

The Coalition of Nations in Daniel 11

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One of the four major trends that you can find in the Word of God for the last days, leading up to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – now, I’m not talking about that “Rapture,” when the Church is taken out of here – but I’m talking about during that seven-year period of time following the Rapture, leading up to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. One of those major trends would be an alignment of the nations, a coalition of nations.

In Daniel 11:40-45 we start to see how the prophetic scenario is laid out. Daniel is dealing with the king of the north and the king of the south coming at “him.” Another significant word is him – “he” and “him” are used, I think, 13 different times in this portion of Daniel 11. But when it talks about the king of the north and the king of the south, early on in chapter 11, it defines the king of the north as Syria, and the king of the south as Egypt. Remember, all direction in the Bible comes out of Jerusalem – Ezekiel 5:5: Jerusalem, the center of the earth. And so the king of the north “will come at **him**” – that refers to the Antichrist; and the king of the south “will come at **him**” as well.

Now, what is that talking about? Well, right after the Rapture of the Church – I say right after; it could be a week, a month, a year, whatever – after the revived Roman Empire comes into existence, the Antichrist comes on the scene, and he will confirm a peace agreement with Israel. This will be a **pseudo** peace agreement, but the Jews will accept this world leader as their Messiah and go along with the confirmation of that peace agreement. And so, he will go out of the region, actually go into Rome to set up a false church. And in the region, the king of the north, Syria, “will come at him.”

Wait a minute, what does that mean? Well, if you have guaranteed peace to the nation of Israel and someone attacks Israel, it’s like coming at you. And so it says that the king of the north, Syria, comes at Israel. The king of the south, Egypt, comes at Israel, and verse 41 says, “He shall enter the glorious holy land.” Antichrist comes in, goes up to the north, destroys Syria, comes through Ammon, Moab and Edom. That is the biblical terms for modern-day Jordan. He doesn’t touch Jordan; then he goes to the south, destroys Egypt, turns around, starts back towards Jerusalem. And at his heels, according to Daniel 11, are “the Ethiopians and the Libyans.”

Now, when you talk about the Ethiopians, you’re talking about basically Ethiopia,

Somalia, and Sudan. And the Libyans, of course, would be Colonel Qaddafi's Libya. They will be coming at him.

Interesting, the parallel passage over in Ezekiel 38 talks about those nations mentioned in Daniel 11. In fact, it also says in Daniel 11 that there will be some murmurings out of the "north" – that's not Syria, because Syria will have been destroyed – and out of the "east." They are defined, when you come to Ezekiel 38. Out of the north, verse 2 says, "Gog in the land of Magog." Gog, the leader; Magog, the country. And most likely all Bible scholars would agree that would be Russia and probably the Ukraine as well.

But then it mentions Meshach and Tubal; and verse 6 says "Gomer and Togarmah." I was recently in Turkey doing a series on the seven churches of Asia Minor. I picked up an ancient Turkish map and when I looked at the map, I was amazed to see that Turkey, ancient Turkey, was divided into four parts: Meshach, Tubal, Gomer, Togarmah. So what the Bible is talking about here is modern-day Turkey.

Finally, verse 5 mentions "Persia," which is modern-day Iran. Then in some Bibles it may say "Cush." That would be Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia. Or it may say "Put," and that would be modern-day Libya.

So, these are the nations that form these coalitions in the beginning of that seven-year Tribulation Period. They come against Israel to try to wipe them off of the map.