**Sermon Notes March 6, 2022**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Daniel – The First 42 Months: Part 3

**Scripture**: Daniel 9:27, 11:21-45, Ezekiel 30:1-5, Revelation 11, 12

**Summary**: Continuation of the study of Daniel 11, and the first 42 months of the Tribulation. We draw our attention to the King of the South (Egypt), Jerusalem and the Two witnesses.

**Read**: Read Daniel Chapters 11

Daniel 11:21-45 is dealing with the first 42 months or 3 ½ years of the seven-year Tribulation period. This is when the Antichrist is going to gaining his power in preparation to rule the earth the for the last half of the seven-years. In these verses, when we reference the king of the North, we’re referring to the Antichrist who I believe will be a Muslim and come from somewhere in Northern Iraq. I also believe that the long awaited final Islamic prophet, the Mahdi, is the same person as the Christian Antichrist. I will be very clear that my interpretation of these verses in Daniel 11 are based on those beliefs.

1. **But One Escapes**
	1. Daniel 11:40-43
		1. Edom, Moab, and the leaders of Ammon
		2. Capital of Jordan is called Amman
		3. Jews will find refuge in the area of Petra, Jordan
2. **The King of the South**
	1. Daniel 11:25
		1. Egypt will be conquered but not without a fight
		2. Egypt does not participate in the Battle of Gog and Magog.
		3. Suni Muslims are a more moderate sect compared to the Shiites
		4. Antichrist could seek control of the Suez Canal to tighten the grip on oil exports.
3. **How the King of the South Will Be Defeated**
	1. Daniel 11:25-27, Ezekiel 30:1-5
		1. Egypt could potentially be routed by traitors from within
		2. Plots and Devised
			1. Hebrew root word hamas – to do violence, to lay waste, or to be mistreated
			2. Hamas is a modern-day terrorist group located in the Gaza strip
		3. Egypt will attempt to make an agreement with the Antichrist to no avail
4. **The Beautiful Land, The Holy Covenant**
	1. Daniel 11:28, 41, 9:27
		1. A treaty with others? – Unlikely
		2. Capture Israel, Not Jerusalem
			1. Scripture doesn’t say that Israel will be safe, only that Jerusalem and the temple will be untouched until the mid-Tribulation point
		3. Two powerful witnesses
			1. Elijah and… Moses or Enoch?
			2. Witness John measuring the temple
			3. Will prophesy with great power
		4. Archangel Michael
			1. Won’t step aside until the first half of the Tribulation
			2. Referenced in Revelation 12 and Daniel 12
			3. Antichrist’s ability to invade referenced in Daniel 11 and Ezekiel 30

**Application / Next Steps**

What is God teaching us?

Well… first we need to know Him and His Son Jesus.

We do that by reading His word.

He tells us to look for the signs. Pay attention to the world.

But he also says… as we are in the world… don’t be of the world. Don’t embrace the things that the world holds dear… embrace what God holds dear.

Jesus gives the strength and the guidance we need to accomplish this

How do we receive His strength and guidance?

Call upon the Lord… confess Him as Lord and Savior…repent of your sin… be baptized into new life and follow Christ with all your effort? This is how we take ownership of the free gift of eternal salvation.