

## Sermon Notes -- Daniel 11 -- The Last Battle

### Chapter 11:1-35 -- Accurate Predictions

We saw last week in chapter 10 that a burning man appears to Daniel and gives Daniel a vision of the next four hundred years. And it is *amazingly accurate*.

### Read Daniel 11:2-7 -- Predictions of Next 400 Years

(v 2) - The 4<sup>th</sup> Persian king was Xerxes, and he was much richer than all the kings before him. This is an accurate prediction.

(v 3) This is Alexander the Great. He rose up against the Persians. He quickly conquered the world in 10 years.

(v 4) Alexander the Great died young. His rivals killed all his children. The world was divided up between four generals.

(vv 5-7) History records this daughter's name as Bernice. Her father was a king in the south, and she married a king of the north. She was poisoned. And her brother avenged her.

### Read Daniel 11:36 -- Predictions of the Final Future

Throughout Christian history and still today, most agree that the Burning Man turns from predicting the next 400 years of the future, which ended with the birth of Jesus Christ, and jumps to the end of time, describing a final battle between good and evil.

### Jesus in Daniel

1. You can see the descent of evil into the world, taking on flesh in the form of ruthless leaders, and eventually seeing a final leader, who will be the Anti-Christ.
2. You can see the descent of God into the world, coming as a man and yet fully God. He is vulnerable. He can be killed and in fact, is killed! And that was actually the plan!

### Read Daniel 11:36-39 -- Description of the Anti-Christ

1. The Anti-Christ will magnify himself as god and demand worship. Sounds like a celebrity. (vv 36)
2. The Anti-Christ will come from a religious background but will lead people away from God. (vv 37)
3. The Anti-Christ will use military power. (v 38)
4. The Anti-Christ will use money to lure people. (v 39)

### Description of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus Christ will come into the world in the lowest way.
2. Jesus Christ will honor the God of his fathers.
3. Jesus Christ will use weakness to overthrow evil.
4. Jesus Christ says you can not serve God and money.

Who does our society magnify? Celebrities.

Where does our society find power? Military.

What does our society want over all else? Money

### What Should You Do?

1. Pay attention to those who go unnoticed.
2. Make yourself vulnerable rather than defensive.
3. Give your extra money to help the poor.

The battle between good and evil is being played out right before us. And you make choices every day of where to put your hope.

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- Buying guns is a good idea for the times we live in.
- The best defense is to make yourself vulnerable.

### Read Daniel 11:2-7 – Predictions of Next 400 Years

1. How does it affect your faith that Daniel was able to so accurately predict the future?
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### Read Daniel 11:36-39 – Description of the Anti-Christ

3. How would you describe the Anti-Christ? Can you think of anyone in the world that fits that description today?
4. What are the dangers in naming names of people who might be the Anti-Christ?
5. How is Jesus different from the Anti-Christ? List some descriptions. Do any of these descriptions bother you?
6. Can you show the places in Daniel where you might see Jesus?

### What Should You Do?

7. In what ways do you think you might be following the Anti-Christ rather than Jesus Christ today?
8. What would need to change in your life to follow Jesus?
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