

Antichrist and the King of the North



The last campaign of Epiphanes against Egypt was stopped by the Romans. Now Epiphanes gave in to his hatred towards Israel. Tens of thousands were killed, the temple desecrated and Jewish worship forbidden (vv29-33). Yet there remained a believing remnant (vv34-35).

Having completed this sketch of the – then still future – history of the Middle East, the angel now speaks of the coming time of tribulation. He mentions two main characters of that time: the Antichrist and the king of the north.

The king of the north (vv40-45) will go to war against Israel at the time of the end and will march all the way to Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. Suddenly, rumours will make him turn around and he will be conquered in Palestine by Christ Himself, when He comes to set up His reign of 1000 years.

44. Why can Edom, Moab and Ammon escape the king of the north er (v41)? Read also Isaiah 11:4 and Ezekiel 25:7+11+14.

The Antichrist will come to power after the rapture of the believers, right in the middle of the time of tribulation, and will deceive the Jews to worship him as god. In the power of Satan he will perform miracles, thus bringing people into the "trinity of evil" (Roman king, Antichrist, Satan). His insolence will be so great that he, together with the Roman king, will go to war against Christ, Who will then conquer him by the breath of his mouth and throw him into the lad of fire (Revelation 19:20).







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