

REMEMBER THE OMEN? WELL --
THE REAL OMEN IS REALLY COMING!

Chap. 11: 36 - 45

In DAN. 11: 36 through 45, we see the center stage of world history in the Middle East. Now this is prophecy. What we studied up until V.36 has already come to pass in history. We showed you, last Sunday, how the history of Persia; how the history of Alex. the Great of Syria and Egypt - that history has been, literally, fulfilled and can be documented from secular history.

But when we come to V. 36, we are dealing with prophecy which has not yet come to pass. It is significant it all centers in the area of the Middle East and that makes it doubly significant, in view of the fact that what is happening in our world today, the center and the focus of the events of our world, the center stage is in the Middle East. Why is this?

Simply this: the source of the world's oil is in the Middle East, basically. The free world must have that resource ~~xxx~~ in order to continue. The Communists are now seeing they are going to have to have this oil. Russia is the greatest oil producing country in the world - did you know this? They have tremendous oil in Syberia, but it's so expensive to drill it. So the strategy of Russia(and it's in keeping with prophecy - they do not know this) is to get a port on Persian Gulf. Historically, Russia has sought a warm water port.

They have no warm water port. The ports they have are ice bound, basically. So, they've gone into Afghanistan. They will, eventually, in my judgment, go to the Persian Gulf, being able to control the export and import of oil to the East. They are also determined to have a one=water port on the Mediterranean; in order to get it, they must take Israel. They will attempt this. We have an account of it in today's lesson.

Now in verses 36 thru 45, in V. 36, the character we are discussing is called 'a king'. We've already looked at Antiochus Epiphanes, in Verses 20 thru 35. We saw last Sunday he is a type of antichrist and we gave you nine things he did against the Jews which will be completely and fully fulfilled under the antichrist. Some have said 'well, isn't the man mentioned in V. 36 and on through V. 45?' 'Isn't that the same Antiochus Epiphanes we studied about last Sunday?' No.

You say 'how do you know this?' We know it from what it says about this character. It describes an entirely different character. For instance, Antiochus Epiphanes worshipped the Grecian gods and forced the people to worship the Greek gods. But the character we're gonna describe today worships NO god. He considers himself to be god. And Antiochus Epiphanes simply did not have the program at all. We are dealing with a different character and when you compare what we're gonna study in a few moments with II Thess. 2: 1 thru 10, and Rev. 13: 1 thru 10 and also DANiel 8 and 9 and part of Dan. 2, you will see you are dealing with the same character.

Now we are not talking about an ~~evil principle~~ evil principle in the world. We are not talking about a movement in history. We're not even talking about communism - we are talking about a real personality that will rule Western Europe. And will be the last dictator and ruler of the world. The stage is being set, rapidly, for the emergence of the Omen. I am convinced of this, without being sensational; without setting any date; without going out on a professional limb - every year I live, I see we are closer to literal fulfillment of what we're gonna study today.

I'll tell you, at the end of this, when the Omen is going to come. The Bible tells us, EXACTLY when he will come. It's not in today's lesson. It's in the

N. T. Let's look at Daniel 11

V. 36(read) 'the king' (this is the Omen or antichrist). 'Shall do according to his will'. God is in the heavens, He does what He will (Ps. 115:3) you have a man who sets himself up as god. It says 'he does as he will'. He plays god. Says he shall magnify himself and exalt himself above EVERY god. Antiochus Epiphanes did not do this. 'And shall speak marvelous' (the word is 'unique' or 'astonishing'). The word in Hebrew means that he will say things against God, the True God, that no one has ever said. They will be unique. They will be in a class all to themselves.

There has never been ANYone who's gonna blaspheme God like this buger is - the Omen or the antichrist. 'Against the God of Gods! and shall prosper until the indignation...' that is the Hebrew word 'zaam'. In the 8th Chap. and V. 19 it refers to the Tribulation. That's the Great Tribulation, that's going to come upon the world after the church is taken out.

