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Lesson 10

DETAILS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Read Daniel 10 & 11

- **Study About Egypt's Clash With The Northern Power**
- **Consider The King Of The North's Malicious Activities**

Chapter 10 introduces Daniel's final and lengthiest vision, spanning three full chapters (Daniel 10, 11 & 12). The end-time fulfillment of Daniel's vision is announced right in the passage itself: Daniel 10:14 says, "Now I am come to explain to you what will happen to your people [Israel] in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come." The King James reads, "What shall befall thy people in the latter days."

Daniel and his companions were standing on the bank of the Tigris River around 535 B.C. The prophet had been fasting for three weeks (vs. 1-4), then he saw the Man clothed in linen, whose majestic appearance caused Daniel to faint in fear. Chapter 10 then addresses the clashes between loyal and rebellious angels; encounters which increase during the last days. When Heaven's messengers under the guidance of Michael, the Prince of the Host, move in the affairs of men and travel throughout the earth, they encounter resistance from the demonic forces. Sometimes only the Prince, the Man dressed in priest's linen, can demand compliance and push on through the enemy's barriers.

The forty-five verses that comprise chapter 11 portray the ongoing struggle between the kings of the north and the south. Commentators have applied most of chapter 11 to historical events, jumping from century to century across the span of time to find possible fulfillments. The king of the north has been assigned to various powers—Syria, Turkey, Russia and Europe, to name a few. However, after many years



of consideration, this study will offer you a modern-day explanation of the vision. In the author's opinion, the entire chapter portrays events involving two adjoining nations—Egypt, the king(s) of the south and Israel, the king(s) of the north.

With this interpretation in mind, chapter 11 would be revealing several end-time clashes between Egypt (and likely other North African Islamic nations) and Israel, and the turmoil their leaders must face. The chapter implies there will be an internal power struggle in Egypt, and a turn-over of leadership; the reigning president of that

day will be removed. What then follows is a series of clashes between Egypt and Israel during the counting periods of the appointed times.

Daniel 11 also notes a turn-over of power in Israel—at least three Israeli leaders rule during the appointed time of the end, starting with the current Israeli leader at the period the appointed times begin. He will be followed by a short-term Prime Minister—a raiser of taxes (v. 20), and finally by a contemptible outsider from Rome—the Jewish Papal Antichrist himself—he will become the king of the north (whose reign begins at Daniel 11:21). He will take control of Israel through intrigue and will gain the final foothold over Israel and Egypt with his vast European and international military forces. However, even his rule will be short-lived. Near the end of his evil reign, just before the Day of the LORD arrives... "the Man of Lawlessness [will be] revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming

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himself to be God," (2 Thessalonians 2:2-3). Daniel relays it this way: He will "plant his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain [Jerusalem]. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him," (Daniel 11:45).

Michael, Daniel's Prince

1. What are the main features of the Man clothed in linen (vs. 5-6)? _____

2. How closely does this compare with the description of Jesus in Revelation 1:13-16? _____

They are virtually the same.

3. What is the Man's name (Daniel 10:13, 21)? _____

Michael, Daniel's Prince. One of the many names for Jesus in the Scriptures.

Daniel was the only one to see the vision, while his companions were overwhelmed by fear and fled. He also grew weak in fear and dropped to the ground (vs. 7-9). John, the visionary author of the book of Revelation, also responded the same way when he encountered Messiah (Revelation 1:17). However, both prophets were touched by a steady hand and reassured.

4. Daniel was God's chosen servant (10:11-13). The messenger Gabriel told Daniel he was there to give him understanding. Although Gabriel was sent from the first day of Daniel's fast, why was he delayed from reaching the prophet (v. 13)? _____

The demon prince of Persia stopped Gabriel from reaching Daniel.

5. Ephesians 6:12 describes the evil forces in what terms? _____

The evil angels are assigned territories and nations, and Gabriel encountered a powerful foe. However, Messiah, the leader of the heavenly forces (Revelation 12:7), took control of the situation and guaranteed Gabriel's safe passage.

Daniel is struck a second time by the overpowering encounter with Gabriel and he bowed in reverence with face to the ground. The messenger who looked like a man touched Daniel and gave him strength to continue. Gabriel tells the prophet he has arrived to help him understand the great conflict that will involve his people (Israel) at the end of time (10:14-21), as written in the Book of Truth. When his visit with Daniel was finished, Gabriel said he would continue to face future challenges by demonic forces. We may learn someday that Gabriel is the one who once before "prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the LORD cometh with ten thousands of his saints," (Jude 14); the one "translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God," Hebrew 11:5.

