

Daniel 11 | The North Vs The South

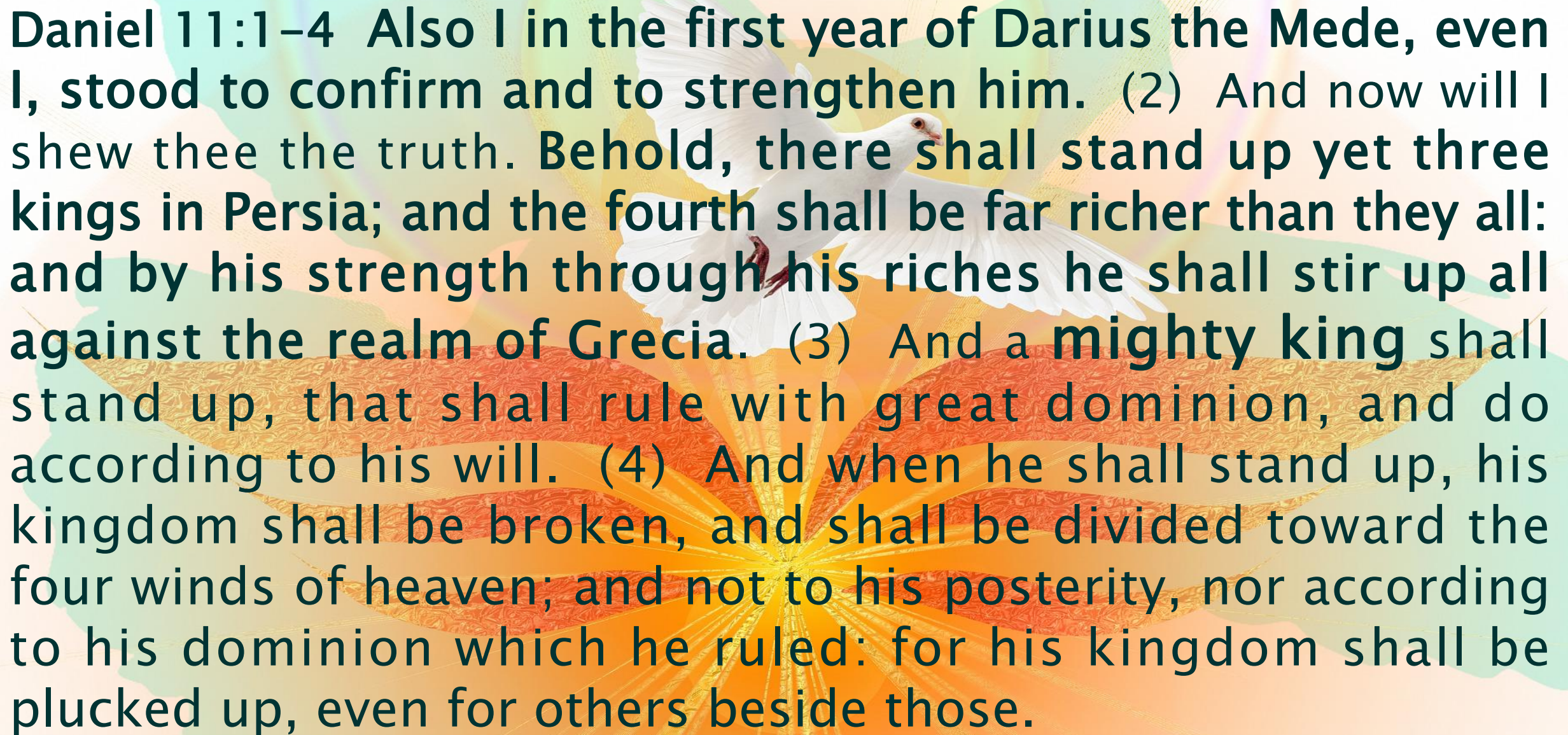


Outline

- Dan 11:1-4: Greece Vs Persia
 - Dan 11:5-32: Seleucid Empire (North) vs Ptolemaic Empire (South)
 - Dan 11:33-35: Telescoped history of Jews and Christians in diaspora
 - Dan 11:36-39: The Antichrist
 - Dan 11:40-45: The End of the Antichrist.
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The Conflict Between Persia and Greece

Daniel 11:1-4 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him. (2) And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. (3) And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. (4) And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, positioned centrally over the text. The background features a vibrant sunburst pattern in shades of orange and yellow, with a faint, stylized map of the world visible behind it. The overall aesthetic is bright and symbolic.

The North Vs South Israel-Centric Terminology

- Ptolemaic Kingdom had to enter Israel from the south
- The Seleucids had to enter from the north



The King Of The South



- Ptolemy Gives away daughter Bereneice to Syrian King in marriage.
- After Ptolemy dies Syrian King divorces Bereneice to marry former wife who kills both of them.

