

to which he invited people from all over the then known world and spent tremendous sums of money. But the other part of it was to try to unify the religion of his empire by destroying all who would not worship Zeus. It was now that his armies seized the temple in Jerusalem and so polluted it that no pious Jew could possibly go into it again until it had been purged and cleansed.

Se we have his severe persecution of Judaism described in v.30b. "So shall he do. He shall return and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. V.31, They shall pollute the sanctuary of strength and take away the daily sacrifice and place the abomination that maketh desolate. When they put up the statue of Zeus right in the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, it made the palce so desolate in the eyes of any pious Jews that he could not think of going into it.

V.32, tells about the beginning of the Maccabean revolt, vv.32-25. The people, some of them rose up against him and then they succeeded a little bit. Others joined with them that were not really thoroughly with them. In the end while the Maccabean people did free Judea into an independent kingdom for nearly a century, yet there was -- the leadership of it was quite mixed.

Question: Will you discuss a little bit double reference?

We will a little later in this hour. A very important question. If somebody were to tell you back in 1750 and made a prediction, There will be a great ruler in who will rise up in one of the countries of Europe, and will lead armies making rapid marches across most of Europe and conquer many countries and make take great wealth, but he will be completely defeated and his regime utterly destroyed. You could say that was exactly fulfilled in Napoleon. But then again you could find it exactly fulfilled in Hitler.

Well it may be fulfilled in somebody else yet! Who can say? I would say it would have to be one or the other. It would have to be a prediction of Napoleon, or if it did not fit Napoleon you would have to say ~~xxxxxx~~ its fulfillment is still to come, and you would find it in Hitler.

Someone could say, Napoleon was just a type of Hitler. He was merely a symbol of what Hitler would be like. If you are going to say that, then maybe Hitler is just a symbol of somebody who is coming 20 yrs. from now. It seems to me there is great danger in that sort of thing.

There are cases where Scripture sees two things that are related, that are similar. A sort of composit picture. But that is rare. I would say, God very slow about accepting any such thing. If you find definite fulfillment of something, I would say, It is complete. When it says, Ships of Chittim will come against him. That might refer to the American ships going during the last war and putting an end to Hitler's regime-- ships from the west coming. But I don't think it does. I think it is fulfilled in Popelius Laenaes. My feeling is that in almost every case, when something