

## *The Middle East in Prophecy*

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*The astounding background to the crisis in the Middle East — and how it will be resolved.*



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THE MIDDLE EAST is seething with crisis after crisis. Few people realize the true significance of this turmoil. They seem to have no conception of the danger it threatens — eventual danger to the whole world.

It's time we woke up to the facts! It's time we knew what prophecy reveals. It's time we knew the background — the vital factors that have led up to this world danger — the significance of this series of crises!

## **Unveiling the Future!**

What is the real significance of this seething unrest? To understand it, we must study a marvelous prophecy, never before understood — a prophecy that has been closed and sealed until now — a prophecy that foretold, 2,500 years ago, this very series of crises and the war that shall finally draw in all the nations of the world!

It is one of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible. It is most specific, describing historical events, up to the present, in more detail than any other prophecy. It is the longest prophecy in the Bible. It is found in Daniel, chapter 11. It describes the impending war!

The prelude is found in the 10th chapter of the book of Daniel. The prophecy came to Daniel in the third year of the reign of Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire (Dan. 10:1). A “man,” apparently the archangel Gabriel (Dan. 9:21), appears before Daniel, to make him understand what shall befall God's people in these present “latter days” (10:14).

## **The “King of the North” and the “King of the South”**

The first verse of the 11th chapter is a continuation from the last verse of the 10th chapter. The angel says to Daniel, “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. And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will” (Dan. 11:2-3).

Actually there were 12 more kings in the Persian Empire, but only the first four following Cyrus were of importance for the purpose of this prophecy. They were Cambyses, pseudo-Smerdis, Darius and Xerxes. It was the last, or Xerxes, who was the richest of all and stirred up war with Greece.

Then King Philip of Macedonia planned a great war to conquer the Persian Empire, with an army made up mostly of Grecians. He died before the plans were completed. But his son, Alexander the Great, took over his plans, and invaded Persia. He met the Persian army at the Battle of Issus, 333 B.C. (Dan. 8:2, 5-6). Then he swept down into Egypt, and then to a final crushing defeat of the Persian Empire at the Battle of Arbella, 331 B.C., after which Alexander marched on a conquest clear to India, sweeping all before him.

Notice now verse 4 of the prophecy: “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.”



## *Alexander the Great Conqueror, 356 B.C. - 323 B.C*

*Hundreds of Years before the events, the prophet Daniel prophesied that the Grecians would defeat Persia and rule the known World.*

*Daniel also predicted the early death of Alexander the Great, and the splitting of his kingdom into Four separate ones.*

How marvelously — how accurately — that came to pass. We quote from one of the authoritative English-language histories published in the last century, *A Manual of Ancient History* (Student Series) by Rawlinson: “Cut off unexpectedly in the vigor of early manhood [the 33rd year of his age, June, 323 B.C.], he [Alexander] left no inheritor, either of his power or of his projects” (p. 237). The Empire was left leaderless and in confusion, but out of this emerged, by the year 301 B.C., four divisions, just as prophesied, as a result of a division of the Empire into four divisions by Alexander’s generals. They were:

1. Ptolemy (Soter), ruling Egypt, part of Syria and Judea.
2. Seleucus (Nicator), ruling Syria, Babylonia and territory east to India.
3. Lysimachus, ruling Asia Minor.
4. Cassander, ruling Greece and Macedonia.

Thus was the prophecy of verse 4 fulfilled to the letter.

Now notice what follows. From here the prophecy foretells the activities only of two of these four divisions: Egypt, called “king of the south,” because it is south of Jerusalem; and the Syrian kingdom, the king of the north, just north of Judea. It is because the Holy Land passed back and forth between those two divisions, and because their different wars were principally over possession of Judea, that the prophecy is concerned with them. Here is verse 5:

“And the king of the south [Egypt] 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.” In history, we learn that the original Ptolemy I, called Soter, became strong and powerful, developing Egypt beyond the greatest dreams of Alexander. One of his princes, or generals, Seleucus Nicator, also became strong and powerful. And, in 312 B.C., taking advantage of Ptolemy’s being tied up in a war, he established himself in Syria, and assumed the diadem as king.

Verse 6 says, “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 [margin, “rights” or “equitable conditions,” or “marriage union”]: 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.”

## **Fulfilled to the Letter!**

At the end of 50 years, this occurred exactly as described!

Syria's ruler, the king of the north, at this time was Antiochus II, called Theos. His wife was named Laodice. And, says Rawlinson's Ancient History, page 251, "Her influence ... engaged him in a war with Ptolemy Philadelphus [king of the south], B.C. 260, which is terminated, B.C. 252, by a marriage between Antiochus and Bernice, Ptolemy's daughter."

The prophecy says "he that begat her" shall be given up. Also that she shall not retain the power of the arm, neither shall the king of the north, whom she married, stand. All three are to come to their end. Notice how accurately this came to pass.

Says Rawlinson's History, pages 251 and 252: "On the death of Philadelphus [he that begat her], B.C. 247, Antiochus repudiated Bernice, and took back his former wife, Laodice, who, however, doubtful of his constancy, murdered him to secure the throne for her son Seleucus (II) B.C. 246 ... Bernice ... had been put to death by Laodice."

Nowhere in all the Bible is there so literal a prophecy, giving so many details of future history. And to read an ancient history of these kingdoms is simply to see unfolded before your eyes, step by step, verse by verse, this marvelous prophecy. There can be no doubt of its right application!

## **The Holy Land Changes Hands**

Next let us notice verse 7: "But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate [margin, "in his office"], 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."

"Out of a branch," or "shoot," of her roots. Her parents were her roots. Hence, this must be her brother, who next should occupy the throne of king of the south and fulfill this prophecy. Now listen to this accurate fulfillment, quoted word for word from the same page of Rawlinson's work (p. 252):

"Ptolemy Euergetes [the III, eldest son of Philadelphus (p. 272) and therefore Bernice's brother, a branch of her roots] invaded Syria, B.C. 245, to avenge the murder of his sister, Bernice ... In the war which followed, he carried everything before him."

The eighth verse of Daniel 11 says this king of the south would carry captives and vessels of silver and gold into Egypt, and continue to reign more years than the king of the north, who at that time was Seleucus II, and verse 9 says he shall return into Egypt. As verse 7 said he should "enter into the fortress of the king of the north," Ptolemy III did seize the fortress of Syria, Seleucia, the port of Antioch, capital of the kingdom! Then he carried back to Egypt immense booty and 2,500 molten images and idolatrous vessels which, in 526 B.C. Cambyses had carried away from Egypt. He continued to rule until 222 B.C., while the king of the north, Seleucus II, died in 226 B.C.

When he died, his two sons took over the kingdom of the north; first Seleucus III, 226-223 B.C.,

who ruled only three years, and then his brother Antiochus III, called “the Great,” 223-187 B.C. Both of these two sons of Seleucus II assembled immense forces to war against Egypt, avenge their father, and recover their port and fortress, Seleucia.

And this was accurately prophesied in verse 10: “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 [margin, “be stirred up again”], even to his fortress.”

“And,” continues verse 11, “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.”

In fulfillment of the latter part of verse 10, Antiochus the Great, after 27 years, recovered his fortress, Seleucia, and he also conquered the territory of Syria, as far as Gaza, including Judea. But the young Egyptian king, now Ptolemy IV (Philopater), was roused, and with an army of 20,000 inflicted severe defeat on Antiochus the Great; and fulfilling verse 12, he killed tens of thousands and again annexed Judea to Egypt. But he was not strengthened, for he made a rash and speedy peace with Antiochus, and returned to dissipation, throwing away the fruits of victory. Says verse 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.”

“For,” as verse 13 continues, “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.” It was “after certain years,” or 12 years later, 205 B.C., that Ptolemy Philopator died, leaving his throne to an infant son, Ptolemy Epiphanes. Then Antiochus assembled a greater army, and won great victories.

He then made a treaty allying Philip of Macedonia with him, and others, against Egypt, and they wrested Phoenicia and southern Syria from the king of the south. In this they were assisted by some of the Jews. Josephus’ Jewish history says many Jews helped Antiochus. But notice how accurately Almighty God had foretold this, hundreds of years before it happened! —

“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” (v. 14).

### **Read It in Your Own Bible!**

We ask the reader to read each verse of the prophecy from his own Bible. We give here only the facts in history, read the history with your Bible.

Verses 15-16 — “the glorious land,” of course, refers to Judea, the Holy Land. Antiochus the Great besieged and took Sidon from Egypt, ruined the interests of Egypt in Judea at the Battle of Mount Panium, 198 B.C., and then Antiochus took possession of Judea.

Verse 17 — “upright ones” (see margin) in Hebrew means “equal conditions, or marriage,” but the one he marries will not stand on his side. In 198 B.C., Antiochus arranged a marriage between his daughter, Cleopatra (not the Cleopatra of 31 B.C. in Egypt) and young Ptolemy Epiphanes, king of the south, by which he hoped subtly to gain complete possession of Egypt; but the plan failed. Says Rawlinson, page 254, “Coele-Syria and Palestine promised as a dowry, but not delivered.” Cleopatra did not truly stand on the side of Antiochus, for it was only a trick to gain possession of Egypt.

Verse 18 — and so Antiochus turned his attention in another direction and tried to conquer, 197 to 196 B.C., the islands and coasts of Asia Minor. But the Roman general, Lucius Cornelius Scipio Asiaticus, utterly defeated him at the Battle of Magnesia, 190 B.C.

Verse 19 — Antiochus next turned his attention to the fortresses of his own land, in the east and west. But, attempting to recruit his dissipated wealth by the plunder of the Oriental Temple of Belus, in Elymais, he was killed, 187 B.C.

Verse 20 — Seleucus IV Philopator (187-176), his son, in an effort to raise money, sent a tax collector, Heliodorus, through Judea. But he reigned only 11 years, when Heliodorus poisoned him.

Verse 21 — he left no heir. But his brother, a younger son of Antiochus the Great, named Epiphanes (Antiochus IV), a contemptible reprobate, came by surprise and through flattery took the kingdom. To his aid came his assistant, Eumenes. Rawlinson says, page 255, “Antiochus [Epiphanes], assisted by Eumenes, drives out Heliodorus, and obtains the throne, B.C. 176. He astonishes his subjects by an affectation of Roman manners” and “good-natured profuseness [flattery].”

### **Antiochus Epiphanes**

Verse 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.”

“The word ‘arm’ is a word of frequent use in the Old Testament, both in the singular and plural, to denote ‘strength, power,’ whether of an individual or an army. So Job\_22:8, ‘A man of arm,’ that is, ‘strength;’ Gen\_49:24, ‘The arms (power) of his hands were made strong by the God of Jacob.’ Compare Isa\_51:9; Isa\_62:8. It is frequently used in this chapter in the sense of ‘strength,’ or ‘power.’ See Dan\_11:15, Dan\_11:22, Dan\_11:31...” (Barnes Notes on v.6).

Many believe that the “Prince of the Covenant” is high priest Onias III, who was murdered by the Syrian governor Andronicus at Daphne near Antioch, 2 Macc. 4:1ff., 33ff. (Rosenmüller, Hitzig, etc.). But, “...this interpretation is not warranted by the facts of history. This murder does not at all relate to the matter before us, not only because the Jewish high priest at Antioch did not sustain the relation of a ‘prince of the covenant,’ but also because the murder was perpetrated without the previous knowledge of Antiochus, and when the matter was reported to him, the murderer was put to death by his command (2 Macc. 4:36-38)” (K & D Commentary under Daniel 11:2-24).

Others attribute it to the war of Antiochus against Egypt. But, “The words cannot also (with Hävernick, v. Leng., Maurer, Ebrard, Kliefoth) be referred to the Egyptian king Ptolemy Philometor, because history knows nothing of a covenant entered into between this king and Antiochus Epiphanes, but only that soon after the commencement of the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes the guardians of the young Philometor demanded Coele-Syria from Antiochus, which Antiochus the Great had promised as a dowry to his daughter Cleopatra, who was betrothed to Ptolemy Philometor, but Antiochus did not deliver it up, and hence a war arose between them” (ibid). So who is the “Prince of the Covenant”?

“...the ‘prince of the covenant,’ whom he destroys...is analogous to ...Gen\_14:13, and ... Oba\_1:7, cf. Mal\_2:14, and, *as the absence of the article shows, is to be taken in a general sense....*To this is to be added, that, as Dereser, v. Lengerke, Maurer, and Kranichfeld have rightly remarked, the description in Dan\_11:22-24 *bears an altogether general character*, so that v. Leng. and Maurer find therein references *to all the three expeditions of Antiochus, and in Dan\_11:25-27 find more fully foretold what is only briefly hinted at in Dan\_11:22-24.* The undertaking of the king against Egypt is first described in Dan\_11:24. We must therefore, with Kranichfeld, understand...***in undefined generality of covenant princes in general, in the sense already given.***” (ibid, *emphasis added*). The “league” spoken of in v.23 is the “covenant” or “conferderacey” between Egypt and Syria.

“A treaty of peace and concord. The great subject of contention between the kings of Syria and Egypt was the possession of Coelo-Syria and Palestine. This they often endeavored to settle by conquest as each of them claimed that in the original partition of the empire of Alexander this portion of the empire fell to himself; and often they endeavored to settle it by treaty. Consequently this region was constantly passing from one to the other, and was also the seat of frequent wars. The ‘league’ here referred to seems to have been that respecting this country - file successive promises which had been made to the king of Egypt that Coelo-Syria and Palestine should be made over to him. These provinces had been secured to Ptolemy Lagus by the treaty made 301 b.c., and they had been again pledged by Antiochus the Great, in dowry, when his daughter Cleopatra should be made queen of Egypt. - Jahn, ‘Heb. Commonwealth,’ p. 260.” (Barnes Notes under v.23).

So verse 22 is the treaties Antichus had made with the “Princes of the Conferderacy” (Egypt and Syria). Then they fell before him, even the Princes of the Covenant. Then vv.23-27 get into more specifics about those events.

Verse 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.”

“In reference to the covenant or treaty above referred to. He shall endeavor to evade its claims; he shall refuse to comply with its conditions; he shall not deliver up the provinces according to the terms of the compact. The history accords exactly with this, for he did not intend to comply with the terms of the treaty, but sought every means to evade it, and finally waged a succession of bloody wars with Egypt. In reference to the terms of this treaty, and to secure their respective interests, both parties sent ambassadors to Rome to urge their claims before the Roman Senate. - Polybius, ‘Legat.’ Sections 78, 82; Jerome, ‘Com. *in loc.*’ As soon as Ptolemy Philometor had reached his fourteenth year, he was solemnly invested with the government; and ambassadors from all surrounding countries came to congratulate him on His accession to the throne.

‘On this occasion Antiochus sent to Egypt Apollonius, the son of Mnestheus, apparently to congratulate the king on his coronation, but with the real intention of sounding the purposes of the Egyptian court. When Apollonius, on his return, informed Antiochus that he was viewed as an enemy by the Egyptians, he immediately sailed to Joppa to survey his frontiers toward Egypt, and to put them in a state of defense.’ - Jahn, ‘Heb. Commonwealth’ p. 260; 2 Macc. 4:21.

The purpose of Antiochus was undoubtedly not to surrender Coelo-Syria and Palestine according to the treaties which had been made; and yet he designed to secure them if possible without an open rupture, and hence, his arts of diplomacy, or his efforts to evade compliance with the terms of the compact. Even when he had invaded Egypt, and had obtained possession of the king, Ptolemy Philometor, he still ‘pretended that he had come to Egypt solely for the good of king Ptolemy, to set the affairs of his kingdom in order for him; and Ptolemy found it expedient to act as though he really thought him his friend. But he must have seen,’ says Jahn, ‘that Antiochus, with all his professions of friendship, was not unmindful of spoil, for he plundered Egypt in every quarter.’ - ‘Heb. Commonwealth,’ p. 263. (Barnes Notes under v.23).

“For he shall come up” - Come upon Egypt. The result would be war. Rather than surrender the provinces according to the treaty, he would ultimately invade Egypt, and carry war into its borders.

“and shall become strong with a small people.” “Jahn (Heb. Commonwealth, p. 263) says, ‘with a small body of troops he made himself master of Memphis, and of all Egypt as far as Alexandria, almost without striking a blow.’ Compare Diod. Sic. xxvi. 75, 77; Jos. ‘Ant.’ xii. 5, 2. The fact in the case was, that Antiochus pretended in his invasion of Egypt to be the friend of the Egyptian king, and that he came to aid him, and to settle him finally on the throne. By degrees, however, he became possessed of one town after another, and subdued one place after another, until he finally became possessed of the king himself, and had him entirely in his power” (ibid).



**Antiochus Epiphanes-** *A Deceptive world Leader, who, is a type of the Anti-Christ to come.*

Verse 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.”

Antiochus entered “The very richest provinces - Coelesyria and Palestine.”

Jahn says that probably it was that he pretended to come as the friend of Ptolemy. It was to this that the allusion is here, when it is said that he would “enter peaceably” - that is, with some pretence of peace or friendship, or with some false and flattering art.

“he shall do that which his fathers have not done”- “Which none of his predecessors have been able to do; to wit, in the conquest of Egypt. No one of them had it so completely in his possession; no one obtained from it so much spoil. There can be no doubt that such was the fact. The wars of his predecessors with the Egyptians had been mostly waged in Coelo-Syria and Palestine, for the possession of these provinces. Antiochus Epiphanes, however, at first took Pelusium, the key of Egypt, and then invaded Egypt itself, seized upon its strongest places, and made the king a captive. - Jahn, ‘Heb. Commonwealth,’ p. 263. Compare 1 Macc. 1:16.”

“He shall scatter among them the prey” ... - Among his followers. He shall reward them with the spoils of Egypt. Compare 1 Macc. 1:19: “Thus they got the strong cities in the land of Egypt, and he took the spoils thereof.

“And he shall forecast his devices” - Margin, “think his thoughts.” The margin is in accordance with the Hebrew. The meaning is, that he would form plans, or that this would be his aim. He would direct the war against the strongly-fortified places of Egypt.

