

# SALVATION IN SYMBOLS & SIGNS

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Corresponds to Program 110

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## Daniel 11 – Part 6 STUDY GUIDE

### Revelation 13:1, 2

Revelation 13 mirrors Daniel 11. God takes us back to the four prophetic visions of Daniel in the sea beast of Revelation 13:1. We are shown:

1. The “mouth of a Lion” (Babylon)
2. The “feet of a bear” (Medo Persia)
3. The body of “a leopard” (Greece)
4. The “seat and great authority” (Imperial Rome)

The reason why Revelation 13 can be seen in Daniel 11 is that it provides more insight into events taking place in Daniel 11:40-45. In Daniel 11, these final events are somewhat obscure, but Revelation adds clarity as it highlights the rise of a new power not seen in Daniel 11.

Historically, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (the king of the north) comes to the glorious land to enter, but is pushed against by the king of the south (Egypt) that is seeking to help defend Jerusalem at the request of Jehoiakim (Daniel 1:1). The king of the north (Nebuchadnezzar) comes against the king of the south (Egypt) and defeats them. Nebuchadnezzar then turns his focus on Jehoiakim and eventually enters the glorious land to take it. Daniel and his friends escape from the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, so to speak, by being faithful to God and refusing to eat the food and drink of Babylon. Later, Nebuchadnezzar is troubled by tidings out of the east and north concerning the dream that his kingdom will be followed by the Medo Persians. The dream that God gives Ne-

buchadnezzar is that an anointed one is coming from the east and the north to overthrow his kingdom. In Daniel 3, Nebuchadnezzar seeks to eternally plant his kingdom by setting up a golden image. He ends up in great fury and tries to destroy Daniel’s friends who refused to acknowledge the image.

Even in Daniel 6, we have a death decree, which is typical of the last movements in Daniel 11 and Revelation 13. Daniel comes out of the lion’s den unscathed, just like God’s people will be delivered in the great time of trouble. Daniel 6 indicates God’s people being persecuted for what they do (worshiping God), whereas in Daniel 3 they are persecuted for what they didn’t do (bow to the image).

In other words, Daniel chapters 1-6, which some relegate to history as nice biblical stories, are actually prophetic illustrations of end-time events. The principles found in these chapters all typify the final events of Daniel 11:40-45 and Revelation 13:

- The king of the north attacking the glorious land
- Overcoming the king of the south
- Fury at God’s people who refuse to acknowledge and worship the counterfeit image
- The fall of Babylon to the kings of the east and the Lord’s anointed
- Another death decree pressuring Daniel to stop praying to his God



“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.” **REVELATION 13:1**

### KEY SCRIPTURES

**Rev. 13:2** BEAST...WAS LIKE UNTO A LEOPARD

**Daniel 11:43** HE SHALL HAVE POWER OVER THE...GOLD

**Daniel 11:44** HE SHALL GO FORTH WITH GREAT FURY

**Daniel 11:45** HE SHALL COME TO HIS END

## Daniel 11:43

### ECONOMIC CONTROL

This verse speaks of the worldwide dominion that will be established before Christ comes the second time. Power over gold, silver, and all precious things speaks of economic control. Libya and Ethiopia are symbols of the Middle East and Africa, denoting the completeness of worldwide power and influence the king of the north will have. Revelation 13 brings to view Earth's final crisis and indicates that economic control will play a major role. The sea beast, representing the papal church-state, and the lamb-like beast, representing Protestant America, are to form an alliance that enforces the mark of its one-world system of political religion. To coerce the world into compliance with the new global religious-political system, the allied powers will make a law that "no one may buy or sell" except those who receive the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:17). We already see this happening in our world today. Christ pointed to wars, rumors of war, pandemics, and natural disasters leading to a final crisis among the nations (Matthew 24:6-8). The Bible says this worldwide crisis along with economic control will eventually be used to pressure compliance in all nations against God's Name and His people (Revelation 13:15-17; Matthew 24:9).

### TIDINGS FROM THE EAST AND NORTH

## Daniel 11:44

The "him" who is "troubled" here is the king of the north—the papal church-state supported by apostate Protestant America. The source of his trouble are the "tidings out of the east and out of the north" (the east and the north are significant symbols, both indicating activity led by the Lord). The tidings are of the true Gospel, proclaimed by God's true and faithful church. In response to the Gospel, the king of the north will lash out in "great fury to destroy," exercising its power to persecute God's people just as it did in the Dark Ages.

## Isaiah 41:25

In Isaiah 41:25 we find a prophetic announcement of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Christ is represented as coming from the north and east because He is the true King of the North. The city of God, "Mount Zion," is associated with the north (Psalm 48:1-5, 9, 10). It is "His holy mountain" (verse 1) where His people take "refuge" (verse 3) and where kings "saw...so they marveled" at the Lord (verses 4-5). The north is the place of God's "lovingkindness" and His "righteousness" (verses 9-10).

