

SERMON: DANIEL CHAPTER 11

[2] The title of the sermon today is "DANIEL CHAPTER 11."

Daniel 10 Occurs During The Third Year Of King Cyrus

- In Daniel Chapter 10, we saw an introduction to Daniel Chapter 11.
- We see that Daniel Chapter 10 occurs during the 3rd year of King Cyrus of Persia.
- We saw an angel come to Daniel and let him know that God has heard his prayers from the beginning.
- We saw how fearful Daniel was of this angel, but the angel was there to help Daniel.

[3] Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

- This angel has been fighting the spiritual powers of darkness in the Kingdom of Persia.
- He's there to tell Daniel what the visions mean that Daniel has had.
- And with that, we're going to start there in verse 1 of Daniel Chapter 11.

[4] Daniel 11:1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

- When Daniel Chapter 10, 11, and 12 are happening, the king of Persia is the current king.
- Darius was the first king of the Median and Persian empire.
- So, we see that this angel was there with Darius in the first year that he took the kingdom of Babylon.
- Darius the Mede along with the Persians conquered the Babylonians. This angel strengthened him.
- And remember, Darius is the one that threw Daniel into the lion's den, but he was tricked into doing so.
- Darius actually loved Daniel, and Daniel was the top ruler in his kingdom.

[5] Daniel 11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

- Cyrus the great is the current King of Persia. "There shall stand up YET three kings in Persia."
- This means there's going to be 3 more Kings in Persia. So Cyrus is the first and then 3 more kings.
- The last or the fourth king is going to be far richer than all 4.
- By this 4th king's strength and riches, he will stir up the entire kingdom against Grecia.

So, who are the other 3 kings? We know the first is CYRUS THE GREAT.

- Daniel Chapter 10 tells us Cyrus is the current King. Where would we look first for the truth? The Bible.
- We see these other 3 kings that come after Cyrus in the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.
- Those 3 books are back to back in the Bible. They are in order of when things actually happened.
- Let's look to Ezra for the names of the Kings of Persia.

[6] Ezra 4:7 *And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.*

- So far, Cyrus is the first king and Artaxerxes is the second king.

[7] Ezra 4:24 *Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

- Darius King of Persia is the name of the third king mentioned in Daniel Chapter 11.
- This is not Darius the Mede from Daniel Chapter 6. This Darius of Persia is long after Darius the Mede.
- We have 1) Cyrus, 2) Artaxerxes, 3) Darius, and let's find the name of the fourth who is very rich.

[8] Ezra 4:6 *And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.*

- Now we have the names of all 4 kings: 1) Cyrus, 2) Artaxerxes, 3) Darius, and 4) Ahasuerus.
- In Daniel 11 verse 2, the fourth king is "far richer than they all." Do you remember King Ahasuerus?

[9] Esther 1:1-2 *Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) 2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,*

[10] Esther 1:3-4 *In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: 4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.*

- He showed the riches of his glorious kingdom for 180 days or 6 months. That's a 6-month party.
- Parties cost a lot of money. I've never seen someone have a 6-month party but he did.
- This is the 4th King mentioned in Daniel Chapter 11. King Ahasuerus of Persia.
- This King is also known as XERXES in the ancient Greek language. Latin is Ahasuerus as we see today.
- So, we know XERXES or AHASUERUS attacked Greece.
- Daniel 11:2 says that "he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia."

Get Ready For A Fast Story In Daniel 11

[11] Daniel 11:2 *And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.*

- Now that verse should make more sense. 1) Cyrus, 2) Artaxerxes, 3) Darius, and 4) Ahasuerus.
- King Ahasuerus did attack Greece. One of the famous battles is called the battle of Thermopylae.
- They won that battle. Now, Daniel Chapter 11 moves fast at times.
- The next verse, verse 3, is moving forward in time to the first ruler of the Grecian empire.

[12] Daniel 11:3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

- We learned about Alexander the Great in other chapters in the Book of Daniel.
- Alexander the Great did according to his will. He conquered whoever he wanted.
- He conquered the Persians and the Grecians became the world rulers with Alexander the Great.
- I hope you remember from past sermons that Alexander the Great died at the young age of 33 years old.
- Four of his generals took over the kingdom of Grecia and ruled in all 4 directions.

[13] Daniel 11:4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

- At the strongest point of Alexander the Great's rule, he died. His kingdom was broken and divided into 4.
- Do you remember the leopard with 4 heads from Daniel Chapter 7? Let's read that again.