“Against the strongholds” - Antiochus took possession of Pelusium, the key of Egypt; he seized upon Memphis, and he then laid siege to Alexandria, supposing that if that were reduced, the whole country would be his. - Jos. “Ant.” b. xii. ch. v. Section 2. (quotes taken from Barnes Notes)

K& D Commentary says, “The addition (“and that for a time”) denotes a period determined by a higher power (cf. Dan\_11:24 and Dan\_12:4, Dan\_12:6), and relates to the whole proceedings of this prince hitherto described; as C. B. Michaelis has already rightly explained:”

Verse 25 — Rawlinson, pages 255-256, says, “Threatened with war by the ministers of Ptolemy Philometor [now king of the south], who claim Coele-Syria and Palestine as the dowry of Cleopatra, the late queen-mother, Antiochus marches against Egypt ... B.C. 171" (pp. 277-278). But he was met by his nephew, Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south, with another immense army. But the Egyptian king was defeated through the treachery of his own officers and was outwitted by Antiochus.

Verses 26-27 — continuing in Rawlinson, page 278: “After his victory at Pelusium, Antiochus advanced to Memphis, and having obtained possession of the young king’s person [Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south], endeavored to use him as a tool for effecting the entire reduction of

the country.” In 174 B.C., the uncle of the king of the south sat at a banquet. Antiochus pretended to ally himself with the young Ptolemy, against his brother, Euergetes II, but each was trying to deceive the other.

### **The Abomination of Desolation**

Verse 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.”

Gill writes, “That is, Antiochus, with the spoils of Egypt, and the gifts and presents he had received there; so the author of the first book of Maccabees says,

“And after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt, he returned again in the hundred forty and third year, and went up against Israel and Jerusalem with a great multitude, And entered proudly into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the candlestick of light, and all the vessels thereof,” (1 Maccabees 1) that is, of the era of the Selucidae, and the fifth or sixth year of his reign:”

“His heart shall be against the holy covenant;” “The words ‘holy covenant’ are a technical expression to denote the Jewish institutions. The Hebrew people were called the ‘covenant people,’ as being a people with whom God had entered into covenant. All their privileges were regarded as the result of that covenant, and hence, the word came to be applied to all the institutions of the nation. When it is said that his heart Was against that covenant, the meaning is, that he was enraged against it; and determined to bring calamity upon the place and people connected with it.” (Barnes Notes).

The trigger for Antiochus was “...a false rumour being spread in Judea that Antiochus was dead, Jason took the opportunity to recover the office of high priest from his brother Menelaus; and, with a thousand men, took the city of Jerusalem, drove his brother into the castle, and slew many he took for his enemies. Antiochus, hearing of this, concluded the whole nation of the Jews had revolted from him; and therefore took Judea in his way from Egypt, in order to suppress this rebellion; in the Apocrypha:

“5 Now when there was gone forth a false rumour, as though Antiochus had been dead, Jason took at the least a thousand men, and suddenly made an assault upon the city; and they that were upon the walls being put back, and the city at length taken, Menelaus fled into the castle: 6 But Jason slew his own citizens without mercy, not considering that to get the day of them of his own nation would be a most unhappy day for him; but thinking they had been his enemies, and not his countrymen, whom he conquered. 11 Now when this that was done came to the king’s ear, he thought that Judea had revolted: whereupon removing out of Egypt in a furious mind, he took the city by force of arms,” (2 Maccabees 5) (Gill’s Commentary).

“and he shall do exploits;” “... in Jerusalem, very wicked ones indeed! he ordered his soldiers to slay all they met, without mercy, old and young, women and children, virgins and young men; and in three days’ time eighty thousand were slain, forty thousand bound, and no less sold: *he went into the temple, and took all the vessels in it, and all the gold and silver, and hidden treasures of it, to the value of a thousand and eight hundred talents, in the Apocrypha:*

“12 And commanded his men of war not to spare such as they met, and to slay such as went up upon the houses. 13 Thus there was killing of young and old, making away of men, women, and children, slaying of virgins and infants. 14 And there were destroyed within the space of three whole days fourscore thousand, whereof forty thousand were slain in the conflict; and no fewer sold than slain. 15 *Yet was he not content with this, but presumed to go into the most holy temple of all the world; Menelaus, that traitor to the laws, and to his own country, being his guide:* 16 *And taking the holy vessels with polluted hands, and with profane hands pulling down the things that were dedicated by other kings to the augmentation and glory and honour of the place, he gave them away.* 21 *So when Antiochus had carried out of the temple a thousand and eight hundred talents, he departed in all haste unto Antiochia, weening in his pride to make the land navigable, and the sea passable by foot: such was the haughtiness of his mind.”* (2 Maccabees 5)

“23 He took also the silver and the gold, and the precious vessels: also he took the hidden treasures which he found. 24 And when he had taken all away, he went into his own land, having made a great massacre, and spoken very proudly. 25 Therefore there was a great mourning in Israel, in every place where they were;” (1 Maccabees 1) (Gill’s Commentary).

Not only did he desecrate the Temple, but he “... then sacrificed swine on the altar, boiled a piece of the flesh, and sprinkled the whole temple with the broth, 2 Macc. 5:15-21; 1 Macc. 1:21-28; Diodorus Sic. xxxiv. 1; Jahn, ‘Hebrew Commonwealth,’ p. 264.” (Barnes Notes, emphasis added).

Then he returned to his own land in Antioch, “And when he had taken all away, he went into his own land, having made a great massacre, and spoken very proudly.” (1 Maccabees 1:24).

Verse 29- “At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.”

Clakes Commentary writes: “Finding that his treachery was detected, and that the two brothers had united their counsel and strength for their mutual support, he threw off the mask; and having collected a great army early in the spring, he passed through Coelesyria; entered Egypt; and the inhabitants of Memphis having submitted to him, he came by easy marches to Alexandria. But, says the prophet, ‘it shall not be as the former or as the latter:’ he had not the same success as the former, when he overthrew the Egyptian army at Pelusium; nor as the latter, when he took Memphis, and subdued all Egypt, except Alexandria. See the reason.”

Verse 30- “For the ships of [from the land of] Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.”

“Chittim” In the days of Daniel, the peoples of Chittim still dwelt in Europe. The name of Italy is Cathay, which comes from Chittim. Though the peoples of Chittim got pushed out of Europe and into China, the land of Europe was still called after them, Ernest L. Martin writes, “[The] Shemite tribes (people who were descendants of Shem and including some peoples who came from Abraham) later colonized the whole of southern Europe and *replaced the people of JAVAN and his four descendants*. JAVAN’S people were pushed mainly into the *northern areas of Europe where in turn they migrated farther east into Asia (along with GOMER the firstborn son of JAPHETH and his descendants)*. **Indeed, in prophecies**

*dealing also with the End-Time*, we find the people of JAVAN **no longer in Europe** but they are now associated with TUBAL [Ezekiel 38: & 39 end time prophecy] (another son of JAPHETH) **who became an eastern Mongolian type of people...though the name JAVAN still retained its geographical hold on the southern region of Europe, particularly in Greece)...It is not uncommon for people to give a name to a region and then the original people move on to other areas (or are killed off) and the original geographical name becomes associated with completely different people... And what about the KITTIM (another son of JAVAN)? They were the original ones who settled *Cyprus and finally Italy*, but they were pushed northward and east by Shemites coming from the areas cited above *and went into the central areas of Asia-to the area we call China today (an early name of China was CATHAY which comes from the root word Khitai which answers to KITTIM)*” (Prophetic Geography and the Time of the End, emphasis added). See also THE RACE CHANGE IN ANCIENT ITALY! 300 B. C. and 300 A. D. by Ernest L. Martin (c1966). These ships that came from [the land of, not the people of] Chittim were the ships from Italy, the Romans, though they were not of the Chittim race, however maintained the name of Chittim for the name of the land. Daniel uses that same name to identify the Romans. History shows it was the Romans who came from Chittim, Cathay, Italy, and virtually all the commentaries acknowledge that fact as well.**

“For the ships of Chittim shall come against him:” - “Ptolemy king of Egypt, and his brother, being come to an agreement, sent an embassy to the senate of Rome, to implore their help and assistance against Antiochus, who was preparing to besiege them in Alexandria; upon which they sent their ambassadors Caius Popilius Laenas, Caius Decimus, and Caius Hostilius, *in ships from Macedonia (z), or Greece, to Antiochus, to require him to desist from making war upon Ptolemy, and that he quit the land of Egypt*” (Gill’s Commentary, emphasis added).

“Therefore he shall be grieved” - “The word used here - èää ka’ah - means, properly, to become faint-hearted; to be frightened; to be rejected, sad, humbled, Job\_30:8; Eze\_13:22; Psa\_109:16. The meaning here is, that he became dispirited, rejected, cast down, and abandoned his purpose. He saw that it would be vain to attempt to contend with the Romans, and he was constrained reluctantly to relinquish his enterprise” (Barnes).

“ ‘Grieving and groaning,’ says Polybius; both mortified, humbled, and disappointed.” (Clarke’s Commentary).

“Have indignation against the holy covenant” - “Polybius says that he left Egypt in great anger, because he was compelled by the Romans to abandon his designs. In this condition he was, of course, in a state of mind to become irritated against any other people, and, if an occasion should be given, would seek to vent his wrath in some other direction. This habitual state of feeling toward Jerusalem and the Jews would make him ready to seize upon the slightest pretext to wreak his vengeance on the holy land. What was the immediate occasion of his taking this opportunity to attack Jerusalem is not certainly known, but in his marching back through Palestine, he detached from his army twenty-two thousand men, under the command of Apollonius, and sent them to Jerusalem to destroy it. - Prideaux, iii. 239; Jahn, ‘Heb. Commonwealth,’ p. 266. Apollonius arrived before Jerusalem 167 b.c., just two years after the city had been taken by Antiochus himself.” (Barnes).

“intelligence with them that forsake the . . . covenant”—“*namely, with the apostates in the nation (1 Maccabees 1:11-15)*.” Menelaus and other Jews instigated the king against their religion and country, learning from Greek philosophy that all religions are good enough to keep the masses in check. These had cast off circumcision and the religion of Jehovah for Greek customs. Antiochus, on his way home, sent Apollonius (167 B.C.) with twenty-two thousand to destroy Jerusalem, two years after its capture by himself. Apollonius slew multitudes, dismantled and pillaged the city. They then, from a fortress which they built commanding the temple, fell on and slew the worshippers; *so that the temple service was discontinued*. Also, Antiochus decreed that all, on pain of death, should conform to the Greek religion, ***and the temple was consecrated to Jupiter Olympius. Identifying himself with that god, with fanatical haughtiness he wished to make his own worship universal (1 Maccabees 1:41; 2 Maccabees 6:7)***. This was the gravest peril which ever heretofore threatened revealed religion, the holy people, and the theocracy on earth, for none of the previous world rulers had interfered with the religious worship of the covenant-people, when subject to them (Dan\_4:31-34; Dan\_6:27-28; Ezz\_1:2, Ezz\_1:4; Ezz\_7:12; Neh\_2:18).”(JFB Commentary, emphasis added). This was a type of the coming abomination of Desolation that is to come in the temple. A false State/Religious leader will set himself in the temple of God saying that he is God, see 2 Thessalonians 2:4. Daniel 8 reveals the prophecy of the Abomination of desolation, fulfilled in type by Antiochus, but the vision was for the “time of the end” Dan 8:17. Matthew 24:15; Daniel 12:11 reveal a future abomination of desolation. (*Read our booklet The Great Horn of Daniel 8 A Sealed Prophecy Now Opened for more details*).

Verse 32- “And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:” Gill’s Commentary writes, “...these [Jewish] apostates Antiochus corrupted by good words and fair speeches, by gifts and presents; and they became his tools, to do his pleasure, and were his instruments to seduce the Jews to renounce their religion, and give in to his idolatry; such as Jason, Menelaus, and others; in the Apocrypha:

“Now when the kingdom was established before Antiochus, he thought to reign over Egypt that he might have the dominion of two realms.” (1 Maccabees 1:16)

“Now such was the height of Greek fashions, and increase of heathenish manners, through the exceeding profaneness of Jason, that ungodly wretch, and no high priest;” (2 Maccabees 4:13)

“Yet was he not content with this, but presumed to go into the most holy temple of all the world; Menelaus, that traitor to the laws, and to his own country, being his guide:” (2 Maccabees 5:15)

“But they that had the charge of that wicked feast, for the old acquaintance they had with the man, taking him aside, besought him to bring flesh of his own provision, such as was lawful for him to use, and make as if he did eat of the flesh taken from the sacrifice commanded by the king;” (2 Maccabees 6:21).”

“but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” “They who adhere to the service and worship of the true God, and who are incapable of being seduced to apostasy and sin. The reference here is, undoubtedly, to Judas Maccabeus and his followers - a full account of whose doings is to be found in the books of the Maccabees. See also Prideaux, ‘Con.’ iii. 245, following, and Jahn, ‘Heb. Commonwealth,’ pp. 268, following.” (Barnes Notes). To “do exploits” means “to take action” (RSV). The Jewish people who stayed loyal to God, took action against the Greeks under the man, Judah Maccabee.

Judah Maccabee and his four brothers organized a group of resistance fighters known as the Maccabees. They fought against paganism and oppression.

The tenacity of the rebels, which came from their steadfast faith in one God, is one reason this military victory has been so celebrated by Jews in future generations. In one battle near Beit Horon, Judah's small army is intimidated by the size of the enemy army and Judah tells them to have faith that God is on their side:

*“But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said unto Judah: ‘What? shall we be able, being a small company, to fight against so great and strong a multitude? ...’ And Judah said: ‘It is an easy thing for many to be shut up in the hands of a few, and there is no difference in the sight of Heaven to save by many or by few; for victory in battle standeth not in the multitude of an host, but strength is from Heaven. They come unto us in fullness of insolence and lawlessness, to destroy us and our wives and our children, for to spoil us; but we fight for our lives and our laws. And He Himself will discomfort them before our face; but as for you, be yet not afraid of them.’” (The First Book of Maccabees)*

Against great odds, after three years of fighting, the Maccabees succeeded to drive the Greco-Syrians out of Judea. Hanukkah proclaims the message of the prophet Zachariah: “Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit.”

The Maccabees reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. They cleaned the Temple, removing the Greek symbols and statues. When Judah and his followers finished cleaning the temple, they re-dedicated it. On the 25th day of the month of Kislev in 164 BCE, the Temple was purified and re-dedicated.

When the Maccabees entered the Holy Temple, they discovered that the Greco-Syrians had defiled the oil which was used to Temple's menorah. Only one vat of purified oil remained - enough for only one day. It would take the Jews a week to process more purified oil. Then a miracle occurred. The Maccabees lit the menorah and it burned for not one, but eight days, by which time the new, purified oil was ready.

An ancient tradition tells: “When the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the containers of oil, and when the Hasmonean family and their followers prevailed, defeating the Greeks, they searched and found only one container still sealed with the seal of the High Priest. It held enough oil for only one day, but a miracle occurred, and the oil burned for eight days.

“The next year they declared the eight days of the miracle to be a holiday for praise and thanksgiving.” (*Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21b*). This is why the Hanukkah Menorah has eight candles (not including the shamash candle used to light the others) and one reason why Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight days.

This became known as the Feast of Dedication in Jesus day, a feast even Jesus kept acknowledging the fact that God intervened and fulfilled prophecy for the Jewish people: “Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter, and Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.” (John 10:22-23).

Verse 33- 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.”

“Such as had a better understanding of divine things than others, had more light and knowledge in the sacred Scriptures, in the law of God, and in his mind and will, and were capable of teaching others; and such as these the Lord raises up among his people in the worst of times, in the times of the greatest apostasy and declension; and these are enabled to perform their duty, to instruct the people in theirs, teach them what they

should do, and how they should behave; exhort them to retain the doctrines and ordinances of their holy religion, and not embrace the doctrines and inventions of men, will worship, superstition, and idolatry; and so they instructed the ignorant, strengthened the weak, and established the wavering; such were Mattathias the priest of Modin, and Eleazar, one of the chief scribes, in the Apocrypha:

“In those days arose Mattathias the son of John, the son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.” (1 Maccabees 2:1)

“Eleazar, one of the principal scribes, an aged man, and of a well favoured countenance, was constrained to open his mouth, and to eat swine’s flesh.” (2 Maccabees 6:18)” (Gill’s Commentary). Those then who instruct the Jews on the laws of God were, killed “...by the sword of Antiochus and his soldiers; as multitudes of the Jews did, even both the instructors and the instructed, who would not comply with his orders

“**by flame**; some were burnt alive in caves, where they fled for shelter; and others as the mother and her seven sons, were cast into heated caldrons of brass; in the Apocrypha:

“And others, that had run together into caves near by, to keep the sabbath day secretly, being discovered by Philip, were all burnt together, because they made a conscience to help themselves for the honour of the most sacred day.” (2 Maccabees 6:11)

“3 Then the king, being in a rage, commanded pans and caldrons to be made hot: 4 Which forthwith being heated, he commanded to cut out the tongue of him that spake first, and to cut off the utmost parts of his body, the rest of his brethren and his mother looking on. 5 Now when he was thus maimed in all his members, he commanded him being yet alive to be brought to the fire, and to be fried in the pan: and as the vapour of the pan was for a good space dispersed, they exhorted one another with the mother to die manfully, saying thus,” (2 Maccabees 7)

“**by captivity**; so it is expressly said of Antiochus, that he carried captive women and children and at another time ordered the women and children to be sold for slaves, in the Apocrypha:

“Insomuch that the inhabitants of Jerusalem fled because of them: whereupon the city was made an habitation of strangers, and became strange to those that were born in her; and her own children left her.” (1 Maccabees 1:38)

“He sent also that detestable ringleader Apollonius with an army of two and twenty thousand, commanding him to slay all those that were in their best age, and to sell the women and the younger sort:” (2 Maccabees 5:24)

“**and by spoil many days**; being plundered of their substance, their houses rifled, and their goods carried away; and this distress lasted ‘days,’ [“many” being italicized, added by translators] a short time only; Josephus (k) reckons it at three years and a half.” (Gills Commnetary).

Verse 34- “Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.” “By small accessions to their forces. The armies of the Maccabees were never ‘very’ numerous; but the idea here is, that when they should be persecuted, there would be accessions to their

forces, so that they would be able to prosecute the war. At first the numbers were very few who took up arms, and undertook to defend the institutions of religion, but their numbers increased until they were finally victorious. Those who first banded together, when the calamities came upon the nation, were Mattathias and his few followers, and this is the little help that is here referred to. See 1 Macc. 2.”

“But many shall cleave to them - As was the case under Judas Maccabeus, when the forces were so far increased as to be able to contend successfully with Antiochus.

