

“Rumors from the East (9): King of the North”

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- ❑ A careful reading of Daniel 11 reveals that the “king of the north” is a metaphor to describe a succession of earth powers that will subjugate the people of God throughout the rest sacred history: _____, _____ (Seleucids), and _____.
- ◆ From Daniel’s perspective as a faithful Israelite, all these powers are _____ of the homeland of his people.
- ◆ And so when the prophets described impending crisis, it was from the north that _____ would come (see Jeremiah 1:13, 14).

- ❑ Daniel 11's defining characteristics of the King of the North:
 - ◆ v 31—He defiles the sanctuary and takes away the _____ sacrifices and replaces them with the “abomination of desolation.”
 - ◆ vv 32-35—He _____ the people of God.
 - ◆ v 36—He exalts and magnifies himself above every _____ and speaks _____ against the God of gods.
 - ◆ v 37—He will not regard the _____ of his fathers nor the desire of _____ nor any god.
 - ◆ v 38, 39—He shall honor a god which his fathers did not _____, a “foreign god” whose “glory” he will advance.
 - ◆ v 39—He will rule over _____ and profit from his sales.
 - ◆ v 40—He is mortally wounded by eventually _____.
 - ◆ v 40—He conquers the King of the _____ or Egypt, identified by some commentators as a symbol of _____ or godlessness (see Exodus 5:2).
 - ◆ vv 41-43—He is a _____ power.
 - ◆ v 44—He is threatened by spiritual rumors from the _____.
 - ◆ v 45—He panics and sets out to possess “the glorious holy mountain,” a prophetic symbol for Mt. Zion, the loyal _____ of God (see Joel 2:32; Revelation 14:1; Psalm 48:2).
 - ◆ v 45—He is suddenly brought to his end at the _____ of time.

- ❑ So who is this power, this King of the North?
 - ◆ Clearly he is not a single _____, for Daniel 11's prophetic history spans too long a time period for one man to live and rule.
 - ◆ And if he is not a person, than he must be a _____ (nation, kingdom, institution, etc).
 - It is a _____, not a secular power—since it receives worship, exalts itself above God, and speaks blasphemies against God.
 - It is a _____ if not military power, for it commands armies and attacks fortresses.
 - It is a _____, _____ power, for it possesses a palace, conquers nations, and seeks to control a people.
 - ◆ Thus, the King of the North symbolizes a _____ - _____ - _____ power that succeeded the empire of _____ and has effectively dominated religious and political history since, except for the time of its mortal wounding, after which it would be healed and exert an even

- _____ global dominance.
- ◆ Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan*: "And if a man consider the original of this great ecclesiastical dominion, he will easily perceive, that the _____ is no other than the *ghost* of the deceased *Roman empire*, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof." (http://oll.libertyfund.org/Texts/Hobbes0123/Works/HTMLs/Vol03/0051-03_Pt05_Part4.html)
 - See also II Thes 2:3-8 and Rev 17
 - What are the three "rumors from the east" that bring down the final curtain?
 - ◆ Rumor #1—the global revival of God's _____ shining in the face of Jesus and shining out from the followers of Christ (Rev 18:1; Ez 43:1,2).
 - *Christ's Object Lessons* 415, 416: "The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In _____ own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them. The light of the Sun of Righteousness is to shine forth in good works—in words of truth and deeds of holiness."
 - ◆ Rumor #2—the global revival of God's seventh-day _____, "the seal of the living God" placed upon a final generation's choice to remain loyal to their Creator (Rev 7:1-4).
 - *Great Controversy* 605: "The Sabbath will be the great test of _____, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. . . . While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God."
 - ◆ Rumor #3—the global withdrawal of _____ for the King of the North, suddenly preparing the way for the coming of the King of the _____ (Rev 16:12).
 - "This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. . . . _____ those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. . . . Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only?" (GC 625)

Three rumors, two kings, one choice

Persia, Greece, Rome, north, calamity, daily, persecutes, god, blasphemies, God, women, know, many, recovers, South, atheism, global, east, remnant, end, individual, power, religious, militant, ruling, global, geo, religio, political, Rome, greater, this space is intentionally left blank, glory, their, Sabbath, loyalty, support, East, Only