



Daniel 65 – War: South and North – Old and New

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Daniel 11:5-13



Prologue: Hellenism Vastly Improved – But Centralized Personality a Failure

- ▶ Alexander was successfully used by the demonic general against Persian forces but Alexander's excesses were not effectively Controlled
 - ▶ Alexander adopted Persian and Hellenized deification and opulent Oriental forms that offended his army and supporters back home: Be as god (Ge 3:5; Pr 16:18)
 - ▶ Alexander exhibited classic displays of uncontrollable lusts exhibiting the qualities of Satan: Violence and Degradation even against his own forces-friends (Ez 28:14-18)
 - ▶ Alexander ruled through force of personality, when immersed in Persian excesses his personality turned on his supporters possibly resulting in his death (Ga 5:19-21)
- ▶ Alexander's empire fell apart on his death; Vision details two parts:
 - ▶ Seleucids eventually HQ in Syria but retained Hellenized practices
 - ▶ Ptolemies HQ in Egypt adopted Egyptian practices; copied Alexander's mistakes



Prologue: 19th-20th Century Warfare – Struggle Between Two Revolutions

- ▶ Modern history details Satan's *scientific* centralized governmental control
 - ▶ Franco-German socialism relied primarily on force: Failed because poor source of moral guidance; man demands morality beyond self – Religion
 - ▶ English socialism relies primarily on persuasion, backed by force *prn*, to secure agreement of the governed to their own enslavement; Religion (2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ European 19th-20th century {World} wars mirrored Seleucid-Ptolemy wars
 - ▶ As Antiochus IV mirrored Antichrist, Napoleon's rise to power from war's crises mirrored how Antichrist will be embraced by people as *savior of peace*
- ▶ I do not say these modern examples complete the meaning of this vision
 - ▶ These examples mirror truth of how Satan works: His goal never changes (Ec 1:9-11)
 - ▶ These examples will repeat until Antichrist's appearing; each cycle bringing the world ever closer to embracing Antichrist and his False Prophet (Re 13)



Points of the Compass: Their Meanings

- ▶ Daniel describes each kingdom by their location to Israel and Jerusalem:
Glorious Land – Glorious Mountain {Zion} (Ps 48:1-2; Da 11:41, 45)
 - ▶ North {צפון; ṣəḥōḥ} – Region of Darkness (Jn 1:1-18)
 - ▶ South {נגב; negeb} – Parched Wilderness {Hebrews wandered in Sin for their sin}
 - ▶ West {מערב; ma‘ārab} –Setting Sun {Mirrored Christ leaving Kosmos} (Jn 9:4-5)
 - ▶ East {מזרח; mizrah} – Rising of the Sun {Sun shall Rise with Healing} (Mal 4:1-2)
- ▶ This applies to Daniel’s two kingdoms
 - ▶ Northern {Seleucid Empire} – Forerunner of Antiochus IV/Antichrist who brought/brings Satan’s darkness into God’s Temple (2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ Southern {Ptolemy Empire} – Embraced Egypt’s very ancient kingdom with Hellenistic forms: Mixing old & new – Gnosticism to scorch men’s minds (Ez 20:6-26; Amos 8:11-9:6; Ro 1:18-28)



Satan's Central Truth: Survival of the Fittest {Evolution}

- ▶ Daniel details tactics and techniques of Satan's grasping for Control over Man to gain Control over Christ; i.e., cause God to violate His nature
- ▶ Southern Empire begins as the stronger empire
 - ▶ Northern Empire does not prevail but neither does the Southern Empire defeat its internecine rival: Both have significant weaknesses
 - ▶ Each Empire attempts to gain Control through deception, diplomacy, and war
 - ▶ Rulers use family to extend Control, promotes strength over love; family members are pawns in the quest: Love is fruit of the Spirit; not a quality of Satan or the Flesh (Ga 5:17-24)
 - ▶ Sons take up the father's quest for their own gain even eliminating brothers who may kill them; honor is one way, fealty to the leader for the Empire: Socialism is centralized Control so all elements achieve the goal: Satan's Control – No Honor