It makes sense that the Lord's archenemy, Satan, then began his campaign of rebellion by aspiring to "sit [enthroned] on the mount of the congregation [assembled to worship God], on the farthest sides of the north" (Isaiah 14:13). Therefore, Satan has claimed the north as his vantage ground, despite knowing that God Almighty is the true King of the North. This explains

why the usurper king of the north is ultimately "troubled" by "tidings" out of the north, for the Lord will claim His rightful place as the only true God, Who alone is worthy of worship.

The east is also associated with the Lord. Looking forward to the final witness of God's people to Earth's inhabitants, Ezekiel said, "And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory" (Ezekiel 43:2).

It is significant that God's voice is to sound like many waters. Symbolically speaking, waters in the Bible symbolize many people (Revelation 17:15). The final message that will enlighten the earth with a knowledge of God's character will be heralded through many people.

The same message is brought to view in Revelation. There we read that God's people are "sealed" by the Gospel "on their foreheads" by an angel or messenger who comes "from the east" (Revelation 7:2-3). In other words, the character of God will be reproduced in the hearts and minds of those who receive the tidings that proceed from the east. Receiving the seal on the forehead indicates an intelligent, willing acceptance of the Gospel.

This message from the north and the east troubles the counterfeit king of the north and arouses his fury. He has labored against the true Gospel of Christ by setting up a colossal false system of worship, specifically attacking the mediation of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the holy law of God. Daniel says that the false king of the north has had "rage against the holy covenant" (Daniel 11:30). The glad tidings from the north and the east, by which the seal of God is fixed within the foreheads of those who embrace the everlasting gospel, restores and exalts the covenant of God with mankind. The tidings of Daniel 11 proclaim the free forgiveness of sins and promises to write God's Law in the hearts of all who believe, thus fulfilling "the new covenant" that has been under attack since the beginning of the great warfare between good and evil (Hebrews 8:10-12; 10:16-18). Eventually, the true Gospel of Christ will prevail and the counterfeit system will be defeated.

## Daniel 11:45

The antichrist power wants to sit in the place of God before the nations of the world. He will attempt this by placing his laws and authority between the people of this world and the "glorious holy mountain," which is the heavenly Jerusalem.

## Hebrews 12:22-24; Revelation 17:15; Revelation 14:1

The glorious, holy mountain is the mountain of the Lord (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2). The seas represent the people, multitudes, nations, and tongues of this world. The devil is seeking to plant his counterfeit system of worship between the peoples, multitudes, and nations of this world, Mount Zion "and church of the firstborn, who are registered in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). Satan covets the worship and adoration

that belongs only to God. According to Bible prophecy, the antichrist will not succeed in his efforts to usurp the place of God. As is depicted in Daniel 2, 7, and 8, his power is to be finally ended by Christ Himself.

### Daniel 12:1

#### DELIVERANCE FROM TROUBLE

The book of Daniel closes with a promise of deliverance for God's people from the great time of trouble that is to come upon the world. The phrase, "at that time" refers to the conflict just outlined in chapter 11 between the king of the north and the glad tidings of the everlasting covenant directing the world to worship God and prepare for the second coming of Christ. Amid this titanic struggle, Michael will stand up on behalf of God's people. He will deliver them out of the "time of trouble" that will encompass the world due to the great persecuting fury of the king of the north in response to the true Gospel.

### Daniel 12:2

The time of this deliverance is the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is indicated in verse 2, which brings the resurrection into view. The Apostle Paul places the resurrection of the faithful dead at the second coming (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).

God has given us an awesome promise when He says that every one of His people are to be delivered after Michael stands up. "Every one" of God's people means that no one is left out; not one of God's people will die in the time of trouble after the close of probation. The devil would be delighted to kill God's sealed people at this time but he is forbidden to.

### Exodus 15:17

What the king of the north is doing in Daniel 11:45 is counterfeiting God's sanctuary. This is because the sanctuary is the key to understanding this final conflict. In the sanctuary, we have the law of God. In the sanctuary, we have the manna that was in the ark. The manna reminds us of the miracle God performed every week on the Sabbath. The law of God and the manna in the sanctuary, specifically in the most holy place, remind us that the Sabbath is the true day of worship. Satan is seeking to plant his tabernacle, his false worship, his counterfeit day, in the place of God's Sabbath day. And in the sanctuary, we have the mercy seat above the law. In the sanctuary we have a way of salvation through the Lamb of God, slain from Earth's foundation (Revelation 13:8; John 14:6; Psalm 77:13).

### Appeal

God's love, His mercy seat, is available for each one of us right now. Although false religious systems have sought to obscure it, and though the devil has attempted to counterfeit it, whoever will can come to the throne of God's grace and find mercy and help in this time of need. Don't hesitate. Now is your time to say, "Jesus, I want You to be my personal Savior and Friend. Please come into my life and heart today before You stand up and cease all mediation. Amen." ★