Daniel 8:25

"Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

The United States it seems has been more interested in her prosperity for the last forty years, than for the things of God. In 1960, prayer in public schools became a national issue through one woman, Madalyn Murray O'Hair; when she sued the Baltimore Maryland school district because her son William was being forced against his will to take part in prayer. In 1962, the US Supreme Court ruled in favor of Madalyn Murray O'Hair and removed public prayer in school. It seems that this ruling was the very threshold that once crossed, began our nation's spiral in removing God and His Laws from our land. Soon to follow, abortion was legalized, and for the first time mothers were given the full backing of the governing authorities to murder their children. In the years that have followed, our nation, the media, Hollywood and almost every aspect of life has become more and more decadent. How many times has an elected official won an election because he convinced the populous that he could help improve their way of living? Even as the Ten Commandments are being removed from our courtrooms nation wide, people are only slightly interested because that decision seems to have little or no affect on their creature comforts.

This scripture in **Daniel** is a living testimony of the Righteous Judgment that is going to fall on the nations and people groups of the world, who have sold out God to their prosperity. Their prosperity is going to become the very instrument in which they are going to be judged. Human nature as it becomes more and more comfortable in its surrounding, also becomes less likely to want to do anything that might disrupt that peace and comfort. Nothing could be any more dangerous than to grow into complacency and apathy because one has become too comfortable to act against an aggressor. Look at how people are being told that money can fix anything. We throw money at social problems, school problems and world problems; but does money in and of itself help improve these problems? Absolutely not! We as a nation believe that we have evolved above needing God and that we can fix any of our problems with cash. What we fail to see in our arrogance and greed is that we are being set up for a one world leader, and his name is antichrist. In the days ahead as our beloved prosperity becomes more and more at risk, many are going to be willing to sell their souls to maintain their precious cash, property and comforts. All that is needed then is for the son of perdition to smooth talk his way into their lives, promising them the world and the safekeeping of their beloved earthly treasure!! Look with me at **II Thessalonians 2:3, Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.** What Day is being spoken of here, but the return of Jesus Christ for His bride? Clearly we are told that before Christ's return, two things will take place; a great falling away will happen in the church and the antichrist will be revealed. Lastly, we are promised through **Daniel 8:25** that as the antichrist seeks to rise or overpower the Kingdom of God, that he will be broken outside of any human means. But where will you be on that day when he is brought low? Will you be one of the masses who sold out and eventually lost your earthly prosperity, or will you be a faithful servant of the Most High? That decision is yours and yours alone!