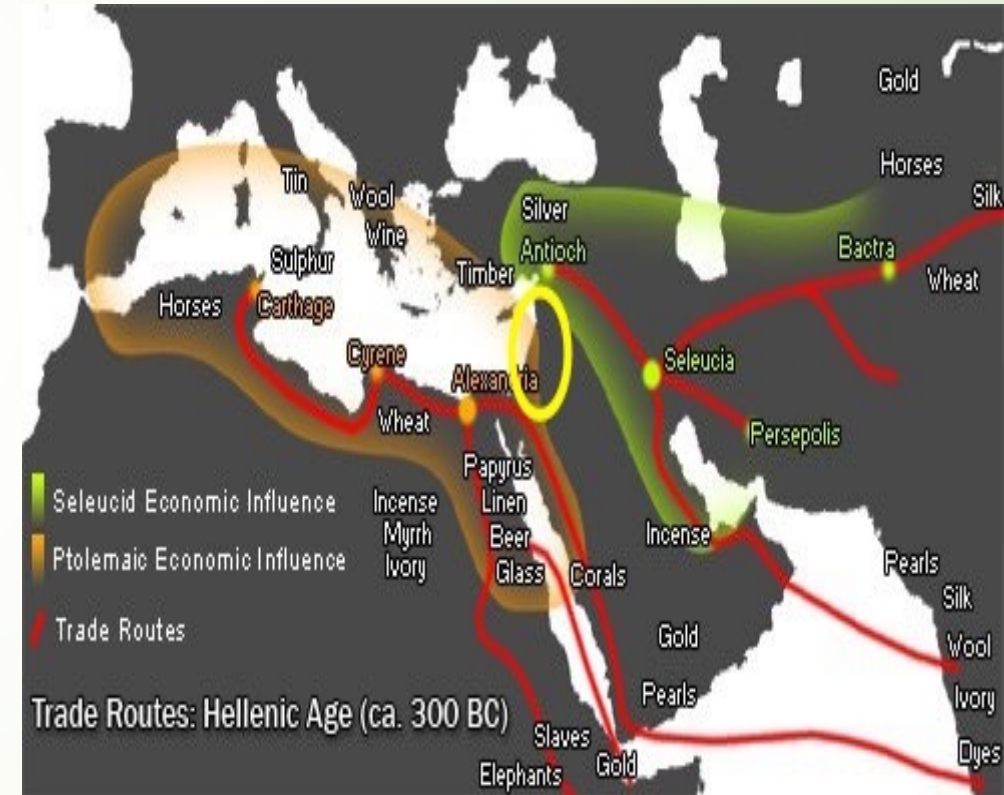


Capturing Forms of Strength: Purpose of Religion – Morality

- ▶ Southern King captures symbols of Morality of the Northern Empire {Idols}
 - ▶ Ptolemy demonstrated the strength of its very ancient forms over the *newer* forms of Hellenism: Deism of the Ruler
 - ▶ Religion the source of nation's morality: Each Empire differed little as gods-goddesses came from common source with ethnic differences - Babel
 - ▶ Capturing these symbols promoted weakness and doubt of national morality; however, over time this reversed with the rise of a different leader: Experimentation – What motivated the people best for Satan's goal
- ▶ Satan's purpose, as all false worship is directed to him, is to hone the skills of one empiric form over another (De 32:17; 1Co 10:20)
 - ▶ Satan's maxim: Bigger is better; until it is not: Each empiric overwhelms with larger forces – Until abrupt *new* smaller efficient forces develop {Bombers eclipsed by Rockets nearly *overnight*}

The Levant: Pathway Between South and North

- Jews were on the major road between these two Empires {Yellow}
- Armies foraged and extorted tribute as they marched {Taxes}
- Jews would *take sides* as it suited their ambitions
- Many Jews sided with Ptolemy though forbidden – Don't Return to Egypt
- Many would side with Seleucid for personal gain {Cold War Tactics}
- Few remained Faithful to God – Died





Crusades: Medieval Power Projection Limitations

- ▶ Crusades ostensibly to *free the Promised Land* from Muslims, Jews were the enemy of both; but more to do with experiments in power projection
 - ▶ Franks stopped and rolled back Islamic power into France resulting in Charlemagne being crowned emperor by the Pope – New Roman Empire-ish
 - ▶ RCC sought to consolidate its political-religious power by having medieval kings *prove* their devotion by removing Ottoman {Muslim} control of Jerusalem which prevailed for a time; however, Crusades demonstrated weaknesses of medieval kingdoms to project power and maintain Control over time and distance
 - ▶ Later Eastern Europe nation-states proved more effective in stopping modernized Islam keeping Europe in the Greco-Roman tradition
 - ▶ However, nation-states require financiers who were increasingly Jewish due to RCC refusal to allow usury among Christendom due to bad hermeneutics
 - ▶ Thus, in the medieval period power shifted from ancient empires to tribes to nation-states to regionalism via corporatism and financiers behind the scenes



Historical Europe: Same Strategies – Same Confusions

- ▶ Satan's methodologies do not change; his strategies span the Old Testament to Europe's medieval period to the rise of nation-states to affect wars and strategies into the 20th–21st centuries
 - ▶ Marriages were forms of treaty alliances; England's rejection of Roman Catholicism (RCC) more to do with King Henry VIII's changing of wives, and alliances, than with Gospel truth {King James of KJV fame was Gay, not saved}
 - ▶ Each nation-state sided with its form of moral truth dividing between RCC or Protestantism: Success oft secured via Mercantilism; early financiers
 - ▶ Modern European wars {WWI/WWII} guided by financiers' goals rather than national beliefs {*Hidden History: The Secret Origins of the First World War*}
 - ▶ Philosophers {[Marcuse's Liberation Philosophy](#) and [Bernays' Propaganda](#)} were enlisted to gain public support for these *hidden* agendas and soldiers to die for them
 - ▶ Proper Scriptural hermeneutics keeps one centered on Christ