Daniel 11:5–6 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. (6) And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; **for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.**

The Revenge of King Of The South



- A Brother is another branch of a root (father)
- Ptolemy Euergetes revenges his sister Bereneice by invading Syria and takes loot.

Daniel 11:7-9 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: (8) And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north. (9) So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

The Failed Revenge of King Of The Nouth



- Syria attempts revenge
- Philopater of Egypt defeats them
- Philopatere's victory was incomplete due to his hedonistic ways, and failed to take full advantage of the opportunity.

Daniel 11:10–12 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress. (11) And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. (12) And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

The King Of The North Takes the Fight to the South



- Antiochus the Great is joined by the other Phillip of Macedon to fight Egypt.

Daniel 11:13–16 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. (14) And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. (15) So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand. (16) But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

Antiochus the Great Sends Cleopatra I Syra to the South



Daniel 11:17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and **he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.**

- Antiochus the Great sends his daughter Cleopatra the Syrian to Ptolemy Euergetes be married to him
- He hopes to use this to completely take over Egypt.
- Cleopatra, however, sides with her husband over and against her father.

Antiochus then Sets His Eyes on the Mediterranean



- Having lost Egypt, Antiochus the Great send armies to take “isles” in the Mediterranean, putting him at war with Romans, who soundly defeat him and make him pay tribute.
- His successor, Seleucus Philopater send Heliodorus to rob the Temple.
- Heliodorus later assassinate him .
- Heliodorus is stopped by **Pergamos, who installs Antiochus**

Daniel 11:18–20 After this shall he turn his face unto the **isles**, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him. (19) Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. (20) Then shall stand up in his estate a **raiser of taxes** in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

The Entry of Antiochus Epiphanes

- Antiochus Epiphanes is introduced as a “vile person,” doing what his fathers had not done.
- Uses craftiness to gain power.
- Was Installed By Pergamon (Kings Eumenes and Attalus)
- Pergamon’s place as the “Little Horn” is conclusively cemented without denying Antiochus’ actions

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e latter, those that were formerly tributary to Attalus, the father of Eumenes, were ordered to pay tribute to Eumenes, while those which formerly paid to Antiochus were released from tribute altogether and made independent. In this way the Romans disposed of the lands they had gained in the ir.

Decline of the Seleucid Empire

[45] Afterward, on the death of Antiochus the Great,^{note} his son Seleucus succeeded him. He gave his son Demetrius as a hostage in place of his brother Antiochus.^{note} When the latter arrived at Athens on his way home, Seleucus was assassinated as the result of a conspiracy of a certain Heliodorus, one of the court officers.^{note} **When Heliodorus sought to possess himself of the government he was driven out by Eumenes and Attalus, who installed Antiochus therein in order to secure his good-will; for, by reason of certain bickerings, they had already grown suspicious of the Romans.**

Thus Antiochus, the son of Antiochus the Great, ascended the throne of Syria. He was called *Epiphanes*, "the Illustrious", by the Syrians, because when the government was seized by usurpers he showed himself to be their true sovereign. By cementing the friendship and alliance of Eumenes he governed Syria and the neighboring nations with a firm hand. He appointed Timarchus as satrap of Babylon and Heraclides as treasurer, two brothers, both of whom had been his favorites. He made an expedition against Artaxias, king of Armenia, and took him prisoner.^{note}

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Daniel 11:21–25 And in his estate shall stand up a **vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. (22) And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. (23) **And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.** (24) He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the **strong holds, even for a time.** (25) And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: **for they shall forecast devices against him.**

- Antiochus Epiphanes is introduced as a “vile person,” doing what his fathers had not done.
- Uses craftiness to gain power, making a deal with Pergamon.
- The same Satanic powers behind Pergamos now also power Antiochus
- Wages war against Egypt.

Antiochus Epiphanes Rebuffed by the Emerging Roman Empire



Daniel 11:26–28 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. (27) **And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. (28)** Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

- When checked by Rome, both kings act treacherously
- They resort to statecraft to try to accomplish what open war failed to do.
- Antiochus finally returned to his own land.

Antiochus Epiphanes Turns Towards Israel



- The Roman Navy Stops his invasion of Egypt, meeting them at the port
- Antiochus turns his attention towards Israel
- He despises the Holy Covenant.

Daniel 11:29–30 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. (30) For the **ships of Chittim** shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and **indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even rehave turn, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.**

From the Abomination of Desolation to the Maccabean Revolt



- Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates the Temple
- Antiochus Epiphanes corrupts wicked Jews into apostasy
- The Maccabees start a revolt.

Daniel 11:31–32 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall **pollute the sanctuary of strength**, and shall **take away the daily sacrifice**, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. (32) And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he **corrupt by flatteries**: but the **people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

Rabbinic Judaism to Jewish and Christian Diasporas



- Prediction the rise of persecuted teachers is fulfilled in Rabbinic Judaism - and later - the Gospel.
- This persecution shall continue until the end.