“With flatteries” - Perhaps with flattering hopes of spoil or honor; that is, that they would not unite sincerely with the defenders of the true religion, but would be actuated by prospect of plunder or reward. For the meaning of the word, see the notes at Dan\_11:21. The sense here is not that Judas would flatter them, or would secure their cooperation by flatteries, but that this would be what they would propose to their own minds, and what would influence them. Compare 1 Macc. 5:55-57: ‘Now what time as Judas and Jonathan were in the land of Galaad, and Simon his brother in Galilee before Ptolemais, Joseph the son of Zacharias, and Azarias, captains of the garrisons, heard of the valiant acts and warlike deeds which they had done. Wherefore they said, Let us also get us a name, and go fight against the pagan round about us.’ Compare 2 Macc. 12:40; 13:21. There can be no doubt that many might join them from these motives. Such an event would be likely to occur anywhere, when one was successful, and where there was a prospect of spoils or of fame in uniting with a victorious leader of an army.” (Barnes Notes).

### **Christ, the Apostles and God’s Church**

Here is where the prophecy takes a leap forward into the time of Christ until the “time of the end.” It speaks of those of “understanding” to be made “white” and “tried” from that time, til the time of the end, (verse 35). This prophecy is describing the whole history of the church of God.

There are many prophecies of the end time speaking of the church of God being tried, and purged. Jesus told his church, “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” (Revelation 3:18-19).

In Daniel 12 God speaks of the followers of Christ at the time of the resurrection saying, “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

“And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and *sealed till the time of the end.*

“ *Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*” (Daniel 12:2, 3, 8-10). See also Rev. 12:6, 11, 13-17.

“because it is yet for a time appointed.” The Hebrew word here is *mo ‘ed* meaning, “From H3259; properly an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the *congregation*; by extension, the *place of meeting*; also a *signal* (as appointed beforehand): - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).” (Strongs 4150).

This is from the verb *ya ‘ad* meaning, “A primitive root; to *fix* upon (by agreement or appointment); by implication to *meet* (at a stated time), to *summon* (to trial), to *direct* (in a certain quarter or position), to *engage* (for marriage): - agree, (make an) appoint (-ment, a time), assemble (selves), betroth, gather (selves, together), meet (together), set (a time).” (Strongs 3250). The time “appointed” in the “time of the end” of course is the kingdom of God. The setting up of God’s kingdom, the resurrection, and the gathering of Israel back into the promise lands that God promised them.

“And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

“And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, [*mo ‘ed*] times [*mo ‘ed*], and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

“And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.” (Daniel 12:6-9).

Verse 36-”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.”

Virtually all Commentaries agree that this does not mean Antiochus Epiphanes anymore.

K& D Commentary says, “This does not agree with Antiochus... 2 Macc. 9:12, is not an exalting of himself above every god. ‘Antiochus... even wished to render the worship of Zeus universal; and that he once spoiled the temple does not imply his raising himself above every god’” (Klief.)

“Many expositors of Daniel apply this passage to Antiochus Epiphanes, *because they see not the important interval which exists between verses 35 and 36*. However a closer examination of the description of this king shows that *it cannot be Antiochus*” (Gaebelein’s Commentary on the Whole Bible, p.647, emphasis added).

“Accordingly, the remainder of ch.11 is often applied to *a later figure than Antichus IV...*” (The International Bible Commentary, by F.F. Bruce, under “The arrogance of the Anti-God (11:3-39)p.869, emphasis added).

“Possibly the most difficult section in the book follows in vs 36-45. The description seems to all that is known of even the blasphemous Antiochus (hence the conclusion of many commentators that this section is indeed a predictive prophecy on the part of the author...)...In this case v.35 maybe pointing forward to the

experience of God's people, not merely during BUT BEYOND THE TIME OF ANTIOCHUS" (The New Bible Commentary p.762, emphasis added). These are just a few of them, but clearly, since we have seen in verse 35 that we are now in the time of Christ and the Apostles, then this King of the North is not the Grecian King, but the Roman Emperors!

Gill's Commentary says, "*Not Antiochus, for he could not do as he would, being curbed by the Romans, as has been observed; and there are many things which follow that cannot be applied to him; rather the Roman people, under the name of a king or kingdom, rising up to universal monarchy, upon the decline of the Grecian empire, are meant; and who did what they would, subdued kingdoms at pleasure, and gave laws to the whole world;*" (emphasis added).

"... magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods," This part of the prophecy is in exact agreement with other prophecies that show the Beast and the False Prophet claiming such things during their reigns on the earth. 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and Revelation 13:5 shows the Beast and the false Prophet, the Church/State government making divine claims for themselves as the "Vicar of Christ" the emperors claimed themselves as "Divine," "god on earth." This prophecy clearly reveals the Roman Empire and the Holy Roman empire in New Testament time through the Middle Ages.

"...shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done." The Roman Empire shall prosper until the end time when the wrath of God is complete on Israel and the world, then all things will come to a close and the Kingdom of God is set up.

Verse 37- "Neither shall he regard the God ["elohim" Heb. "gods"] of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all."

The Roman Emperors did not "regard the god of his fathers" they set themselves up as gods of the Roman Empire. Called the Imperial Cult, part of the state religion in Rome, "...This cult regarded emperors and members of their families as gods.

"On his death, Julius Caesar was officially recognised as a god, the Divine ('Divus') Julius, by the Roman state. And in 29 BC Caesar's adopted son, the first Roman emperor Augustus, allowed the culturally Greek cities of Asia Minor to set up temples to him. This was really the first manifestation of Roman emperor-worship...Emperor-worship was a unifying factor in the Roman world, practiced not only by army units spread throughout the empire but also by individuals in the provinces, where there were collective imperial cult centres at places such as Lyons (Gaul), Pergamon (Asia) and (probably) Colchester (Britain).

"The imperial cult helped to focus the loyalty of provincials on the emperor at the centre of the empire, and in some regions (such as Gaul), there is evidence that Roman authorities took the initiative in setting it up, presumably for that very reason" (*Roman Religion Gallery By Dr Nigel Pollard BBC News*).

As the Empire continued, "... *the old religion seemed more and more irrelevant to people's personal preoccupations and successive national emergencies*, the cult of the divi, subsequently grouped together in a single Hall of Fame, remained foremost among the patriotic cults that were increasingly encouraged as unifying forces. Concentrating on the protectors of the emperor and the nation, they included the worship of Rome herself, and of the genius of the Roman people; for the army a number of special military celebrations are recorded on the Calendar of Doura-Europus in Mesopotamia (Feriale Duranum, c. AD 225-27). As for the ruling emperors, they were more and more frequently treated as divine, with varying degrees of

formality, and officially they often were compared with gods” (*Encyclopaedia Britannica* under article “The Imperial Epoch, emphasis added).

“Although the deification of emperors was gradually abandoned after the emperor Constantine I started supporting Christianity. *However, the concept of the imperial person as ‘sacred’ carried over, in a Christianized form, into the Byzantine Empire: in the context of Caesaropapism, the Byzantine emperor was considered ‘God-crowned’, and was called Isapostolos, ‘Equal-to-the-Apostles,’ and regarded as God’s vicegerent on Earth.*” (Wikipedia under article “Imperial Cult” emphasis added).



***The apotheosis (transformation into gods) of Antoninus Pius and his wife Faustina; sculpted relief, c.AD 161***

***The Roman Emperors set themselves up as gods and magnified themselves above all the gods of the world.***

***Countless Christians were persecuted for not giving into the Imperial Cult of the Emperor.***

As mentioned above, the Emperor regarded himself as “God’s vicegerent” on earth. The scripture says, “nor regard any god:” Interestingly enough, “According to the other position, the words are to be understood in a comparative sense; that is, the power here portrayed is not atheistic, but considers itself to be a spokesman for God and *does not regard God as he should be regarded*, It blasphemously seeks to put itself in his place (see 2 Thess 2:4)” (*Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel*, p. 876, *emphasis added*).

According to Edward Gibbon, writing in 1776, of the first twelve emperors only Claudius was exclusively involved with women. All others took either boys or men as lovers, *see Edward Gibbon, The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.*

Verse 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.” This passage should be rendered, “The marginal reading here is, ‘As for the Almighty God, in his seat he shall honor, yea, he shall honor a god,’” (Barnes Notes). The phrase “in his estate” which we find in verse 7, 20-21 of the same chapter it means, “in the place of.” Gill’s, and Barnes Commentary make it quite clear, as well as the *Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel*, p.876 which says, “*Heb. al-kanno, ‘in his place,’ this is, in the place of the true God.*” (*emphasis added*). So in God’s place he would honor, the “God of forces.”

In the Hebrew the “God of Forces” is *el-o’-ah Mahuzzim*. *Mahuzzim means*

- 1) place or means of safety, protection, refuge, stronghold
  - 1a) place of safety, fastness, harbour, stronghold
  - 1b) refuge (of God) (figuratively)
  - 1c) human protection (figuratively) (Browns-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew Definitions).

These places of refuge in Medieval times were the monasteries. These were places of refuge for many people in Europe, and was one of the “...new institutions [that] emerged in the western church, which were to be lifelines in the dangerous rapids between a civilization which had collapsed and one yet to be born.” (The Penguin History of the World, J.M. Roberts, p.299).

So who is this “God” of the places of refuge, that he honors in the “place of” the true God? The one who calls himself the “Vicar” of Christ, the Pope himself. What does Vicar of Christ mean?

“Vicar of Christ . . . Title used almost exclusively of the ***Bishop of Rome as successor of Peter and, therefore, the one in the Church who particularly takes the place of Christ***; but used also of bishops in general and even of priests. First used by the Roman Synod of A.D. 495 to refer to Pope Gelasius; more commonly in Roman curial usage to refer to the Bishop of Rome during the pontificate of Pope Eugene III (1145-1153). Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) asserted explicitly that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ; further defined at the Council of Florence in the *Decree for the Greeks* (1439) and Vatican Council I in *Pastor Aeternus* (1870). The Second Vatican Council, in *Lumen Gentium*, n.27, calls bishops in general ‘vicars and legates of Christ.’ All bishops are vicars of Christ for their local churches in their ministerial functions as priest, prophet, and king, as the Pope is for the universal church; the title further denotes they exercise their authority in the Church not by delegation from any other person, but from Christ Himself” (*Catholic Dictionary*, Peter M.J. Stravinskias, Editor, published by Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., Huntington, 1993, pp. 484-485, emphasis added).

From the book “Crossing The Threshold of Hope”, by Pope John Paul II: First Chapter: “The Pope”: A Scandal and a Mystery, says, “The leader of the Catholic Church is defined by the faith as the Vicar of Jesus Christ (and is accepted as such by believers). The Pope is considered the man on earth who represents the Son of God, who ***takes the place***’ of the Second Person of the omnipotent God of the Trinity.” (emphasis added).

Is the Pope regarded as a God on earth? A standard Roman Catholic authority will speak for itself:

“The Pope is of such dignity and highness that he is not simply a man but, as it were, God, and the vicar [representative] of God...the Pope’s excellence in power are not only above heaven, terrestrial and infernal things, but he is also above angels...He is of such great dignity and power that he occupies one and the same tribunal with Christ...*The Pope is, as it were, God on earth...the Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, declare or interpret the divine law.*” (John Ferrar, AN ECCLESIASTICAL DICTIONARY (London: John Mason, 1858). (emphasis added). During the times of the Holy Roman Empire, the Roman Catholic Church claimed to be both the **spiritual and civil** Kingdom of God on earth with the Pope ruling as God over the earth.

As the centuries progressed, the Popes became more and more articulate in their presumptuous claims. “The Pope holds the place of the true God,” declared Pope Innocent III (AD 1198-1216). The Lateran Council (AD 1123) acclaimed the Pope as “Prince of the Universe.” St.(?) Bernard (AD 1090-1153 ) wrote that “none except God is like the Pope, either in heaven or on earth.” And Pope Nicholas (AD 858-867) boasted, “What can you make me but God?” Ferrar’s (Roman Catholic) AN ECCLESIASTICAL DICTIONARY states, “The Pope, is as it were, God on earth.”

In these monasteries, there was a feudal system of power. “The pyramid of power which was prevalent in the Medieval feudalism of the Middle Ages also applied to the monasteries.”

“The pyramid of power within the Medieval Church was as follows:

- The Pope
- Bishop
- Arch Bishop
- Arch Deacon
- Abbot
- Prior
- Dean
- Monks” (from <http://www.middle-ages.org.uk/medieval-monastery.htm>). The Pope was the “God” of these fortresses, strongholds or places of refuge.

“and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.” This next part of the passage seems to show a different God but it’s really the same God as the “God of Forces.” “Inasmuch as the el-o’-ah Mahuzzim (v.38) appears to be parallel with ‘a god whom his fathers knew not,’ it is to be expected that here [v.39] they are to be closely identified with the ‘foreign god’” (*Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel*, p.876). So verses 38-39 is speaking of one and the same god, the God of forces, the Pope. So this God whom the Holy Roman Emperors worshipped, the Imperial Roman Emperors did not know, did they honor with “gold, silver and with precious stones, and pleasant things,”

One incident of honoring the Pope with gold and silver was Otto the Great. “Otto travelled to Rome dressed in splendid new robes and jewels: He was greeted by Pope John and blessed with holy oil. His rule of the Holy Roman Empire was also blessed by the Pope. In return Otto gave back to the Pope, the Papal lands (lands ruled by the Popes) that his armies had conquered and **he showered the Pope with rich gifts of gold and silver and precious stones**” (Adapted from Chronicle of Otto the Great, by Liuprand of Cremona, emphasis added).

Verse 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.” In the monasteries and churches of Europe the Emperors continued their support of the Papacy, of giving them lands, called Papal states, “...[the] papal domination over temporal rulers and in frequent receipts of revenue from them. It has been suggested that the division of the New World between Spain and Portugal by Pope Alexander VI, in 1493 may be considered one example of the fulfillment of this passage” (*Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel*, pp.876-877).

*[The previous section spanned the centuries from the beginning of Christianity in the early Roman Empire to the inception of the Catholic-dominated Holy Roman Empire system and its subsequent development up to modern times. The next verse clearly advances the time frame of the chapter to the end of this age]*

# Prophecy In the Present Day

## Daniel 11:40-44

In Daniel 11:38-39 we have seen that prophecy ends at the time of the last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire under Hitler and Mussolini, with the Pope as the Head of the Catholic Church and its State in the Vatican.

Now we come to our present century. Let's go through Daniel 11:40-44, verse by verse to show that these next verses were fulfilled in the Gulf War by the "king of the North" the **NORTH** Atlantic Treaty Organization or NATO, led BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! Why NATO?

Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all deal with the same nations down through history, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. The scriptures show that these chapters are parallel with each other, as C. Mervyn Maxwell puts it, "We have learned that the great prophetic panoramas of Daniel 2, 7, 8 and 9 not only parallel, but also augment each other. *We will expect Daniel 11 also to introduce new material while at the same time running parallel to the other visions...*" (God Cares, p.280, emphasis added). *So if we put all of the scriptures together we can get the full picture of end time events.* See our "Chart of the Beast" below.

Daniel 2 The Image	Daniel 7 The Four Beasts	Daniel 8	Daniel 11
Head of Gold v.32, 38	1st Beast like Lion v.4		
Breast & Arms of Silver v.32, 39	2nd Beast (Bear) v.5	Ram with 2 Horns v.3, 4, 20	Persia, King v.2
Belly & Thighs of Brass v.32, 39	3rd Beast (Leopard) 4 heads v.6	He Goat with great horn and 4 notable ones v.5-8, 21-22	Greece v.3 a mighty king, v.3 rules with great dominion v.3
		Great Horn broken towards the four winds v.8	kingdom broken towards the four winds of heaven v.4
Legs as Iron v.33, 40-43	4th Beast strong like Iron with 10 horns v.7, 23-24		
subdues all things v.40	devour the whole earth v.23		do according to his will; magnify himself above every god, v.36

## Two Phases of the King of the North

Looking at Daniel 2, 11, and Revelation 17:12-14, the Bible shows that there are two phases of the King of the North in Daniel 11:40-45 through to Daniel 12.

We see in Daniel 2, the *Potter's clay* phase and the *Miry Clay* phase. Many people do not realize that there are differences in these two types of clay, which is the *first indication* that there are two different phases of the King of the North.

**Potter's clay**- Potter's clay is *adhesive* whereas Miry clay is not. Potter's clay can be molded and formed, and in a spiritual sense, it means the righteous that have been formed by God, "But now, O LORD, thou art our father; *we are the clay, and thou our potter*; and we all are the work of thy hand." (Isaiah 64:8).

"The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!" (Lam 4:2).

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says, "True clay, which is a highly aluminous soil, is found in certain localities in Palestine, and is used in making pottery" (under article "clay")

**Miry Clay**- This type of clay on the other hand simply means dirt. Something to be swept away and unusable. Strong's writes of this word "miry" as, "From an unused root meaning apparently to *be sticky* (rather perhaps a denominative from H2894, *through the idea of dirt to be swept away*); *mud or clay*; figuratively *calamity*: - clay, dirt, mire" (Strong's # 2916-17)

*Mire in the scriptures usually refers to the wicked*, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire [Strong's 7516 "mud"] and dirt [Strong's 2916 "mire, dirt"]." (Isaiah 57:20).

The *Second indication* of two phases is, with the Potter's clay, the Kingdom is "*divided*," with the Miry clay, the Kingdom is "*mixed*" together, so there are two different events that are happening here. The dividing and the mixing will be explained later in the booklet. Notice, "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the *kingdom shall be divided*; but there shall be in it [i.e. the feet & toes] of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the *iron mixed with miry clay*. "And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of [Potter's] clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken [Strong's # 8406 "*fragile*"]

"And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay" (Daniel 2:41-43). In the proper context you can see the kingdom being divided and mixed in these scriptures.

The third proof of the two phases, is the timing of the events of the fall of the King of the North in Daniel 11:45. Here we see the fall of the King of the North BEFORE the Great Tribulation. Whereas the ten kings of Daniel 2 which are mixed with Miry clay fall at the second coming of Christ AFTER THE TRIBULATION! This scripture for me was the turning point of understanding this prophecy. With more study and comparing scripture with scripture, with the Holy Spirit guiding me, God led me to the truth of this prophecy, and one of the most important events for our time now!

