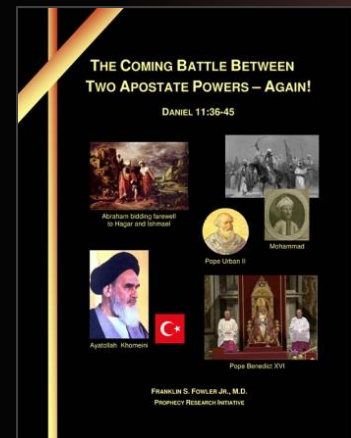


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**The King of the North**



A Daniel  
Eleven  
Verses 36-45  
Study

# The King of the North Enters the World Scene



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These conclusions are always tentative since new light constantly unfolds.

## Lesson Three

# Acquiescing to the Papacy





The “*king*” drama strikingly accelerates with this message:

*“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”* (Dan. 11:40)

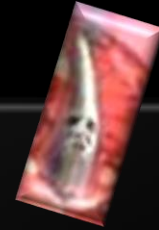
In the previous four verses we concluded that this antichrist “*king*” was the papacy.

Before we analyze **who** this **new** king –  
of the south – is, we must reaffirm our  
position on the “king” we have been  
studying, because, now, he is formally  
called the “king of the north.”

THEN we should orient ourselves to the  
meaning of this new expression:

“time of the end!”

## The “king of the north:”



In Lesson One we discovered that the “little horn” of Daniel 8 was an antichrist “king.”

1. He was **arrogant and oppressive**, then **persecuted** God’s people, called His “host.” (vs 10)
2. He **egotistically** made himself **equal** with Christ (the “Prince” of that “host”).  
(vs 11)

3. He took away the “daily” – depicted as the true Sabbath (vs 11) – and “set up” a false sabbath. (vs 12)
4. He destroyed the “place” or the real meaning of God’s church! (vs 11)
5. He cast truth to the ground. (vs 12)
6. At the very end, its last leader (called a “king”) becomes deceptive and fierce. (vs 23)



That was the introduction to “the king,” who is now called the “king of the north” here in chapter 11.

Continuing:

7. At the very “end,” he will even try to destroy God’s “holy people” (with a death decree). (vs 24)
8. Yet, with great pride, he will operate with a “peaceful” image. (vs 25)
9. His sense of power will finally cause him to oppose the “**Prince of princes**” (Jesus Christ). (vs 25)
10. Then, seemingly without cause, he will come to his end! (vs 25)





Lest we lose our orientation:

That “little horn” came “out of the north”  
(vs 9), depicted in a similar way as Isaiah’s  
imagery of Satan, wanting to be like God,  
sitting on the “mount” where God’s throne  
is, shown to be in the sides of the north!  
(Isa. 14:13)

Associating all this information, we found  
that this “king” is unquestionably  
the papacy.



The “king of the north” symbolizes the pope, who heads the papacy. In Revelation an apostate threefold coalition called “*Babylon*” is also “headed” by the papacy and affirmed to be in Rome.




King Albert II  
Belgium



Queen Sofia  
Spain



Pope Francis



Moving now  
to our next  
phrase ...

*“And at the time of the end”* (vs 40)



We were already told to understand this unique expression in Daniel 8:17 and 19:

1. It is called the “appointed time” (vs 19)
2. When God’s wrath would come (vs 19)
3. When sin would reach its peak (vs 23)
4. When this antichrist would exercise its greatest power



Daniel 11:29 says that he “returns” at the “appointed time.”

That is a reapplication of the “vile person,” later seen here as the “king of the north,” AND another description of the “little horn” prophecy from Daniel 8!

That “little horn” (second meaning of the “vile person”) and the “king of the north” are all the same “time of the end” story!



Most fascinating, Daniel 12:1-2, which is actually a continuation of Daniel 11, notes that “**at that time**” (time of the end), God’s people will be delivered and then a special resurrection will occur. (cf. Rev. 1:7)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 talks about these same times in a dual prophecy – its second application referring to the “**time of trouble**” at the end of time.

Jesus gives us three intermeshing timing prophecies in Daniel 12 that directly relate to this “**time of the end.**”

Summarizing these timing observations to this point:

1. “time of the end” is the same as the
2. “appointed time,” which Habakkuk contextually describes as the “time of trouble” or “tribulation”
3. When sin reaches its zenith or pinnacle, during which God’s people will be persecuted and even threatened with death. BUT – they will be “delivered” from all oppression!