He shall prosper UNTIL the Great Tribulation be accomplished, which is a total of seven yrs. and the high water mark of it only 3½ yrs. This is to say his days are numbered. God has him under His control. He is the instrument of satan but he does not continue forever. God has him under His control Don't ever forget that. And God has the devil on a leash. Don't ever give the devil too much credit., he's mean and he's a burger but his days are numbered and he knows it.

'For that that is determined shall be done' - in other words, what God has decreed shall come to pass. God is in control and not the Omen and not the antichrist.

V. 37(read) 'regard the God' now it really ^{should} ~~shall~~ be 'the godS' plural in

Hebrew. 'Neither shall he regard the gods of his father'.. what is he talking about? Who is this? This is the antichrist. Who is he? He is the last ruler of the revived Roman Empire. Who would be the gods of his fathers? the gods of the Romans. In other words, he will not recognize even the pagan gods of ~~the~~ the Romans. He will not recognize them. This, of course, was ~~unheard of~~ unheard of.

All the Roman rulers recognized the Pantheon of Rome. When I was in Rome, they took me to the Pantheon which is not a Roman church and all around, in alcoves, there were three hundred little alcoves, where the Romans put their gods. Every ruler bowed down before those gods. But this final ruler; this final Roman ruler; this final Gentile, who will preside over the revised Roman Empire, in my opinion, the foundation being the ten countries of the Common Market today, he will not regard the gods of the Romans.

'Nor the desire of women' - now you find this, in as far as I know, this is the only place in the Bible you find it. What does he mean 'he will not regard the desire of women'? He will not have a natural affection for women. Paul says in the last days, man will lose his natural affection; that men will lust for men; women for women. What is he saying? He will be a pervert. He'll be a homosexual.

This is tremendously significant in the light of what's happening today, in our world. Fifty years ago, in the U. S. of America, we'd had a real agony to elect a divorcee as a president. We'd be a little hesitant today, probably to elect a pervert, but the time is coming and at the rates we're going, that the president of the U. S. could be a pervert. Listen to me: in many public schools in America today, homosexuality and lesbianism are being taught as an alternate lifestyle. Are you still listening? The Bishops of

one of the leading churches in America - some of you may go to it - I'm glad there are people in that denomination who do not believe what the Bishops teach. This leading Bishop, in Little Rock this week, said 'I cannot say homosexuality is a sin and I cannot say heterosexuality is a virtue'.

Can you imagine - can you imagine ever the time coming in the history of the world a man, who says he is a believer in the Bible and a Xtn preacher, that he cannot say homosexuality is a sin and he cannot say the precious gift of sex is a virtue? All this week, my heart has been grieved, and the Omen will be a homosexual. OUR world is moving in this direction and he will ~~xxxx~~ represent much of our ~~xxxx~~ world. He will have no desire for women, it says in V. 37.

'Nor regard ANY god' of course he won't, except himself. He will consider himself to be god. 'For he shall magnify himself above all'.

V. 38(read) 'estate' (place). Now listen real carefully... in the place of god, he will have a god and his god will be the god of forces. What does that mean? Military power will be his god. Now you understand he will head the Western Confederation, which will have the support of the West, including the U. S. He will protect Israel. I deduce, without quoting Scrip., and I cannot dogmatize beyond a certain point, but I believe he will have access to the nuclear ^{arsenal} ~~xxxxx~~ of NATO and of the West. Of germ warfare.

His god will be military might. Do you not see the way our world is moving? In his place - in the place of God - he will honor military power. 'And a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honor with gold and silver and with precious stones and pleasant things' - in other words, his fathers did not worship military power - those before him, not even in the Roman Empire.

But he will bestow all of his gold and all of his silver and all of his precious stones and all of the goods of the world - he will bestow them upon this god of military power.

V. 39(read) now it isn't plain in the KJV - I want it read it in clarity: 'he shall act against the strongest fortresses by means of this strange god.' He'll attack anything in the world by the use of his god, which is military power. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 'And those who recognize him will he highly honor and cause them to rule over many, allotting land as a reward'. He's going to attack and challenge the whole world, including Russia (we'll see this in a few moments) and he's going to take land everywhere and he's going to reward those who follow him by giving them land. That's all it's saying.

