

Career of Antichrist from Daniel 11 using Antiochus Epiphanes as his type

Antiochus was the King of Syria, the ruler of the Seleucid Kingdom that was one of the four divisions of Alexander the Great's empire after his death. If the Antichrist is according to type, he will probably come from the same area of origin.

Daniel 11:21 →

Dan. 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

Antichrist comes in peaceably through the use of deceit/propaganda.

Dan. 11:22 ~~And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.~~

Identifies Antichrist as the "prince of the covenant." (The Hebrew words read as indicated above. Some words obviously go with the main Hebrew word, but it is important to see that "they" and "yea, also" are not in the Hebrew.)

Dan. 11:23 And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

"After the league made with him" – Does this refer to the covenant of 7 years referenced in 9:27?

Dan. 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan. 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

If so, this verse indicates that he will act in deceit re that covenant as indicated by the breaking of the covenant in 9:27. I think this is saying that he never intended to abide by the terms of the covenant; he was just moving forward his own agenda. From a small power base at the time of the covenant, he will assume a position of great power.

Dan. 11:24 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.

In the beginning he will advance his cause as a man of peace and will share the wealth he accumulates in his rise to power with those that support/follow him. He will seem to be against evil strongholds for a period of time (the first 3.5 years of the tribulation).

Dan. 11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

Eventually, with a large army he will decide to advance against the King of the South (Egypt and its allies) who will in turn respond with his own great army; but the King of the South will be defeated.

Dan. 11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

In fact, the King of the South will be sabotaged by those of his own family / allies. Many will die as his army is defeated.

Dan. 11:27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

This verse makes it sound like Antichrist and the King of the South will make a public display of negotiating for peace while trying to deceive each other in the process. Their charades will mean nothing, since God's timetable is sure and will continue on schedule.

Dan. 11:28 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.

Dan. 11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

Antichrist will return home with great riches. On his way home through Israel he will cause destruction. "At the time appointed" (on God's timetable), Antichrist will again come toward the South. This time the results will differ from the previous two times the King of the North has attacked the King of the South.

Dan. 11:30 For the ships 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.

This time the great Roman / western navy will intervene on behalf of Egypt and its allies. Antichrist will be very angry at his defeat, and will take out his anger on Israel. Those who give him support will be rewarded.

(7/05) This poses a question. Who is this *western* navy? I thought he would have the European Union / Rome under control at this time.

Dan. 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

His soldiers will wreck the temple area and prohibit the offering of the daily sacrifice. They will then place / erect the "abomination that maketh desolate." (cf Matt 24:15 - 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.))

Dan. 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Antichrist will deceive many with his charismatic speech. Those who truly know God will stand firm in their faith in word and deed.

Dan. 11:33 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.

Those who have spiritual wisdom will teach many in spite of the fact that they will face death by standing firm in their faith and sharing it.

Dan. 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

These soldiers of faith will receive very little help/support, and some of those who say they are supporting them will be deceiving them.

Dan. 11:35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

The people of faith will suffer as a process of purging (making more fruitful) and spiritual cleansing (becoming more Christ-like). Still, events are happening according to God's timetable.

Dan. 11:36 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.

During this last half of the tribulation, the Antichrist will be able to act at will. He will blaspheme God. He will appear to prosper until the time of Jacob's trouble has been completed. Again, God's purposes will be accomplished through this entire terrible time according to God's timetable.

Dan. 11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Antichrist will not "regard the God of his fathers." The Hebrew more accurately reads "gods"; the article *the* is not in the original. (When the article accompanies the Hebrew word, it often refers to Deity.) He will not "desire" women; this sounds like he will be homosexual. He will not recognize any other god, because he will exalt himself as God.

Dan. 11:38 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.

Antichrist will honor the god of forces (defense, rock, fortress, strength, strongholds). This verse indicates that this was a god his fathers didn't know.

That part is confusing since many in the past have recognized and placed their faith in military might.

Webster – Stronghold = a fortified place; a place of security. I can't really find support in the original language that I'm seeking, but I can't help but make a connection here to Satan and his spiritual forces. We know that according to Revelation 13:4, the people worship the dragon, Satan, the power behind the beast/Antichrist.

Rev. 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Maybe it is a double reference—a military power empowered by the spirits of evil.

The more I have thought about it, I think this is a reference to Satan. Men have always worshipped gods/idols, but have never openly worshipped Satan until more recent times.

Dan. 11:39 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.

Evidently, Antichrist will be emboldened to attack those of recognized might and power and will reward those who support him with positions as rulers over designated lands. This implies a man of great power, yet still with enemies to conquer.

Dan. 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Dan. 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

“At the time of the end” (of the 7 years?) Egypt and her allies will decide to attack the Antichrist and his armies one more time. The Antichrist will launch his offensive from air, land and sea, and will invade and conquer the countries that are in his path, including Israel. The lands of Moab, Edom, and Ammon (modern Jordan) will escape harm at this time (because of Petra?).

(7/05) Another question arises. If the narrative is chronological, I would have placed this with verse 31, referencing the abomination of desolation and the middle of the tribulation. I think I'm missing something.

Dan. 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

Dan. 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall* be at his steps.

As he increases his sphere of power, Egypt won't escape being conquered, as well as Libya and the Ethiopians. The riches from these nations will be used for his purposes.

Dan. 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

In time, Antichrist will get news from the east and north that will trouble him. (He is the King of the North; is he suspecting an overthrow attempt? Is this a reference to the 6th bowl judgment in Revelation 16:12?--And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.)

Dan. 11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Antichrist heads for home with great anger and destroys anyone who gets in his way. This is when he decides to make his headquarters in Jerusalem. By then, time will have run out. God's timetable calls for his destruction at this time. (cf Rev 19:11-20)