[14] Daniel 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

- The Grecian empire is pictured as a leopard with 4 heads. That's talking about the 4 rulers after Alexander the Great.
- The first was a lion that represented Babylon. Then the bear representing the Medes and Persians.
- Then the leopard representing the Grecians, and finally, the Romans which are unlike any of the others.
- The Romans are up next after the Grecians, and the Romans are the ruling kingdom when Jesus comes at his first coming.
- 1) Babylon, 2) Medes and Persians, 3) Grecians, and 4) Romans. This is the actual order of kingdoms.
- And then remember from Daniel Chapter 8 that the Grecians are like the he goat.

[15] Daniel 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

- So, we see that the Kingdom of Grecia in reality was split into 4 after Alexander the Great died.
- In the West, which is the area of Greece, we see Cassander of Macedonia.
- In the East and North, we see Seleucus in Babylon, Syria, and Mesopotamia.
- In the North, we see Antigonius in Asia. In the South, we see Ptolemy reigning in Egypt.
- So, the names of the 4 rulers are 1) Cassander, 2) Seleucus, 3) Antigonius, and 4) Ptolemy.
- And yes, this is important to know and understand Daniel Chapter 11.

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- What I just said, is greatly simplified to go with what we're learning in Daniel Chapter 11.
- This map shows the kingdoms (Greece is to the far West out of the map). It's more complicated.
- The two strongest rulers that we're going to talk about were Ptolemy in the South (yellow).
- And Seleucus in the North and East (he is north of Egypt).
- You can see how large that Northern Kingdom is there (turquoise).

- So, we will be talking a lot about Ptolemy in the South and Seleucus in the North.
- Egypt in the South and Babylon in the North to simplify this.

[17] Daniel 11:5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

- The King of the South in this kingdom of Grecia is Ptolemy.
- "And one of his princes" is talking about another one of Alexander the Great's princes.
- We know this from the very next verse. This is talking about Seleucus who becomes King of the North.
- We'll see the King of the South and the King of the North throughout Daniel Chapter 11.

[18] Daniel 11:6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

- Now we see for sure that verse 5 was talking about the King of the South and the King of the North.
- The two kingdoms or "THEY" in verse 6 will form in alliance in the latter years or join themselves together.
- This isn't talking about the same two kings Ptolemy and Seleucus as we've already moved on.
- Remember, Daniel Chapter 11 is covering hundreds of years quickly. We are talking about the kingdoms.
- The king's daughter in the South will come to the King of the North. They will form an alliance.
- They will make an agreement.

We Already Know What Happened So It's Much Easier To Understand

This would be difficult to understand if we didn't already know what happened.

- In the South Kingdom, there's many Kings with the name Ptolemy. There was Ptolemy Lagus.
- Ptolemy Soter, Ptolemy Philadelphus, Ptolemy Euergetes, Ptolemy Philopator, Ptolemy Epiphanes.
- And Ptolemy Philometor.
- In the North Kingdom, you get many named Seleucus and Antiochus. There's many of those.
- The North and South had been fighting for many years but now they want to make an alliance.
- At this time, the King of the South is Ptolemy Philadelphus.
- The King of the North is Antiochus Theos. The daughter of Ptolemy was named Bernice.
- The King of the North was already married. But he got rid of his wife and married Bernice.

Once the King of the South, Ptolemy Philadelphus, died, the King of the North got rid of Bernice.

- He took back his previous wife named Laodice. This is what Daniel 11 verse 6 means.
- "But she shall not retain the power of the arm, neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times."
- Bernice and her son with Antiochus Theos are eventually slain.
- So, the united kingdoms fall apart and they don't last.

[19] Daniel 11:7-8 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: 8

And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

- Out of a branch of Bernice's roots shall one stand up. Her roots refers to her ancestors.
- The branches are the children coming from the ancestors.
- Bernice's brother, Ptolemy Euergetes takes over for her father. You can imagine he might be angry.
- The North Kingdom killed his sister. Wouldn't you be angry? He stands up in Egypt.

He comes with an army. This actually happened. Remember, all this was written before it happened.

- He enters into the fortress of the King of the North just as it says there in verse 7.
- He takes captives back into Egypt with him. He takes precious vessels of silver and gold.
- And this King of the South, Ptolemy Euergetes, continues longer than the King of the North.
- Ptolemy Euergetes reigns for about 25 years while Seleucus Callinicus reigns for about 20 years.