Very significant. You do not have this data in Rev. 13. You have some additional data ~~which~~ but you don't have this data. You do not have in Rev. 13 that he'll be a pervert. That's the reason you have to know Daniel in order to get all the information on the Omen and the antichrist. Now, in

V. 40(read) 'at the time of the end' - this is the time of the Great Tribulation - 'shall the king of the South' now we've already met the king of the South in another context and we know the king of the South would certainly include Egypt. It says the 'end time shall the king of the South push at him' - what does that mean? Here is Egypt, no doubt, but more than Egypt. Here is the great Arab confederation.

REmember the first 3½ yrs. of the Tribulation, DAn. 9:24-27 (we dealt with this very carefully) the antichrist will be aligned with Israel, the protector of Israel? The Western world, tied in with the antichrist. But here's the Arab world. It says the king of the South is going to push against

the Omen; against the antichrist. That is, come against him with military power. In my judgment, it doesn't specifically say here, but bringing all the Scrip. together, they're going to turn to Russia. They're already turn- to them. And ask them to join them in this fight against the antichrist.

So the next sentence says 'and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind'. It says the king of the South - that would be Egypt - and the Arab confederation and then it says 'the king of the North' . If you drew a line ~~due~~ directly North from Jerusalem to Moscow, you would find yourself - in Russia or Moscow, Russia. North of Israel. When you compare this with the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, where the terms that's used to refer to the nation that's gonna invade Israel, are identifiable as being Russia and cities in Russia, here you have a parallel passage.

Here is Russia coming down with the Arab confederation. To attack the anti-christ and to attack Israel, allied with the antichrist. We believe this has to be in the first part of the Tribulation before the antichrist breaks his treaty with Israel. Daniel 9:27 (read) we've already studied this. And according to Ezekiel 38, this will be when Israel is at peace and when they're settled in the land. They're settled in the land and they'll be at peace when this occurs.

This is what this is. It says the king of the North and the king of the South shall come against the antichrist - it says like a whirlwind - with chariots and with horsemen and many ships. You say, will this be their equipment? This would correspond, probably, to modern weapons, but the names of modern weapons are never used. We would not understand - or the people of that generation would have no understanding of them, if they'd have been used. It's significant it's speaking of 'many' ships. When Russia gets her

port on the Persian Gulf and her port on the Mediterranean Sea, their fleet can virtually, control the world. The greatest advance in their military power within the last ten years has been their naval power. Tremendous! The many ships do not refer to the king of the South, Egypt and the Arab confederation, but to Russia, the king of the North.

It says 'he shall enter into the countries (now that's the antichrist) and shall overflow or (shall subdue them) and pass over (really pass through) Palestine.' Or the country of Israel or the Chosen.

V. 41(read) 'he'(refers to the antichrist) 'shall enter also into the glorious land' that's Palestine always. That's Israel - the glorious land. 'And many countries shall be overthrown but these shall escape out of his hands' and he names three that's going to escape: Edom, Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon'. These countries will be in the Southeast. The antichrist is going to launch his military campaign to the Southwest.

There's a reason for that. He's going to conquer the allies of Russia, mentioned in Ezekiel 38. And they're Southwest - not Southeast. He has no military purpose in conquering either Moab or Ammon. He's a strategist. It's very logical what he does.

V. 42(read) Some have asked the question 'would Camp David hold? ' NO. Egypt here is the center of the Arab Confederacy. In my opinion, within a very short time, Egypt will be back in the Arab fold. And will lead the Arabic Confederation against ~~the~~ Israel in the End Time.

V. 43(read) this is the antichrist. Last part of the verse: the Libyans are

mentioned in Ezekiel 38: 5 as coming down with the king of the North into Israel. (Read) Libyans - course that's Northern Africa - that's Southwest, not Southeast, and the Ethiopians, which is South of Egypt. It's very interesting both of these nations today, are the strongest Russian allies. Ethiopia, at one time, was considered the Xtn country that dated way back to the Queen of Sheba.