In Hebrew, “time of the end” is *es qes*. It means “a period of time, that is earth’s last season of opportunity, just before God acts.”



*“For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.”* (Isa. 28:21)

That is when the seven trumpets begin to sound (Rev. 8-11) toward the end of that “appointed time,” immediately preceding the eschaton!

God's wrath  
"strange act"

"appointed time"

"time of the end"

?

Deliverance of  
God's people



The “time of the end” “is the end of the world [just before] the return of Christ.”

(Steinmann, Andrew E.; *Daniel*, p. 544 – Concordia University – 2008)

This is the last 3½ years, depicted also as 42 months, 1260 days, time times and a half and, as noted here, the “appointed time.”



## Expositor White notes:

“The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully perused. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?” (18MR 15)

She transposed “time of the end” to “end of time.” She understood exactly what Daniel was saying!



The “king of the north” is, therefore, the antichrist, now identified as the papacy or pope, in his “work” or “activity” just before Jesus returns.

Though not a part of this study, that period of time, or *appointed time*, is alluded to over and over in prophecy.

This is the focused period of time of Daniel 11:29-45.

Revelation 17 suggests that this will all occur under this man!



Our study verse continues:

*“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him”* (vs 40)

This new end-time-drama “king” pushes against the “king of the north.” “Push” in Hebrew has military overtones. The papacy is seen in military conflict elsewhere:

*“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints.”* (Rev. 13:7) *“These shall make war with the Lamb.”* (Rev. 17:14)

Also, the history of the Crusades is one of a major war between Roman Catholic “Christianity” and Islam (though thousands of Jews were slaughtered).

A “major religious conflict” with an ideology **opposite** of Christianity is suggested! It is some “north” philosophy versus a competing “south” system.

The “king of the south” must be exceedingly powerful to take on such a papal coalition!

In the greater context of apostate “Babylon,” the whole Christian world appears to be vigorously “attacked” by this southern king!

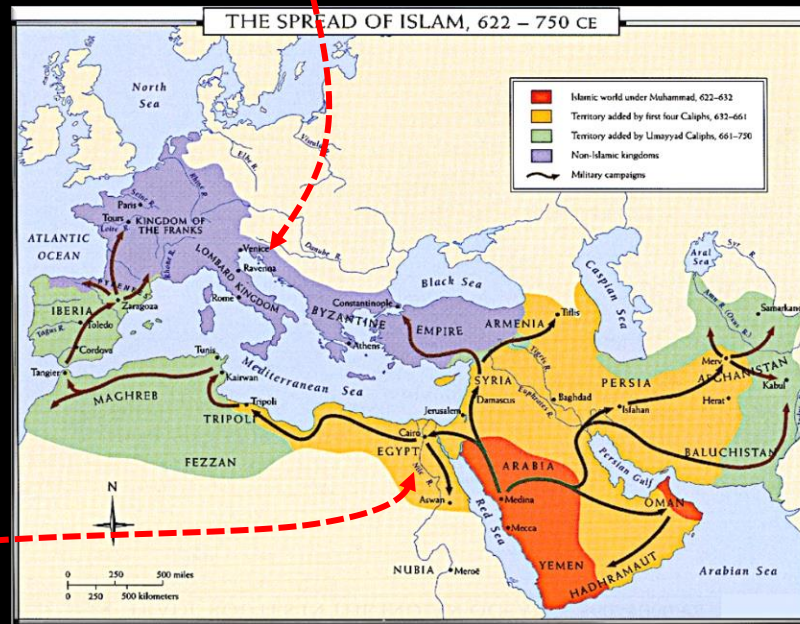
In Daniel 11:21-28 the Crusades are described. There, the **king of the south** distinctly represented the Islamic world. The imagery clearly portrays true military action: **Christianity versus Islam.**

Since global issues will be introduced in the next few verses – an Islamic conflict with the whole Christian world is predicted!