[20] Daniel 11:9-10 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land. 10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

- The King of the South, Ptolemy Euergetes, returns to Egypt.
- But the sons of the King of the North are now stirred up because of what the King of the South did.
- This was Seleucus Ceraunus and Antiochus the Great.
- Seleucus Caeraunus dies and Antiochus the Great takes over at the age of 15 years old.
- Antiochus the Great wins some battles. Let's continue.

[21] Daniel 11:11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

- Now we've moved to another King of the South.
- Notice that the Bible just calls them King of the North and King of the South.
- These aren't the same King. They're changing and moving fast throughout Daniel Chapter 11.
- The next King of the South is Ptolemy Philopater and he is very angry with the King of the North.
- That King of the North is still Antiochus the Great. They come to battle each other with large numbers.
- The King of the South wins this battle. Ptolemy Philopater is the winner of this one.

[22] Daniel 11:12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

- This is talking about the King of the South who just won this battle. His heart is lifted up.
- That's what happens when you win a big battle, but he wasn't strengthened by it.
- He didn't capture Antiochus the Great. He didn't really take advantage of this victory.

[23] Daniel 11:13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

- Antiochus the Great of the North returns later on with this huge army.

- The King of the South is now a different king. The former King who defeated Antiochus died.
- Ptolemy Epiphanes is now the King of the South and Antiochus takes advantage of this new King.
- And this new King is young. He takes the throne at the age of 5 years old.
- The King of the North comes against the South with a huge army about 14 years after the previous battle.

[24] Daniel 11:14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

- Many shall stand up against the King of the South. Now it's not just the King of the North.
- The King of the North makes an alliance with others. He brings in Philip King of Macedon from Greece.
- They join together and attack the South. So remember, this is the same Grecian kingdom.
- They continue to fight between themselves again and again and again. They can't stop fighting.

Thieving Jews Come Into Play Here

Notice this angels tells Daniel in this verse, "also the robbers of thy people."

- This is talking about Daniel's people, the Jews. There are thieving Jews who come into play here.
- "They shall exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they shall fall."
- They're going to try to take advantage of these continuous wars for their own vision.
- But it doesn't work, and they fall. Their plan fails.

[25] Daniel 11:15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

- Antiochus the Great is the King of the North. He comes and takes cities of the South.
- The arms or armies of the South cannot withstand the armies of the North.
- "Neither his chosen people" is talking about the strongest soldiers or the elite soldiers.
- This isn't talking about the children of Israel or God's chosen people.
- This might be something like the Army Green Berets, the Army Rangers, or the Navy Seals.
- In the Bible, this would be the MIGHTY MEN OF VALOUR. Even they couldn't stop the North.

[26] Daniel 11:16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

- The King of the North is going to now do whatever he wants. "None shall stand before him."
- The King of the South and his people cannot withstand Antiochus the Great.
- Antiochus the Great stands in the GLORIOUS LAND. This is JUDEA. It is the glorious land.
- The Jews submit to this King from the North. They receive this king into their city. They help him.
- Eventually, though, he consumes that land. But he's taken over that area.

I hope you remember Antiochus Epiphanes from Daniel Chapter 8. He's one that consumes the land of Judah.

- Remember, he stops the daily sacrifice. He's like the antichrist from Revelation.
- We aren't to him yet, but we're getting closer to his time. Antiochus the Great is before him.
- Antiochus the Great ends his reign about 12 years before Antiochus Epiphanes takes over.

- There's one King between them named Seleucus Philopator. Let's continue in verse 17.

[27] Daniel 11:17 *He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.*

- The King of the South is still there. They hadn't yet completely conquered the South.
- This verse is talking about the King of the North setting his face to enter into Egypt.
- He had already conquered other parts including Judah, but now he wants to enter the strength.
- And the strength of the South was in Egypt. The upright ones there are most likely the Jews.

Now, the King of the North is going to try the same thing the King of the South did earlier in the chapter.

- "And he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him."
- The daughter of women is like the son of man. This is simply talking about a woman being given.
- The King of the North gives his daughter, Cleopatra the First, to the King of the South.
- The King of the South marries Cleopatra the First.
- So, this is a strategy by the King of the North to conquer the King of the South.

Cleopatra the Seventh is the famous Cleopatra.

