13 – THE ANTICHRIST (DANIEL 11:36-12:3)

- I. The Prophecy Concerning the Antichrist (11:36-45)
 - The text shifts to discussing a future ruler that we know as the Antichrist.

A. His description (11:36-39)

- 1. His authority (11:36a)
 - This king will answer to no one, as he does what he pleases.
- 2. Self-proclaimed god (11:36b)
 - He will proclaim himself to be above every god.
- 3. <u>Blasphemer (11:36c)</u>
 - He will speak blasphemies against the true God.
- 4. His prosperity (11:36d)
 - He will prosper in all that he does during the time of wrath or tribulation.
- 5. His nature (11:37)
 - This king will have no respect for his religious heritage.
 - He will have no regard for the hope of women, the Messiah.
 - He sees himself as a god above every god.
- 6. His focus (11:38)
 - He will honor his military might and prosperity.
 - He will honor an unknown god who may be Satan.
- 7. <u>His influence (11:39)</u>
 - He will honor those who follow him with wealth and land.
- B. The war against the Antichrist (11:40-45)
 - 1. The king attacked (11:40)
 - He will be attacked by a king of the north and a king of the south.

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- He will move his army through many nations as he overwhelms them.

2. <u>Israel invaded (11:41)</u>

- He will invade Israel as many nations are overthrown.
- Edom, Moab and Ammon will escape his wrath.

3. He will attack others (11:42)

- He will attack many countries and Egypt will not escape.

4. <u>His victory (11:43)</u>

- He will dominate Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia.

5. Troubled report (11:44)

- He will hear of trouble from the north and east.
- He will respond by attacking and destroying many.

6. <u>His last stand (11:45)</u>

- He will plant his forces on the plains of Israel.
- Here he will come to an end and no one will help him.

II. Israel's Deliverance (12:1-3)

A. Trouble and deliverance (12:1)

1. Trouble (12:1a)

- The angel Michael will fight for Israel.
- It will be a period of such trouble that Israel has never seen.
- This period is known as the Great Tribulation.

2. Deliverance (12:1b)

- Angel tells Daniel that Israel will be delivered.
- The deliverance will be for those who are written in the book.

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Scripture Exodus 32:32

Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

B. The resurrection of the dead (12:2-3)

1. The resurrection (12:2)

- a. Dead are raised (12:2a)
 - The angel states that those who have died will be raised to life.

b. Double resurrection (12:2b)

- Some will experience a resurrection to eternal life.
- Some will experience a resurrection unto the second death.

Scripture Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

2. The reward (12:3)

- Those who are faithful to the end will be honored and rewarded.

Scripture Revelation 21:7

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.