Hilaselassie called himself the lion of the tribe of Judah. Within the last four years, since I started teaching this class, Ethiopia has become completely aligned with the communist. Libya is the most visible ally of Russia. The antichrist is going to go to conquer the allies of ~~XXXXXX~~ Russia. It mentions Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia.

Last of V. 43: 'shall be at his steps' (or shall be IN his steps) what does that mean? Shall be in his kingdom. Or shall be following at his steps. He's gonna subjugate them. Gonna conquer them. We know, from Ezekiel 38 and 39 the Russian army will be destroyed. Really, God's gonna do it. But He's gonna use the antichrist to do it. But really it's God's victory.

After this happens, thought, in V.44 it says (read) 'tidings' (rumors) he thinks he's dealt with Russia and suddenly, while he's on other military exploits, rumors come to his ear that there's trouble in the East. What is this? In Rev. 9:16 (read) an army that's going to converge from the East into Palestine. It's gonna cross the Euphrates River, it says in Rev. 9: 14. Then, in V. 16, the number of the horsemen was two hundred thousand thousand - that's two hundred million. That's Red China.

Then you have this repeated in Rev. 16:12 where you have them really arriving there at Armageddon ~~and the~~ Read Rev. 16:12. These passages, in my judgment,

are parallel. What the antichrist - the rumor he hears and the fear that stricks his heart - is the tremendous invading army from Red China and from the East. The kings of these -- not only Red China -- but more than Red China, converging for the last battle of the ages. The Battle that's gonna be fought in the valley of Megidda or Jehoshaphat, which is described in the 3d chap. of Job.

Then Russia is gonna come back. But 'rumors, out of the East and out of the North' - Russia is gonna try to come back for a second try. Middle of V.44... 'to destroy' - that's the antichrist. 'And utterly to make away many' - gonna prevail. Now you don't have all the details. You have to read all the Scrip. on this subject. If you wanted all the information, you'd have to read Zechariah 13; and 14 and you'd have to read Rev. 19. You have to bring it all together.

But in the end he's going to triumph for just a little while.

V. 45(read) 'tabernacles of his palace' (tent palace is what the Hebrew says) 'between the seas in the glorious holy mountain' - in other words, he shall establish his very tent or his headquarters in the holy mountain, which will be in Jerusalem. 'Between the seas' - what are the seas? The Mediterranean and the Dead. It was the custom of a great ruler who conquered in those days to set up his tent, right at the center of the nation.

We know, when we read II Thess. 2 (and you've got to read II Thess. 2: 1 thru 11 and put it in here) we know from reading this passage the antichrist will move in to the Temple and say 'I'm god'. Here it is in Daniel. He 'shall plant the Tent Palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain'. He'll set up his headquarters in the Holy of Holies. He will do that at the

center of the Great Tribulation. The first 3½ yrs. he's had a peace treaty; he's deceived them; he's on their side; he's their defender; they think he's the Messiah; they don't know he's the beast. He's the greatest man that ever lived, ~~xxxx~~ reminds me of the attitude of the Cubans, when Castro took over.

I was there shortly after he took over and the Cubans thought he was the Messiah. They said 'the greatest deliverer of all times has come'. And on hundreds of homes - thousands of homes - I read these words 'This is Fidels Home'... he deceived them completely. The antichrist is gonna deceive the Jews for 3½ yrs. Help them rebuild the Temple in my judgment, then move right in and then they're gonna say 'mister, this built for God' and he's gonna say 'you're looking at him. You're looking at him. I'm god!! You worship me or you die'.

That will really begin - final war of the ages - (unless you take this campaign with Russia which I believe will be the first part of the Great Tribulation and of Red China and it may be included in the war of Armageddon). Armageddon, you see, is not just one battle, as I told you when I taught Revelation. In Rev. 16:16 (read) it's not the battle (singular) it's the WAR of Armageddon. There'll be many battles in Armageddon. There'll be one final battle in which Jesus will come and destroy the antichrist.

