

# GLEANINGS

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## THE GOD OF STRONGHOLDS

*36 "The king shall do as he pleases, exalting himself and making himself greater than any god; he shall utter dreadful blasphemies against the God of gods. He shall prosper only till divine wrath is ready, for what is determined must take place. 37 He shall have no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one in whom women delight; for no god shall he have regard, because he shall make himself greater than all. 38 Instead, he shall give glory to the god of strongholds; a god unknown to his fathers he shall glorify with gold, silver, precious stones, and other treasures. Daniel 11:40-45  
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The Anti-Christ will try to force everyone under his dominance to worship the god and goddess of strongholds or fortresses. You probably know the god of strongholds best as Baal. The Old Testament teaches us that the worship of the male god, Baal, often included the worship of a female god. They taught that she had left their heaven and had come to this earth in order to become the mother of all mankind. Just as the sun came to represent their messiah, the moon came to represent his mother and sometimes his consort (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 23:4-7).

*"16 We will not listen to what you say in the name of the LORD. 17 Rather will we continue doing what we had proposed; we will burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out libations to her, as we and our fathers, our kings and princes have done in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. Then we had enough food to eat and we were well off; we suffered no misfortune. 18 But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, we are in need of everything and are being destroyed by the sword and by hunger. 19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out libations to her, was it without our husbands' consent that we baked for her cakes in her image and poured out libations to her?" Jeremiah 44:16-19  
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