

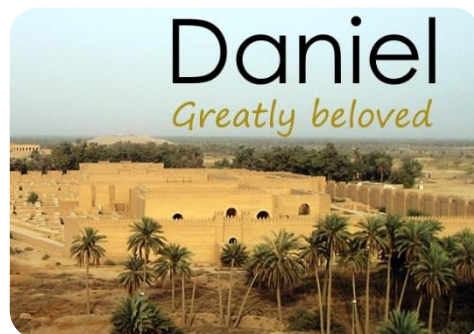
# DANIEL 11 vs 20

THE VILE POLITICIAN IS IN FOCUS

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The vile politician is the last leader Daniel tells us about. In this chapter, clearly it speaks about Daniel's people in the latter days. Clearly it speaks to – a **great war** Daniel saw. Where? Some suggest in Jerusalem of **Juda**; but perhaps also where the descendants of **Ephraim** – the great commonwealth and **Manasseh** – the great nation are located when the time of the Gentile nations come to a close.



<sup>20</sup> **Then will stand up in his estate** / **ken** = in his position... or office; or the next stepping into what follows. It is **NEXT... in the spotlight!** Obviously, the Lord is advancing this prophecy about Daniel's final vision; directing our attention to roman antics.

**Then will stand up a roman raiser of taxes** / **nagas**. It is used 23 times in the OT; and only this time in the book of Daniel. This word is first used in Exodus -- 5 times... when God's people were enslaved in Egypt. It speaks of taskmasters, slave drivers, and oppressors -- it speaks of world govt. Remember, this prophecy is to help Daniel understand... what will happen to his people in the last days.; history tells us in a time of great oppression; godless romans always love to raise taxes; especially over God's people. we know this happened 2000 years ago, when Seleucus sent Heliodorus to Jerusalem to plunder the Temple; when govt steals the tithes and offerings the people were giving to God... that is when he stood up...

**in the glory of the kingdom** / and I love these prophecies; with always some good news among the bad...**but within few days he will be destroyed not in anger, not in battle** / **shabar** = broken in pieces; and history tells us that is what happened. This raiser of taxes was poisoned.

And now we come to a gap; Bible scholars have argued whether verses 21 through 34 speak of continuing historical events fulfilled 2,000 years ago; or if this is the last person presented in the book, and verse 21 through chapter 12 introduces: **the man of sin**; the lawless **Antichrist**; **some powerful political leader who will come at the end time**.

Well! Let's just go slowly through each verse and find out. Right?

This is the **last** person in focus... who is introduced in the book of Daniel; and Gabriel describes 2 distinct parts of his activities: **first part, in verses 21 - 37**; And **second part, in verses 38 - 45**.

## Part 1 –

<sup>21</sup> **And in his estate will stand up a vile person** / stepping **into the spotlight**, the center of attention; **after a time of oppressive taxation**. the Companion Bible says, a despicable politician; Antichrist,



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**to whom they will not give the honor of the kingdom** / remember: we really don't have kings anymore. We are talking about a politician, maybe with a royal peerage – and he has opportunity to rule a country, a nation of Daniel's people: who are God's people in the last days./ but he is given no dignity; apparently this one didn't receive the same kind of respect as in times past. **The Lamsa – Aramaic Bible** says, **he seized the kingdom by fraud**. What?! So ruling over the people of God, this vile, despicable politician... did not earn his opportunity to rule rightfully.

**but he will come in peaceably** / he comes in peace, I bet they will claim his religion is a peaceful religion. Remember, He is a foreigner to God's people; this is the last leader in the spotlight to the end of the book. He enters as a man of peace, but by **verse 38**... this chameleon shows his true colors. The Lord gives these prophecies for His people to remain watchful and faithful. Obviously, God wants each generation to watch for this grinning tyrant of a politician... who comes to destroy.

The Companion Bible published in London in 1909... says, he will come in unexpectedly, in a time of careless security... and lots of idleness. The Aramaic Bible says, he will come suddenly.

**he will come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries** / he does a lot of talking where he rules. He is a slippery politician; he uses greasy speech to get by; things don't stick to him. He seemingly comes in peacefully to obtain the kingdom that is over Daniel's people. When he comes it will be with 2 overarching, long-range goals... not fully accomplished right away.

<sup>22</sup> **And with the arms of a flood they will be overthrown from before him, and will be broken; yes, also the prince of the covenant** / this KJV verse 22 needs a little help! In Hebrew, only 8 words:

-  noun uzeroowt – **arms** /army, military,
-  noun hassetep – **flood**,
-  verb yisatepu – **will overflow**
-  noun milapawna – **from before**,
-  verb weyisaberu – **will be broken**
-  adverb wegam - **also**
-  noun negid – **the prince**
-  noun berit – **the covenant**

And what are these 2 goals? Well, if we divide the words 4 + 4 we have nouns and verbs in both parts and discover 2 long range goals. Daniel says...

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## Goal # 1

**And with army force like a flood will overflow** / the Companion Bible says, to sweep, to wash away,

**from before him, all that is in front of him.** So, this man of peace is a man of change; out with the old; and in with the new; like changing around the father's house; but it is not your father's!

In other words, **his first goal... is one of radical change.**

## Goal # 2

**and will shatter the covenant made with the prince / : brit.** God first makes **a covenant to Noah in the sign of the rainbow.** Daniel, in chapter 9, just said, O Lord, great and awesome God; keeping covenant with them who love Him; **and keep His commandments.**

This covenant is also mentioned in chapter 9... when we read about some despicable political leader, he will confirm the covenant with many -- in Jerusalem... **for one shabua – for the last seven years.** But apparently, the talk of this politician is cheap and slippery, too!

So, what if the covenant was confirmed? **What if the last seven years have begun?** Will we be discerning? The lawless man, will not be revealed, **until God's people**, those doing what He asked them to do – while faithfully looking for His appearing... that lawless man will not be revealed **until they are removed.**

in other words; **his second goal... is one of duplicity.**

And this covenant, would it be like disregarding and shattering the Camp David Accords for example? Is that why he came peaceably? though with flatteries and fraud, to work some hidden global agenda?

**And after the league made with him** / if you GOOGLE the word: **league**... in that part of the world, You come up with the **Arab League**... of 22 nations headquartered in Cairo, Egypt. In the late 1700s, John Wesley said, this guy makes a league with Egypt. What? How did he know that?

**and he will do deceitfully** / **mirmah.** And that is what we learned in chapter 8. He throws truth to the ground. His policies are deceitful.

**for he will arise, and become strong** / the word is; **awtsom.** This political pimple thinks he is invincible. This word is used by Daniel here and 2 other times ... in chapter 8; one time describing Alexander of Greece; and the other time describing this little horn... this 11<sup>th</sup> horn that would arise in the end time. Isaiah uses this word describing: people... who no longer hear or see. **It is as if they are in a deep sleep.**



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he will arise, and become strong, **with a small group of elites** / John tells us, **10 rulers** will give allegiance to the last beast – Revelation 17; that is definitely a small group of people;

or does this verse speak to this vile 11<sup>th</sup> puny horn and his closest associates and policy advisors, or a criminal shadow govt who are all slippery – a relatively small group of elitists, who think they are VIP big shots, too!

The Jaimeson, Fausset, Brown Commentary published in England in 1871, says

he will arise **with a small group of elites**... at first, to throw off suspicion.

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