

# At the Time of the End, the King of the South Will Engage Him in Battle Dani'el 11: 40-45a

**DIG:** What fierce conflicts does the antichrist wage? Where does he set up his military command post? To what extent does he succeed? Where does he go next?

**REFLECT:** When have you stepped out in the flesh and tried to accomplish something, only to have it fall apart? What did you do about it? Why?

Whatever kind of peace may have existed between **the antichrist** and the ten kings ruling the ten kingdoms of the world will come to an end as **the beast** begins to take political control of the world. Thus, the second worldwide conflict begins when **the antichrist** declares war on the ten kings.<sup>291</sup> **The time of the end** is a reference to the Great Tribulation period.

In **his** war against the ten kings, **the antichrist** attacks in every direction. **He** is seen attacking **the king of the south**, who will engage him in battle (Dani'el 11:40). The word **engage** is literally *to push*. **The king of the south will push like a goat** (see Dani'el 8:5-7) at **the antichrist**, meaning to attack him, in an effort to hinder his plans to expand his control of the world. **Egypt will not escape** and will open the door for his conquest of Africa (11:42). **He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with Libyans and Nubians in submission** (11:43).

**The king of the north will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships** (Dani'el 11:40 and 44). The weapons listed here are the kind used in the time of Dani'el. They are best taken as representative of their counterparts of modern warfare; however, modern weapons could not have been listed in Dani'el's day if the reader then was to understand it.

**He will also invade the king of the east** (Dani'el 11:44). The three kings that he will eventually end up killing (Dani'el 7:8, 20 24) will be **the king of the south** (or Egypt), **the king of the north** (or Syria), and **the king of the king of the east** (or Mesopotamia).

**The king will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood (Dan 11:40).** When the word **flood** is used symbolically in the Bible it is always used of a military invasion. Initially, **he** will be very successful militarily. **He will also invade Isra'el, the Beautiful Land** (also see **11:1-2**), setting the stage for the Abomination of Desolation (see Dr - **The Abomination That Causes Desolation**). Although **the antichrist** will eventually gain political control of the whole world, **he will extend his power over many countries and many will fall**, three countries will escape **his** domination, **Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand (Dan 11:41)**. Today all three of these ancient countries lay in modern day Jordan, where the ancient city of Bozrah, now known as Petra, is located.

**But the antichrist will hear reports from the east, and the north that will alarm him.** **He** will be enraged at the reports that **he** will hear. **And** after dealing with Jerusalem, **he** will purpose in **his** heart to **set out** against the other ten kings **and destroy** them (**Dani'el 11:44**).

First, however, **he will** set up **his** military command post in Jerusalem. **He will pitch his royal tents between the seas**, meaning the Mediterranean and Dead Sea. Ancient conquerors took tents with them for their official dwelling places when at war. At the center of the encampment a large main tent was pitched and around it small ones for personal attendants.

**His** command post will be **at the beautiful holy mountain** of Jerusalem, or Mount Zion (**Dani'el 11:45a**). According to **Zechariah 14:2**, **the antichrist** will bring complete destruction on Jerusalem, and this would make **his** setting up **his** headquarters on the temple mount possible. According to **Zechariah 13:8-9** he will by this time have killed two-thirds of the Jews in the world. Before this, **he** will have brought Isra'el to a state of complete humiliation, with both their army and their government fully crushed.