

as a type of Antichrist is the fact that both are involved in predictions of events that would occur many centuries after the time the prediction was given. God enabled the prophet to look forward almost four centuries to see a great persecutor who would strongly oppose the religion of the Israelites, though a band of brave men would gain independence by fighting against him. This persecutor would die in relative obscurity far from the land of Israel, probably as a result of a nervous disease. God also enabled the prophet to look forward more than two thousand years to see a great persecutor who is to be destroyed by Christ at His coming. To consider an individual who would live long after Daniel's time as a type of a still later individual adds nothing to the understanding of Scripture, and can easily lead to great confusion. It is better to examine each passage carefully to determine where Daniel speaks of Antiochus and where he speaks of Antichrist. Although there are similarities between the two great persecutors, they are distinct figures and should not be confused.

Notes

- ^1 Thus the statement sometimes made that the two legs represent the eastern and western Roman empires does not correspond to historical fact.
- ^2 D. D. Luckenbill, *Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia*, vol. 1, p. 246, Chicago, 1926.
- ^3 Many scholars think the events described by Isaiah occurred early in Sennacherib's reign, making the interval twenty years in length.