In Daniel 2, we see the ten toes which represent ten kings, get smashed by a stone which was cut out with out hands, and it says, “And in the days of *these kings* [Ten toes] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” (v.44). This scripture corresponds exactly with Revelation 17:12-14. We see the ten kings fighting Christ at his coming and, “These [ten kings] shall make war with the Lamb [the Stone see Matthew 21:42], and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” (v.14). This is obviously *after* the tribulation during the day of the Lord. This is clearly stated by Jesus Christ, “Immediately *after* the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they *shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*” (Matthew 24:29-30). *This is the second phase of the King of the North!*

Now in Daniel 11:45 we read that the “King of the North” comes to his end *before* the tribulation.

“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.*”

“*And at that time* shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and *there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time...*” (Daniel 11:45-12:1).

First, all Commentaries acknowledge the fact that the phrase “at that time” in Daniel 12:1 is speaking of the time when the king of the North comes “to his end.”

Barnes Notes writes, “At the period referred to in the preceding chapter. The fair construction of the passage demands this interpretation”

“Gill’s Commentary says, “...the words are closely connected with the last verse of the preceding chapter...”

The Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel, p.878, says, “At that time. Heb. *ba’eth hahi*, ‘at that time,’ or ‘in that time.’ Some hold that these words point back to the phrase *be’eth qes*, ‘at [or in] the time of the end’ (ch. 11:40); that is, that the events to be narrated take place within that general period of time. However, the context warrants the conclusion that ‘that time’ refers *to the time of the disappearance of the power described at the end of ch. 11*. It should be noted that the words ‘at that time’ do not specify whether the events here foretold are to occur simultaneously with those of ch. 11:45, or whether they immediately precede or follow. *The important point is that the events of the last verse of ch. 11 and those of the first of ch. 12 are closely related in point of time.*”(emphasis added).

“..there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time...” This phrase, all know is the “Great Tribulation, the time of “Jacob’s trouble” see Jeremiah 30:7; Matthew 24:21.

So, at “that time” when the king of the North comes to his “end” the Great tribulation starts. *This is the first phase of the King of the North!*

The *second phase* as we have read, is the Beast power, the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, they are to fight Christ at his coming, AFTER THE TRIBULATION!

What is the Second phase?

Again to figure this is out we must go to Daniel the second chapter and the great image that the King of Babylon saw in the Plain

### **What is the Miry Clay?**

As we have seen the ten toes was the Beast that was to fight Christ at his coming. These ten toes are “whereas thou sawest iron mixed with *miry clay*, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay....And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom...” (vv.43-44). The ten toes are mixed with “miry clay,” this is the Beast that fights Christ. *This is the last phase of the image of Daniel 2.*

Again, we know that the Iron is the Holy Roman Empire (*read our book Who, What is the Beast? for details*). And the strength of the Roman Empire will again prevail in Europe, as it says, “but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay”(v.41). A return to Fascism could likely be the scenario, or at least a right wing dictatorship. This will be the last attempt to resurrect the Roman Empire.

The Miry clay has to do with the “mingling” with the “seeds of men.” What does this mean? The mingling with the seed of men means marriage, or alliance with the seed of men. The JFB Commentary says, “The ‘mingling with the seed of men’ (Dan\_2:44) seems to refer to Gen\_6:2, where the *marriages* of the seed of godly Seth with the daughters of ungodly Cain are described in similar words...The expression ‘seed of men,’ as here used, would therefore *denote some intermingling of an inferior race with the original stock; some union or alliance under the one sovereignty*, which would greatly weaken it as a whole, though the original strength still was great. *The language would represent a race of mighty and powerful men*, constituting the stamina - the bone and the sinew of the empire - mixed up with another race or other races, with whom, though they were associated in the government, they could never be blended; could never assimilate. This foreign admixture in the empire would be a constant source of weakness, and would constantly tend to division and faction, for such elements could never harmonize.” (Emphasis added).

Who are these inferior nations? The clue is in the phrase “seed of men” JFB Commentary said, “...seems to refer to Gen\_6:2, where the *marriages of the seed of godly Seth with the daughters of ungodly Cain are described in similar words... (emphasis added)*. This remember is a description of nations. There are certain racial lines that were appointed to do God’s work, and be God’s chosen, then there are nations that were cursed. Genesis 4 records the story of Cain and Abel, and how Cain slew his brother, then when Seth was Born the scripture says, “For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”(v.25). Seth’s seed was appointed to be the chosen race of people to do God’s work on the earth, and Cain’s line was cursed “thou cursed from the earth” (v.11). His curse consisted of, “When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.” (v.12). Cain’s seed cursed with no crops produced for them, and they would be a nomadic people.

Genesis 5 we see the Godly appointed line of Seth from Adam, then the story continues in Chapter 6 and “That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” (v.2). Some groups believe that the “sons of God” were angels that had sex with the “daughters of men” and produced “giants” (v.4). But scripture shows that angels cannot reproduce, “For in the resurrection they neither *marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*” (Matthew 22:30). Angels are not the only ones called the sons of God. The appointed seed of Israel were called “sons of God (see Hosea 1:10; Deut 14:1). It was the appointed seed that was called the sons of God. Adam was called the Son of God (Luke 3:38).

The “sons of God” was the appointed seed of Seth. The “daughters of men” were the cursed line of Cain. There were only two races at that time, and since Seth begot “sons and daughters” (Gen 5:4), these would be the sons and daughters of God, the appointed seed. So the daughters of men can only mean Cain’s line.

When the two lines married, “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.” (6:4). The giants or Nephilim resulted in these marriages. All this means is “nephilim, from naphal, ‘he fell.’ *Those who had apostatized or fallen from the true religion...*” (Clarke’s Commentary). This is why God wanted Israel not to mix marriages with the pagans for the same reason, “Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. “For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.” (Deut 7:3-4).

Now when we get to the post-flood world, only the godly line of Seth survived through Noah and his sons. When Abel died Adam appointed Seth as the seed (Gen 4:25). Now that the world died in the flood, and all nations would descend from the three sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth. The blessings and the curses were appointed once again due to the sins of the fathers. These blessings were to be determined to the nations that descend from them. “And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of Canaan.

“These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.” (Gen 9:18-19). Genesis 9 we read the account and prophecy of the nations that would be blessed and be the appointed seed, the blessings carried over from Seth to Noah’s sons, and also the curse carried over from Cain to Noah’s sons as well. *It’s not due to race but sin.* In Genesis we read, “And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

“And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

“And Ham, the father of Canaan, *saw the nakedness of his father*, and told his two brethren without.

“And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness.

“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

“And he said, *Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants* shall he be unto his brethren.

“And he said, *Blessed be the LORD God of Shem*; and Canaan shall be his servant.

“God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.”

(Gen 9:20-27). We are told that Ham “saw the nakedness of his father.” Leviticus 18, verses 6 through 18, covers the subject of incest. Of particular interest is verse 7, which says this: “*You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother.*”

Here, we have a direct correspondence between the nakedness of the father and the nakedness of the mother. Since the wife belonged to the husband, *her nakedness was his nakedness*, because she belonged to him, and no one else was allowed to uncover it. In those days, the only reason a woman would have to uncover herself was for a bath, elimination or sex. Peter J. Leithart writes in his article “*Noah’s Nakedness*,” says, “1.) The language of ‘uncover nakedness’ is not used in Leviticus to describe homosexual incest but heterosexual incest. 2.) Specifically, the ‘nakedness of the father’ is identified with the ‘nakedness of the mother.’ 3.) If this is about Ham’s incestuous sex with his mother, the emphasis on Canaan comes clear. ***Canaan is, on this interpretation, the product of the incestuous union, as Moab and Ammon are the product of Lot and his daughters. That is why Canaan is cursed, and why the text consistently identifies Ham as the ‘father of Canaan.’***...4.)

The maternal incest interpretation better shows the connections of Gen. 9 with Gen. 6, 19, Lev. 18 and 20.” (<http://www.leithart.com>, emphasis added). Leviticus, 20:11, plainly states: “*The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness.*” Although, it is not hinted in the Bible, some scholars think that the story is about Ham trying to assume authority over Noah, by sleeping with his mother. If that is true, then I think Noah would have highly resented this, and probably would have cursed Ham as well. The account is too brief to say much more, except that it is possible that Ham was just as drunk as Noah and his wife. Could Ham have been so drunk that he mistook his mother for another? Stranger things have happened!! Suffice it to say that Leviticus 18:7 and 20:11 give us sufficient cause to suspect a case of incest, and that is why the Bible specifically says Ham is the father of Canaan, NOT NOAH, ALTHOUGH CANAAN CAME FROM NOAH’S WIFE!

Now let’s examine the prophecy. “And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” (Gen 9:25). Why is Canaan the only one cursed, and not the rest of Ham’s seed? Why is all of Shem and Japheth’s seed mentioned in the prophecy in vv.26-27 but not *all of Ham’s*? There is a reasonable answer to this. If you notice the other passages, it continually says “And Ham, the father of Canaan,” (Gen 9:18, 22). Gill’s Commentary says, “It may seem strange that Canaan should be cursed, and not Ham, who seems to be the only aggressor, ***by what is said in the context***; hence one copy of the Septuagint, as Ainsworth observes, reads Ham, and the Arabic writers the ***father of Canaan***; and so *Saadia Gaon supplies it, as Aben Ezra relates; and the same supplement is made by others* (see Vatablus).” Keeping with the context of the chapter, and some ancient manuscripts it should read, “And he said, Cursed *be* [The Father of] Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” “Canaan[’s] [Father] shall be his servant.” (vv.26-27). The reason why it is said this way is for the simple reason of ***reminding the family that Canaan is the reason why Ham’s descendants are cursed.***

Therefore Ham and his descendants could not be leader nations on the earth. That title went to Shem, and Japheth lived off of the blessings and Shem. This scenario is perfectly seen today in the world. The Semites are the leader nations, Europe, the Americas, Australia, New Zealand. The Oriental nations of Japheth copying, absorbing everything that the Western nations have achieved and applying it to their societies. Then there is the third world, Africa, the Middle East, Arab Nations who have the curse of Ham-Cain upon them as Nomadic peoples who do not produce anything out of the ground, even crude oil is taken out by Americans in those countries. They live in desert lands and have no power but are under submission to the will of the first world powers.

Now the prophecy of the Miry Clay can be understood! Europe, the Iron being of the appointed line of Shem, Noah and Seth, and the “seed of Men” the Miry clay are the cursed nations of Ham, *the curse of Cain placed upon them!* As noted earlier in Barnes about the miry clay, “The word rendered ‘men’ (‘anasha’) is employed in Hebrew and in Chaldee to denote men of an inferior class - the lower orders, the common herd - in contradistinction from the more elevated and noble classes, represented by the word ‘iysh’” So after Nato breaks apart (Potter’s Clay) we will see an alliance with Europe and the third world, primarily the people of the descendants of Ham (Miry Clay).

### **Descendants of Ham**

Who are these peoples? The tribes of Ham are, “Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan” (Gen 10:6).

**Cush-**The Cushites are basically the African peoples. There were two branches of Cush. One settled in India the other in Africa. The Indian branch will be allied with Gog in the end time in the East, (Ezekiel 38), and Africa with Europe as other prophecies reveal. The “19th-century author George Faber wrote: “Their military nobility is acknowledged to be of the same family as the Sacas or Chasas, who maintain that their great common ancestor was Cush or Cush... But we read in a special manner of *two lands of Cush, the Asiatic and the African*. These were by the Greeks called the *two Ethiopias*...but by the Hindoos [Hindus], as by the sacred writers, they are denominated the land of Cush within and the land of Cush without” (*The Origin of Pagan Idolatry, 1816, qtd. by White, p. 99, emphasis added*).

Mizraim of course is Egypt, Libya and Tunisia.

In Egypt:

**The Pathrusim-** of Genesis 10:14 migrated from Asia Minor to central Egypt. Every prophecy shows Pathros to be a part of Egypt along the Nile (Jer.44:1,5 and Ezek.29:14).

**Naphtuhim-**”The Naphtuhim are in southern Egypt today. They were originally in the Nile Delta (or Lower Egypt) giving their name to it. It is they who were the Memphites—’the people of the god Ptah’. Memphis was originally known as Naph, and in more modern times as Abusir. The name “Memphis” is the Greek corruption of the Egyptian name, *Men-nefer*, which became, *Menfe* in Coptic. Later they migrated southwards founding the city of Napata in southern Egypt” (Creation Wiki).

## **In Libya:**

**Lehabim-**”Inhabitants of Northern Africa 2Ch\_12:3; 2Ch\_16:8. The region they inhabited was called Phut” (Nave’s under “Lubim.”). Eastons says, “The inhabitants of a thirsty or scorched land; the Lybians, an African nation under tribute to Egypt (2Ch\_12:3; 2Ch\_16:8). Their territory was apparently near Egypt. They were probably the Mizraite Lehabim.” Daniel 11:43 shows them in Africa with Eithiopia. Josephus confirms, “Josephus writes, *“Phut also was the founder of Libya, and called the inhabitants Phutites, from himself: there is also a river in the country of Moors which bears that name; whence it is that we may see the greatest part of the Grecian historiographers mention that river and the adjoining country by the appellation of Phut: but the name it has now has been by change given it from one of the sons of Mesraim [Mizraim], who was called Lybyos”* (Josephus, *Antiquities* 1:6:2). Eventually Phut got pushed out of Libya, and Mizraim’s sons took it over. We see them together in Ezekiel 27:10, but in the end time we just see Libya, Daniel 11:43.

**Ludim-**”The Ludim (plural for Lud) appear to be very scattered. Seemingly known in later records as the Lubim, this people settled on the north coast of Africa and gave their name to the nation of Libya. They are known to have provided Egypt on more than one occasion with mercenary troops, the records that tell us this giving their name as the Lebu. Otherwise, Josephus records their destruction, or father defeat, in the Ethiopic War.

“Robert Gayre locates them in Egypt, near the border with Libya.” (Creation wiki under Ludim).

**Anamin-**”Anamin, the sons of Mizraim, could be located in Libya since a people of Cyrene called Anami mentioned in a cuneiform text of the time of Sargon II” (The Amazing History of the World’s Races, P.16).

**Tunisia-** Today the Tunisians, “appear to have some elements from Casluh and Caphtor, the sons of Mizraim.” Certain African histories describe Goliath, a Philistine, as “Goliath the Berber” because many of these tribes claim descent from Jalut (the Goliath of the Bible). (*Tribe and Society in Rural Morocco*, which discusses the role of Goliath in Moroccan Berber genealogies).

**Palestinians-** The Philistines have always been an enemy of Israel. The Philistines were known to the Assyrians as the *Palashtu*, and to the Greeks as *‘he Palaistine’* - hence the later name of Palestine. After the Assyrian conquest of the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC, however, the Philistines effectively disappear as a coherent nation. They came from Crete, originally Caphtor. They migrated into Canaan and fought many wars against Israel. These are still there today. In an end time prophecy of Judah migrating to Israel, God says, “Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zaphaniah 2:5). “Cherethites-the Cretans, a name applied to the Philistines as sprung from Crete (Deu\_2:23; Jer\_47:4; Amo\_9:7). *Philistine* means ‘an emigrant.’” (JFB Commentary). So When we read of Mizraim, it is mentioning not only Egypt, but these other nations as well.

There are prophecies of Assyria and Egypt together against the house of Israel in the end time. Assyria being modern day Germany who will lead the Beast power. (Isaiah 7:17-19)

**Phut**-Although Phut can be found in India and Pakistan today. This was the branch of Phut that migrated from Libya to that area. But also another branch migrated to western, central and south Africa as well (History of the World's Race, p.18 Henry M. Anderson).

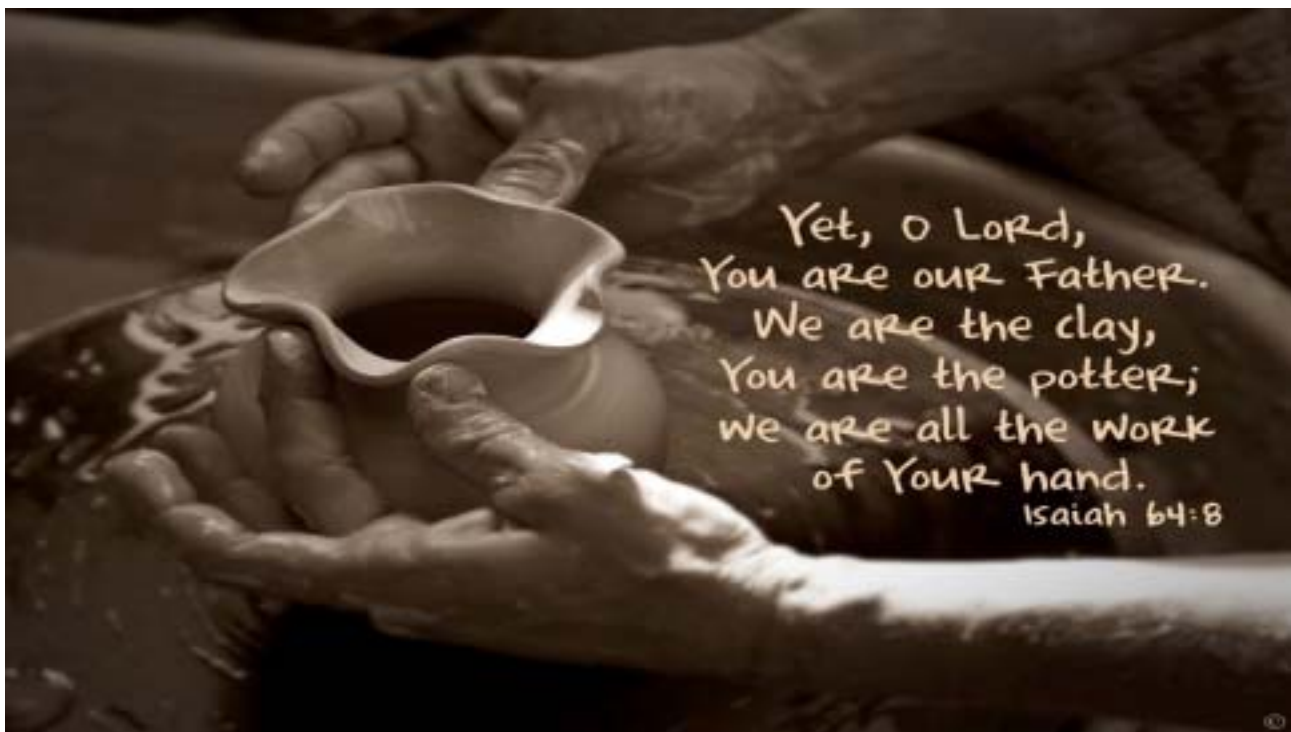
**Canaan**-Too long to quote here but in summary the Canaanites today are from Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Somaliland, Nigeria, Somalia.(Ibid, p.19-27). Interesting enough, these were all former European colonies. All third world nations with the curse of Ham-Cain of nomadic peoples who do not produce from the ground, but the ground being cursed.

