



## Daniel 46 – Parable of the Bold {Anti-God} Ruler

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Daniel 8:23-27



### Prologue: Gabriel Ram and Goat – Near View Defines Far View

- Gabriel's interpretation links Ram to the kings of Media and Persia and Goat to Hellenism beginning with Alexander, whom Antiochus emulates
  - Alexander archetypal ruler inspired his successors, but they lacked Satan's same empowerment; Antiochus came closest to displaying Alexander's true legacy
  - Antiochus, archetype of Antichrist, persecuted those who do not worship properly (Rome's Emperor worship); and False Jews whom he hates but who helped him (24:23-12)
- Jews undergo Four Judgments of God for unbelief: Purification (14:19-24)
  - Babylonian Captivity – Nebuchadnezzar; God saved
  - Interstament Period – Antiochus Epiphanes; type of Antichrist (This vision)
  - Diaspora – By Rome after execution of Christ; Antichrist, Messiah they want
  - Great Tribulation – Purification of True Jews who see Christ; God (24:12-13)



### Prologue: Prophetic Time – May Change Mid-Sentence

- Prophecy can be very difficult for the studious; but, for the immature prophecies are enigmas leading to erroneous conclusions (Satan's goal)
  - Christ read from Isaiah at Nazareth's synagogue then declared those verse were fulfilled in Him this day; then they tried to kill Him (24:14-25)
  - Christ very specific in his selection; He stopped mid sentence because remainder of the sentence was the far view, yet to be fulfilled (24:11-13)
  - Passage: "...to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor" (First Advent-Sacrifice)..." and the day of vengeance of our God" (Second Advent-Annihlates Antichrist)
- Daniel's vision begins with Antiochus Epiphanes yet ends with Antichrist of whom Antiochus was a near view; example of the latter
  - Unless one is aware of this time shift one's conclusions may lead to confusion which is the purpose of parables; Confound the wise (24:10-17, 10x 12-26)

## What's in a Name?

### Antiochus

- Means: Against those who possess
- Throne name, Epiphanes added
- Both names ref sons of gods:  
Antiochus: Heracles (Christ) and  
Epiphanes: Zeus (Antichrist)
- True Name: Mithradates – Persian,  
given by Mithra (Sun god)
- Another Title: Epimanes – The Mad

### Antichrist

- Means: Against Christ
- Chosen Title: Unknown
- True name: Unknown
- Arises from Romanized empire:  
May not mean Europe
- Lost are g considered antichrists

## Transition from Near to Far Views: Antiochus Epiphanes to Antichrist

- Metaphor, parable, cannot perfectly imitate its object
  - Simplistic design to illustrate major moral point
  - Antiochus IV not a perfect illustration point-for-point but does illustrate the major emphasis of Antichrist: Against God and Jews, His people
- Both arise at the latter end of their two kingdoms by deceitful usurpation
  - Antiochus was the first Seleucid usurper: By murder and bribery of Rome
  - Antichrist decimates three horns to dominate the seven and persecute True Jews
  - Seleucid empire absorbed by Rome as was Ptolemaic Egypt: though piecemeal
  - Antichrist's attempt at globalization will be defeated by Christ's Second Advent
- Both seize control of Jerusalem and the Temple converting it to self-worship

## Jewish Rejection of God: Cause of Antiochus IV and Antichrist

- God allows Antiochus and Antichrist to come to power to punish the Jews for their rejection of Him and their false worship (Daniel 9:24-27)
  - Cain and Abel: Not judged for sacrifices but for their hearts; Abel (worthless) accepted but Cain (God given) rejected: self-pride; Jews end in pride (Genesis 4:1-8)
  - Moses foretold their future in his last song, poem (Deuteronomy 32:1-47)
- Jews false worship pays homage to demons; God allows Satan to be their lord via human surrogates: Antiochus IV and Antichrist (Revelation 12:9)
  - Wealthy Jews and priesthood g Antiochus IV for power and who then betrayed them when he sought to Hellenize their culture
  - Antichrist will be welcomed by the False Jews whom he betrays when he declares himself god; crushes False Jews completely and persecutes True Jews

