

## Why won't there be an all consuming war?

*„And both these kings' hearts shall be to do evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper: for the end shall yet be at the time appointed.“ Daniel 11:27;*

Daniel's prophecy in chapter 11 describes the wars and political struggles between the kings of the South and the North. The twenty-seventh verse contains information that is extremely important and timely. According to verse twenty-seven, at some point the intentions of both kings will be evil. Their intentions could cause the end (meaning the end of this age). The issue here is not whether these will be deliberate or unconscious efforts to bring about the premature end of the age. To understand this verse and realize its importance we need to realize what is good and what is evil in God's Word. At the same time, we must always keep in mind God's basic principle of creation.

**What is good is what supports life, everything else leads to death.**

*“See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil;” Deut. 30:15;* This verse defines what is good and what is evil. God is doing everything to win the concept of life over the concept of his adversary (Satan, is Hebrew for adversary), which from the beginning leads only to death, with no hope of a lasting and meaningful life. And the two kings at the same table will probably think similarly, threatening God's plan to save mankind with their intentions. A premature end to the Babylonian Era would frustrate or delay God's plan to convict and punish God's adversary and his servants for the shed blood of God's faithful servants (Rev. 6:10-11) and for the waste of many human lives that Satan has led down the path of destruction.

The Babylonian epoch began during the lifetime of the prophet Daniel, who was commissioned by God to interpret the dream of the great statue to the king of Babylon (for more, see the study "[Interpreting the Dream of the King of Babylon](#)"). The statue represents the epoch that began during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, in which we are still living, and which will only end with the coming of the Kingdom of God at the Second Coming of the Son of Man and our Lord Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah. Without the completion of God's judgment and punishment of the Evil One and his servants, the Kingdom of God could not come nor would the hope of lasting life be fulfilled.

### Faith in the victory of good and trust in God

Thoughtful people admire nature for its ability to cope with the extremely damaging plundering of natural resources by man. This is because the Creator has made all His creation to support life, and the whole natural system will strive "to its last breath" for balance. Only man has escaped God's Creator Principle, and his intentions and actions are evil at every moment (Gen. 6:5). Moreover, God's opposition tempts mankind through rulers and governments to rebel against God (Ps. chap. 2; Rev. 12:9). It is no wonder that mankind is moving ever faster toward extinction, even though the vast majority of people do not wish it. Fortunately, there is a preponderance of beings in heaven who do not wish the extinction of mankind, and all authority in heaven and on earth has been given by God to His Son Jesus, who gave His own life as a ransom for us. Isn't that obvious? If it appears that way to anyone, it is only because Satan is doing everything he can to divert human attention from the hope of salvation offered to us by God. He has so blinded the human mind that many people have no idea that everything that is presented to them as reality and real life, including the basic values that people are supposed to follow, is an illusion in the midst of true reality. Therefore, people fail to see that in spite of all the opposition's efforts, there are faithful servants of God and Christ among us who continue to spread the Word of God and make disciples of Jesus. Through them the hope of lasting life is also spread, which is important in our time. The words of the opening of John's Gospel are also true: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. It was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through it, and without it nothing that is came into being at all. In him was life and that life was the light of men. **And that light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not swallow it up.***" John 1:1-5;

### Why does it fail to provoke an all-consuming war?

Events in the world are leading to fears that III. World War with the use of all the destructive arsenal. A war that would probably have no victor. God has ordained that even human rulers should care for the people entrusted to them (Rom. 13:1-7) so that people will walk in good works and hold to God's values that can lead them to lasting life. Solomon wrote that the glory of a ruler is in the abundance of the people; the lack of it is the ruin of the ruler (Prov. 14:28). Today, many governments and rulers behave in a rather destructive manner, leading nations in fear of the future. In the light of this prophetic word, we see that it is impossible to put our HOPE in human princes, and debates about which ruler is the guarantee of peace are futile. There is a lie in their mouths,

and who can recognize it? The fate of the world is entirely in the hands of God, the HOPE. Blind men and those unanchored in faith, however, fail to see this to their own detriment (Psalm 145:3).

Jesus counsels us not to give in to fear, even though He speaks of wars: "*And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows*" Matt. 24:6-8; The beginning of sorrows described by Jesus is strikingly similar to the plagues described in Rev. 6:4-8; Why should we not be terrified when such plagues are foretold? Fear paralyzes the mind and weakens faith. God is able to deliver us from danger. There are many instances in the Bible in which God delivers His people from seemingly hopeless situations. It is not just crossing the sea with dry feet, but also in the siege of Jerusalem by the Assyrian king Sancherib, who came to the city with an army of over 185,000 (Isaiah chapter 37). But we must trust God.

### **God's plan to save humanity cannot be thwarted**

If we know that all that God and His Son Jesus/Yeshua does is life sustaining, we will also understand the words of the Apostle Peter, "***But the heavens and the earth, which now are, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.***" 2Pe 3:7; For the salvation of life and people it is necessary that judgment be executed on God's adversary who has seduced mankind to do evil, Satan through his slaves leads mankind to rebel against God and his Messiah. He is also manipulating the rulers and governments of nations today to bring about another world war. But it is clear from Peter's words that God is just waiting for the right moment and is also allowing us time so that everyone who will accept his salvation will truly be saved.

### **The great multitude will come out of the great tribulation victorious.**

Therefore, despite all the calamities described in the seals, many people will survive who will not lose faith in our Lord Jesus (Rev. 7:14-17).

Therefore, let us not have fear, which paralyzes the mind and weakens faith. But we should reflect on our relationship with God and His Son. Do we trust

them, and with wisdom look for salvation? Are we able to lean on them, on the hope which our Lord has redeemed with his own life? Will we use this remaining time to spread the words of life and hope that the earth so lacks? As our Lord Jesus/Yeshua puts it "Jesus came and spoke to them: *"And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Matthew 28:18-20;