These are the “miry clay” nations that will “mix” itself with the Iron in the end time. Then the prophecy in Daniel says, “but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay” (2 v.43). More differences than similarities between Europe and Africa, the Arab world due to religion and past histories with each other, this alliance will not hold but fall apart.

### **The First Phase: The Potter's Clay**

So Who is the King of the North that falls *before* the Great Tribulation? The Bible clearly shows who this person or leaders is, and its an amazing fulfillment of what is going on right now in world affairs!

As shown earlier, the Potter's clay and the Miry clay mean the wicked and the righteous on an individual level. But since we are dealing with nations, it can also mean wicked and righteous nations as well. The Catholic Church has aligned itself with the wicked nations of this world, mainly the third world countries in Africa, South Central America, Mexico, and so on, these are the *Miry clay Catholic nations that don't know the true God*. So who are the nations that know God? There is only one nation that has known and has had a relationship with God, and that is Israel, “Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, “*You only have I known of all the families of the earth...*” (Amon 3:1-2).



Clearly, the Bible shows who is the Potter's clay when it comes to the nations of this world, "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. ***Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.***" (Jeremiah 18:6). What other nation, or nations, have had the Reformation in their countries, where the Bible was their source of governmental laws and constitutions? The Ten Commandments was the source for their judicial systems? Where the great missionary movements of the 18th and 19th centuries brought about a huge change in third world countries and the civilizing of many barbaric peoples? No other nation than the HOUSE OF ISRAEL (The USA and the British Commonwealth and the Scandinavian Peoples). Prophecies show, the molding of these peoples by God in the "desolate places" of the earth. The Potter [God] molding the Clay [Israel], "I am the LORD, your Holy One, the *creator of Israel*, your King.

"Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

"Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

"The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

***"This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.***

"But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel." (Isaiah 43:15-22). So the House of Israel IS THE POTTERS CLAY OF DANIEL 2:41!

## **NATO-The Bonding of the Iron and Clay**

Now Potter's clay is an adhesive or *bonding* clay. How has the USA, the British and the Scandinavian people [The House of Israel] bonded to the Kingdom of Iron the European people? By NATO!

At the end of World War Two, at the threat of a Communist invasion, the USA implemented the **Marshall Plan** in 1948 to help rebuild Europe, but the European countries would not have the strength to fight against the Soviets. The United States and Canada would be needed to provide the force necessary to counter any attack from the Soviet Union.



Out of this threat The North Atlantic Treaty was born, written and signed in 1949. This treaty, notice how this author describes it, "was written to ***bond*** the *United States, Canada and Europe together* in case the Soviets attacked any of them. The treaty states that if any of *the member nations is attacked, all of the nations signing the treaty will respond to the attack together.* Therefore, any attack anywhere on North America or Europe would cause a very large response" (Marshall Brain, "How NATO Works," emphasis added).

**NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium**

The Potters clay, the House of Israel bonded themselves with Europe and have become part of a huge alliance, and an “armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all” (Article 5 NATO treaty).

These two phases of the Potters Clay and the Miry Clay happen one right after the other, like a transition from one to the other because both types of clay are *on the feet and toes*. So these kings will be joined with the potter’s clay, then mixed with the miry clay. Again, the miry clay is after the tribulation, the Potter’s Clay is before the tribulation. Now who is the KING of NATO? The President of the UNITED STATES!

“**The U.S. founded NATO in 1949** to keep socialist revolution away from Western Europe and to threaten the Soviet Union. *It also guaranteed a leading role for U.S. foreign policy with regard to its European allies.* The NATO structure had *U.S. officers at the top, and the weaker imperialist powers in Western Europe subordinated their individual interests* to the confrontation with the socialist camp” (Article by Workers World on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, emphasis added). This was a U.S Treaty, sometimes called the Washington Treaty because it was signed there on April 4, 1949.

Ivo Daalder WRITES, the “United States remains the *leader* of NATO It remains *first* among equals of the Alliance” (The Brooking’s Institution, emphasis added).

“**the kingdom shall be divided;**” (Dan 2:41).

The Bible speaks of the Kingdom of Iron and the Potter’s Clay to be divided, or fragile state. “And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken [marg. “fragile or weak”]” (v.42). This part of the verse is interesting. It’s giving us *an analogy of the relationship in the kingdom*, notice it says “and **AS** the toes of the feet were of part iron, and part clay.”

An analogy of the internal relationship this alliance, the iron and the Potter’s clay has, Barnes Notes puts it, “such a diversity in the internal constitution’ that, while there would be the element of great power, there would be also an element of weakness;” The weakness is the division within NATO of the internal disagreement between the nations within it. The power is it is its military strength.

As the Workers World’s quote says above, “It also guaranteed a leading role for U.S. foreign policy with regard to its European allies.” Therein lies the division. The U.S.A. can use NATO to carry out its foreign policies, and the E.U. does not always agree with the U.S.A. One example just recently, though there are dozens, is the E.U and NATO at odds about NATO’S new role it should take in the world. The E.U. Observer writes, “The US plan to create a new Nato rapid response force that would act beyond the alliance’s territory *has already put EU and US at odds*, despite the fact that it will be only revealed by US defence secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, the next week, reports the Financial Times.

“Several *EU members have already shown their concern over the new force.* For example Belgium and France are worried that new force would *undermine EU’s attempts to establish its own strong rapid reaction force.*” (emphasis added).

In his article NATO DIVIDED Charles A. Kupchan, Senior Fellow for Europe Studies says,

“A new day has certainly opened for NATO when its leading states part company on vital questions of membership and when the United States does not get its way. The rifts evident in Bucharest were reflective of an alliance *that is growing increasingly divided by the diverging priorities of the United States and its European allies and by the rising power of Russia.*

“When NATO first expanded eastward in the 1990s, there was little disagreement within the alliance about the strategic importance of enlargement. A unified Germany justifiably wanted the West’s border to move east. Poland and the rest of Europe longed for the security and symbolism of membership. And Russia was weak and unable to do more than mope in response to NATO’s eastward march.

“Since then, NATO has moved from Central Europe to the Baltics and to the Balkans, and is now eyeing Ukraine and Georgia. There is far less consensus within the European Union and between the two sides of the Atlantic about the urgency of extending the alliance so far east so fast.

The issue of enlargement aside, the Bucharest summit underscored NATO’s resolve, *but also its fractiousness and fragility.* The alliance did approve more troops for Afghanistan, stabilizing the NATO coalition operating there, and it gave a green light to missile defense. But it did not succeed in closing the growing trans-Atlantic divergence over NATO’s mission and *raison d’être.*” (Council on Foreign Relations, emphasis added). The NATO alliance will always be fragile and divided, because of the different priorities of Europe and the United States.

### **Daniel 11:40-44 The Potter’s Clay Phase Fulfilled in Our Time**

Now, the “King of the North” is the USA-Led NATO Alliance. He is that power that will come out of Europe. Daniel 11:39 ends the two legs of Iron phase of Daniel 2:40, and Daniel 2:43-44 we know is the Beast and the Catholic Church, the Miry Clay phase, that fight Christ at his second coming after the great Tribulation. So Daniel 11:40-45 is the Potter’s clay phase which happens before the tribulation! Let’s see what it says, and how its has been fulfilled in our day today!

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him [the King of the North]:” Verse 39 took us all the way from Imperial Rome, to World War Two and the end of the Roman and Holy Roman Empires. Now in verse 40, we are at the “time of the end.” After World War Two, NATO was formed, and the King of the North begins his foreign policy in the Middle East.

The king of the South “pushed” at the king of the North. The word “push” means “... *to strike; used of horned animals or to push with a horn. It is used figuratively of a victor who prostrates the nations before him. It also means to wage war. Push is a violent word*” (Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon).

K& D Commentary on the Old Testament “For the figurative expression (*shall push*), cf. Dan 8:4. In the word there *lies the idea that the king of the south commences the war, makes an aggression...*”

Who is the “King of the South”? The NATO allies never intended to go outside of Europe to war. NATO was strictly for European security only. One thing led NATO to go outside of Its boundaries and attack the Middle East to protect its interests, that was the GULF WAR! NATO called it an ‘out-of-area’ crisis” (*EUROPEAN SECURITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GULF WAR, by William H. Taft, IV US Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council, emphasis added*).

Was Saddam Hussein King of the South? He was called, “Saddam Hussein, *the Anointed One*, Glorious Leader, Direct Descendant of the Prophet, President of Iraq, Chairman of its Revolutionary Command Council, field marshal of its armies, doctor of its laws, and Great Uncle to all its peoples” (Atlantic Monthly by Mark Bowden, May 2002, emphasis added). Kings are called “anointed ones.” But in addition to that he was the most powerful leader in the Middle East at that time with the “world’s ‘fourth largest army’” (ibid). “He wished to compare himself what he considered *his great ancestor, the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar - from a time when greatness was measured by military conquest and huge palaces.*”(Article “Saddam Hussein and War in 1991: Saddam Hussein’s Rise to Power” emphasis added). His belief was to, “...justified Iraqi patriotism, in the form of claiming a unique role of Iraq in the history of the Arab world...In effect, Saddam sought to combine pan-Arabism and Iraqi nationalism, *by promoting the vision of an Arab world united and led by Iraq.*” (World History.com, emphasis added).



***Saddam Hussein fulfilled the prophecy of the King of the South who “pushed” the Nato Allies into war in the Middle East for the first time in NATO history. With the fourth largest army, modern weapons, and a control of the oil supplies in Kuwait, The King of the North (NATO) attacked. The Gulf War was prophesied in your Bible!***

The funds that Gulf countries lent to Iraq were used to buy high tech weapons, high tech weapons that made Iraq one of the largest armies in the world and a force to contend with. ‘Ironically much of the money and weapons came from the countries that united to fight against him.’ (‘Iraq’, World Book (New York, World Book, 1990), Vol 10, p. 260). The Gulf countries bankrolled him while the Western nations, who had many defense contractors going out of business because of the end of the Cold War, supplied him with the weapons to fight Iran and later Kuwait and the Coalition. With a large army like his, it would be very easy to defeat the far smaller Kuwaiti army compared to his” (Studyworld.com “Saddam Hussein”). He became the most powerful Man in the Middle East, the King of the South!

What was the “Push”, the act of aggression that led to the King of the North, the President of the United States to send the American and NATO allies into the Middle East to fight against him?

“...the invasion of Kuwait was justified through calls to Arab nationalism. Kuwait was described as a natural part of Iraq carved off by British imperialism. The annexation of Kuwait was described as a step on the way to greater Arab union. Other reasons were given as well. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein presented it as a way to restore the empire of Babylon in addition to the Arab nationalist rhetoric. The invasion was also closely tied to other events in the Middle East. The First Intifada by the Palestinians was raging, and most Arab states, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, were dependent on western alliances. *Saddam thus presented himself as the one Arab statesman willing to stand up to Israel and the U.S.*” (EconomicExpert.com, emphasis added). Hussein knew he would drag the west into a war in the Middle East. He tried to get the whole Arab world under his control to defeat the west and control the area. This was the initial “push” act of aggression that prompted the west into the war, but another “push” solidified it.

When Saudi Arabia was threatened, then the American and the NATO allies really took action, because this threatened, their economies. Notice what the Encyclopedia Britannica states, “Iraq’s invasion [of Kuwait] and the potential threat it then posed to Saudi Arabia prompted the *United States and its western European NATO allies to rush troops to Saudi Arabia to deter a possible attack*” (under Article “Persian Gulf War” emphasis added). Yes, NATO the king of the North, the United States, its President and the huge alliance of NATO was threatened by the King of the South. This sparked an “international conflict” (ibid).

Now, notice how this prophecy describes this war in very great detail, “And at the time of the end shall the *king of the south* [Saddam Hussein] push at him [invasion of Kuwait]:and the *king of the north* [U.S. led NATO Alliance] shall come against him like a whirlwind,” (Daniel 11:40). During the Gulf War, Margaret Thatcher made an interesting statement, she said, “I cannot remember a time when we had the world so strongly together.’ *By ‘world’ she means the ‘North,’*” (Andre Gunder Frank, The Gulf War and New World Order , emphasis added). The Gulf War was basically a “North-South conflict” (ibid).

### The “Whirlwind” War

Operation Desert Storm was the “...*was the largest coalition air effort since World War II. In this integrated air campaign, coalition air forces quickly gained and maintained air superiority.* This achievement opened opportunities for coalition forces to employ the versatility of airpower to meet other military objectives. *Airpower* destroyed the Iraqi Integrated Air Defense system and those Iraqi pilots who chose to fly. After gaining air superiority, coalition forces proceeded to destroy the strategic industrial and military targets which keep a military running. Electricity, oil, communications, supply depots and transportation nodes are vital to any nation’s ability to use military power...*Desert Storm was the largest airlift since World War II. Airlifters moved combat forces half way around the world. By the cease fire, airlift had moved over 482,000 passengers and 513,000 tons of cargo Into the AOR— the equivalent of moving Oklahoma City, all of its people, all of its vehicles, all of its food, and all of its household goods halfway around the world.*” (White Paper - Air Force Performance in Desert Storm, Department of the Air Force, April 1991, emphasis added). One Author calls it, “The Whirlwind War” The United States Army in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM by Frank N. Schubert and Theresa L. Kraus, (see website here, at <http://www.history.army.mil/books/www/wwindx.htm>). Truly the King of the North came against him like a whirlwind.

**Verse 40 “with chariots, and with horsemen,”**-The tanks (chariots), there were more tanks assembled in that war than World War Two. “The Abrams tank is the backbone of U.S. armored forces in the Gulf. “U.S. tanks spearheaded the operations across Iraqi fortifications and engaged enemy tanks whenever and wherever possible. “Allied air power smashed approximately 50% of Iraq’s tank threat



before allied units moved across the border

“During the war, there were few reports of mechanical failure and U.S. commanders allied claimed an outstanding 90% operational readiness for the M-1.

“1,178 M1A1’s were used along with 594 M1-A1 Heavy Armor (HA) tanks. 2,300M-1’s were deployed, but 528 tanks were placed in operationally ready float status and war reserve stocks. The Marine Corps used 16 M1A1’s and 60 M1A1(HA) tanks.” (Gulf War Debriefing book, by Andrew Leyden, M1-A1 Main Battle Tank).

**Verse 40 “Many Ships.”**- We had “Six carriers and 40 warships carrying 70,000 naval personnel have been deployed to the region. The carrier groups include the USS Harry S. Truman, USS Theodore Roosevelt, USS Constellation, USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Abraham Lincoln. Last month, the USS Nimitz left San Diego headed for the Persian Gulf.” (National Security Reform Program). In this deployment they carried more firepower than World War Two. *It was the biggest Naval Armada since World War Two.*

The Bible prophesied the king of the north would come via the air (“like a whirlwind”) and via the sea (“with many ships.”) That is how the forces of the USA, Britain, France, etc. were transported to the Mideast. Many tanks (“chariots”) were brought to the area in preparation for large-scale tank battles with the Iraqis. The United States deployed a fleet to the Mideast that was the most powerful war-fleet in history (with six nuclear-capable aircraft carrier battle groups)

**Verse 40 “he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”** Barnes notes writes, “Like a flood he shall spread his armies over these countries.” Operation Desert Shield/Storm was “The greatest, fastest, furthest allied military deployment since World War II.” (By Eric Micheletti and Yves Debay “Operation Desert Shield” “The First 90 Days” frontpage). The US Led invasion went in like a flood, fast and furious, and also moved more men and material in the history of our planet. So many American and European forces poured into the Middle East that they, indeed, “overflowed” the region. Allied forces were deployed in many nations: Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Persian Gulf states, Bahrain, Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean , etc. The phrase “enter into the countries” does not actually state that he “invades” those nations. He simply “enters” them, and this came to pass as the NATO-led armies entered many nations as they deployed all over the Mideast. Operation Desert Shield fulfilled Daniel 11:40.

### **NATO- A Definite Player In This War.**

NATO was a full contributor to this war in the Gulf. Led by the United States. The European allies bonded together and fought against the King of the South, and won this war. The NATO website clearly admits, “NATO ministers met on 10 August and gave strong political support to the national actions that had been announced. Significantly, they also agreed to make additional national military deployments *and to assist and support such deployments by the United States.* Finally, the ministers warned Iraq that the Alliance was committed to the territorial integrity of Turkey, which had so courageously joined those condemning the invasion of Kuwait and applying economic sanctions.

“In the following five months, there was an enormous build-up of military forces in the region. Just under three-quarters of a million men and women were deployed by the coalition members. *The United States [King of the North] contributed about 70 per cent of the total, and this deployment, which came from US as well as European bases, was supported by NATO’s infrastructure. It could not have been done without the allies’ support. The European allies also contributed about 10 per cent of the total forces in the region, with the British sending the largest portion of these.*

“Without the military support from NATO allies in the Gulf theatre and the logistical support from NATO allies in the European theatre, the United States and the Gulf coalition could not have accomplished what they did. NATO’s consultative machinery, designed to preserve European security, also worked in dealing with this ‘out-of-area’ crisis” (*EUROPEAN SECURITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GULF WAR*, by William H. Taft, IV *US Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council*, emphasis added).

**Verse 41 — “He shall enter also into the glorious land ...”** The king of the North *did not* invade Palestine. Actually they were invited (“entered”) in. The Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew Definition has “to go in, enter, come, go, come in...to be brought, brought in, to be introduced.” The meaning of the word is more along the lines of being invited in than to invade Palestine.

To protect Israel from the scud missiles of Iraq the US Led coalition set up the Patriot missiles in Israel. “The Patriot batteries were *rushed to Israel in great haste* as a result of the adversity faced by the policy-makers in Jerusalem. Taken largely by surprise by the Iraqi attacks, *they urgently sought help to counter the ballistic-missile threat*. Indeed, they were so hard-pressed that they violated a basic principle of Israeli defense doctrine in agreeing to ***allow foreign troops to be stationed on Israeli soil and assist in the country’s defense***” (The Israeli Experience Operating Patriot in the Gulf War Statement of Reuven Pedatzur, Ha’aretz Daily, Tel Aviv, Israel, emphasis added). Do you see, the King of the North was invited into the glorious land, and protected Israel from the king of the south, Iraq. The NATO countries supplied Israel with these missiles, “The United States supplied Israel with Patriot missiles during the Gulf War...in the 1991 Gulf War the German government under Chancellor Helmut Kohl *had also* provided Israel with the Patriot system” (Haaretz Nov 26, 2002, The Associated Press).



