

End Time in Daniel

Commentary for June 1, 2020 — The End Time Will Take Decades to Arrive

The article this month is, "End Time? Not Yet!" It is introduced by the "[June 2020 Newsletter](#)." This Commentary deals with information in the Book of Daniel that is dealt with briefly in the article. I will give a quick review of Dr. Martin's 1984/1989 information combined into a single comprehensive article, "[Matters of Prophecy in Daniel](#)."

The Book of Daniel comments on prophecies in the Book of Zechariah¹ (chapters 9–14), that were actually written by Jeremiah. In turn, the Book of Revelation comments on portions of Daniel and Zechariah. Together, these documents give us a delicate mosaic of prophetic information that progresses from parts of Jeremiah, to Daniel, to the Book of Revelation. The later prophecies add information and value to the former prophecies.

Eight Kings in Daniel

In Daniel chapter 11, eight kings are presented: four Persian kings, one king of Greece, and three kings of the north (Daniel 11:2–19).² The eight kings occur one after the other. The king of Greece defeats the fourth king of Persia. Not one of these kings rule today over Persia, Greece, or a land north of Israel.³

The first King of the North (the sixth of the eight kings) rules a long time during which four wars are fought against the King of the South. (The King of the South is not one of the eight kings). It takes time to prepare for wars: to train soldiers, expend resources to collect supplies, build weapons, and prepare defenses. Over several years they fight four wars. **[1]** verses 7–8 then some years pass, **[2]** verse 10, **[3]** verse 11, and **[4]** verse 13, more years pass. Note that his army is said to be huge in the 4th and last battle:

"For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than

¹ The Book of Zechariah is divided into two parts. Chapters 1–8 were written by the prophet Zechariah. Chapters 9–14 were written by the earlier prophet Jeremiah. See Dr. Martin's article, "[The Book of Zechariah](#)" that explains why those six chapters were attached after the eight chapters of Zechariah, probably by Ezra the priest when he organized the Old Testament canon.

There is a list of twelve progressive events in "[The Damascus Phase of End-Time Prophecy](#)" (pages 13 and 14) that will happen in our future. They are from Zechariah chapters 9–14. The prophet Daniel knew of Jeremiah's prophecies. Daniel 9:2 comments on the 70-weeks prophecy given to Jeremiah (2 Chronicles 36:21; Jeremiah 25:11–12, 29:10).

² In Daniel 11:1, Darius the King of the Medes is not a Persian king. Medes are not Persians.

³ Dr. Martin thought the first five kings of Daniel 11:2–4 might be historical, but they might be future as well. Most scholars think all eight kings are historical, from the Persian kings, through Alexander the Great, and the other three are successor kings after Alexander's death. However, they are never able to discover any historical information that fits the prophecy. So, they conclude Daniel is wrong.

the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

• **Daniel 11:13**

The kingdom of the South suffers total defeat and dissolves. **"The glorious land"** (verse 16) is Israel and will be subdued. Read the rest in "[Matters of Prophecy in Daniel](#)." Dr. Martin's arguments are easy to follow and very significant to our understanding of prophecy.

Eight Kings in Revelation

Dr. Martin continues in the article: in Revelation 17:9–14 a beast with seven heads is seen by John, identified as seven kings. Five are fallen, one is, and the other (the 7th head) is to come. In Revelation 17:11 an 8th head arises on a new beast. Together these 8 kings in Revelation correspond to the 8 kings in Daniel.

The 7th king in Daniel nicely corresponds with the 7th head and king in Revelation. Each is said to rule only a short time. Each is killed. Each is the 7th of eight kings. The 8th king (in Daniel and in Revelation chapter 17) does the greatest of evils, and desecrates the Temple (**"the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,"** Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14). This small chart will help you understand this important matter regarding the 7th King who becomes the 8th King:

In " The Scripture of Truth " the seventh king is described in Daniel 11:20 this way:	"Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but <u>WITHIN FEW DAYS</u> he shall be destroyed. ..."
Compare with the apostle John's description of his seventh king in Revelation 17:10:	"... five are fallen, and one is, And <u>the other</u> [the seventh king] is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue <u>A SHORT SPACE.</u>"

The seventh king is killed. Then his body is somehow energized or animated to a form of life, able to walk and talk and he will be the **"vile person"** of Daniel 11:21, the 8th king of both Daniel and Revelation. As Dr. Martin says,

"In the middle of the seven years' reign of the 'vile person' the abomination of desolation is set up and lasts 3½ years. The beast (who is the eighth king of both 'the Scripture of Truth' and Revelation chapter 17) will proclaim himself to be like God and fight with Michael the archangel before God brings to pass the glorious resurrection from the dead (Daniel 12:1–2).

The harmony of verbal description between these two prophetic narratives in Daniel 11:2–12:4 and Revelation chapter 17 is so strikingly similar, it must be held as certain that 'the Scripture of Truth' and the apostle John are speaking about the same prophetic events.

The prophet Daniel was shown a written document, the **"Scripture of Truth,"** and the apostle John was shown a vision. Both were given for us to benefit from. We should study and learn from them because they are gifts for us from God.

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