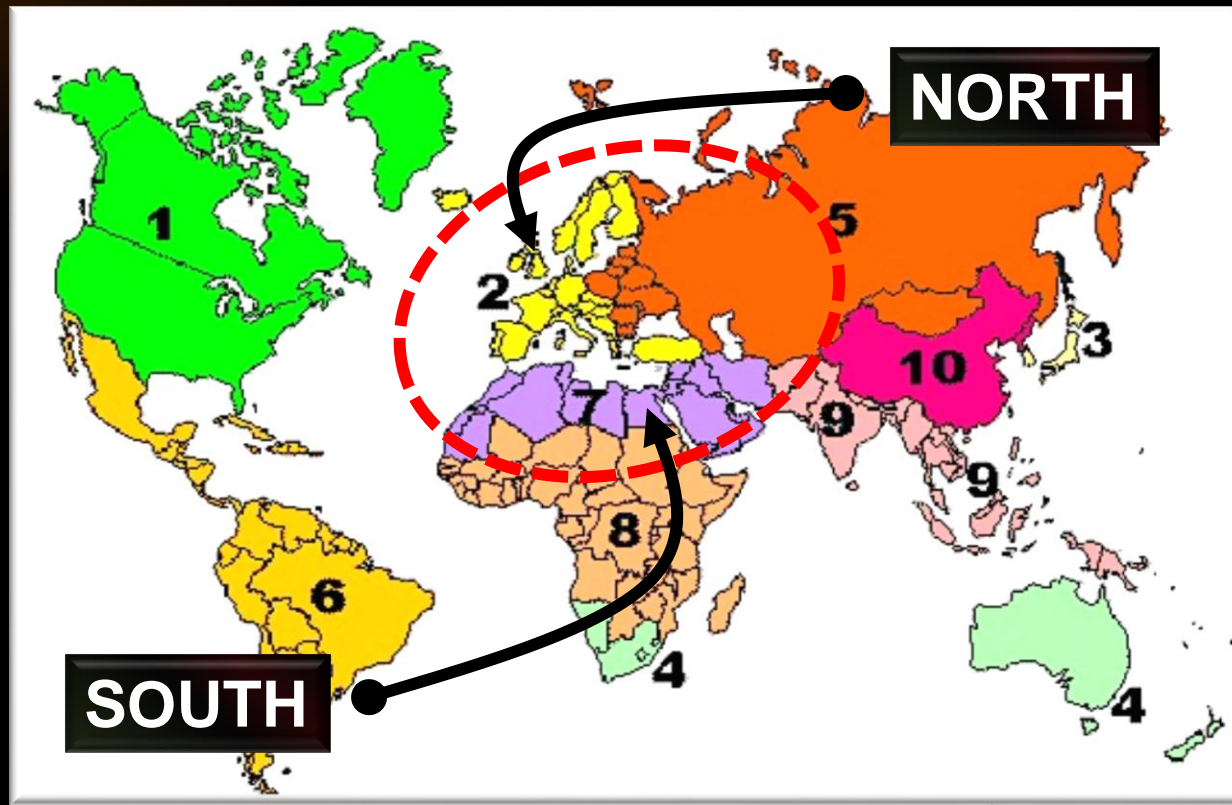
Notice the historical geography between Christianity and Islam:

Christianity was in the “north”



Islam was in the “south”

Christian



Islam

A similar pattern is emerging today in the maps of the “new world order!”

The **First Crusade** (1096–1099 A.D.) was a military expedition by **Roman Catholic Europe**, from the north, to regain the Holy Lands taken through **Muslim** conquests pushing from the south (632–661 A.D.). The recapture of Jerusalem occurred in 1099. The crusades were launched on November 27, 1095 by Pope Urban II.



These serve as a template for our present study. The King of the North relates to the Roman Catholic Church and its “Christian coalition;” the King of the South alludes to the Islamic world.

Helpful and even more basic is the question:  
“What end-time power hates Christianity  
enough to fight and even annihilate it?”  
There is only one religious power that could  
mount such resistance.

The Islamic world has 1.2 billion believers;  
the Catholic world has 1.2 billion believers.

The world's two “great” religions share equal  
interest in: *world control, violence, deception  
and moral failure!* Recall that Islam is called  
the “Religion of the Sword.”



*“O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for friends. They are friends one to another. He among you who taketh them for friends is [one] of them.” (Qur’an 5:51)*

*“Fighting is prescribed for you [against Jews and Christians], and ye dislike it. But it is possible ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and ye love a thing which is bad for you. But God knoweth, and ye know not.” (Qur’an 2:21b)*



The “angel of the Lord” had told Hagar:

*“And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”*

(Gen. 16:12)



Of the body of Christ Paul said: *“If ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed...”*

(Gal. 3:20)

This prophecy unfolds an end-time conflict between Abraham’s **two apostate spiritual seeds.**

Let's analyze more closely the military phrases regarding this conflict:

*“and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind.”* (vs 40)

“Whirlwind” (*sa'ar* – H) is again in a reflexive tense. The “king of the north” (or his representatives) responds violently, and successfully destroys the “invaders” ...