## Parable of the Bold Face: Idiom Forgotten Today


- Today's English rejects adjectives and metaphors in exchange for wow or awesome conveying little meaning; literature nearly incomprehensible to modern readers
  - **Bold** – Denotes hard, tyrannical character who accomplishes **his** goals over everyone else: Elites used by this ruler over the masses (Socialism)
  - **Riddles** – Appears to solve complex enigmas (False Dilemma)
- Examples of current Enigmas with **bold** leaders (Socialism)
  - Climate Change – Green Tax (Climate controlled by solar-galactic energies)
  - Poverty – Government fairness regulation (Free Enterprise invisible hand rejected)
  - Tolerance – Intolerance redefined according to changing agenda (Rejects God and Bible truths in exchange for Lies: (Scientism))
  - Globalization – Façade for financiers' controls (Rejects Free Enterprise & Nations)

## Purpose: Destroy Opposition – Godly and Ungodly

- Power of both men, and all unsaved, is Satan which explains why goals and methodologies are similar: Same author of lies (Job 2:1-4:21; 19:1-11; 28:28; 38:12-25)
  - Jewish Rebellion did overcome Seleucid Hellenization but only after Antiochus IV died in Eastern empire quelling a different rebellion; necessary to preserve the Temple for coming Messiah's First Advent (1 Macc 1:54-59; 2:23-26)
  - Diaspora: True Jews peacefully resist to spread the Gospel, results in major persecutions until Christ returns; Antichrist invincible until that moment (Revelation)
- Keys to success of both men, and all who prosper under these methods
  - Deceit (Lies) prosper: Reflexivity-Fertile Fallacies; logical fallacies: False Dilemma
  - High Self-Esteem: Both are self-righteous in their own minds; Pragmatism: Ends justifies the means (Woke theology; Socialism; All governments)
  - Where lies prosper, death follows, results of Satan's sin: Overt and Covert (1st 28:15-18)


## All Antichrists Arrayed Against Christ: Antiochus & The Antichrist Examples

- All Lost resist and reject Christ even the religious (Example: False Jews)
  - Antiochus IV, son of sun, Heracles & Zeus, sacrifices pigs to Zeus on Temple altar
  - Antichrist in Temple openly denigrates Christ by declaring himself god, or at least as god's direct intercessor: Satan (Accuses (satan) Christ of not being God)
- Both men's death are not by People but by God:
  - Antiochus IV dies by disease when quelling Parthia's revolt
  - Antichrist literally removed from this existence directly to Lake of Fire (Revelation)
- Daniel told to seal up this vision of the evenings and mornings (Days) as it refers to many days from now; intertestament period and Great Tribulation
  - This vision not immediately published in Belshazzar's day: Decade before Persia
  - Probably sent with refugees to Jerusalem before his death: Applicable to them



## Daniel's Honesty: Admits Ignorance of His Vision

- Daniel would put most pastors today to shame: Admits his ignorance
  - Daniel returned to his duties after recovering physically from his spiritual encounter with Gabriel
  - Even with Gabriel's interpretation, Daniel did not fully grasp the meaning of his vision; probably the part about the **Bold** face ruler(s)
  - Daniel would have been unaware of the intervening First Fruits Dispensation and thus of another period of Jacob's trouble and the coming Antichrist (24:23-45)
  - Daniel probably aware of great tribulation coming to the Jews because of their faithlessness which would cause him great distress
  - God warning them that Babylonian Captivity would not drive them back to Him; en masse but lead to more chastening because: Hearts of stone (24:37-42)
  - Sharp contrast to next chapter and Daniel's repentant prayer of forgiveness: True Jews repent; False Jews seek to be gods, but are slaves (24:23, 24:12-13)