- She was the queen of Egypt. She was a lover of Julius Caesar. She became the wife of Mark Antony.
- The Roman armies of Octavian defeated the Egyptians.
- Mark Antony was told Cleopatra was dead, which was a lie and killed himself by falling on his sword.
- Once Cleopatra buried Mark Antony, she committed suicide herself.
- Some say with an asp or poisonous snake.
- This Cleopatra in Daniel Chapter 10 is not Cleopatra the Seventh. This is Cleopatra the First.

Cleopatra The First Is Used As A Ploy

She is sent to the King of the South as a ploy to conquer the South.

- But she doesn't do what the King of the North wanted. "She shall not stand on his side."
- "His side" is the King of the North's side. It's difficult to know who he, his is in this chapter.
- If we didn't have history, Daniel Chapter 11 would be very, very difficult to understand.
- Cleopatra the First cleaves to her new husband. The strategy of the Northern King didn't work.
- His daughter, Cleopatra the First, actually takes part in the victory against her own father.
- The King of the North is not able to take over Egypt and the King of the South.

[28] Daniel 11:18 *After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.*

- Since the King of the North can't conquer the South, he turns his face to the isles or islands.
- He wins many naval battles in the seas. He goes to the Aegean sea and takes many islands.
- He takes several cities of Greece and of Asia, which were on the coasts of the seas.
- So, this is still Antiochus the Great from the Northern Kingdom of Grecia.

- He starts conquering some of the Roman territories. A Roman prince stands up to stop this reproach.
- Reproach is offense. Now the Romans are going to come into this and start fighting back.
- "He shall cause it to turn upon him."

[29] Daniel 11:19 *Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.*

- Antiochus the Great is defeated by the prince of the Romans and must return home. He went too far.
- He goes home, he stumbles and falls due these defeats, he dies, and he can't be found any more. That's it.
- Antiochus the Great reigned for about 37 years and died around 52 years of age.

[30] Daniel 11:20 *Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.*

- So, Antiochus the Great owed a lot of money because of those wars. Supposedly, that's how he died.
- He was trying to rob the Persians because he needed money and was killed.
- His son, Seleucus Philopater, is the next King and he needed to pay the Romans.
- He raised the taxes in an attempt to raise more money. He was King for about 12 years.

Few Days = Years When Compared To His Father's Reign

The Bible says, "But within few days he shall be destroyed." His father reigned for 37 years.

- He reigned for 12 years so I am assuming the few days means a short time compared to his father.
- He wasn't destroyed in anger nor in battle. Supposedly, his treasurer, Heliodorus poisoned him.
- And some think it was done so Antiochus Epiphanes could take over.
- And we've already talked about Antiochus Epiphanes. He made coins that said he was God in the flesh.
- Well, watch what the next verse says and see if Daniel Chapter 11 makes perfect sense.

[31] Daniel 11:21 *And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.*

- Antiochus Epiphanes is the antichrist of this period. He sets up the transgression of desolation.
- He declares himself to be God. "And in his estate shall stand up a VILE person."
- They never made him King. "To whom they shall not give honour of the kingdom."
- It wasn't given to him. "Be he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries."
- So pay attention to that one. This is a picture of the future antichrist in Revelation.
- The entire Bible warns us about people who use flattery. They are doing that for themselves.

[32] Proverbs 29:5 *A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.*

- Anyone who continuously flatters you is spreading a net to trap you.
- There are countless books that teach you how to use flattery to get what you want. And it works.
- It worked for Antiochus Epiphanes who is a picture of THE antichrist in Revelation.
- Now, we're going to talk about Antiochus Epiphanes the rest of Daniel Chapter 11.
- The Bible has been leading up to this point and explaining how we got here to this antichrist.

- He doesn't fight for the Kingdom. He's smarter than that. He does it by flattery. Not by force.

[33] Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

- With the arms or armies of a flood, they shall be overflown from before Antiochus Epiphanes.
- All of these other armies are like a flood and they break each other.
- At the end of verse 22, you see: "yea, also the prince of the covenant."
- The covenant is the Old Testament. The prince of the covenant there most likely means the high priest.
- That would be the high priest of the children of Israel or the prince of the covenant.
- Prince means first one or high ruler or prince. Most likely, that's what this means.
- Antiochus Epiphanes got rid of the Onias the high priest and sold the office for silver.