*“with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships.”* (vs 40)

The imagery? Fighting on land and sea!

We pause to focus more closely on these two warring groups. Both are under the direction of Satan. Both have enormous followings. Both perceive they retain the correct moral standards for mankind. AND, that is one of the amazing ways Satan is confusing this earth's inhabitants.

Here are challenges that Christians must face:



Islam and Catholicism have many common characteristics! Because of that – many have identified Islam **as the antichrist**.

That is part of Satan's strategy. Until close to the end, many in the Christian world will be deceived and give unwarranted support to the Roman Church. They will be "blinded" by its opulence and power.

## Important Concept to Observe!

There are similarities between  
Catholicism and Islam –  
but **only one** of these can ever  
match the **Biblical antichrist!**



## Similarities

Members  
Born into family  
Mary  
  
Apparitions  
Prayers  
  
Death  
Soul  
God  
Pilgrimages  
Celestial God symbol  
Covenant

## Catholicism

> one billion  
member  
revered  
(co-redeemer)  
  
Mary  
memorized  
(rosary)  
purgatory  
immortal  
“one God”  
holy sites  
sun  
God – Abraham

## Islam

> one billion  
member  
revered  
(Mohammad’s first wife  
in Paradise)  
  
Mary  
memorized  
(Allah – 5x/day)  
place of purification  
immortal  
one god (Allah)  
Mecca  
moon  
Allah – Ishmael



## Similarities

## Catholicism

## Islam

Jews

history – hatred  
(i.e., for killing Jesus)

hatred  
(i.e., for killing  
son of Mary)

Salvation

works

works

Controls women

yes

yes

Spilled Christian

blood

yes

yes

Blasphemes God

yes

yes

Church–State

yes

yes (not unified)

There are differences, however!





## Differences!

## Catholicism

## Islam

Promoting false Sabbath	Yes	No?
Specific beast heads (popes)	Yes	No
Works with earth beast (apostate Protestantism)	Yes	No
Church–State power (1929)	Yes	No
World marvels after it	Yes	No
Has an official “kingdom”	Yes	No
Associated with Rome	Yes	No
Wants to destroy Christianity	No?	Yes

We have seen many “clues” in prophecy telling why the papacy is the antichrist that will bring untold harm to God’s true believers.

Though “military conflict” is in evidence in Daniel 11:40, and the “king of the north” wins, we must constantly be aware that the basis of this conflict is a difference in **religious and social ideology**. AND – they are both in disfavor with God.

This verse concludes with this fascinating thought:

*“and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”* (vs 40)

“He,” the “king of the north,” appears to sweep through many lands like an **overflowing** river or flood. This suggests that the retaliation quickly moves into all the areas where Islam rules.

This especially sets the stage for the papacy to regain full control of the geopolitical world!



**She will “regain control of the world.”**  
(GC 565)

There is a subtle message in this conflict!

At this time (2012), the ability to penetrate the Islamic world is severely restricted by life-threatening laws.

A change in how we can enter those areas must come to finish the gospel work! Will God use the power of an enemy to thwart the Islamic hatred toward Christianity? It wouldn't be the first time. This appears to be what is transpiring! (cf. LDE 242)



Nebuchadnezzar

*“He shall enter also into the glorious land,  
and many countries shall be overthrown:”*

(Dan. 11:41a)

The word “countries” is supplied but clearly implied. The antichrist and his forces will bring many nations to their knees in an effort to subdue Islam. These nations will no longer be able to maintain their political regimes.



“Glorious land” usually refers to Palestine. Most conclude that it will be occupied by these apostate forces, just as during the Crusades!

There are some scholars who also see the “glorious land” as referring to “spiritual Israel.” Though the central theme surrounds the conflict between two apostate powers, this is also the time when “exploits” against God’s remnant people occur.

The details in the Hebrew text are deep and won’t be dealt with here. But this view should be kept as one apparent understanding.