6. Michael, "your [Daniel's] prince" continued to help Gabriel. Why would Michael be called "Daniel's prince"? _____

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Michael is simply another representative title for Messiah, Daniel's Savior and LORD, who was "with God," and "was God. He was with God in the beginning," (John 1:1-2).

Fourth Persian King

Daniel 11:1-3 offers a detailed explanation of last-day events starting with the conflict that was fostered by the fourth leader of Persia (Iran). This is a shortened version of events earlier portrayed in Daniel 8:1-8 between the Ram (Islam) with two horns (Iraq and Iran) and the western powers, led by a powerful U.S. President who rises up to initiate primary events of the last days. The details in these verses would help Daniel and future readers get their bearings as to the timing of the vision in relationship to the previous three chapters (7, 8 & 9). Once the U.S. President starts the modern-day Gulf War, and Iran is defeated, America—the primary leader of the Western coalition of nations—will be broken (as portrayed in Daniel 7:4 and 8:8) and U.S. dominance will be divided into four major regions of global power—"parceled out toward the four winds of heaven" (11:4), as also indicated in Daniel 7:2-3.

Prophecy foretells that in the "latter days" (10:14) there will emerge in Persia (Iran) "three kings" (or, rulers—11:2). However, the "fourth" ruler will stir up the Iranians against the "realm of Grecia". The same confrontation is spoken of in Daniel 8:21, and this vision identifies the powerful Western Goat and the "horn" as the first king (first in standing; the most powerful) as making war with a Ram (Islam) with two horns (Iraq and Iran). The translators identified the Goat as "Greece," which in the Hebrew text is "Yawan" or "Javan". Javan was one of the sons of Japheth (Genesis 10:2), and modern Javan implies more than just the nation of Greece, due to military protection agreements. Since the vision concerns the time of the end, it would be reasonable to identify the Goat as a coalition of western European NATO powers, including Greece, with the prominent horn as the first in power—the United States.

Persia, whose name was changed to Iran in 1935, was ruled by empires and dynasties. However, political revolution led to a major realignment of power and the *Islamic Republic* was established in Iran on April 1, 1979. A Constitution of the Islamic Republic was approved by national referendum in December 1979. Iran now had *elected* leadership, a clear transition from the past. This ushered in the conditions for the end-time predictions of Daniel 11 to become reality. One key religious leader in the development of the Islamic Republic became the fourth and one of the most influential leaders in Iran—the wealthy Hojatolislam Ali Alvar Hashemi Rafsanjani.



"Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will appear in Persia [Iran, in the latter days], and then a fourth [Rafsanjani], who will be far richer [wealthy man] than all the others. When he has gained power by his [personal] wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece ["Javan"; the West]," Daniel 11:2. He was the father of Iran's nuclear program, which in turns has fostered Iran's belocose ventures and terrorism. However, the West will soon confront Iran. For more details about this conflict and Rafsanjani's early radical influences and Nuclear Program, review Lesson 8.

Donald Trump: The Powerful U.S. President Of The Appointed Times

7. Daniel 11:4 predicts at or after Rafsanjani's reign, what kind of leader of the West will arise? _____

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Donald Trump as a candidate was supported by many believers due to his plans to reduce abortions, to show American strength on the international stage, to support the nation of Israel, to fix or nix the Iran deal, and to support the traditional values America was founded on. However, because Trump's powerful presidency is identified in Bible prophecy, we must understand how his decisions will bring America to her knees. He is bound to fulfill the predictions of Daniel 8:1-8 and Daniel 11:3-4 to confront Iran, and thereby, defeat and overthrow the Persians; but also, forthwith to oversee the demise of America as the global superpower after Iran's decisive defeat, as a nuclear charged World War III kills untold millions and forever changes the power structures of the world. There is no human who can save an unrepentant nation that for decades has murdered over 500,000 babies every year in all 50 states, and today produces pornography, condones homosexuality and gay marriage, and is morally corrupt, in a world held under Satan's control. Only the King of kings, the LORD of lords is our hope.

Here's How the Daniel 11:1-4 Prophecies Have Already Been Fulfilled

On January 8, 2017 (on the Jewish/Biblical Asara B'Tevet Fast of the 10th Month—referred to in Zechariah 8:19), Iran's fourth President—Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Persia's wealthiest leader of modern times whose rule was foretold in Bible prophecy (Daniel 11:2), died by heart attack at age 82. Why is this important? Because his rise to power in Iran would be a forerunner to another "mighty" leader who would then ascend to power and "do as he pleases."

