

Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World **Passage:** Daniel 11:36-45, Revelation 9 and 16

Title: Jesus Destroys the Antichrist

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Discussion Starter – The title "antichrist" only appears in the bible in the letters of John, (1 John 2:18, 22, 4:3, and 2 John 7). What is meant by the term? What does John mean when he says, "many antichrists have come"? In what ways are these antichrists attractive or tempting? How does Daniel's describe the deception of the future and final antichrist?

Read Daniel 11:35-39

- 1. Antichrist deceives many, even those who should know better. What good comes from this deception?
- 2. What is the duration of the deception, when will it end?
- 3. What does antichrist use to promote himself and leverage his gain as described in verse 39? What land is referenced?
 - a. "Time of the end", or "day of the Lord", are terms that describe the final restoration of the rule of God on earth. But we also know that we are currently seated with Him in heavenly places, and all authority has been given to Jesus. How does this acknowledging the "already but not yet" reality of the kingdom affect your day-to-day faith and life?
 - b. How does 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 instruct us to view the competing (outward/inward, momentary/eternal, or seen/unseen) views of this life?

Read Daniel 11:40-45

- 4. What nations will join in attacking antichrist? How will this battle end?
- 5. What nations will escape the hand of antichrist after this battle?
- 6. What other terms does the Bible use to describe "the time of the end"? (Matt 24:21-22, Rev 13:5-7)
 - c. What are God's 2 purposes for this final 42-month period?
 - d. Why can we be confident that the church will not be subjected to this period of judgement?
- 7. From where will a second attack against antichrist come? (Read Revelation 16:12)
- 8. Where does verse 45 declare antichrist will plant his tent and meet his end? (Read Revelation 16:13-21 and 19:11-21)