

## Daniel 11:36-39

### Shift to the End Times

Most evangelical scholars see a shift at verse 36, moving from what is now history to events that have not yet been fulfilled in our day.

*Why do we understand that there is a shift here from the Intertestamental Period to end times?*

- The narrative shifts here to “\_\_\_\_\_,” without reference to north or south; every reference to a king from verses 5-35 qualifies him as either the “king of the north” or the “king of the south.”
- The description of him as one who does not \_\_\_\_\_ any of the gods that were honored by his fathers (v 37) does not seem to be a good fit with any of the Seleucids or Ptolemies.
- Although some have sought to align this king with Antiochus IV, Antiochus never came anywhere close to taking the kingdoms of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. v 43).
- In verse 40 he is found to be opposed by the king of the north and the king of the south, another indication that he is neither Seleucid nor Ptolemaic.
- Verse 35 makes reference to the “\_\_\_\_\_,” and the context seems to fit with these verses being a description of that time.
- The narrative seems to flow directly into 12:2, which refers to the final \_\_\_\_\_ (“some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt”), which is definitely still future for us.
- Similarly, the reply that these things would be “for a time, times, and half a time” (12:7) also points to corresponding descriptions of the second half of the tribulation (Dan 7:25; Rev 11:2; 12:6; 12:14; 13:5).

## So who is the “king” of Daniel 11:36?

The best match is \_\_\_\_\_, i.e. the little horn of Dan 7 and the beast out of the sea in Rev 13:1-10. As this and following verses state, he plays second fiddle to no one.

## Who or what is the “desire of women” (Dan 11:37)?

Although it could be taken as “desire for women,” a reference to sexual desire, it more likely refers to “that which is desired by women” (CSB, ESV, NET, NIV NRS). In fact, this could be a reference to \_\_\_\_\_, the one whom godly pre-messianic women of Israel waited for.

## Connection to other Prophecies

This prophecy seems to parallel earlier prophecies of Daniel:

- Daniel \_\_\_ – the kingdom of iron mixed with clay that is eventually destroyed by the stone cut out without hands.
- Daniel \_\_\_ – the fourth beast, with a little horn that spoke boastfully, only to be destroyed by the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man.

In addition:

- Revelation 6-19, and especially chapter \_\_\_ and the events of the Great Tribulation.

## Points to Ponder

- The fact this calamity is foretold assures us that things have not run wild, but that God will bring about His end at the right time.
- While it has proven a perennial temptation to identify the figures of the end times with current people, history cautions against doing so.