

of the communists; they have completely wiped out religion at least outwardly from China. No one is allowed to have any outward manifestation of any religion in China. In Russia, while it is not legally rulled out, it is in actual practice it is tremendously persecutéd. A part of the belief of these who now hold a third of the world in their power, and the belief of a great many beaders in other countries, is materialism, the god of forces; the god of fortresses. That's the god they honor.

So this would be a very good description of what the character of antichrist will be very different from the character of Antiochus.

We will not take time to go on further through these verses. There are specific things said in them for which we find nothing comparing to them in the life of Antiochus Epiphanes. So there would beem to be a definite jump, anunmentioned interval between v.35 and 36. Here from v. 36 to 12:3, a description of events to occur at the very end of the present age, just before the return of Christ. We'll continue there next time.

Please review a little bit of what you've already done on ch. 8, because I'm going to try to rush through ch. 8 quite quickly and then get to those verses that I've assigned to you for next time for ch. 9.