

"THE BOOK OF DANIEL" - The Vision Of The Time Of The End - III (11:36-12:4)

INTRODUCTION - Beginning with **Daniel 11:36**, there is a large diversity of opinion...Regarding the identity of the king described in **Daniel 11:36-45**... The time in which events described in **Daniel 11:36-12:13**; would/will be fulfilled.

I. THE IDENTITY OF THE KING AND HIS TIMES

A. THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS...

1. The king is Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria
2. The king represents the Roman emperors
3. The king represents the Anti-Christ

B. ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES SEEMS A LIKELY CHOICE...

1. The allusion in previous verses is undoubtedly to Antiochus Epiphanes
2. There is no indication in the prophetic narrative of any change; notice...
3. A sudden transition, with no given indication, is not in accordance with what is usually found in prophetic writings (Barnes)
4. The word "king" is never applied to Antichrist (if there in fact be "the Antichrist", as the Bible speaks of many antichrists - **1John 2:18,22; 4:3; 2John 7**;
5. The description that follows can easily be applied to the person and times of Antiochus Epiphanes

II. THE EVENTS AT "THE TIME OF THE END"

A. THE BLASPHEMY OF THIS KING...

1. He shall magnify himself above every god - **Daniel 11:36-37**;
2. He shall honor a god of fortresses - **Daniel 11:38-39**;

B. THE CONQUESTS AND END OF THIS KING...

- 1. The king of the South (Egypt) shall attack him - **Daniel 11:40;**
- 2. The king of the North (Antiochus Epiphanes) will respond and overwhelm the countries - **Daniel 11:40-43;**
- 3. He shall come to his end - **Daniel 11:44-45**

C. THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF DANIEL'S PEOPLE...

- 1. To occur "at that time" - **Daniel 12:1**
- 2. Many who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake - **Daniel 12:2**
- 3. Those who will shine at this time - **Daniel 12:3**

D. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN TO DANIEL...

Shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end - **Daniel 12:4**

- a. Perhaps what is meant is to stop writing, and secure what he has written...
- b. Compare this with **Daniel 8:17,19,26**
- c. Contrast this with **Revelation 22:10...** “And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.” (ESV)

1) The vision of the Revelation was not to be sealed, for the time was at hand (KJV)

2) How then the explanation of some that the events of Revelation have yet to begin, nearly 2000 years later?

Conclusion...(BEGINNING)??