



Daniel 67 – Coming to Power{lessness}

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Prologue: Regional Conflicts – Struggles for Control Without Control

- ▶ These regional conflicts mirrors today's regional conflicts which drain the economies of nation-states thus promoting regionalism {Ancient Empires}
 - ▶ Since WWII regional conflicts have dominated with nearly continual warfare despite cries of, "Peace, Peace"; there is no peace
 - ▶ Regional famines occur due to societal instabilities and decreasing stability in earth's magnetosphere and solar-galactic outflows; God reducing His Control
 - ▶ Man's experimentation in food crops producing increasingly greater yields with decreasingly nutritional yields {GMO}
 - ▶ Man's experimentation in disease causing agents unleashes uncontrollable illnesses that range from basically benign to devastatingly deadly
 - ▶ Despite *free market* successes bringing increasing prosperity to entire societies as never before seen; Satan and people in power agitate for return to Socialism which returns societies to serfdom; world without hope except for Christ's Gospel



Prologue: God's Intervention – Reducing His Restraint Over Time

- ▶ Sin demands Control and God slowly allows Sinners to have some Control
 - ▶ To be as God means exercising Control over ALL elements which finite sinners are unable to fathom {Icarus}; as God reduces Control, Creation exhibits more instability
 - ▶ Man cannot Control his Flesh let alone empirical elements of Creation; thus, this Creation groans under burden of Satan's-Man's *?control?* (Ro 7:8-13, 22-24; 8:6-8, 19-22)
 - ▶ While God *allows* Satan-Man to create a world without Him, to include all its consequences, He mercifully intervenes to prevent loss of Hope (Ro 8:23-30)
 - ▶ In these Latter Days, Satan knows his time is short and his wrath increases physical degradations and societal-personal violence (Ro 1:18-28; Re 12:7-12)
 - ▶ Satan marshals intellectuals and informational services to sway mankind to accept as *normal* and *positive* the degradations and violence: Lies
 - ▶ Each ruler-sinner who dies in sin comes to naught; this is the vanity of evolution and sin: All who die in sin face the Judgment despite Christ's Gospel (Lk 16:22-31; He 9:27; Re 20:7-15)



Behind the Scenes: Deception – Diplomacy – Force

- ▶ Thus far the angel has given us a *behind the scenes* view of international events epitomized through these two similar empires vying for power
 - ▶ Force, politics by other means, has proven indecisive and wasteful of people, material and, finances, the life blood of any empire or nation-state sovereignty
 - ▶ Diplomacy, alliances, also proved indecisive as each ruler had internal support from *powerful* people: Priests; Military; Financiers: Not total war scenario
 - ▶ Diplomacy via family members proved indecisive also either via rejection of the relationship or seducing the relationship to one's own viewpoint
- ▶ What has been depicted thus far is known as an Attrition Strategy or Wearing Down One's Opponent
 - ▶ Wasteful of resources of both sides preventing cultural advancement
 - ▶ Eventually one side grows weaker, vulnerable, due to internal-external losses



Cultural Decay: Path of Evil Ruler

- ▶ Attrition warfare's drain on resources promotes cultural – societal decay; resources that should have been available to increase wealth are diverted to war efforts; Broken-Window Fallacy: Employment is not Wealth {Socialism}
 - ▶ Agricultural produce funneled to military reduces available societal nutrition leaving weaker ones in production reducing health and increasing diseases (Pr 28:3)
 - ▶ Military development – manufacturing reduces wealth by increasing poverty among the upper-middle classes which prevents societal upward mobility; hence, slavery-serfdom increases and wealth production decreases
 - ▶ Promotes pragmatism which facilitates the elevation of baser elements of society increasing corruption; as *good* decreases; *evil* increases (Pr 28:4-5, 12; 29:2)
 - ▶ There becomes only one rule: Win by Any Means Possible: Satan; World; Flesh (Pr 27:20; 30:21-22; Jn 8:44)



Cultural Decay: Prey to Other Powers

- ▶ Our previous lesson showed Northern King deterred by another force (Da 11:18)
 - ▶ As Northern and Southern kings are weakened, draining ability to project power, they become prey to an empire rising in power {Rome-Revived Roman Empire}
 - ▶ Northern King coming to power is so weakened that his tribute collecting emissaries are ignored; he quickly falls prey to baser men whose only rule is to win
 - ▶ One comes who has no authority to rule; however, he takes control via lies supported by those who will gain from his deceptions; even in Southern Kingdom
 - ▶ He secures his base in the Levant by defeating those who oppose him including the Jews who have sided with Ptolemaic king; they begin to join him for gain
- ▶ Rise of Antiochus IV, Antichrist, is via continual crises wherein people believe his flatteries, deceptions, or succumb to his violence
 - ▶ He does not rise because of strength, at first, but due to lies {Victory and Peace?}



Spiritual Warfare: Determines Physical Warfare

- ▶ Antichrist-type ruler's influence out of proportion to his power-resources
 - ▶ He gains allies behind the scenes via bribery who work against the Southern king: Rebellion, Satan's *modus operandi*
 - ▶ When he does wield power, he brings horrific violence to engender fear
 - ▶ When his base is secure, he comes against the Southern king defeating him in a large battle
 - ▶ Both kings use deception in negotiations; Northern King has spiritual advantage
- ▶ Northern King returns to his empire with great plunder but leaves Southern empire intact for continual tribute
 - ▶ Antiochus IV despises Jewish culture; not Hellenism nor paganism
 - ▶ He exerts power over the *False Jews* as Satan directs (Re 12:17a)



Cyclic History: Islam vs Christendom {Not Godly}

- ▶ Medieval period not simply European post-Rome decline but an ongoing conflict between Roman Catholic and Islamic forces: Jews are incidental
 - ▶ Islamic forces beaten back in France: Battle of Tours – 732
 - ▶ Various Middle East Crusades marred by deception; diplomacy and wars of attrition with atrocities on both sides: 1095-1291
 - ▶ Islamic forces beaten back at Vienna: Battle of Vienna – 1683
 - ▶ Britain's efforts in WWI, along with Middle Eastern oil discoveries post WWII, reinvigorated medieval Islamic countries to revitalized antagonisms
 - ▶ Islamic forces today invade Western societies using deception: Migration or Hijra, Taqiya, and Abrogation promote Jihadi violence
- ▶ Ongoing testing of one form versus another to create ongoing havoc to weaken both forms while preparing his *better* form: Crises increases Control



Cyclic History: Financiers Control via Deceptions

- ▶ Modern Western conflicts reveal Satan's deceptions preparing for his Empire
 - ▶ Cecil Rhodes created Round Table groups to advance British power, first via Boer War then WWI to prevent Germanic economic-political dominance: Began the Process
 - ▶ Colonel House {agent of JP Morgan/London Bank} induced Wilson to enter WWI which assured Allied victory; his job: League of Nations {first attempt of globalization}
 - ▶ Bank of International Settlements {BIS} set up to handle German reparations and became World's Central Bank to national central banks; probably funded Hitler's rise to power as well as his defeat by Allied forces when his usefulness ended
 - ▶ Surprisingly, America emerged as dominant post-WWII power to support United Nations and Israel's creation by atheistic Zionists; kept Islamists inflamed
 - ▶ *Cold war, regional liberation wars {Marcuse} and central bank manipulations used to deplete America's wealth in people, resources and moral values: Control is the Goal*