## If Pertains to Jews: Why Do Christians Study Daniel?

- Daniel gives the astute reader overview of man's history since the Bronze Age Collapse: allowed by God
  - God used this collapse to establish Israel and inspire surrounding nations to rediscover Him via Solomon's prosperity (24:41-42)
- Satan used this period to develop a people through which he could command world-wide leadership again: (Unity via Diversity; Four Empires)
  - Failed with Man-Woman as God raised up Noah from Abel-Seth line
  - Failed at Babel when God intervened to establish different cultures to keep His word alive through Shem: Unofficial priesthood – Melchizedek (24:14, 17, 25; 28:11, 24; 46:1)
  - Satan has been working since the Bronze Age collapse to develop a globalized religious-political empire with Antichrist as king, False Prophet as advisor and himself as god; Demons are his cohorts and people his slaves; even the elites



## Question to Ask: Why Skip Babylon and Rome?

- Babylon directly absent from this vision; Rome indirectly present, references the coming Antichrist (24:11; Revelation compares Rome and the Antichrist)
  - Babylon, enclave of ancient paganism, reached back to Sumer via Se-un (Tirah) worship; Nebuchadnezzar's salvation challenged paganism's tyranny
  - Babylon God's instrument to do what Jews refused, bring knowledge of God to the nations, written in Aramaic; for this reason; Persia, influenced by Judah's monotheism, developed Zoroasterism (Merger of duality and worship of light)
  - Hellenism's bible not just its paganism but Homer's epics: Had cultivated a hero culture even aware of its pointlessness, tragedies, simply for glory in words, works; odyssey showed the end of wars; Cultural collapse (Bronze Age and Sea People)
  - When Hellenism's paganistic warrior culture mixed with Persia's Zoroasterism, duality and light, Gnosticism germinated; which infused into Hellenism by Pythagoras' disciples after his untimely death (initially rejected by Hellenism)

## Rome's Hellenism Cultural Infusion:

- Roman Empire could not have grown without Hellenism's infusion; Eastern, Hellenistic, Empire lasted thousand years longer than the Western, Latin, Empire; however, it was Western Roman Empire that set up our history
- Western Rome's domination of Europe brought unintended consequences: especially the struggles with Germanic tribes
  - Rome suffered its greatest defeat 9 A.D. Teutoburg forest, three legions (20,000+) massacred; Rome later avenged this defeat but never conquered the Germans
  - Germanic tribes were absorbed into Roman armies, invaded Rome and caused its slow decline into medievalism; Odoacer, Germanic king of the Torcilingi, deposed Romulus Augustulus, last Western Roman emperor (476 A.D.)
  - Middle Ages: Decline of Roman Empire with new kingdoms attempting to emulate Rome's Empire accompanied by the developing gnostic church, RCC, whose earliest philosopher, Augustine, linked RCC doctrine to Neo-Platonism

## Daniel Shows How Satan Laid Groundwork for Modern History

- Constant European wars brought Hellenism's warrior culture into developing nations to emulate Rome's glory; 19th-20<sup>th</sup> century was renewed ancient conflict with Germany's rise as industrial-military power
  - Great War, Parts One and Two, sought to eradicate German power preparing for European Union; Revitalized Romanism promotes Socialism; then the Antichrist
  - Great Britain agitated for both German wars to insure Anglo-Saxon dominance; world hegemony passed to America bringing democracy, Romanism, to world
  - President Wilson entered America into the war to legalize American national socialism; later he promoted international socialization via League of Nations
  - European Union, revived Romanized empire, absorbed defeated Germany is now home to world's financiers who control world governments
  - League of Nations morphed into United Nations to be the front for globalization

## History is Unbroken Continuum: We are Part of God's Continuum

- Satan seeks division to conquer peoples; though he advocates unity via diversity, he only unifies when enslaving others to himself
  - Satan always seeks to destroy the Gospel; this continues today
  - God gives all sinners space to show their true natures; at every opportunity Satan shows himself worthy of judgment (ps 1:17-26)
- Satan seeks the deaths of all whom God saves
  - Cain killed Abel simply because God approved Abel over him; s/n 3:6-11-12
  - As a body, Jews remained Satanized from Golden Calf to agitating for Messiah's death by using the Romans (ps 52:AR26647-AC 4:1-12)
- Roman Empire began just before Christ's First Advent and continues in revived form until His Second Advent destroys it as portrayed in Daniel