*The Patriot missile system has a remarkable goal: It is designed to detect, target and then hit an incoming missile that may be no more than 10 to 20 feet (3 to 6 meters) long and is typically flying at three to five times the speed of sound. The upgraded Patriot system can also destroy incoming aircraft and cruise missiles.*

*The Patriot missile system has been deployed in many situations because it is able to shoot down enemy missiles (e.g. Scud missiles) and protect soldiers and civilians from a missile attack. Patriot missile batteries were activated several times in the Iraqi war and were used extensively in the 1991 Gulf war*

**Verse 41 “Many *countries* shall be overthrown.”**- The word “countries” is italicized, and is not in the original text, but added by the translators. The Ferrar Fenton Translates this verse “many will fall.” Without this humanly-added word, the prophecy merely says: “many shall be overthrown” by the attack of the king of the north. The spurious word “countries” misleads readers into thinking that “many nations” must be defeated in this latter-day war, but that is not necessary to fulfill the prophecy.

In fact, “many *soldiers* were overthrown” as huge numbers of Iraqi soldiers were slaughtered in the “blitzkrieg” war which NATO and its allies fought against Iraq. Saddam Hussein possessed “a million man army,” but it crumbled under the weight of the American, British and allied air strikes and tank assaults. As American B-52s carpet-bombed Iraq’s reinforced troop bunkers (turning them into mass graves), tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers died. The *Encyclopedia Americana* estimated that Iraq suffered 100,000 casualties in the six-week war, while the allied forces led by the USA and NATO suffered only 376 casualties, ( *see Encyclopedia Americana, 1992 Annual Yearbook, “The Gulf War—A Chronology,” p. 41*). Some estimates of Iraqi casualties offer even higher figures. This means that the Iraqis lost more soldiers in six weeks than the USA lost in 14 years in Vietnam!

The word “overthrown” in Daniel 11:41 literally means “to be feeble.” (*Young’s Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, see word “Overthrown,” p. 728). Was Saddam Hussein’s great army “enfeebled” (made weak and ineffective) in the Persian Gulf War? The answer is clearly “yes.” The outcome and alliances of the Persian Gulf war fulfilled Daniel 11:41 as well.

**Verse 41 “but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the Chief of the children of Ammon.”**- Edom of course is modern-day Turkey, and are a part of NATO, (*Read our Booklet Turkey in Prophecy for further details*). Actually NATO says of the Gulf War, “In December, Iraq made statements threatening Turkey. The response of the Alliance was to deploy to Turkey the air component of the Allied Command Europe (ACE) Mobile Force composed of German, Belgian, and Italian aircraft; to deploy additional air defence missiles including the Dutch Patriots; and to reaffirm our commitment to our ally. Turkey was never attacked by Saddam’s forces....*In fact, the major European security challenge in the Gulf crisis was to a European ally - Turkey - which is not part of either the WEU or the EC...*” (*EUROPEAN SECURITY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GULF WAR*, by William H. Taft, IV US Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council). So, because Turkey-Edom is a NATO partner, obviously he will “escape” out of the hand of the King of the North, the US-Led Coalition.

Who is Moab? Moab is modern day Syria. Isaiah 11:14 points out that these two sons of Lot live near Palestine today. Since the days of Isaiah, the children of Moab have been “very small and without strength” (Isa. 16:13-14). They have not been taken “into captivity” to another nation (Jer.48:11). Many settled the plateau east of the Dead Sea and many have spread into Syria, *see Douglas, J (Ed) (et al) (1972) New Bible Dictionary. Inter-Varsity Press, London, pp. 30, 46-47.*

Syrian dictator Hafiz Assad was an enthusiastic participant in the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq, and of course was on the side of NATO during the Gulf war and “escaped out of his hand.”

“Assad supported Iran in its war against Iraq (1980-90), and *he readily joined the U.S.-led alliance against Iraq in the Persian Gulf War of 1990-91*. This cooperation resulted in more cordial relations with Western governments, which previously had condemned his sponsoring of terrorism” (Britannica under article “Assad Hafiz,” emphasis added).

**Ammon-** Who is Ammon, or the Ammonites in these last days?

The Jordanians spring from Ammon. Their chief city is Rabath Ammon (modern Amman) named after Ammon, himself.

According to the *Biblical Archaeology Review*, they remain in the area to this day:

“So what did happen to the Ammonites? The Babylonians did not destroy them when they wiped out Judah. Instead, Ammonite culture continued unscathed, and the Ammonites prospered right through the sixth century B.C.E. ... Although the Persians no doubt exercised suzerainty over the area, the basic Ammonite culture, including language and pottery techniques, continued just as it had been when Ammon was independent.” (Herr, I.G. (1983, December). “The Amman Airport Structure And The Geopolitics Of Ancient Transjordan”. *Biblical Archaeology Review*, 35). In fact, the prophecy shows Moab and Ammon would be living side by side in these latter days, boastful Moab lives “together with the children of Ammon”(Ezek.25:9-10). Steve Collins comments, “The Moabites anciently lived side by-side with their brother nation, the Ammonites. [Modern] Jordan’s neighbor nation, [is] Syria” (A New Look at Prophecy, p.18).

Notice however, what the prophecy says about Jordan. *It was the “Chief of the children of Ammon.”* In the Gulf war, the Government of Jordan “officially stayed neutral in the 1991 Gulf War — in part because of Western pressure — unofficially, king and country once again supported the losing side” (CNN, Feb 7, 1999, under article, “King Hussein is dead”). Due to the government “official” stance on the war, he too “escaped out of his hand.” But “unofficially,” the PEOPLE of Jordan, were on the side of Saddam Hussein.

**Verses 42-43. “He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.**

**“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.”**

These are parallel verses so the king of the North will stretch for his hand and have power over the gold and silver of these countries. Egypt shall not escape his authority, even Egypt’s precious things will be under his control.

To stretch forth one’s “hand” means to exert ones power or authority over another city or country, as the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says, “The hand in the sense of power and authority: (compare Assyrian *idu*, “strength”).” (under “The had as power”).

The “gold and silver” means their economies, will the King of the North control as well. Vine’s explains about the word “Zahab” Strongs #2091, “Gold was used as money, being exchanged in various weights and values...” (p.99) The word “silver” means in the Strongs #3701, “keseph...From H3700; *silver* (from its *pale* color); by implication *money*: - money, price, silver (-ling).” (emphasis theirs).

What is the backbone of many, if not all the economies in the Middle East? OIL!

OPEC or “Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries” was formed, as “an international Organization of eleven developing countries which are *heavily reliant on oil revenues as their main source of income*. Membership is open to any country which is a substantial net exporter of oil and which shares the ideals of the Organization. The current Members are Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.”

**“Since oil revenues are so vital for the economic development of these nations,** they aim to bring stability and harmony to the oil market by adjusting their oil output to help ensure a balance between supply and demand. Twice a year, or more frequently if required, the Oil and Energy Ministers of the OPEC Members meet to decide on the Organization’s output level, and consider whether any action to adjust output is necessary in the light of recent and anticipated oil market developments.”

“OPEC’s eleven Members collectively supply about 40 per cent of the world’s oil output, and possess more than three-quarters of the world’s total proven crude oil reserves.” (see OPEC.com, emphasis added).

The U.S. emerged victorious after the Gulf War, with its dominance over the region more firm than it had ever been. Iraq was destroyed and kept permanently weak, and the coalition allowed the U.S. to cement stronger ties with many of the Arab states. The success of the United States in the Gulf War sent the message, in George Bush’s words, that “what we say goes.” As Michael Hudson, professor of international relations at Georgetown University wrote in *Middle East Journal*:

“Even critics, such as the author, of U.S. Middle East policy must agree that the United States today stands astride this unhappy region like a colossus. A half century of regional involvement in every conceivable way—through diplomacy, aid, culture, education, espionage, subversion and (not least) the projection of military power—**has secured the ‘holy trinity’ of American interests: Israel, oil and anti-communism.** Those who said it could not be done underestimated the U.S. ability to achieve contradictory goals. **Today, the American president can summon the leaders of most Middle Eastern governments to endorse his regional (and domestic) political agenda. American financial officials can write the domestic economic policy for most governments in the region. The U.S. military enjoys unprecedented access and acceptance from North Africa to the Gulf.**” (Michael C. Hudson, “To play the hegemon: 50 years of U.S. policy toward the Middle East,” *Middle East Journal*, Volume 50, No. 3 (Summer 1996): p. 329). No one can doubt America’s dominance in this region not to mention its control over its oil supply, and its political influence.

Today, the western countries of Europe and North America have control over the economies of the world including the Middle East. “Egypt, with 38% of the Arab’s world population relies on \$2.1 billion in annual U.S aid for over half its food and arms. This aid is controlled by Congress...Egypt’s military...is armed by the U.S. but kept on a very short leash by limited supplies of spare parts and munitions...Jordan is in much the same fix...The U.S. armed and financed Bedouin army keeps King Abdullah on his throne. American aid allows Jordan’s economy...to limp along...the U.S ...also holds their debt...Kuwait and the Gulf Emirates have simply gone from British protectorates to American ones” (Eric Margolis, *Foreign Affairs*, Toronto Sun, April 1, 2001).

But what are the “precious things of Egypt?” Not the Pyramids. The Suez Canal. The Canal is precious especially in warfare, and the Americans with their Alliance had control of that during the Gulf War. They are still using it today, “PORT SAID, Egypt (Reuters) - Six U.S. ships loaded with military supplies entered the Suez Canal on Tuesday on their way to the Gulf, Suez Canal sources said.

“The ships will pass through the canal by the end of the day, the sources said. Eighteen U.S. and two Canadian supply ships passed through the Suez Canal on Sunday and Monday on their way to the Gulf.

“U.S. officials said on Saturday the U.S. military planned to move 20 cargo ships loaded with equipment for its 4th Infantry Division from positions off the coast of Turkey through the Suez Canal to the Gulf to support the U.S.-led war against Iraq.”

**“Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”** The NIV translates “at his steps” as “in submission.” F.F Bruce in his Commentary writes, “The Lybians and Nubians (better Cushites of modern Sudan” (The International Bible Commentary, p.869).

“But it was Sudan’s support for Iraq in the Gulf War in 1990, not the regime’s internal policies, that triggered the break with the United States. *This support for Iraq*, coupled with charges that the NIF harbored Islamist guerrillas operating in bordering countries and the Middle East, put it on a collision course with the U.S. and neighboring governments. *Washington responded by prohibiting economic investment, increasing anti-Sudan moves in the UN and other international forums, and isolating Sudan as a ‘rogue’ state* by including it on the State Department’s list of countries sponsoring international terrorism” (Sudan Volume 2, Number 41 August 1997 by Dan Connell, emphasis added).

The Libyians at that time, “During the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Libya urged moderation, opposing both Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent use of force against Iraq. Ties with Egypt were strengthened during 1991, *but those with the United States worsened, especially in 1992 when it was charged that Libya was manufacturing chemical weapons.*” (MSN Encarta ‘Libya’ emphasis added). The U.S.A. then placed heavy sanctions on Libya and George Bush SR. told US Congress, “In January 1991,... that he was continuing U.S. sanctions against Libya, since the ‘Libyan government continues to employ international terrorism and to support it, in violation of international law and international rules of conduct’” (Libya and Terrorism Boaz Ganor). These economic sanctions against the Sudan and the Lybians put them under the “King of the North’s” submission.



*“After World War II, the United States’ status as a superpower transformed the President into one of the world’s most well-known and influential public figures. The appellation “leader of the free world”, frequently used in reference to Presidents since the Cold War, symbolizes the President’s elevated role in world affairs. The official presidential anthem is “Hail to the Chief”; preceded by “ruffles and flourishes”, it is primarily played to announce the President at state functions.”*(Wikipedia “President of the United States” emphasis added).

## The War on Terrorism and September 11th



The world changed September 11th 2001. The twin towers in New York were hit by two planes, and the towers collapsed.

The Pentagon in Washington was partly destroyed by one of the hijacked planes as well. The fury of the United States and its western allies was reawakened. “Russia and NATO issued a rare joint statement on Thursday that they would join forces to find the culprits of Tuesday’s attack, so they do not go unpunished.

“A statement from the NATO-Russia Permanent Joint Council said: ‘While (NATO) allies and Russia have suffered from terrorist attacks against civilians, the horrific scale of the attacks of 11 September is without precedent in modern history. NATO and Russia are united in their resolve not to let those responsible for such an inhuman act go unpunished.’”

***“The military alliance [NATO] voted unanimously late on Wednesday to invoke Chapter 5 of its charter, which would allow the 19-nation bloc to give any form of support to the U.S., on the grounds that if one member is attacked, they all are***

“NATO Secretary-General George Robertson denounced the ‘terrible, dreadful attack.’” (CNN “World shares U.S. grief” September 14, 2001, emphasis added). Is This present war on Terrorism prophesied? Yes it was!

Daniel 11 verse 44 describes exactly what is happening now with the war on terrorism: **“But tidings [“reports” NIV Translation] out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:”**

When the scripture is speaking of the “North” and the “East” it is speaking of North and East of Palestine, or modern Israel today as Darby notes, “They are also territorially in relation with the Jews. It is on the *territory of the latter* [the Jews] that their wars are carried on. The history of the kings of these two monarchies, thus in conflict *on the territory of Israel*, is given with considerable detail under the names of king of the north and king of the south” (Synopsis of the Old and New Testaments, John Darby, emphasis added).

The word “Tidings” most translate as “reports.” Strong’s explains this word as meaning, “...something *heard*, that is, an *announcement*: - bruit, doctrine, fame, mentioned, news, report, rumor, tidings.” (#8052). The King of the North would receive announcements that would trouble him.

These announcements would come from the “East and the North.” First, what is interesting is, these tidings come from the North and the East, that trouble the king of the North. So the King of the North must be from the North and the WEST. North and West is EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, so this is another proof that the King of the North is NATO.

These are not specific areas, but an indefinite area northward and eastward of Palestine, see Strong’s #4212, 6828.

There are two Hebrew words used in the Bible for “east.” The first one is “kedem” (Strong’s #69:24). This word basically “...with the article (Gen\_10:30) expresses the definite country S, Arabia; ‘Sephara mount of the E.,’ a seaport on the coast of Hadramaut. *More generally said of N. Arabia and Mesopotamia. Job\_1:3; ‘the children of the E.’* are mentioned with the Midianites and Amalekites (Jdg\_6:3; Jdg\_6:33; Jdg\_7:12)” (Fausset Bible Dictionary, under “East.” emphasis added).

The Other word used by Daniel, “Mizrach is used of the E. more indefinitely. The Greek plural *anatolai*, ‘the sunrisings,’ is used of the E. indefinitely, the eastern point of the compass (Mat\_2:1)...” (Ibid). This eastward area was outside the Area of Assyria, Babylon and Arabia, “The term [kedem] as generally used refers to the lands lying immediately eastward of Palestine, namely, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Babylonia; *on the other hand, mizrach, is used of the far east with a less definite signification...*” (Smith Bible Dictionary, under “East” emphasis added).

The word “North” or Northward used by Daniel, “(Heb. *tsaphon*), a “hidden” or “dark place,” as opposed to the sunny south (Deu\_3:27). *A Hebrew in speaking of the points of the compass was considered as always having his face to the east*, and hence “the left hand” (Gen\_14:15; Job\_23:9) denotes the north. The “kingdoms of the north” are Chaldea, Assyria, **Media**, etc.” (Easton Bible Dictionary, under “Northward” emphasis added).

What are the lands eastward and Northward outside of the boundaries of Babylon, Assyria? Most commentary's generally agree the "North and East" is speaking of are the Areas of Persia and Media. Is there proof of this?

Isaiah gives prophecies about Cyrus, the King of Persia and Media. The same Hebrew words used by Daniel are used of Cyrus' location, "Who raised up the righteous man from the east [Heb. Mizrach], called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

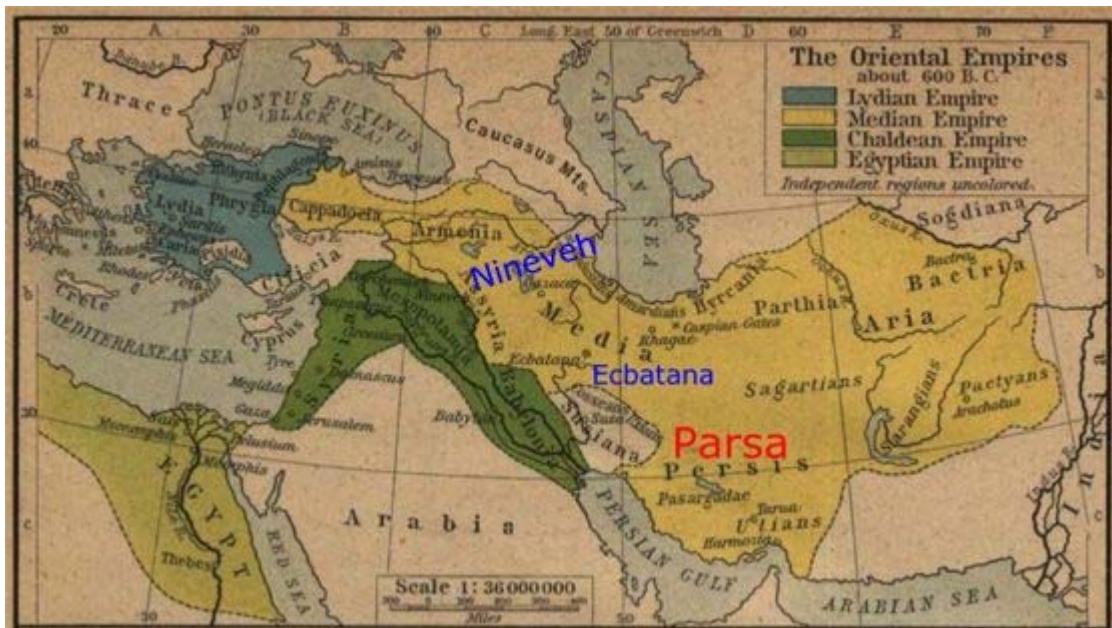
"I have raised up one from the north [Heb. tsaphon], and he shall come: from the rising of the sun [Heb. Mizrach] shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

"Calling a ravenous bird from the east [Heb. Mizrach], the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isaiah 41:2, 25; 46:11). These passages point to of course Cyrus who was in Persia, exactly North and East of Babylon. Isaiah prophesied, "Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;" (Isaiah 45:1).

