Archaeologists estimate half of Egyptian and Greek tombs are still buried in the sand – Tutankhamun's tomb alone held gold and artifacts worth billions of dollars

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ii. He is Brought Down by Jesus

- 44 – But reports from the East and from the North will dismay him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and devote many to destruction

- Possibly the forces of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39) – this is the final battle of Armageddon

Behold, a day is coming for the LORD... I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle – Zechariah 14:1-3

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- 45 – He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion ... yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him

2 Thessalonians 2:8

The beast was seized... and thrown alive into the lake of fire – Revelation 19:19-21

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Our Faith rests in Christ, The Final King of Kings!

No evil, not even Satan himself, can stand against the Lord Jesus Christ

With the Antichrist slain, the Lord Jesus takes up His kingdom rule – “The LORD will be king over all the earth” – *Zechariah 14:9*

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse... the wolf will dwell with the lamb... they will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

– Isaiah 11:1-9