Rafsanjani has, as prophecy foretold through his wealth and decades of power, stirred up sentiment against Western powers. This "stirring" can be found in his involvement in the Iranian revolution that would bring radical mullahs to power, and his public statements against the West and Israel; but most importantly, his wealth and influence led to the initiation of Iran's nuclear weapons program in the 1980's. The nuclear program is the nucleus of Iran's modern-day brazenness, which has played out time and again in Iran's continuous threats and involvement in state-sponsored terrorism against Israel and other Middle Eastern Sunni nations.



Let's look at the Biblical evidence, with commentary. Daniel 11:2-4 prophesies: "Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will arise in Persia [modern-day Iran -- (1) President Banisadr; (2) President Rajar and (3) President Khamenei]; and, then a fourth [(4) President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani], who will be far richer than all the others [he was featured in the Forbes Magazine, because of

his amazing wealth]. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece [Hebrew: "Javan"--Greece/the West]."

As stated, Rafsanjani did rise to power, being one of the wealthiest men in Persia. This religious mullah also stirred up Islam against the West by his revolutionary acts, his bold proclamations in support of Iranian ideology and his nuclear program. Rafsanjani died on January 8, 2017 and was buried on January 10, 2017. It's obvious now, Rafsanjani will not be personally involved in the upcoming Iran vs. West conflict, which war occurs just prior to America's demise. His national "stirrings" against the West have already been fulfilled during his lifetime of nefarious activities.



The Daniel 11 prophecy continues, with commentary: "Then a mighty king will arise [Donald Trump--his

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inauguration scheduled ten days after Rafsanjani's burial, on January 20, 2017], who will *rule with great power and do as he pleases.*" President Trump is charting his own course and doing as he pleases, even against the norm. After he has arisen [taken office], his empire [America] will be broken up [superpower destroyed; likely due to war, tragedies, economic collapse, and social disorder] and parceled out toward the ***four winds of heaven.***" In other words, Trump is likely the last American President to rule while the U.S. is a superpower; the sudden demise of America will occur during his Presidency, which power will then be divided/dispersed to other nations... to the "four winds" around the globe by the New "One" World Order.



The prophecy ends, "It [American empire] will not go to his descendants [the normal election process may end; Trump could be the last President to be put in office by American voters], nor will it have the power he exercised, because his [American] empire will be uprooted and given to others [the United Nations--One World Order]."

What Other Prophecies Speak To America's Downfall?

Three distinct prophecies in the book of Daniel repeat this pattern of America's demise (Daniel 7:2-4; Daniel 8:5-8; Daniel 11:3-4). A "do as he pleases" political figure comes into power, angrily attacks Iran (likely, due to Iran's bad behavior); after which, his power is dispersed to the four corners of the earth... to the ***"four winds"***. It's important to note the "four winds" correlation repeated in the prophecies, which ties Daniel's three visions together.

The first reference we've covered above, pointing out the rise of Donald Trump after Rafsanjani's death and America's demise to follow; now, let's consider the second vision in Daniel 7:2-4: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the ***four winds of heaven*** churning up the great sea [of nations]. Four great [political] beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. The first was like a lion [Great Britain], and it had the wings of ***an eagle*** [America]. I watched ***until its wings were torn off*** [America's downfall as the world's superpower] and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it [indicating the rise of the False Prophet from the West]."



The third prophecy is found in Daniel 8:5-8; 17-22 and is clearly connected to the Daniel 11:3-4 vision, which points to Middle East conflicts involving Iraq, followed by Iran, and a notable horn—America/Trump who confronts Iran at the time of the end: "As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat [Western powers] with a prominent horn [America/Trump] between its eyes came from the West, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. It came toward the two-horned [Iraq & Iran, Islamic] ram I had seen standing beside the canal [in the province of Elam (v. 2)—modern-day Iran, at the Persian Gulf] and charged at it in great rage. I saw it [Western Powers] attack the [Islamic] ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering its two horns [destroying Iraq first, followed by Iran—the larger horn; Daniel 8:3]. The [Islamic] ram was powerless to stand against it; the [Western] goat knocked it to the ground and trampled on it, and none could rescue the [Islamic] ram from its power." As with Iraq, Iran's defeat is assured. The prophecy continues, "The [Western] goat became very great, but at the height of its power the ***large horn*** [America] was ***broken off***, and in its place four prominent horns grew up ***toward the four winds of heaven*** [America's power diminishes and is dispersed around the globe]."

