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The Antichrist – Daniel 11

11:36—Then the king will do as he pleases—The antichrist will answer to no one. The ten kings who elected him will give him absolute political power.

and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god—He will have absolute religious power. He *exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship...displaying himself as being God* (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods—his man, the false prophet, *opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven* (Revelation 13:6).

and he will prosper—*authority over every... people and tongue and nation was given to him* (Revelation 13:7).

until the indignation is finished for that which is decreed will be done—It has already been determined by God that the reign of the antichrist will be seven years long.

11:37—He—“the king” **will show no regard for the gods of his fathers**—whatever religion he was raised with, he will have no regard (care, thought, attention) for that.

or for the desire of women—it’s not “the desire for women,” rather, it’s “no regard for the desire of women.” It seems to say that he has no care or thought for anything women desire.

nor will he show regard for any other god—he has no care or thought about any god, of any religion, including the God of Israel. [This cannot apply to Antiochus because he placed a Zeus statue in the Temple and made a coin with his image on one side and Zeus’ on the other side.]

for he will magnify himself above them all—the supreme global rule and authority in the whole world.

11:38—But instead he will honor a god of fortresses—military strength

a god whom his fathers did not know—Satan perhaps

he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures—will accumulate vast wealth— see Revelation 17–18.

11:39—He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god—

he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him—thus gaining him a following
and will cause them to rule over the many—all part of the antichrist’s government
and will parcel out land for a price—possibly a reduced price?

11:40—At the end time—the second half of the 7th year

the king of the South will collide with him—most likely, the king of Egypt (11:5-35)

and the king of the North will storm against him—could be Russia (Ezekiel 38:15—although this particular Gog and Magog battle is at the beginning of the Tribulation, but Russia could be in another battle, as they are to the north)

with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships and he will enter countries overflow them and pass through— he has a huge army and solidifying his world reign he’ll have victories through every country he invades, like a flood

11:41—He will also enter the Beautiful Land (in God’s eyes)—Israel (8:9) **and many countries will fall but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon**—present-day country of Jordan, maybe because they collaborate with the antichrist

11:42-43—Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape, but he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans (west of Egypt) **and Ethiopians** (south of Egypt) **will follow at his heels.**

11:44—But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him—Russia and Middle East? **and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.**

11:45—He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain—possibly Megiddo and the Jezreel Valley, where his armies will assemble to march south to attack Jerusalem (Revelation 16:16).

yet he will come to his end and no one will help him —after verses about the antichrist’s victory over so many countries, all at once, he comes to an end—at the Second Coming of Christ (Zechariah 14:3; Revelation 19:19-20). —“his” countries themselves will also come to an end, so they can’t help him.