

**DANIEL: THRIVING IN A GODLESS CULTURE**  
**XVI: God's Encouraging Details Of Antichrist's Future Reign**  
**(Daniel 11:35b-45)**

**I. Introduction**

- A. We believers living in a spiritually decaying, godless culture, need to live affirmatively in victory over sin.
- B. Daniel as a young man was taken captive by godless Babylonians, and he lived through Persia's conquest of Babylon, righteously and wisely serving the Lord in a godless culture as a great example for us.
- C. One of the great encouragements we can glean from Daniel's life experiences was the revelation God gave him on His vast sovereignty over the Antichrist himself, what Daniel 11:35b-45 provides (as follows):

**II. God's Encouraging Details Of Antichrist's Future Reign, Daniel 11:35b-45.**

- A. The Daniel 7-12 visions predict trials God's people would face after Daniel's era under godless empires until the arrival of Christ's Kingdom. Daniel 11:35b-45 predicted the details of the Antichrist's reign, revealing God's great sovereignty over even the worst human ruler in history.
- B. We view that insight given by God's powerful angel to Daniel for our edification, Daniel 11:35b-45:
  - 1. Though the events of the rule of Antiochus IV Epiphanes in Daniel 11:21-35a have all been literally fulfilled, none of the events in Daniel 11:36-45 relate to Antiochus IV, Bible Know. Com., O. T., p. 1370.
  - 2. To explain, the Daniel 11:35b ESV phrase, "for it still awaits the appointed time" marks a break with the era of Antiochus IV, so though he was **like** the Antichrist who will rise from the Roman Empire (Dan. 7:7-11), Antiochus IV was **not** part of the end time era, and Daniel 11:36-45 deals with the **actual** Antichrist.
  - 3. We thus view the details of the **actual** end time Antichrist in Daniel 11:36-45 for insight and edification:
    - a. The Antichrist will not submit to anyone, but he will do as he pleases, exalting and magnifying himself above every god and saying "astonishing" (ESV) things against the God of gods, Daniel 11:36a.
    - b. "He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place," Daniel 11:36b NIV. ***Thus, God in His wrath will let the Antichrist rise and commit great sin to punish Israel and the world for having rejected Christ as predicted in Zechariah 11:1-14, 15-17.***
    - c. The Antichrist will not have regard for his religious heritage nor for Israel's hope for the Messiah, here called the "one desired by women" (NIV), but he will exalt himself over all, Daniel 11:37; Ibid., p. 1371.
    - d. In place of these gods, the Antichrist will exalt a god of fortresses, the god of military might, honoring this god with gifts of gold, silver, precious stones and costly gifts, Daniel 11:38 NIV; Ibid.
    - e. He will use military might to expand his dominion, greatly honoring those who support him, granting them power over many people and distributing the land possibly at a reduced price, Daniel 11:39; Ibid.
    - f. Near the end of his reign, namely, during the second half of the 70<sup>th</sup> prophetic week of Daniel 9:27, the Antichrist's interests will be attacked at Israel, the nation with whom he will be in a seven-year league (Daniel 9:27a), and the attack will come from the king of the South, from Egypt and its Arab allies in the Sinai area and the Persian Gulf (Dan. 11:40; Ibid., p. 1371-1372) while the king of the North will storm out against Israel with chariots, a cavalry and a great fleet of ships, Dan. 11:40a. The king of the North will not be a Seleucid, but some as yet unidentified ruler from the northerly direction, Ibid., p. 1372.
    - g. The Antichrist will react to this dual attack on his ally Israel by moving his army from Europe (cf. Daniel 9:26-27 where he is identified as the ruler of the Revived Roman Empire) to the Middle East, invading many countries and overflowing them, Daniel 11:40b.
    - h. The Antichrist will then enter Israel, "the Beautiful Land," while Edom, Moab and the leaders of Amon east of the Jordan River will be delivered from his hand, Daniel 11:41. He will extend his rule over many nations, going down into Egypt to gain control of its gold, silver and the rest of its wealth, and the Libyans and Nubians will be in submission to him, Daniel 11:42-43; Ibid.
    - i. Nevertheless, reports out of the east and north will alarm the Antichrist, reports of possibly more massive enemy armies headed his way, so he will set out in great fury to destroy and annihilate many, Dan. 11:44.
    - j. Infuriated, Antichrist will return to Israel, pitch his tent at the temple mount, break his treaty with Israel, defile the temple and try to destroy all Hebrews, Dan. 11:45a; 9:27b; Matt. 24:15-22; Rev. 12:13-17; Ibid. Yet, he will come to his end as Christ returns and casts him into the lake of fire, Dan. 11:45b; Rev. 19:20.

**Lesson: *Though the Antichrist will be the vilest ruler in history, God will sovereignly use him to punish sinners.***

**Application: *May we rest in the infinite sovereignty of God over evil rulers and grow in holiness in our walk.***