Daniel continues:

*“but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.”* (Dan. 11:41b)

In this phrase, “but these shall escape out of his hand,” most Bible expositors conclude that those three countries will be protected from the aggression of the “king of the north.”

*“even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.”* (vs 41b)

Collectively, these are similar to part of Jordan today.





There appears to be no **spiritual** or **metaphorical** application or meaning to these three that scholars can decipher.

These three nations, though related to Israel by descent, were “hereditary enemies” of the chosen people.

(Psa. 83:7-8, II Chron. 20:1-2)

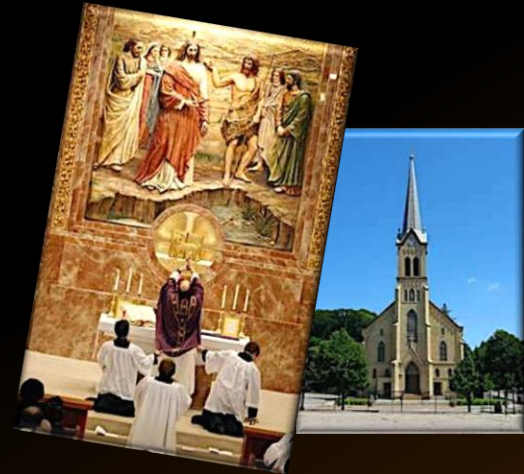
Today, 90% of the country of Jordan is Sunni Muslims. Yet – it has been a nation of rich conciliatory moves toward Christianity. This conflict against them seems unnecessary!

Jordan remains a fascinating Islamic enigma within the Middle East.

Christians even hold positions in their Parliament and serve in the military.

Roman Catholicism flourishes in Jordan.

A “north–south” war would be counterproductive to both sides!



Daniel's "kingly" narrative goes forward:

*"He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape."* (Dan. 11:42a)

The phrase: "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries," in Hebrew, has only three words. The NET Bible appears to have captured the best meaning:

*"He will extend his power against other lands."* (Dan. 11:42a)

*“and the land of Egypt shall not escape.”*

(Dan. 11:42b)

This suggests that Christian resistance is anticipated from Egypt, requiring military intervention! **Islamic influence** is radicalizing that country with the recent political rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in its leadership.



Though this is a literal nation, historically, “Egypt” represented all that was evil to God’s people.

In apocalyptic prophecy, Egypt symbolizes the “wicked world.” As an example:

*“And their dead bodies [two witnesses] shall lie in the street of the great city, [contextually, ‘Babylon’] which spiritually is called ... Egypt.”*  
(Rev. 11:2, 8)

God’s final witnesses to planet earth are silenced and mocked before the apostate Christian world.



By then the whole world will be in sympathy with the harlot, named “Babylon.” (Rev. 17:5)

The “harlot” named “Babylon”  
is also referred to as “Egypt!”  
(Eze. 28:19)

The **spiritual meaning** of  
this prophecy could be  
worded:

The papacy, antichrist, will stretch its  
hand of power over the whole wicked  
world. No nation or power will escape  
its grip.



This is all consistent with other end-time prophecies related to the papacy.

Of the “sea beast,” John notes in Revelation 13:



- It is covered with the names of “blasphemy” (vs 6) – AND
- “power” was given to him over “all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (vs 7)

That’s “world control,” exactly as is shown in Revelation 17, with the “harlot and beast” prophecy.

The “king of the north” is seen exercising world power in this end-time setting:

1. Against the Islamic world – religious
2. Against world’s countries – secular

Therefore, we can conclude through this prophecy that:

“Egypt” is also symbolic of the apocalyptic “south” that tries to interfere with God’s plans – AND – is a metaphor for the “wicked world,” holding God’s people in bondage.



When in rebellion, God's people were seen "returning to Egypt." (Hos. 8:13, 9:3) But that land would ultimately feel God's curse of "desolation." (Joel 3:19)

Before that would occur, God calls His people out of Egypt – bondage. (Hos. 11:1)

The parallels with the book of Revelation are stunning:

## The warning:

*“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Rev 14:8)*

## The invitation:

*“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*

(Rev. 18:4; cf. Hos. 11:1)



## The desolating curse:

*“And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”*

(Rev. 16:19; cf. Joel 3:19)

Babylon has fallen – the papacy, apostate Protestantism, spiritualism – all paralleling Ezekiel’s “Egypt.”

The Second Coming of Jesus is pending!

Daniel continues ...