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And, when does this vision meet its fulfillment? Daniel 8:17-18 clarifies, "I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me [Daniel], "understand that ***the vision concerns the time of the end.***" Again, he repeats, "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the ***vision concerns the appointed time of the end.*** The two-horned [Islamic] ram that you saw represents the kings of Media [Iraq] and Persia [Iran--the "breast and its arms of silver" Daniel 2:32]. The shaggy goat is the king[dom] of Greece [Hebrew: "Javan"—Greece/Western powers--the "belly and its thighs of bronze"] and the large horn between its eyes is the first king [most powerful, Trump/America--"the head of fine gold"]. The ***four horns*** that replaced the one [Trump/America] that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation [United Nations; New World Order--including the "legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay"] but will not have the same power."

Kings Of The North & South

Once Iran is attacked and overcome by the American and Western coalition, the United States will fall from power in ways not specifically spelled out. Then, starting at Daniel 11:5, the chapter focuses back upon the Middle East and upon an ongoing engagement between two powers—the king of the north [possibly Israel, but this power will become clearer when final events begin], and Egypt, the king of the south—cloaked in the language of yesteryears. The Middle East has for centuries experienced mayhem and battles. Religious hatred and territorial control are nearly always the issue, with the land of Israel the prize. The following scenario is given as though Israel is the king of the north.

Verse 6 indicates internal strife in Egypt as end-time events begin. A military leader in a high position in the government will overtake the ruling Egyptian president (possibly a military coup), and will take over Egypt's leadership, probably due to the president's peaceful existence with Israel. The verse indicates Egypt may send a group in peaceful gestures to negotiate with Israel; however, Egypt's peace envoy will not be successful, and Egypt's leader will fall from power. By Verse 7 the prophecy suggests a powerful Egyptian commander will attack Israel with some success. Verse 8 emphasizes Egypt's victory, and also predicts that Egypt's new leader could indeed remain in power through the end of time, while Israel's Prime Minister will not (v. 19).

Verse 9 is more difficult, and there are several translations; however, the north's leader could try a somewhat unsuccessful military strike against Egypt. Verse 10 suggests another Israeli build-up for war and another attack against Egypt. In response (v. 11) Egypt will retaliate, slaughtering thousands, and yet Egypt will not be strengthened by this attack (v. 12). The northern leader will rebuild militarily, and "after certain years," literally, "at the end of the times, years," will plan new attacks (v. 13). Violent men in Egypt will rebel, but their attempts to overthrow the government will be unsuccessful (v. 14). Israel will attack a major city and will prevail against it, and Egypt will not be able to ward off the attacks (vs. 15-16). The northern leader will be firmly established in the "glorious land"—Israel and will exert great power.

Verse 17 indicates Middle East negotiations may once again be renewed. Israel's leader will offer covenantal concessions to manipulate the process. However, Israel will not succeed and these plans will not help his cause. The northern power will renew fighting and will focus on the coastlands of the Mediterranean, but a military commander will stop the onslaught by turning against the Israeli leader, who will die or be killed (vs. 18-19).

Verse 20 speaks of the new Israeli leader who will take control well into the appointed time of the end; albeit, within a short time he too will die, "yet not in anger or in battle." At verse 21 we notice a significant turning point. The last Israeli leader is introduced who will reign over the war-torn Middle

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East. He will divide the land, forsake the Holy Covenant, take away the daily sacrifice, set up the abomination and will persecute God's people until his death. By comparing the events of Daniel 11:21-45 with the actions of the evil leader of the end-times in Daniel's other visions, we are left with only one conclusion: the Papal leader obtains the title of "king of the north" and is given authority in the Middle East by promising lasting peace, with strong rule over Palestine and Israel. Jerusalem will be considered the International City of Peace.

The Last King Of The North—Antichrist

7. Daniel 11:21-24 predicts what kind of person will emerge to reign as the northern leader? _____

A contemptible personality, not of natural royal lineage, will seize power through schemes and secrecy.

He will talk of peace and negotiate his powerful takeover of the region, offering intriguing solutions to the continued fighting. All opposition will be swept away through military action, and under his counsel even the leader of the agreement will fall (v. 22).

The False Shepherd's promises will be worthless, as from the first his method will be deceit; with the help of influential supporters, he will become strong (v. 23). With Gentile coalition forces he will enter the richest area of Israel without warning and do something never done before: he will take the property and wealth of the rich and disperse it among the people. He will successfully besiege and capture powerful strongholds, but this will last for only a short while (v. 24).