Look what the last word says : 'yet he shall come to his end' who is this? The antichrist. 'And none shall help him' - what a statement. In Rev. 19:11 following, you have the dramatic description of how he comes to his end. It says 'none shall help him' - now Rev. 13 says he's energized by satan; he has the very power of the devil himself; he can perform miracles; he's gonna set up a computer, a robot, that can talk. That's the reason I think

it's so significant this robot up in Maryland, addressing 550 graduates. Can you imagine? At Arnold, Maryland, a robot, in a major college, addressing a college graduating class? Rev. 13 says the false prophet will set up an image that will speak.

The electronic world in which we are living is absolutely preparing us for the literal fulfillment of these things which scholars used to say could never happen and which liberals laughed at and said 'it's ridiculous'. Many of the things in Rev. can be literally done today by electronic technology. But it says here that though he has all this power, none shall be able to help him. What does that mean - none? Not even satan. Why?

Because Jesus, the Christ, is going to come and destroy him. Not even satan can help him: satan's masterpiece! Jesus is going to come on the scene of history; He's gonna come with His people! He's gonna come at the Mt. of Olives He's gonna come at the height of the power of the Omen and the antichrist and He's gonna destroy him and he'll have no help. No one can come to his rescue because the Son of God has come!

That's the final word of history and it'll end in a holocaust ~~which~~ with Jesus coming with the armies of Glory. You and I will be in that army, if we're a child of God. But Jesus won't need out help and He won't need any nuclear arms and He won't need any germ warfare. He won't need a thing in the world. The Bible says 'just the Word of mouth will destroy the antichrist (Rev. 19 :20 says 'He'll put him into the lake of fire and the false prophet'. Did you know the antichrist and the false prophet are put into the lake of fire one thousand yrs. before the devil?

The devil, Rev. 20: V. 2 or 3, is simply put in the bottomless pit, where the

demons are, for a thousand yrs. He's not cast into the lake of fire where the false prophet and the antichrist are, until the thousand yrs. are over. Rev. 20:10. The first person ever to be cast into the lake of fire - not the devil. The devil's not in the lake of fire today. Billy Sunday used to hang over the banister and talk to the devil in hell and it was pretty interesting to his audience. Only thing is Billy Sunday's theology was very, very wrong.

Did you know the devil's not in hell today? The first person ever to be put into the lake of fire will be the Omen. The Omen is gonna be put into the lake of ~~if~~ fire and his pal, the false prophet. His power will first be destroyed and then his life. And none can help him.

All right. Is this so far fetched it has nothing to do with us today? Let's look at some things in the overhead.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE ANTICHRIST OR THE OMEN:


There are three things about him, in our text today:

1. HIS CHARACTER IS DESCRIBED. It's marked by five things:

A. PREROGATIVE: he claims everything. He claims everything! Says 'I'm god. All power is mine. There's nothing that's not mine!'

B. PRIDE:: he's the egotist of the egotist! He says exactly what satan says in Isa. 14:14 (read) five times satan says 'I will'; 'I will ascend up above God'; I will, I will - that's what you see in all of this.

C. PROFANITY or Blasphemy: he says things no one has ever said in history. Hitler never said what the Omen will say against God.



Dan. says that he says things that's unique. We can't even conceive of what he's gonna say. Blasphemy.

D. PERVERSION: He's be a homosexual. Much of the world will be homosexual. I never believe I would ever come to the place in my life that in a public in this land or that a clergyman would ever even entertain the idea of homosexuality was not the darkest sin. But you and I are living in that day, right now, in America. There are thousands of Americans who believe it's just as right to be homosexual and lesbian as it is to be a normal male, or female.

Course I never thought I'd ever live to see the time that public law would confirm the murder of babies. Brother, it's later than you ever thought. You ~~and I~~ and I are witnessing unprecedented things. Recently, Bill Gothard sent out a questionnaire and he asked a lot of questions. If you don't know the Bible, you'd miss every one of them. They're --every one of them were false. There was not one true - it was True or False - and every one of them was false.