*“But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.” (Dan. 11:43)*

*“But he shall have power over” (vs 43)*



“He” refers to the “king of the north” or the papacy. The Hebrew word for “power over” means “dominion over” or “rules over.” He not only is the leader of the world but of its wealth and economies!

Insight into this period, when the Roman Church will again have secular and ecclesiastical control over mankind, was described long ago:



“Prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. ‘I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.’” Rev. 13:3. (FLB 329)

She will “regain control of the world.” (GC 565)

Are we nearing the time when this type of Roman power is possible?

Notice the sequenced story that is emerging:

### Headline News:

“Pope decries selfishness in economic crisis. Pontiff says world headed toward ruin if selfishness continues to prevail over ...”  
society. (msnbc.com news services, 12/24/2008)



“VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI ... called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing a growing divide between rich and poor and urging the establishment of a ‘true world political authority’ to oversee the economy and work for the ‘common good.’”

(Rachel Donadio and Laurie Goodstein, *New York Times*, July 7, 2009)

This is Benedict’s announcement of papal willingness to be that “world political authority!”



The Vatican *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace* just (2011) called for “reforming the international financial and monetary systems in the context of global public authority.”



Headlined:

Catholic Church Wants “Super-National Authority” with “Universal Jurisdiction” Over Global Economic and Policy Decisions  
(newssh, October 24, 2011)

Former Jesuit Priest, Richard Bennett  
notes:

“Catholic social doctrine, a tool of the  
Papacy, has been and is being carefully  
honed and directed toward gaining both  
**spiritual and temporal control over all  
nations.**” ([www.bereanbeacon.org/Pope\\_Plans.pdf](http://www.bereanbeacon.org/Pope_Plans.pdf))

This prophecy in Daniel 11 states:

*“But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all precious things of Egypt:” (vs 43)*

What the pope is crying for,  
prophecy says – he will get!



In January of 2012 Pope Benedict XVI said: “The global crisis shows that the world needs economic ethics and new rules so the financial system benefits all humanity.” (Reuters, *MoneyControl*, January 09, 2012)

*“But he shall have power ... over all precious things of Egypt:” (vs 43)*

Once again, the symbol “Egypt” is used. Most scholars tie the phrase “precious things” to the **gold and silver**.

With “Egypt” representing the apocalyptic evil world, the Pope is seen as having financial control over planet earth! He has won the battle over Ishmael’s seed!



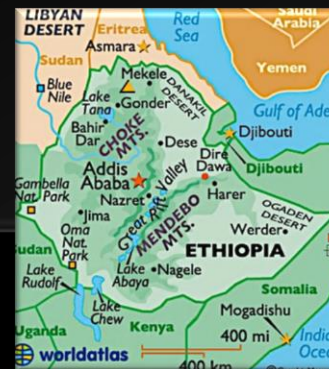
The last phrase of verse 43 has interesting challenges:

*“and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”* (Dan. 11:43)

The word “steps” (*misad* – H) means “marching.” Why are Libya and Ethiopia mentioned within this verse that talks about “treasures,” “gold” and “silver?” Anciently, they were known as poor countries.

Expositors suggest that this is a parenthetic statement to reveal that no country is exempt from the global drive of the papacy to:

1. Counter the Islamic influence
2. To control the wealth of even the poorest nations





All this conflict clears the way for the final scenes of papal tyranny. The Protestant world will be its greatest accomplice – and then the end will come.





“The mystery of iniquity, which had already begun to work in Paul’s day, will continue its work **until** it be taken out of the way at our Lord’s second coming. The climax of the working of iniquity will soon be reached.

**When** the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for his people, that they might worship him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread ...



“when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law,—it is then that the final work of the man of sin will be revealed. Protestants will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the Papacy ...reviving her tyranny and oppression of conscience. Then it will be time for God to work in mighty power for the vindication of his truth.” (ST, June 12, 1893)



## Prayer

Father, as resistance accelerates  
to truth and, soon, to your people,  
grant to us peace, courage and  
power through your Spirit, we pray.  
Amen

**The End**

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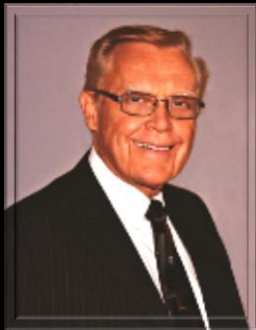
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