

Statement No. 10
Identifying the *King of the North*
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Statement: The *king of the north* today (2019) is the president of Turkey – Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. If God allowed Daniel 11:45 to be fulfilled at this time, President Erdoğan would plant the tabernacles of his palace (Islamic Caliphate) in Jerusalem. This would initiate the beginning of Earth’s final events.

There is only one place in the Bible where the phrase *king of the north* appears and that is in Daniel 11. To what does the word *north* in this phrase refer? We can better answer that question by first discovering what the word *south* means in the phrase *king of the south*.

According to Daniel 11:4, Alexander’s empire was divided four ways between his generals. Each general took a portion of the territory that Alexander had conquered. The southern portion is mentioned in Daniel 11:5 by the phrase *king of the south*. We discover in Daniel 11:8 that *south* refers to the geographical territory of Egypt. Thus the phrase *king of the south* refers to the leader of Egypt.

The *king of the north* is first mentioned in Daniel 11:6. Because *south*, in the phrase the *king of the south*, is identifying the southern portion of Alexander’s original empire, the word *north*, in the phrase *king of the north*, would identify the northern portion of Alexander’s original empire relative to the southern portion. Even though their armies might travel both *north* and *south* to attack each other, there is no explicit statement in the prophecy itself, indicating that this direction of attack is the reason why the phrase *king of the south* and *king of the north* is given to these two powers. It is much more likely that the terms *north* and *south* originate from the division of the empire into the four geographical regions. This is what the plain reading of Daniel 11:4 would indicate. It says, “divided toward the four winds of heaven”. The *king of the south* would rule from the *south* and the *king of the north* would rule from the *north*. It is geographical territory that relates to the terms *north* and *south*. Direction of attack would simply be a byproduct to the geographical territory to which they are connected. Direction of attack is the effect, not the cause of its label, king of the north or king of the south.

The division of Alexander’s former empire spoken of in Daniel 11:4 sets in concrete for us the identity of *north* and *south*. These are anchor terms that should remain consistent throughout the prophecy if we are to correctly understand the interpretation of all the prophecies of this chapter. If we bring to the table a different definition for the terms *north* or *south* as these terms relate to *king of the north* and *king of the south*, we would introduce into the prophecy static that would prevent us from discovering the correct history to connect with the prophecy.

King of the south can only be used to describe the leader of Egypt. It cannot be used to describe Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South America, Islam, atheism, secularism, humanism or any other ism or territory other than the literal ruler of literal Egypt. If we do not hold firmly to this identity

of *king of the south* established by Daniel 11 verses 5 and 8, we will end up with a multiplicity of conflicting interpretations.

King of the north can only be used to describe a dominant leader located in the territory of Alexander's former empire that is north of Egypt. It cannot be used to describe Russia, Italy, England, North America, Imperial Rome, Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Satan, Christ, Catholic Church, or anything other than a literal ruler of a literal geographical territory located north of Egypt and delimited by Alexander's former empire. If we do not hold firmly to this identity of *king of the north* established by Daniel 11 verses 6 through 15, we will end up with a multiplicity of conflicting interpretations.

We as a church have not held firmly to either one of these important anchor points and we can see the results.

If we were to adhere to these two anchor points, the *king of the south* in 1798 would be the leader of Egypt (Egyptian Mameluke ruler Ibrahim Bey) and the *king of the north* would be the leader of the Ottoman Empire (Caliph Selim III of Turkey). If the final pronoun *he* in verse 40 refers to the *king of the north* as most expositors believe it does, then *he*, *his* and *him* of verse 45 would be the dominate leader of the *north* which today would be the president of Turkey.

With this understanding, here is an interpretation of Daniel 11:45:

45. And he (the *king of the north*—the leader of Turkey—Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at this point in time) **shall plant** (place or establish) **the tabernacles of his palace** (a religious/political entity—Islamic Caliphate) **between the seas** (Mediterranean and Dead seas) **in the glorious holy mountain** (Jerusalem—Mount of Olives); **yet he** (the *king of the north*) **shall come to his end, and none shall help him** (Satan, who will be personating Christ, along with his earthly agent, the papacy, will work miracles which will bring about a universal Sunday law and cause the entire world to worship the dragon and the beast. This universal worship of Satan will bring the rule of the *king of the north* to an end and because the entire world will be following Satan, there will be no one who will want to follow the leader of Islam thus bringing his rule to an end.)

Is this scenario even remotely possible? Is such a fulfillment on the horizon? I invite you to watch a couple short video clips that that will help answer these questions:

Daniel 11:45 (<https://tinyurl.com/yym4jmsy>)

Caliphate News (<https://tinyurl.com/y2q972b8>)

You will find news articles related to Daniel 11:45 that this site:

<https://www.jerusalemcaliphate.org/news>