Daniel 11:33-35 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

(34) Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

(35) And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

The Antichrist



- The Antichrist exalts himself as god on earth
- He honors 'The god of forces,' indicating a militaristic religion.

Daniel 11:36–39 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (37) Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. (38) But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. (39) Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

The Road to Armageddon



- The Kings of North and South push back against the Antichrist as his kingdom begins to fall
- This likely happens after he declares himself god.
- He seems to lose effective military control over Jordan.

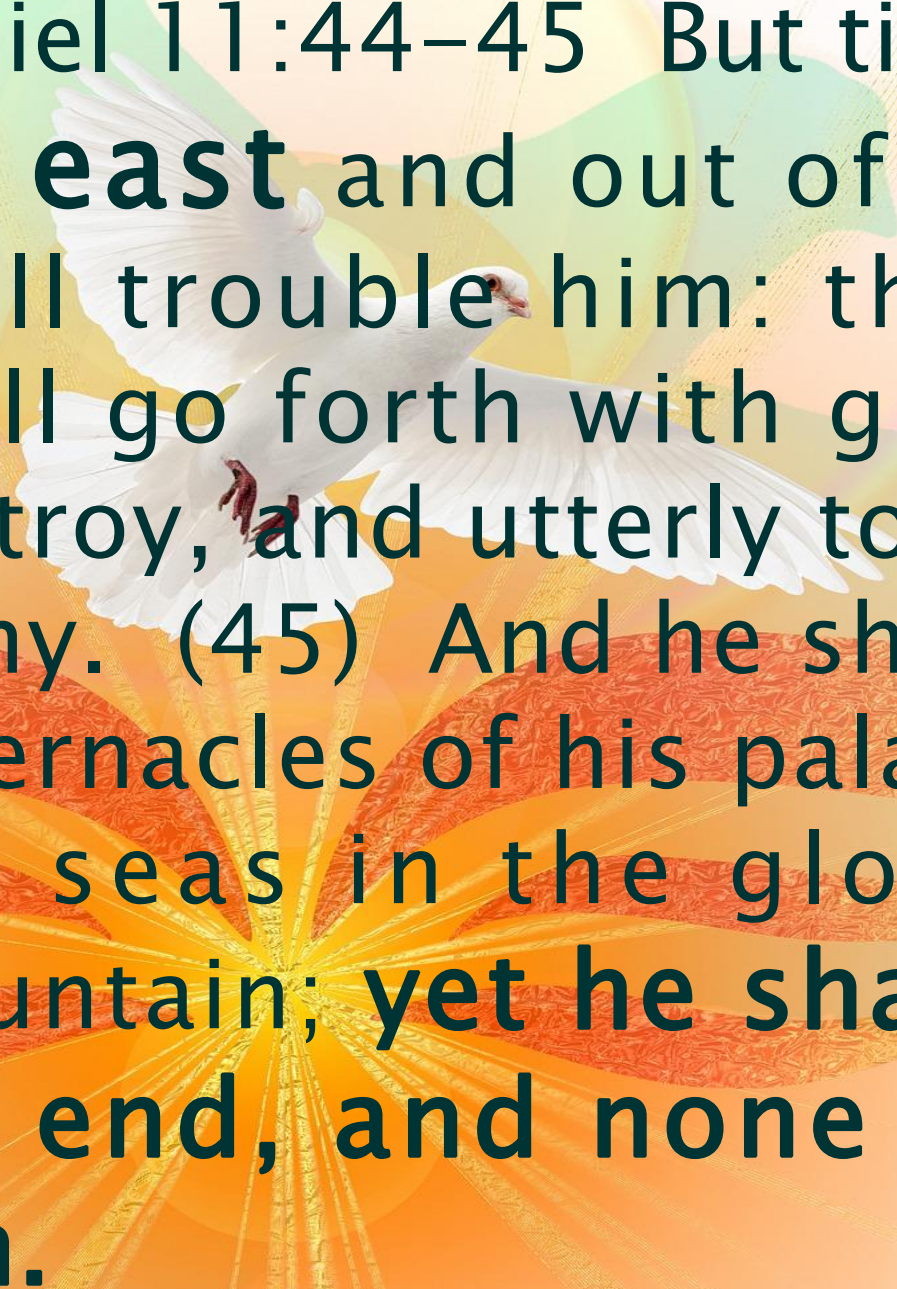
Daniel 11:40–43 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. (41) He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: **but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.** (42) He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. (43) But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Pushback from Russia and China?



- The East and the North could be references to China and Russia, respectively.
- The Antichrist meets his doom at the hands of Jesus Christ, and no one can deliver him

Daniel 11:44–45 But tidings out of the **east** and out of the **north** shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. (45) And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; **yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.**



Antichrist's Kingdom Failing?



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Revelation 16:12-14 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Antichrist Meets His Doom



Revelation 19:19–20 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, **gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse [Jesus Christ]**, and against his army. (20) 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.**

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