The K& D Commentary explains the "ravenous bird" as, "*The east is Persis (Isa\_41:2); and the distant land, the northern part of Media (as in Isa\_13:5).* Cyrus is called an eagle, or, strictly speaking, a bird of prey (*ayit*)," (emphasis added).

Barnes Comments as well, "There can be no doubt that Cyrus is intended here (see the notes at Isa\_41:2, Isa\_41:25). *The east here means Persia.* The word rendered 'ravenous bird' (ðèè *ayit*#) is rendered 'fowl' in Job\_28:7; 'bird' or 'birds' in Jer\_12:9; 'fowls' in Gen\_15:11; Isa\_18:6; and 'ravenous birds' in Eze\_39:4. It does not occur elsewhere in the Bible.... an emblem in either sense especially applicable to Cyrus.... Perhaps also there may be here allusion to the standard or banner of Cyrus. Xenophon (Cyrop. vii.) says that it was a golden eagle affixed to a long spear; and it is well remarked by Lowth, that Xenophon has used the very word which the prophet uses here, as near as could be, expressing it in Greek letters." (emphasis added). In these passages of Isaiah the North and East clearly are meant to mean Persia and Media, and these same Hebrew words are used later by Daniel. Isaiah also uses these words for Israel's dwelling as well. And at the time of Isaiah Israel did dwell in the "cities of the Medes" (2 Kings 17:6). Then also we see Israel moving to the "land of Sinim" and the "ends of the Earth" east, west, north and the south, (*To know more about this subject read out booklet The USA and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*).

The Old Medo-Persian lands consisted of modern-Day IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN! Now that we understand what God was conveying to Daniel, the prophecy becomes clear. Daniel said, "But tidings [announcements] out of the east and out of the north [Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran] shall trouble him:" And have the western NATO Allies been getting "reports" from that region that have troubled the NATO countries, Absolutely!



(Map Above): The Old Medo-Persian Lands Consisted of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran

## How it all Began

“The Taleban first came to prominence in the autumn of 1994.

“Their leader was a village clergyman Mullah Mohammad Omar, who lost his right eye fighting the occupying forces of the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

“Their target was the feuding warlords known as the mujahideen who had forced the Soviet troops out of the country.

“The Taleban’s promise was to restore peace and security and enforce Sharia, or Islamic law, once in power.

“Afghans, weary of the mujahideen’s excesses and infighting, generally welcomed the Taleban. They captured the province of Herat, bordering Iran, in September 1995.

“Exactly one year later, they captured the Afghan capital, Kabul, after overthrowing the regime of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and his defence minister, Ahmed Shah Masood.

“By 1998, they were in control of almost 90% of Afghanistan.

## Pakistan ‘the architect’

“Despite repeated denials, Pakistan is seen as the architect of the Taleban enterprise.

“Suspicious arose early on when the Taleban went to the rescue of a Pakistani convoy stranded in Kandahar following attacks and looting by rival mujahideen groups.

“Many of the Afghans who joined the Taleban were educated in madrassas (religious schools) in Pakistan.

## Bin Laden and al-Qaeda

“But what was to bring much greater conflict was the Taleban’s role as host to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda movement” (Quotes above from The BBC “Who are the Taleban?” By Rahimullah Yusufzai ).

The Taleban regime played host and gave shelter to the Al-Qaeda movement which was responsible for the terrorist attacks in New York, and Europe, the NATO Allies. There they would train the terrorists, and their main enemy was the west.

“**Reports**” or “**Announcements**”-Time and time again in the news we hear “reports” or “Announcements” over and over again how Al-Qaeda is going to strike Italy or Spain, London, New York. Then our countries would go on Terror alert because of these warnings.

In 1998 the USA and its allies received a report of a terrorist threat from Bin Laden himself that said, “The tape threatened the *United States and its allies - Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia - and Israel.*



Al-Qaeda’s leaders: (From left) Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama Bin Laden and Mohammed Atef

“‘You will be killed, just as you kill, and will be bombed just as you bomb,’ he said. Another part of the tape included the sentence: ‘Our kinfolk in Palestine have been slain and severely tortured for nearly a century.’” (*Al-Qaeda suspected in Kenya attacks* By Paul Reynolds, *emphasis added*). Al-Qaeda was successful.

“**But tidings out of the east and out of the north** [Modern-Day IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN] **shall trouble him:**”

September 11th again, “...the UK Government has released a document saying intelligence agencies learnt after 11 September that Bin Laden had indicated that *he was about to launch a major attack on the US.*” (*BBC Investigating Terror*). And its still happening today. We’re also seeing intelligence reports suggesting that al Qaeda is actively plotting an attack to rival or exceed 9-11 prior to the

upcoming U.S. presidential election. So we have received “tidings” out of the “east and out of the north” and as the prophecy says “shall trouble him.” Which it has. The twin towers falling, the embassy bombings, the threats all over Europe have troubled us.

And in response to these reports or “tidings” from the North and east, the King of the North, went out “*with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make [annihilate NIV] away many.*” The margin also says “*lit devote to destruction.*” After Sept 11, 2001, fury over what happened to the States was all over the western world. Russia Germany, England, Scandinavia, Italy, Japan etc... And NATO said, “The military alliance [NATO] voted unanimously late on Wednesday to invoke Chapter 5 of its charter, which would allow the 19-nation bloc to *give any form of support to the U.S.*, [King of the North] on the grounds that if one member is attacked, they all are” (CNN “World shares U.S.grief” September 14, 2001). These nations were in great fury and the President of the United States, the King of the North George Bush has called for the annihilation of terrorism. The President was devoted to destroying terrorists in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the whole terrorist network.

And here is a prophecy you might want to think about when referring to the twin towers in New York: “And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters *in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall*” (Isaiah 30:25).

## What is Going to Happen Next?

The next prophetic event to happen is in Daniel 11:45. “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain.” Now this speaks of nothing about warfare when he enters into the holy land, so he must come by peace, or they are allies with him already which the Jews and the NATO allies are.

Now what does it mean to “plant” the tabernacles of his palace? To plant here means to “1) to plant, fasten, fix, establish” (Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Definitions). He will “establish” the tabernacle of his palace.

The word “Tabernacle is “Ohel.” “this word refers to the mobile structure called a ‘tent.’ ...Soldiers lived in Tents during military campaigns (1 Samuel 17:54)” (Vines , p.259).

The third word in this verse is “Palace.” The word palace is, “appeden” (Strong’s # 643). This word “... derives from Akk appadan, which is a loan word from Old Pers apadana ‘palace.’ Cf. Aram ‘appadna,’ used in the Tg. of Jer 43:10 to translate Heb saprir, ‘royal canopy;’ cf also Syr ‘apadna,’ ‘palace, citadel.’” (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, p.632, under Palatial Tents).

In Jeremiah 43:10 we see the king of Babylon, “... and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.” This royal pavilion, which other translations have rendered the same for Daniel 11:45, like the Moffat and others, is a “temporary throne covered by a canopy. The latter served to shelter the king from the sun and also functioned as a symbol of his universal rule...” (The IVP Bible Background Commentary, p.675).

The Jamieson Faucett and Brown Commentary writes, “his palace-like military tents, such as Oriental princes travel with.”

The K& D Commentary writes, “of planting a tent, only here instead of the usual word to spread out, to set up, probably with reference to the great palace-like tent of the oriental ruler, whose poles must be struck very deep into the earth. Cf. *The description of the tent of Alexander the Great, which was erected after the oriental type*, in Polyæn. *Strateg.* iv. 3. 24, and of the tent of Nadir-Schah in Rosenmüller, *A. u. N. Morgl.* iv. p. 364f. *These tents were surrounded by a multitude of smaller tents for the guards and servants...*” (emphasis added).

Barnes writes, “The loyal tents; the military tents of himself and his court. *Oriental princes, when they went forth even in war, marched in great state, with a large retinue of the officers of their court, and often with their wives and concubines, and with all the appliances of luxury. ...At the same time, they would consist of tabernacles or tents, as those stations were not designed to be permanent. The meaning is, that the royal temporary residence in this expedition, and previous to the close...*” (emphasis added).

Basically the meaning of this is simple. At the time this Scripture was written all the great kings carried portable command post buildings with them when they went forth to conquer. They included a royal throne, on which the king would set issuing the commands to his troops in the field. This is what an “appeden” is, a portable command post from which the king issues battle directives to his troops in the field. It is also planting, or establishing, and also *transferring his military into certain areas, so from that area can go into battle and to either conquer, or defend his interests (see also Plutarch’s Life of Alexander, p.15).*

What structure do we have to today where the military can:

- 1)Stake out an area where a military presence can be established either permanently are temporarily to defend a countries interest.
- 2)Houses their soldiers.
- 3)Have command posts so the head of the military, the commander in Chief can give out orders.
- 4)A place where military supplies are transferred.
- 5)From that very place troops are mobilized and sent into war.

MILITARY BASES!

Wikipedia writes, “Depending on the context, the term ‘military base’ may refer to *any establishment (usually permanent) that houses a nation’s armed forces, or even organized paramilitary forces such as the Police, Constabulary, Militia, or Guards; or the term may refer solely to an establishment which is used only by an army (or possibly other land fighting related forces, such as marines) to the exclusion of a base used by either an air force or a navy...*For some examples of non or semi permanent military bases, look at terms like, *Forward Operating Base (FOB), Logistics Base (Log base) or Fire Base (FB).*

“A military base may also contain large concentrations of military supplies in order to support military logistics. Most military bases are restricted to the general public and usually only authorized personnel may enter them (be it military personnel or their relatives and authorized civilian personnel). *Military bases usually provide housing for military personnel, a post office and dining facilities (DFACs)*

“In general, a military base provides accommodations for one or more units, **but it may also be used as a command center, a training ground, or a proving ground.** In most cases, a military base relies on

some outside help in order to operate. However, certain complex bases are able to endure by themselves for long periods because they are able to provide food, water and other life support necessities for their inhabitants while under siege.” (under “Military Base,” emphasis added).

So Daniel 11:45 is basically saying, that the United States will set up military bases “between the seas in the glorious holy mountain;” “Between the seas” elsewhere in Joel, we read of the two seas, “...the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea,” (2:20). These two seas are “the eastern (or front) sea,’ that is, the Dead Sea: ‘the utmost (or hinder) sea,’ that is, the Mediterranean.” (JFB Commentary). Zachariah states the same thing, “And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea [Dead Sea], and half of them toward the hinder sea [Mediterranean]: in summer and in winter shall it be.” (14:8).

Now, “between” these two seas is the Negev Desert in South Israel and most of Judea from Jerusalem to the South. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia writes of its boundaries, “his ‘ parched’ land is generally considered as beginning South of *ed Dahariyeb* - the probable site of DEBIR (which see) - and as stretching South in a series of rolling hills running in a *general direction of East to West* until the actual wilderness begins, a distance of perhaps 70 miles (see NATURAL FEATURES). *To the East it is bounded by the Dead Sea and the southern Ghor, and to the West there is no defined boundary before the Mediterranean.*” (emphasis added). The United States will plant military bases in Judea in South Israel, and the Negev Desert.

The Latter half of that Verse then says, “in the glorious holy mountain;” This of course being Jerusalem. Barnes writes, “The most obvious application of this phrase, it cannot be doubted, would be Jerusalem, as being the ‘holy mountain,’ or ‘the mountain of holiness,’ and as the place which the word ‘glorious’ (*tsiby*) would most naturally suggest. Compare Dan\_11:16, Dan\_11:41... Gesenius (Lexicon) supposes that the phrase means, ‘mount of holy beauty,’ i. e., Mount Sion. [Psam 48:2]” see also the Jameison, Faucett and Brown Commentary. The United States and the Nato Allies will set up a base in Jerusalem. Why? Because of the “tidings” coming out of the “east” and the “North.”

Barnes again comments, “There are some things which are clear, and which the honest principles of interpretation demand in this passage, such as the following:

“(a) What is here stated was to occur after the rumour from the east and the north Dan\_11:44 should call forth the person here referred to on this expedition [to set up his tabernacles in the Holy Land]”

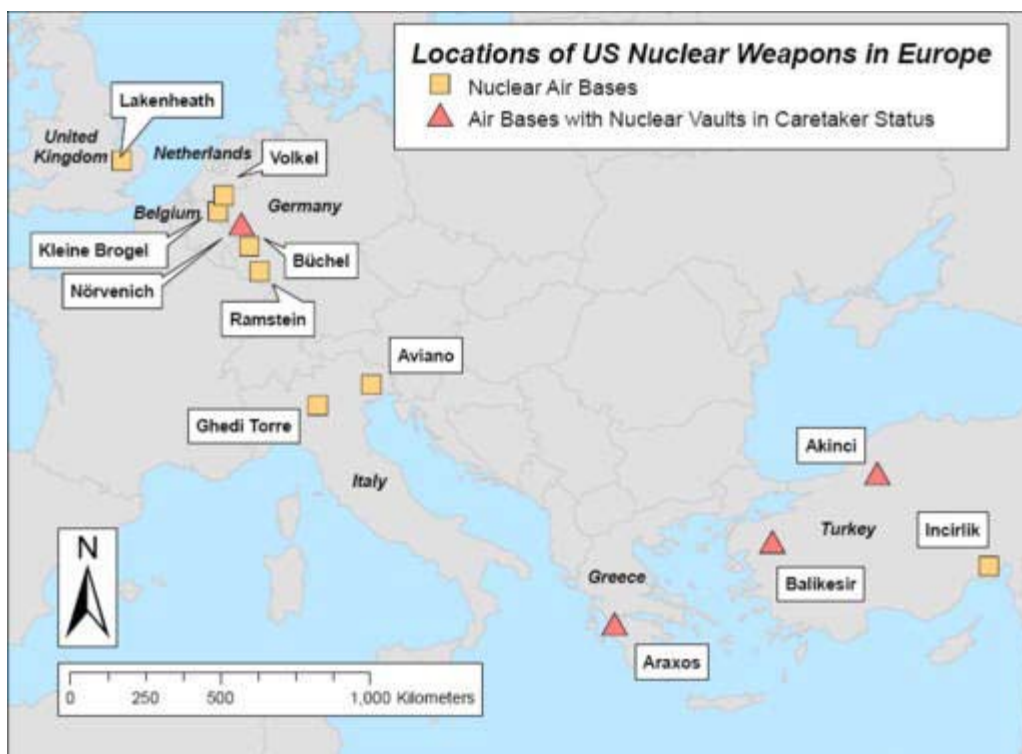
John Darby’s Synopsis, writes, “But, *disturbed by tidings from the east and north*, he sets up his tabernacles between Jerusalem and the sea ...*This is the regular meaning of the Hebrew*” (Footnote, emphasis added).

The threat from Persia, be it from Pakistan, Iran, or Aghanistan, will make the King of the North plant military Bases in Israel.

Could this be possible? Usually, Israel have traditionally scorned the idea of international peacekeepers in their region. But now that is starting to change.

“...a recent proposal to deploy NATO forces in the West Bank as part of any Obama-era peace deal is quickly gaining advocates in Washington and the Levant. Former U.S. national-security advisers Brent Scowcroft and Zbigniew Brzezinski both recently endorsed the idea. The president-elect’s nominee to head the National Security Council, Gen. James Jones, is also said to favor such a force. Israelis and Palestinians have raised tepid protests, but even they seem to be realizing increasingly that a strong international presence will be critical if any deal is to be struck and if it’s to stick. ‘A principle that appeared to be out of bounds I think is now in bounds,’ says Tony Blair, the Mideast envoy of the Quartet (made up of the United States, the EU, the United Nations and Russia).

“What changed? Since the recent Lebanon war, Israel has begun to recognize it doesn’t have the means to deal with its enemies, which are largely guerrilla armies, says Yossi Alpher, a former Mossad official. So Israel is ‘increasingly willing to rely on the international community,’ he says. Palestinians, too, have begun to come aroun’ if only because nothing else has secured them statehood. They now realize, Brzezinski argues, that the alternative to an international force is more Israeli occupation” (*NATO in the West Bank: Israel has long been allergic to foreign troops meddling in its affairs. That’s now changing.* By Kevin Peraino NEWSWEEK Published Dec 6, 2008, emphasis added).



*The USA [King of the North] has Military bases scattered all over Europe. Bible Prophecy says, they wil plant them in Israel as well.*

# The Temple Mount

Israel is the focus for the end. Daniel 11:45 says that the United States and NATO will plant military bases in Israel, and the Temple Mount specifically in Jerusalem. Why? Because of a threat from Iran mostly likely.

But why is the Temple Mount singled out here in this prophecy? Jesus said that the temple will be the focus of key prophecies in the future. He spoke of an “abomination of Desolation” that will trigger the “great tribulation.” He said, “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the *holy place*, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)...For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 15:21).

The Gospel of Luke adds, “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh” (21:20).

Jerusalem and the Temple Mount becomes the focus of Daniel 11:45. The temple Mount is the place where the Temple used to stand, and the temple sacrifices were held. Of course with the destruction of the temple, all that has ceased. But prophecy says that there will be a temple in the end time. Jesus spoke of the “holy place” where the abomination will be set up. There is only one holy place in Jerusalem, and that is the temple mount. Daniel 11:45 calls it the “Holy Mountain.”

Why would Nato plant a military base in Jerusalem’s temple mount? Revelation 11 shows that the Temple of God will be built along side the Dome of the Rock.

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

“But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.” (Rev 11:1-2). When the abomination of desolation is set up, its moves into an *already made temple*. Bible Prophecy shows the sacrifices brought to an end then the abomination is set up, showing a ready made temple. Daniel writes, “And from the time that the *daily sacrifice shall be taken away*, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” (12:11). *So the temple must be built before the end time beast is formed*. So that only leaves the time when the King of the North, The United States occupies the Middle East, *and explains why he plants a military base in the temple mount!* So this prophecy has to happen during the time of the United States’ dominance in this region which is right now!

