

# SALVATION IN SYMBOLS & SIGNS

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## Daniel 11 – Part 4 STUDY GUIDE

### Daniel 11:36

The Apostle Paul quotes Daniel 11:36 in the New Testament. This will help us identify the power being spoken of here as a continuation of the little horn power or the papacy. Let's take a look.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4

The context of 2 Thessalonians 2 perfectly parallels the fourth beast in Daniel 2, 7, 8, and 11. Historically, Paul is speaking of Imperial Rome in the first few verses. He is encouraging believers not to anticipate the second coming of Christ in their lifetime because there will be a falling away, or apostasy, first. Paul then explains that once Imperial Rome is taken out of the way, the man of sin replaces Imperial Rome. This is how we see the papacy historically and biblically revealed. Paul describes characteristics of the papacy that are identical to the characteristics described in Daniel 11:36.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:4

- "... opposes...all that is called God ...."
- "... exalts himself above...God ...."
- "... opposes and exalts himself above all that is...worshiped ...."
- "... he sits as God in the temple of God ...."
- "... showing himself that he is God."

### Daniel 11:36-37

- "... shall do according to his own will ...."
- "... shall exalt and magnify himself ...."

- "... magnify himself above every god ...."
- "... shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods ...."
- "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers ...."
  - "... nor regard any god ...."
  - "... nor the desire of women ...."
  - "... shall exalt himself above them all."



"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." **2 THESSALONIANS 2:3**

We can almost be assured here in 2 Thessalonians, that Paul is quoting from Daniel 11:36, 37, as he explains to the believers in Thessalonica what to look for in the coming "man of sin" who follows the power of Imperial Rome.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4 and 13-15 clearly instruct us that Satan himself will come in the guise of a false Jesus, and his fallen angels will come as false ministers of righteousness. Often, we think of the antichrist as some dark, evil-looking, pitchfork-wielding, sinister power. But the Bible tells us that the antichrist comes to put himself in the place of God. Therefore, he will come as an "angel of

light"—a guise that is as close to God as possible—to deceive as many as possible.

### Daniel 11:37

This is describing the papacy as a church that claims apostolic succession. It does not regard "the God of his fathers," meaning the God of Peter and the apostles. The papacy has forsaken the truth of the Bible, the truth that Peter and the apostles followed, and yet claims to be the successor of Peter and have the keys to the kingdom, and to be the rock against which hell cannot prevail. But the Bible tells us that Jesus alone is that Rock (1 Peter 2:8; Romans 9:33).

### KEY SCRIPTURES

**Dan. 11:36** THE KING SHALL DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

**Dan. 11:37** HE SHALL MAGNIFY HIMSELF

**2 Thes. 2:4** SHEWING HIMSELF THAT HE IS GOD

**Dan. 11:39** HE...SHALL DIVIDE THE LAND FOR GAIN

“He shall regard neither...the desire of women...” can apply to the celibacy teachings of the Roman church, but it can also apply spiritually to other churches, as “woman” is symbolic of a church (Daniel 11:37). The papacy will not regard the desire of God’s church nor any other church or religion, but will exalt itself as a church above all others. It is, therefore, identified by Bible prophecy as the “mother” church (Revelation 17:5).

This is a huge stumbling block for many people in the world. When you have a power that is identified as clay, professing to be moldable by God, and yet is mingled with the iron of worldly connection, you have a huge conflict of interest. Hypocrisy and misrepresentation of God’s character in Christianity have caused millions to turn away from the Bible. The gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of that gospel to deliver us from sin is compromised by this professed Christian power.

### Daniel 11:38, 39

The words of these verses—gold, silver, precious stones, strong fortresses, and dividing the land for gain—all speak to the temporal focus of this power. The worldly “iron,” pictured in Daniel 2, reveals the compromise that this professed religious power is making with the world. This stumbling

block to the gospel of Jesus Christ is the essence of the character of this medieval church as it continues to rise to power, moving toward the time of the end in 1798.

### Daniel 11:40

In this verse, we are directed to a reversal of power for a short time. We see the king of the north pushed at or gored by the king of the south, identified in the Bible as Egypt (Isaiah 30:1-6). This points to the rise of an atheistic power (Exodus 5:2), centered in the country of France. This is the very country that, in the sixth century, gave swords and arms to the papacy through Clovis, and then took away the arms, or military might, of the papacy in 1798. France manifested a rejection of religion during what history identifies as the French Revolution. It was not the religion of the Bible that was rejected, though it seemed to be such. It was the rejection of a false religion, a misrepresentation of the truth of the gospel and of what the Bible actually teaches, that was rejected by the people of France. They were led by a false religion to reject the Bible and Jesus. ★