8. What does the king of the north do next (Daniel 11:25-27)? _____

The dictator will see Islamic Egypt as a threat to his successes in the Middle East, and he will call for an attack.

Egypt will respond with military forces, but their plans will not succeed because there will be plots against the Egyptian leader (v. 25). Those in his own realm will eventually bring Egypt's leader down, his army will desert, and many will be killed (v. 26). Both the Man of Sin and Egypt's president will plot against each other during negotiations, attempting to deceive the other. But it will make little difference, because the end will still come at the appointed time (v. 27) and neither will prevail.

9. The Jewish leader will return from the negotiations with plans against what (v. 28)? _____

The Holy Covenant.

10. What does Deuteronomy 4:13 identify as the Holy Covenant? _____

The Ten Commandments, as permanently inscribed on the two tablets of stone by Yahweh's own hand.

11. At what time will Antichrist attack the south again (v. 29)? _____

At the "appointed time" of the end.

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His assault will be very different from the first two battles, as written of earlier in the chapter. This time ships of the western coastlands of the Mediterranean will scare him off, and he will turn to vent his anger against the Holy Covenant. He will show favor to those in Israel who forsake the Ten Commandments as written by God's own hand (v. 30).

12. His armies will do what three terrible acts in Jerusalem (v. 31)? _____

His Gentile forces will desecrate the Temple site and will abolish the daily sacrifices/worship at the Temple Mount. Then he will set up the abomination that causes a final and complete desolation upon Jerusalem.

13. What similar acts are found in Daniel 9:27? _____

Once the sacrifices are stopped, his final act will be to set up his abomination on the Temple Mount, which will bring the fiery destruction of Jerusalem.

The Man of Sin will flatter with praise those Jewish leaders and teachers who forsake God's Law, but those who know their God will firmly resist him (v. 32). Those who are wise in the Word will instruct many, although many will be martyred. God's authentic followers will endure great trial for their faith and many others will join them who believe in the cause, but will not be truly sincere in faith. Others will be refined by trials, purified from sin and made spotless, while others will not endure to the end (vs. 33-35).

14. What will the king of the north do during the appointed time of the end (vs. 36-37)? _____

He will do what he wants, magnifying and exalting himself above every other god. He will say unheard of things against God. His successes will continue until his time is up, for what prophecy has predicted will take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women—the goddess of worship. He will exalt himself above them all.

15. What god is desired by women in Ezekiel 8:14? _____

Tammuz. The women wept for the Babylon god Tammuz, whose worship included that of his mother, Ishtar, with its mother-child myths.

16. What was Ishtar called in the Scriptures (Jeremiah 44:16-19)? _____

Queen of Heaven.

17. What goddess of today is a carry-over of the mother-child worship in Christianity? _____

Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, goddess worship is very popular today, and will be multiplied by miracles, signs and wonders around the globe in the last days.

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Daniel 11:38-39 tells us the masterful leader will regard no other god above himself, but instead will honor a god of fortresses. This may be a reference to Satan, the prince and power of the air, a demonic or military power which helps him gain territory and supremacy, or some god yet unknown. He will honor those who acknowledge his power, offering positions and even land.

18. When will the ruler of Egypt once again attack Israel (v. 40)? _____

At the time of the end, the last military conquest will continue all the way to Armageddon. With vast armies and military machinery, the Vatican will use the European forces to push southward into Israel, the Beautiful Land. He will overthrow the governments of Egypt and many other occupied lands, capturing the resources of Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (vs. 41-43).

Daniel 11:44-45 takes us to the edge of time. News out of the north and east of Israel will alarm the global leader as he hears and sees vast armies marching towards the Armageddon confrontation, including Russia and Eastern Asian nations. He will set out in great rage to destroy and annihilate many.

19. Considering Revelation 9:16, how large are the forces that will advance towards Israel in the final moments of time? _____

200,000,000. A vast number of military forces, more than can be imagined.

20. Where does the king of the north pitch his royal tents (v. 45)? _____

His entourage sets up between the seas (Mediterranean Sea and Dead Sea) at the beautiful holy mountain—in Israel and Jerusalem. See also Isaiah 66:20; Daniel 9:16; and 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

21. What is his punishment for claiming Jerusalem as his after he steps onto the Temple Mount (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9)? _____

Read Daniel 7:26, Daniel 8:25, Daniel 9:27 and Daniel 11:45; each of Daniel's four visions foretell the demise of Antichrist, Satan's master leader of deception.

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