



The United States of America – The Time of the End

Study guide # 7

Description	Verse	Details
2001: September 11th Terrorist attack against the United States of America	Vs. 40 - And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.	<p>The <i>Time of the End</i> began with the fall of the Papacy in the year 1798. However, we must understand that the <i>time of the end</i> can also refer to any time after 1798.</p> <p>Because verse 40 begins with the phrase, <i>time of the end</i>, some have suggested that this verse refers to the fall of the Papacy. However, when we see how this verse portrays the King of the North's response, (a whirlwind of chariots, horsemen, and ships) we find no historical record of the Papacy responding militarily to France or any power after the year 1798.</p> <p>Remembering that Daniel 11 is a timeline of events and that it's always forward-looking, we look for the superpower that reigned after the dismantling of the Ottoman Empire—The United States of America!</p> <p>The King of the South always represents the power the rules Egypt or North Africa. However, when we look at the context of these last four verses of Daniel 11, we see that the King of the South is part of a conglomeration of nations. This conglomeration is <i>presently</i> called the Arab League. This league contains all the nations that are relevant to the King of the South. It is also no coincidence that this league contains the four nations that were home to the September 11th, terrorists—Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Understanding this, we now can see that verse 40 refers to the September 11th terror attacks as the <i>push</i> from the King of the South (the Arab League). America responded to this attack like a whirlwind, sending its chariots (tanks), horsemen (Humvees), and many ships. During this War on Terror, the United States toppled Iran and Afghanistan and entered many other countries in the region.</p>



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The Event	Vs. 41 - He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.	Here, we see that there will be an event that will occur in the Middle East. This event will prompt the United States of America, as the King of the North, to send its military into the glorious land (Israel and the Palestinian region). The verse then says that Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon escape. Knowing the history of these three tribes, we can see why they escape this onslaught: According to Deuteronomy 2:4-5, 9, 19, God had commanded Israel to leave these three tribes alone because their land was given to them by God. Today, these three nations refer to the country of Jordan. Knowing this history gives us a clue on what will occur during this final battle in the Middle East: When the US army (and possibly a coalition of other nations) arrive in the glorious land, the question will be asked if they should also topple Jordan, which borders Israel. Knowing Bible history, America will not attack Jordan due to God's warning to Israel. Thus, we see that Jordan escapes out of America's hand. The chief of the children of Ammon most likely refers to the capital of Jordan—Amman. Therefore, we see that its government (chief) will be spared along with the country.
Egypt falls into America's hands	Vs. 42 - He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.	America then goes towards the south and topples the original King of the South—Egypt. Unlike Jordan, there's no command to abstain from attacking this nation. This also reveals to us that Egypt may have had a part to play in The Event that occurred in verse 41.
America controls the economies of North African nations	Vs. 43 - But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.	America exhibits some form of control over Egypt's literal treasures or its currency. Unfortunately, we are not given the details of this control, but either way, we ultimately see America dominate Egypt in this conflict. The phrase <i>at his steps</i> is better stated as <i>follows in his steps</i> . Thus, we see Libya and Ethiopia (modern-day Sudan) are also drawn into this conflict and their economies are also placed under the control of the American superpower.



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Turkey and Middle Eastern countries join the conflict	Vs. 44 - But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.	Here, we see this conflict expands further into the Middle East. The territory of the east and north refers back to the four territories of the divided Greek Empire. Seleucus was the then King of the East, ruling from Syria to Pakistan. However, he would later conquer Lysimachus' territory in Asia Minor. Once Seleucus conquered the north, he became the King of the East and the North! Thus, we understand that the east and the north refers to the territories Seleucus ruled, which includes Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. <i>Tidings</i> represents news. Thus we can paint a picture of how this verse plays out in the future: America will receive some form of intelligence regarding this region of the world, and it will prompt the US and its allies to move against this region <i>to destroy and utterly make away many</i> .
The Papacy obtains a presence in Jerusalem	Vs. 45 - And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.	At the conclusion of this conflict, America will plant the tabernacles of someone's palace <i>between the seas in the glorious holy mountain</i> . Here, tabernacle represents a religious authority, and a palace represents a governmental authority. This description appears to point us in the direction of the Papacy, a system that, to this day, still presents itself as ruling church (tabernacle) and state (palace) and is relevant during the time of the end. The Vatican appears to obtain a presence between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. According to Daniel 9:16, the holy mountain refers to Jerusalem. This city, that sits between the Mediterranean and Dead Seas, will be in such a state that it will make sense for the United States to plant the Papacy within Jerusalem. We are not told how this "planting" will be manifested, nor do we know the logistics of this placement of the Papacy within Jerusalem. All we know is that the Papal power will be planted in this territory, but we are also told that the demise of this power will be at hand.

Discussion

What scenario (event) do you think would cause America to send its troops into Israel/Palestine?