The angel says to “measure” with a “reed.” This means, “On the Basis of Zachariah’s symbol of the man with the measuring line who measured Jerusalem as an assurance that the city would be rebuilt (see on Zech 2:2), *it may be suggested that the measuring of the temple and the worshippers here is also a promise of restoration and preservation*” (Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel and the Revelation, p.800, emphasis added). Ezekiel the 40th chapter we also see the measuring of the temple by an angel with the promise of restoration and preservation if they obeyed God, “Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.

“And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may

keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

“This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house” (43:1-12).

So in Revelation God is promising the restoration and the preservation of the temple of God. The prophecy goes on to say, “But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; *for it is given unto the Gentiles*: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.” (v.2). The court outside the temple, “There is undoubtedly reference here to the ‘court of the Gentiles,’ as it was called among the Jews - the outer court of the temple to which the Gentiles had access, and within which they were not permitted to go” (Barnes notes). The court of the gentiles was not going to be touched. Why were the gentiles going to that court in the first place? There must be something there for the gentiles to dwell there. God is ignoring it so it has nothing to do with him or temple worship. Is there a structure in the court of the gentiles today? Yes! The Dome of the Rock where the gentiles worship is in the court of the gentiles! The true site of the old temple of Solomon sits NORTH of the mosque. *The temple can be rebuilt without even touching the Dome of the Rock! How can we prove this?*

“The Mishnah (Mid. 1:3) mentions only five gates to the Temple Mount: the two gates of Huldah on the south, Coponius Gate in the west..., the Gate of Tadi in the north, and **the Shushan Gate in the east.** **This description fits the archaeological findings** except for the western side.” (Encyclopaedia Judaica Vol. 15, 963, “Temple, Second Temple, Structure, Reconstruction by Herod”).

With Herod’s abominable Greco-Roman refurbishing of the Second Temple and precinct areas there was a series of **five Gates (at different levels) that ran in a straight line from the East (Shushan) Gate to the entrance of the Temple!** These gates were called as follows; “the Eastern Gate, the gate of Chayl\*, the gate of the Women’s Courtyard, the gate of Nicanor and the gate of the entrance hall. ***So if the temple was built on flat ground, one would have been able to see through all the gates at once***”. (Mishneh Torah, Commentary Halachah 5 & 6). The all five gates ran in a straight line right through the temple, through the middle of the temple which is the holy of holies where the ark of the Covenant stood. *This is not where the Dome of the Rock is Today.*



#### Areas marked

**A. The original area of Solomon’s Temple**

**B. Court of the Gentiles**



## The EAST Gate was and will be in Alignment with Holy of Holies

The east-west axis of the Dome of the Tablets is lines up exactly with the Ancient Eastern Gate located underneath the Southern side of the present day East Gate!. The dome marks the place where Holy of Holies stood (red arrow in the background).

Originally, one standing on the Mount of Olives could look over this Eastern Gate (also called Shushan or HaKohan gate) into the huge area (presently north of the Dome of the Rock) and see all the gates (at different levels) in a perfect line. “All the walls which were there were high, except the wall in the east, so that the priest who burned the

heifer, standing on the top of the Mount of Olives, and directing himself to look, saw through the gateway of the sanctuary, at the time when he sprinkled the blood.” [Mishnah, Middot 2:4]

Dr. Asher S. Kaufman concluded that the original site of the Temple was at the northwest corner of the Temple Mount north of the Dome of the Rock. He has determined that the east-west line aligning the Mount of Olives with the Eastern Gate and the Temple bisect on a small shrine called the Dome of the Spirits. The Holy of Holies is thought to have been located on the bedrock covered by this small cupola. He noted that the bedrock inside this little domed area is the only such bedrock appearing on the Temple Mount—it sticks up from the surface. The rest of the area around the Dome of the Rock has been paved. This is the “Eben Shetiyyah” (Foundation stone) that was the floor in the ancient Holy of Holies. [Dr. Asher Kaufman, Biblical Archeology Review, Vol IX No.2, Mar./Apr. 1983, Where the Ancient Temple of Jerusalem Stood, Extant “Foundation Stone” for the Ark of the Covenant Is Identified]

“The Holy Place itself faced east-wards, and was approached from the east; but most assuredly the ministering priests and the worshippers looked not towards the east, but towards the west.” [The Temple: Its Ministry and Services, Alfred Edersheim, Chapter 1 —A First View of Jerusalem, and of the Temple, The Shushan Gate, p. 36-37]



## The Dome of the Tablets is the Location of the Holy of Holies!

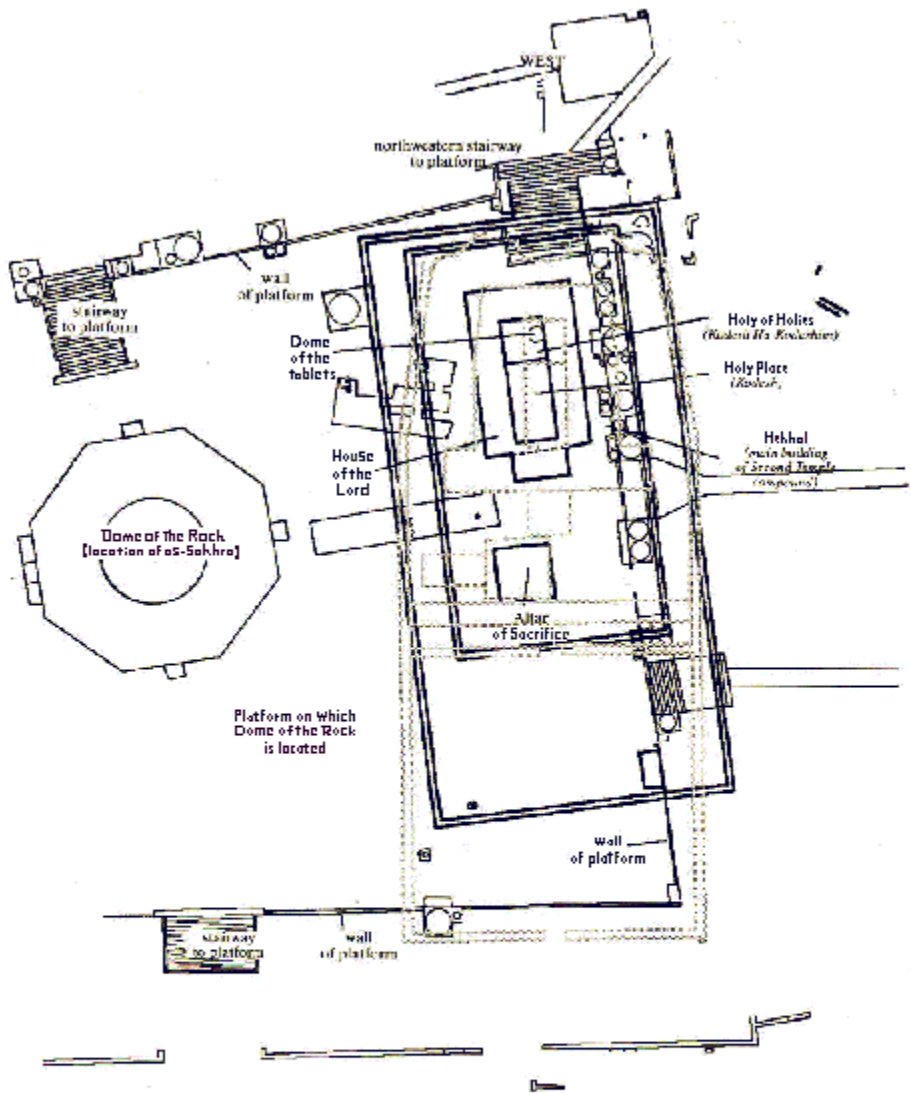
The true site is north of the Dome of the Rock

This is the “Eben Shetiyyah” (Foundation stone) that was the floor in the ancient Holy of Holies. On this rock stood the ark of the Covenant the resting place of God.

*On page 51, a diagram of the original first and second temples superimposed on the temple mount platform in their true spots north of the Dome of the Rock*

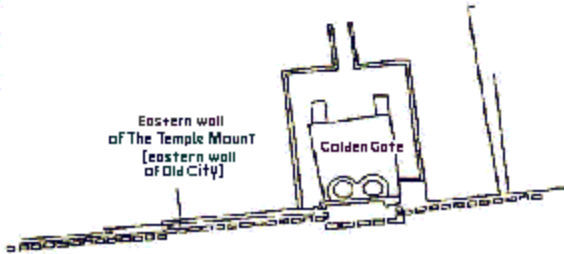


**Above. Will this be the solution to the temple mount? The temple along side the Dome of the Rock so both Jews and gentiles can worship? Revelation 11 shows this to be true.**

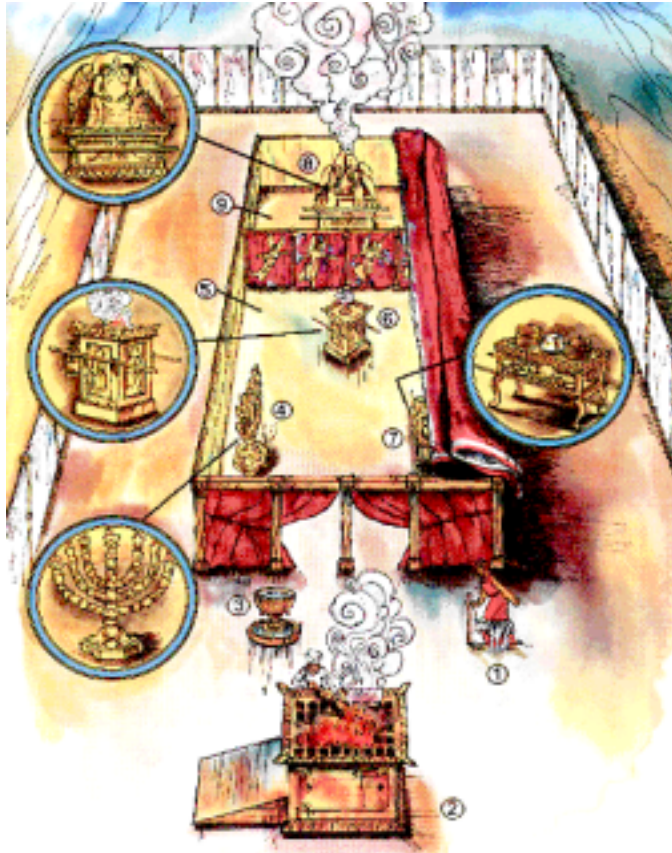


FIRST AND SECOND TEMPLES  
SUPERIMPOSED ON TEMPLE  
MOUNT PLATFORM

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Of course not all will be in favor of both temple and mosque on the temple mount. But remember the reason why the armies occupy Jerusalem, because of the “tidings” out of the “north” and the “east.” Iran (Persia) will not be in favor of this. Their hardline Islamic fundamentalism will call for the Muslim world to attack Israel because of the temple on the mount. That will cause Nato to occupy Jerusalem and the temple mount from terrorists. Remember the United States is still actively engaging with the Palestinians and the Israelis about Peace, and land and settlement deals. One of those is negotiations about the temple mount.



### Prophecies Reveal an Existing Temple Before the Abomination is Set Up

Jesus said: “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the *holy place*...” (Matthew 24:15).

Daniel: ““And from the time that the *daily sacrifice shall be taken away*, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” (12:11).

Paul: “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God *sitteth in the temple of God*, showing himself that he is God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

The end of Daniel 11:45, then says, “yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” Here is the “end” of his time. All the churches of God want to know how the United States will end as a power, here is the verse. *When you see the United States occupy Jerusalem and the temple mount, then you know that the fate of the United States as a Superpower is sealed.* This is his end, and the end of Nato.

Prophecies reveal how NATO will break up, and what will happen to the United States, Britain, and the change that will happen in Europe when NATO breaks apart.

# How Will NATO Break Up?

So how does the Bible describe the break up of the world greatest military alliance?

In Jeremiah the 30th chapter, the prophecy dealing with Israel, and its coming troubles, describes its break up with its allies, “All thy lovers [allies” Moffat Translation] have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; [“care nothing for you” Moffat].” (v.14). This is the exact statement that is made in Daniel 11:45! The weakness in the Potter’s clay and Iron finally brings it to its end and shatters the alliance in pieces. What is the event that causes Israel’s allies to abandon the alliance? What will be the instrument that God uses to have all the allies forsake its leader, the United States? God says in this same verse, “*for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one...*” An enemy delivers the blow that shatters the alliance, who is this enemy?

Numbers the 24th chapter deals with the “latter days” (v.14). Here Balaam talks about the “Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,” (v.17) meaning the second coming of Jesus, and every commentary will confirm this. This chapter obviously deals with the end time.

In the 23rd verse Balaam says, “who shall live when God doeth this!” meaning, “That the event is so distant that none *then* alive could possibly live to see it.” (Clarke’s Commentary). This is a prophecy for the days ahead of us today! Verse 24 continues with the prophecy, “And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.” “Chittim” or “Kittim” is China! (Read our book *China in Prophecy*). Notice the common enemy of China, “Asshur” which is end time Assyria, which is Germany (Read our book *Germany in Prophecy*), and Eber, or the Hebrews, as the Septuagint version” (Gills Commentary).

The Hebrews are modern-day USA and the British Commonwealth of nations (*Read our booklet USA and the British in Prophecy for details*). They share a common enemy with Assyria. Obviously Assyria (Germany) and the Eber (USA and the British) are together in an alliance. This is NATO! The article 5 of the charter of NATO says if you attack one of the NATO nations you attack us all. This prophecy is accurate for our day. The Euro nations share a common enemy, China. *When the Beast arises it will be an enemy of Israel* (*Read our booklet Who, What is the Beast? for details*). But in this prophecy we see the Euro nations sharing a common enemy WITH ISRAEL. Obviously they are allies! This can only mean the modern day alliance of NATO! Germany, Britain, USA, Scandinavia etc...



**Led by the USA**

**VS**



**Led by China**

China will be the blow, the wound that will shatter the alliance apart. China will “afflict” NATO and the European powers will forsake her and FORMED THE BEAST!

China has been building a naval fleet for many years now, “Analysts and weapons experts have told WND that China’s *naval power has been steadily growing for years*. ‘Beijing’s inclusion into its South Sea Fleet of two new modern, Russian-built Sovremenny-class destroyers armed with SS-N-22 “Sunburn” anti-ship missiles; Russian-built, ultra-quiet Kilo-class subs; new indigenously built Xia-class ballistic-missile subs; and increasing numbers of short- and medium-range ballistic missiles, have all combined to *improve the People’s Liberation Army Navy to the point where it could soon blockade Taiwan while preventing access to the region by U.S. relief forces*. “ (WorldNet Daily By Jon Dougherty). The “ships of Kittim” will engage in warfare with NATO.

Now, recently, the United States has promised Australia that they will have troops stationed there. The Washington Post reports, “Obama has already unveiled a plan for an expanded U.S. Marines presence in Australia, advocated a new free-trade area that leaves China out, and called on Beijing not to buck the current world order.” The whole reason for this? “to contest [the] rising Chinese power” ( see article, “Obama’s more muscular China policy sets Beijing on edge,” Nov 17th, 2011).



**God will send China’s Naval force to combat NATO and deliver a death blow to the Alliance**

“...yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” *This is the end of the phase of the Potter’s clay.* Then the transition takes place, from the Iron and Potter’s clay to the *Iron and the Miry clay*. This will be the Beast, the Third World nations and the Roman Catholic Church. New Alliances will be formed in Europe, the Beast with 10 Kings, and the Catholic Church. The revived Holy Roman Empire!

In the book of Revelation,, it reveals the last empire in Europe that will fight Christ at his coming. In Daniel 2, The Iron mixed with Miry clay, the Image gets smashed with the “stone that is not cut with hands,” which of course Christ. “And the ten horns [See Daniel 2:34, 44 the ten toes are the ten kings] which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb [The Stone Daniel 2:44] shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” (Rev 17:12-14). Both prophecies describe the same event!

### **The Abomination of Desolation**

Now at the END OF NATO, at *the transition from the Potter’s to the miry clay*, the Pope will set up the “abomination of Desolation” in the Holy Place, see Dan 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2. This will trigger the time called the “Great Tribulation.”

Notice Daniel 12:1: “**And at that time** [verse 45 of Daniel 11 the end of NATO] shall Michael stand up [cease protecting Israel], the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: **and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**”

*Barnes writes about the phrase “at that time,”* “At the period referred to in the preceding chapter. The fair construction of the passage demands this interpretation”

“At that time. Heb. ba’eth hahi’, ‘at that time,’ or ‘in that time.’ Some hold that these words point back to the phrase be’eth qes, ‘at [or in] the time of the end’ (ch. 11:40); that is, that the events to be narrated take place within that general period of time. **However, the context warrants the conclusion that ‘that time’ refers to the time of the disappearance of the power described at the end of ch. 11.** It should be noted that the words ‘at that time’ do not specify whether the events here foretold are to occur simultaneously with those of ch. 11:45, or whether then immediately precede or follow. **The important point is that the events of the Last verse of ch. 11 and those of the first of ch. 12 are closely related in point of time.**” (Daniel and Revelation Verse by Verse Commentary p.878, emphasis added). The time when China delivers the blow, and the alliance disappears, the new power, the Holy Roman Empire will form, and the Pope will move into the Temple of God and show the world that he IS GOD! see second Thessalonians chapter two. This abomination will trigger what the Bible calls the “Great Tribulation.” This is the time of “Jacob’s Trouble.”

This Church/ State alliance called the Beast, will move into the Middle East and occupy it for the duration of 3 1/2 years, the Great Tribulation. In Revelation 11, the two witnesses are prophesying before the Beast and the False Prophet, for “thousand two hundred and threescore days,” (v.3). Then “when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” (v.7).

Israel during the time of the tribulation will go into slavery and captivity, see Jeremiah 30. But Jesus will save Israel and redeem his people once again.

And now what is the time of this end, at the close of this marvellous prophecy? The verse in Daniel 12:1, says at the time of the resurrection of the just — at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

This prophecy begins with the kingdoms of Syria and Egypt, soon after the death of Alexander the Great — 2,300 years ago. But it ends at the time of the resurrection and the Second Coming of Christ to bring peace at last to the region — and to the entire world! It is so plain, there can be no doubt of its right application!

Are you ready for that event? It is fast approaching. Now is the time to get ready, for Jesus said, “Be ye also ready”!