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The Four Winds

Part 2: The Setting

Preamble: I am making the assumption in this study that you understand the twin applications of parallel prophesy, so I will start this study with the future application rather than the historical one.

Let me review a little of my study of the last two chapters of Daniel with you.

Daniel 12: 1, says

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.”

In order to understand “*At that time*”, we must look at the preceding chapter for understanding. Let’s look at the verses before it in chapter 11 of Daniel, beginning with verse 40.

“*At the time of the end* the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. ⁴¹ He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. ⁴² He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. ⁴³ He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission. ⁴⁴ But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. ⁴⁵ He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Let’s work backwards on this verse. *At the time of the end...* he will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. Then the verse continues, at that time shall Michael stand up...

Between the Seas:

There is only one location on earth that this can apply to: Israel lies *between the seas*; the Mediterranean, the Black, the Caspian, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea.

The Holy Mountain:

There is only one place on earth that this can apply. At the centre of Jerusalem stands the Temple Mount, the most desirable piece of real estate in the world. On this mount, Abraham sacrificed Isaac; this piece of land was purchased by David and throughout his lifetime, prepared for a dwelling place for God. It is the original site of Solomon’s temple. (2 Chronicles 7) The Holy of Holies was built on this very site, where fire came down from heaven, bringing the glory of the Most High to dwell with the chosen people.

Ask any Jew or Muslim today where that Holy Mountain referred to in Daniel is located. Modern Jerusalem is divided into four quarters: Muslim, Christian, Armenian and Jewish.

Note: The Roman Catholic Church is also an important presence in Israel. You will find shrines and cathedrals at every place of significance.

Just before the birth of Jesus, The temple was rebuilt for the Jews by Herod the Great, the mad builder king. Today, on the western side of the Temple Mount is a remaining piece of wall 1600 ft.x1050 ft carved from the massive stones of the Temple that Christ worshipped in. Stones in this wall weigh hundreds of tons each and after two millennia; you still cannot get a piece of paper between many of the massive stones.

Next Week: The Abomination of Desolation

Blessings, *Ken Crauford*

