

# He will come to his end

*The second half of Daniel repeatedly points to a great enemy of God's people: probably Antiochus Epiphanes. Here, he makes his final appearance.*

## Read Daniel 11 v 36-45

### Power

- ❓ *What will this king do, and say (v 36)?*
- ❓ *What does the end of verse 36 (and the fact that this was a prophecy of events that had not yet happened) remind us of?*

There are many places in our world—and perhaps many areas of your own culture and society—where it seems that the opponents of God's people are all-powerful. Take heart! They are only in place for the amount of time that God has already “determined”—and they cannot prevent God from achieving his purposes.

- ❓ *What “god” will this king worship, and what will he offer to “him” (v 38)?*

#### TIME OUT

Everyone worships something—we all have a god. And for many, that god is power, or victory, in a particular sphere of life.

- ❓ *In your own society, how do you see people honouring power? Victory?*

## Read Mark 10 v 42-45

- ❓ *When we worship the true God, what difference does it make to our view of power and victory?*

### End

- ❓ *What impact, are we reminded, will this king have on “the Beautiful Land”, where God's people dwell (Daniel 11 v 41)?*

Notice that this king will invade, conquer and pillage many other (though not all) nations (v 42-43). When evil reigns, God's people suffer—and they suffer among the rest of humanity. We are not immune from suffering the effects of human hubris in rebellion against God.

- ❓ *How will this king end up (v 45)?*

Of course, Daniel was troubled by each description of this king who would so oppose God's people. But the final verdict is always the same: “He will come to his end” (v 45).

## Read Revelation 20 v 7-10

There are many debates about these verses, just as there are about parts of Daniel! But again, the final part is clear—our greatest enemy will come to his end.

### Pray

Praise God that, in the death of Jesus, he has won the victory over sin, death and the devil. And thank him that you can therefore be sure about eternity.