

# **“THERE SHALL BE AN END!”**

**(At the Appointed time)**

**Daniel 11:1-35**

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## INTRODUCTION

The amazing thing about this chapter is all the historical details—vague and unclear to us today who for the most part have no idea who these historical personages are—yet described in such detail by Daniel **almost 400 years before the last of the historically fulfilled details took place!** Moreover, the last part of the chapter describes the reign of the future antichrist.

What I wish to focus on this evening is the reality of the **sovereign control of our God of human history, and how God so determines the outcome so as to preserve and vindicate His beloved people.**

- 1) The Reign of the Wicked will come to an end.
- 2) The suffering of the righteous will also come to an end.
- 3) The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! [*This point awaits the revelation found at the conclusion of this vision in chapter 12.*]
- 4) The kingdoms of this world attain no stability; their persecution of the saints only serves to purify the saints and hastens on the end of the wicked!
- 5) God’s people are on the winning side!

**DON’T BE DISCOURAGED BY THE EVENTS OF THIS WORLD; THERE SHALL BE AN END AT THE APPOINTED TIME.**

- I. ATTITUDE OF GOD’S ENEMIES
  - A. Hearts set against God’s holy covenant (v. 28)
  - B. Favor shown toward covenant breakers (v. 30)
  
- II. ACTION OF GOD’S ENEMIES (vv. 17, 28, 30)
  - A. Persecution of the Godly
    1. Desecration of God’s House (31)  
Stopping of regular worship
    2. Abomination of Desolation (31)
    3. Sword, fire, capture, plunder (33)
  - B. Apostasy of Rebels (32)
  
- III. ACTION OF GOD’S PEOPLE (Personal relation with God (32))
  - A. Their Strength: keep God’s covenantal Word (32)
  - B. Teach and set an example of insight (33)
  - C. Fall in Persecution (35)
    - Refined

- Sifted
  - Made White
- D. “Little help” given (v. 34—compared to the great deluge of the end time when the oppressor is completely destroyed)
1. Theocracy Preserved
  2. Prevention of the destruction of God’s service at the temple
  3. Purifying brought about

IV. ASSOCIATION OF HYPOCRITES (V. 34)

- Because of the success of the Maccabees
- Because of the severity in dealing with the apostates by the Maccabees
- Persecution gets some to disassociate.
- Others cast out by the true followers

CONCLUSION

**The reign of the wicked will end:**

*The end of all wickedness will come at God’s appointed time (v. 27)*

*The end of the Antichrist will come (v. 45)*

*Note that even historical events have occurred in God’s appointed time (29).*

*Note also v. 13—“at the end of the times (years)—i.e. as determined by God.*

*The schemes of Antiochus are only for a time (v. 24).*

**God’s program will be accomplished!**

*His decree will be done (v. 36).*

*His visions are fulfilled (v. 14)*

*Several verbs used are permissive—e.g. vv. 16, 17, 18, 19, 28.*

**The suffering of the righteous will come to an end**

*Note “days” in v. 33*

*Their suffering is only until “the end times”—it still comes at the appointed time.*

**The kingdoms of the heathen attain no stability.**

*Persecution of God’s people only purifies them.*

*Such persecution only brings on the end wherein they are destroyed.*

*Then the people of God are delivered.*

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