

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

"Wars To End War"

Daniel 11:40-45

Introduction

1. There is coming a day when wars will cease. That will be a true Memorial Day! Until then, the pattern is not obscure: "unto the end wars and desolations are determined." (Dan. 9:26c margin).

2. The personal Antichrist of the last days is given prominence in 11:36-39. He is the same personage mentioned in Dan. 7 (little horn), II Thess. 2 (son of perdition), and the first beast of Rev. 13. He is the political head of the Western powers. His eminence in military prowess is noted in the present section. Mark the encounter of his wars to end war!

1. With the SOUTH.

Note these features of this battle:

- a. It is not the final battle of Armageddon v. 42.
- b. Egypt represents the South. Along with her are Ethiopia, Lybia, and her allies. They all feel the sword of Antichrist.
- c. Antichrist's move against the South comes as he moves out of Palestine, apparently out of fear, the South contests the Antichrist, but is unsuccessful.

2. With the NORTH.

Note these features of this battle:

- a. The North (Russia) moves against Antichrist in a blitz (whirlwind), v. 40.
- b. This encounter is probably before Antichrist is at his zenith. Ezek. 38, 39.
- c. God uses Antichrist to reduce Russia on the battlefield. Takes 7 months to bury the dead (Ezek. 39:11, 12).

3. With the EAST,

Note the features of this battle:

- a. Emboldened by the activities of the South, the East moves against Antichrist. v. 44.
- b. Antichrist conquers the North before East arrives, Ezek. 39.
- c. An opening is made for the East so that her entrance into Palestine area is easy. Isa. 11:15; Rev. 16:12ff.
- d. Demoniactal powers assist to inspire the East to join Antichrist against God. Rev. 9:13-21; 16:12-14.

4. With the MESSIAH.

Note the features of this battle:

- A. Before the battle, the world has been reduced in size:
 - a) 4th seal - Rev. 6,
 - b) 6th seal - Rev. 9,
 - c) 7th vial - Rev. 16.
- B. All remaining armies join Antichrist in the final thrust against God. Rev. 16:14.
- C. Antichrist and allies are defeated and utterly put to flight. Dan. 11:45; Rev. 19:11-21.

Special Note: Battles at Armageddon.

1. West against North (Russia) Ezek. 38, 39.
Time: Somewhere in mid-tribulation.
2. World against Messiah. Rev. 16:12-16; 19:11-21. Time: at the very close of the tribulation.
3. World under Satan against Messiah. Rev. 20:7-10. Time: at the close of the millennium.

Conclusion. There is no doubt left in any mind that the Lord and His Christ will be the ultimate victors over Satan and his cosmic powers. Those who submit to Him now enjoy His blessed grace and peace

both now and forever. Others will suffer punishment and ultimate destruction. Oh, shelter yourself under His wings today. Psa. 2:12.

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