

Chapter 17 — "The Antichrist" (Daniel 11:36-45)

"He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him." — Daniel 11:45

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. Identifying the Self-Exalting King

How do Bible scholars generally interpret the king described in Daniel 11:36–45, and why does the shift in scripture point beyond Antiochus IV as a historical prototype to the future Antichrist?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. Self-Deification and Blasphemy

In what ways does this coming ruler exalt himself above all that is called god, and how does his complete disregard for "the one desired by women" reveal his true anti-Christ nature (Dan. 11:36–37)?

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3. The God of Fortresses and Military Might

Rather than honoring the gods of his fathers, what "god" does this king trust in, and how does he use military force, plunder, and wealth to exert power and control over others (Dan. 11:38–39)?

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4. The End-Times Clash and Invasion

How does the final military campaign described in Daniel 11:40–43 connect to the end-times battle of Armageddon, and what takes place when this ruler invades "the Beautiful Land"?

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5. The Absolute Demise of the Antichrist

Where does the king set up his royal headquarters before his fall, how do New Testament scriptures describe his final defeat at Christ's coming, and what comfort do we find in the phrase "no one will help him" (Dan. 11:44–45; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19)?

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PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. Discerning the Spirit of Antichrist Today

The apostle John reminds us that "many antichrists have come" (1 John 2:18). In what subtle ways do you see self-exaltation, pride, or the reliance on raw power showing up in our culture today?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. Evaluating Our True Source of Security

The Antichrist worships a "god of fortresses," placing his ultimate trust in power and wealth. In what areas of life are you most tempted to look to financial, political, or material security instead of leaning on the living God?

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8. Preparing for Times of Spiritual Testing

Just as in Daniel's day, spiritual battles force us to decide where our allegiance truly lies. What daily spiritual habits and practices help you stay rooted in Christ so you can stand firm when pressure comes?

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9. Finding Comfort in God's Sovereign Limits

Verse 36 reminds us that this self-exalting king prospers only "until the time of wrath is completed." How does knowing that God sets strict, unyielding limits on the reach of evil bring you comfort and endurance in times of trial?

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10. Living in Light of Christ's Certain Victory

Despite all the pride and rage of the Antichrist, Jesus overthrows him effortlessly with the breath of His mouth! How does the absolute certainty of Christ's ultimate victory fill your daily walk with peace, courage, and hope?

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