

# “DO AS YOU PLEASE”

Daniel 11:36-45

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## INTRODUCTION

Tonight I want to speak to you about the world’s most successful man.

He attains the pinnacle of:     Fame  
  Success  
  Wealth  
  Power

No one has even risen so high or accomplished so much.

Would you like to be him? **Guess who he is?**     [Kids guess]

HE IS THE ANTICHRIST! And he  **prospers**  (v. 36).

This description cannot be true of Antiochus Epiphanes who has been described in vv. 21-35:

- 1) Many statements are not true of Antiochus.
- 2) New policies are introduced in verses 36-39.
- 3) Historical issues make it impossible [No such movements as in vv. 40-45].
- 4) His title is “the King” (v. 36).
- 5) 12:1 describes an unprecedented time of trouble
- 6) The previous description of the Antichrist in chapters 7, 8, and 9 fit him—not Antiochus.

What are the Main interpretations Given of this King?

- 1) Antiochus Epiphanes
- 2) Constantine the Great
- 3) Omar Ibn El-Khattab
- 4) The Roman Empire
- 5) The Pope (or a particular one)
- 6) Herod the Great
- 7) Anti-Christ who is an apostate Jew
- 8) The Anti-Christ mentioned already in Daniel as **the Beast** and **the Little Horn**.

Why can there be an Anti-Christ? [Because of the **indignation**—v. 36; of **God against His people**]

Is God’s plan hindered by the Anti-Christ, this “man of sin”, this “son of perdition”?

**No, for His decree is fulfilled by him (v. 36).**

Tonight we look at *his character, his philosophy, and his activity.*

**YOU MUST NOT DO AS YOU PLEASE—Do as God pleases! [DON’T BE LIKE THE ANTICHRIST!]**

- I. HIS CHARACTER (Jn. 5:43) [Jesus said: “*I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.*”]
  - A. Self Will: He does as he \_\_\_\_\_ [pleases] (v. 36).
  - B. Egotism:
    1. He exalts himself and magnifies \_\_\_\_\_ [himself] above *everyone and every god!* (vv. 36, 37).

2. He seeks people to acknowledge him (v. 39)
- C. Blasphemous (v. 36)
  1. He speaks “monstrous things against the God of gods”—i.e. the \_\_\_\_\_ [true] God.
  2. He says he is greater than **any** god [God]; also v. 37—“no regard for **any god**.”
- D. Prejudiced: bribes with \_\_\_\_\_ [honor], \_\_\_\_\_ [power], and **prosperity**. (39)
- E. Vicious and very angry: he \_\_\_\_\_ [“destroys”] and “devotes to destruction”. (44)

Such is his character; but what is his philosophy and what are his activities?

## II. HIS PHILOSOPHY

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ [Atheistic] (37)
  1. Traditional gods
  2. Popular female deities
  3. Any god
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ [Militarism]: “god of fortresses” (38-39)
  1. Not known by his fathers
  2. No fortresses are able to resist him
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ [Materialism]—“gold, silver, precious stones, treasures” (38b)

## III. HIS ACTIVITY (40-45)

- A. Attack from the South (40a)
- B. Counter attack (40b-43)
  1. Route—“north to south”
  2. Land and sea battle (40b)
  3. Affect many countries—“enter”, “overflow”, and “pass through”(40c; 41 “many fall”)
  4. Israel attacked and overcome (41a—the \_\_\_\_\_ [beautiful] land.
  5. Countries excepted: Edom, Moab, Ammon (41)
  6. Egypt fall--hidden treasures and precious things included (42-43)
  7. Libya and Ethiopia conquered (43)
- C. Other Disturbances to the East and North—many “destroyed and annihilated” (44). Does this include China and Russia?
- D. Encampment near Jerusalem—between Mediterranean and Dead Seas (45)

## CONCLUSION

But, notice the last expression: *“Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.”*

You may do as you please, but if so your end will come with **no one to help you**.

THEN GOD WILL DO WITH YOU AS HE PLEASES!