One of the questions was: are we living in one of the most unusual, unprecedented hour in the history of man? The answer is yes. These people who run around and say 'oh, but you know, we've always had these things and the preachers have always been preaching about these things'..... NEVER have we had an hour like we have today. NEVER! These are unique and unprecedented days in the history of the world. Right here in America, we've NEVER known anything like we're witnessing in America.

It's growing; it's not getting less, it's growing. Marked by perversion. Does not regard the god of fathers; does not regard the desires of women;

does not regard any God. And then marked by

E. POWER: that's his character as described in our Scrip. today.

Then we've already looked at his ³CONFLICT - to make this easy - his character his conflict (in V. 40 through 44) that shows the tremendous war he's going to wage. You see in Rev. 6, he comes on a white horse to ~~xxx~~ deceive man. He'll be a peace maker to begin with. But ~~that~~ white horse is followed by the red horse of war and then by the pale horse of death.

Very interesting - the four horsemen of the apocalypse in Rev. 6. Then, you finally have his

3. CONDEMNATION. Thank the Lord, in V. 45. When the Bible ends, the Omen is in the lake of fire. PTL.

There are five main titles of the Omen or antichrist :

1. The Little Horn - Dan. 8. We've already looked at this.

2. The King of Fierce Countenance - Dan. 8:23.

3. The Prince that Shall Come - Dan. 9 25.

4. The Son of Perdition - That term is used to refer to Judas Iscariot in John 17:12 and some have said Judas Iscariot will be the antichrist. No, he won't. Judas Iscariot resurrected, will not be the antichrist. Judas Iscariot never came anywhere near the antichrist. That means doom to destruction. Judas was doomed to destruction, so was the antichrist. But the fact that term is used interchangeably, to refer to them, is not proof Judas will be the antichrist.

5. The BEast - Rev. 5. Now he never called himself the beast. This is what God calls him. When he comes on the scene, he'll be the most charismatic personality the world's ever known. So much that he'll deceive the world.

All right, now I want to give you twelve summary declarations concerning the antichrist or the Omen in Dan. 11: 36 and 45. There are twelve things it says about him:

1. HE WILL ACT IN SELF WILL. Just as the devil did. I will, I will. He's not beholden to God.

2. HE WILL EXALT HIMSELF ABOVE EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE. Including God.

3. HE WILL MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY GOD. The only god he recognizes is military power. The god of force.

4. HE WILL BLASPHEME THE TRUE GOD.

5. HE WILL PROSPER FOR A LIMITED TIME. Seven years. And that will be the end of him. Only seven years. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

6. HE WILL BE A TOTALLY IRRELIGIOUS PERSON. Verse 37.

7. HE WILL PLACE CONFIDENCE IN MILITARY MIGHT SO MUCH/THAT WILL BE HIS GOD. Daniel says.

8. HIS MILITARY MIGHT WILL BE CHALLENGED BY RUSSIA AND BY THE ARABIC

CONFEDERATION.

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..... see? He heard those rumors from the East and from the North, when he thought everything was fine.

11. HE WILL ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN JERUSALEM. See? Does everything Jesus is gonna do. He's gonna establish headquarters in Jerusalem.

12. HE WILL COME TO HIS END. 'And none can help him'. These are the twelve things about the Omen. And you have more information here than anywhere in the Bible, though you have some information, II Thess. 2: 1 thru 11; Rev. 13: 1 thru 10.

There are five Eternal Truths that's taught here in this chapter for us in our day: (believe one of my sheets is missing here). O.K., O.K. that's right, here it is.

FIVE ETERNAL TRUTHS

You simply do not know what we're dealing with unless you understand these ~~many principles~~ underlying principles. I've dealt with details. Not I want to point out some underlying, Eternal Truths :

FIRST: God controls history for His purpose in general. God's in all of history. History is His story. That's the best definition of history for a Xtn, in the world. It's tremendously important that you and I believe ~~this~~ this, lest we feel crushed and overwhelmed by the type of secularism and humanism and believe the devil has taken us and there's no hope. That's NOT true. God is in the midst of the mess.

SECOND: God uses history to accomplish His purposes. His specific purposes for His people in general. He used all of these things to purge Israel, for the kingdom. He's using history today, to prepare His church, for the trials that are coming, including the Rapture ~~xxxxx~~ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Eph. 1:22(read) We need not be intimidated. We simply need to move with this confidence. God has not abandoned this world.

He's even using communism for the cause of His church. That's how great he is. He's using the recession in America today for the cause of His church. Did you know divorce rate is down in this state, greater than it's been in many a day, because of the recession? God is at work in history. We must believe this. The Bible teaches it.

THIRD: History is gonna end in a holocaust. The worst is yet to be. The people who tell you we're gonna bring in the kingdom through our teaching it ain't gonna take place! History's gonna end in a holocaust; in a blood bath.

FOUR: Christ is the goal of history and will triumph over all enemies in the end. When the Bible ends, Jes. is on the throne. The five great enemies of God and man are in the lake of fire. The false prophet is in the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). The antichrist is in the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). The devil is in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). Death and Hades are in the lake of fire. The wicked dead are in the lake of fire (Rev. 20: 11 thru 13).

Jesus is on the throne of the universe. All history is moving toward that great hour, when Jes. shall be Lord of Lords and King of Kings and every enemy will be in the lake of fire. Now, brother, when you believe that, you are not gonna give up in this battle with Jesus. All history is moving toward

JC. He's the goal of all things.

FIVE: All will be well for the saints forever. I want to come back to the 'Pilot Smiled' at the end. I want to answer the question 'when is the real omen coming?'

Open your Bible to II Thess. 2:3 (read) when is he coming? Tells you EXACTLY when he's coming. He cannot come until this occurs. In this passage, Paul talks about the people being troubled and shaken, there in V. 2. The 'of that day' in V. 3 refers to the 'Day of Christ' the Great Tribulation. 'That day shall come ~~xxxx~~ except there come the 'apostasia' - your Bible probably translates it 'falling away'. That word is the word 'departure'.

That day of the revelation of the Omen cannot come until the apostasia (the departure) and the man of sin be revealed. That's the Omen. The son of perdition or destruction - that's the Omen. When is the departure or the apostasia? That's the Rapture of the Church. That's probably the worst translation in the KJV. This cannot come until the apostasia comes. The Omen cannot come until Jesus takes His people out of the world and when He does, that's when the Omen will appear on the scene of history.

So don't ask when the Omen will come; ask when Jes. will come to Rapture the church. When will that be? Very, very soon. No way in this world for it to be otherwise. The Scrip. are fulfilled:: Israel is in the Land; the Arab Confederation is taking shape; the revived Roman Empire is even in place; Russia is absolutely set to move to the Persian Gulf, to move into Israel.

The more I think of it and use my mind and study history, and the Bible, the more I'm convinced almost to be sensational! It is so VERY near. Somebody

asked me yesterday 'is the antichrist alive?' Quite possible. Because he will be a grown man. If the Rapture of the Church were to occur today, he's somewhere in the wings, hiding, he'll come immediately on the center stage of history to take over our world.

Put it all together and you, I believe, will agree with me. I wanna share this story in closing: Rbt. Louis Stevenson tells of a ship at sea dashed on the rocks and the passengers were just frantic. They were worried about what was ~~gaa~~ gonna happen to the ship and one of the passengers said 'let me climb up the pilots house and see what's going on'. When he got up there, he saw the pilot chained to the wheel and very expertly, slowly, but surely, moving the big ship off the rocks out into the open sea of safety.

When the passengers saw him - or the pilot saw the passenger - he saw his terror stricken face and saw it was white with fear and he began to smile. The pilot was smiling. The passenger didn't say a word, but went back down to the crew and he said 'All is well.. All is well.. All is well. I just saw the pilot and he smiled. He's smiling!' Praise the Lord, for Gods redeemed people 'all is well. I saw the pilot and His name is Jesus and He's smiling. He's smiling. He's smiling!'

Let's stand and pray.