[34] Daniel 11:23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

- To me, this is showing us what to look for in the antichrist that is coming soon.
- He's working deceitfully, flattering people, he's working his way up the ranks, and he becomes strong.
- And he doesn't do it with the high and mighty people. He becomes strong with a small people.

[35] Daniel 11:24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

- He knows how to work this game through deceit. He knows how to come into power.
- He goes to the fattest places or the richest places of the province.
- He does that which his fathers have not done. Remember this from Daniel Chapter 8:

[36] Daniel 8:23-24 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

[37] Daniel 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

- He used dark sentences and witchcraft. He does that which his fathers have not done. The man is evil.
- He knows exactly what to do because his power is coming from Satan himself.
- He scatters his prey. He takes the spoil and the riches for himself.
- He continues for a time until he is conquered. "He shall be broken without hand."
- Daniel Chapter 8 and Daniel Chapter 11 teach us many things about this little horn or antichrist.

The King Of The North Stirs Up His Power And Courage

[38] Daniel 11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

- The King of the North is now Antiochus Epiphanes. Again, the King of the North and South will battle.
- This time, the King of the South does not stand. Ptolemy Philometer flees and runs away.
- Antiochus Epiphanes conquers much of Egypt. Finally. Do you see how this chapter leads up to that?
- There's a great struggle but eventually Antiochus Epiphanes wins.
- The King of the South loses because "they shall forecast devices against him."
- The King of the South had some of his own men turn on him to the deception of Antiochus Epiphanes.

[39] Daniel 11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

- People close to the King of the South that feed of his portion of meat help to destroy him.
- His army overflows but many fall down slain. The King of the South loses the battle.

[40] Daniel 11:27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

- These 2 kings knew each other very well, but they're both great liars.
- They act nice to each other's faces, but they're looking to actually destroy each other.
- They have peace talks. They act like they are friends and so on. You know how that works.
- It's all over this world now. People are nice to each other's face and then talk bad when they leave.
- They made peace, but it did not last or prosper.
- The end to this kingdom is coming soon "at the time appointed."

[41] Daniel 11:28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

- Antiochus Epiphanes wins, he returns to his land with great riches, and then watch.
- You need to see how this matches with Revelation perfectly.
- The antichrist in Revelation works his way up to power and then he turns his wrath to God's people.
- That's when the Great Tribulation begins. But watch how this matches perfectly.
- He returns and then sets his heart against the holy covenant or the Old Testament. He's against it.
- He hates God and he hates the Old Covenant or Old Testament. He hates the Jews.

[42] Daniel 11:29-30 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. 30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

- So, he's going to fight the South again, but he has to stop and fight some others first.
- He's grieved. He returns home. And now he's ANGRY with the Old Covenant, the Holy Covenant.
- "And have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant."
- That would be the Jews who forsook God. He's going to join up with them.

Israel Today = Jews Who Forsook God

And what do you see in Israel today? Those are Jews who forsook God. They are antichrist themselves.

- They reject the Lord Jesus Christ making them antichrist. This is telling us about the future.
- That's going to happen in the future, and it already happened here.
- Antiochus Epiphanes joins up with them because they forsake God themselves. He hates God too.
- So he's going to stop the Jews from worshipping God. And what do we see next?

[43] Daniel 11:31 *And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.*

- His armies come into Jerusalem. They pollute the sanctuary of strength. That's the temple of God.
- They take away the daily sacrifice and place an abomination there instead.
- This abomination is an idol or a great image for worship. We see this in Revelation Chapter 13.

[44] Revelation 13:14 *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*

- The abomination of desolation is an idol or statue or image for people to worship in God's temple.
- Some think that an image of Jupiter Olympias or Zeus was placed on the altar by Antiochus Epiphanes.
- But I don't know if that's true because Antiochus Epiphanes claimed to be God himself.
- That's an example, though, of the abomination of desolation in Revelation: "An image to the beast."
- And the beast is the antichrist in the Book of Revelation.

[45] Daniel 11:32-33 *And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*

- The Jews who profess to know God but go against God and his covenant are corrupted by flatteries.
- Some people love to be flattered so much that they'll fall for all of this deception.
- "But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." OR stand up against this evil.
- The people who truly know God won't take that evil trash. They stood up then.
- There will be people who stand up for God in Revelation. They that understand will instruct many.

If we're still here when all this happens, we will be instructing others about what's really going on. We won't stop.

- We're doing that right now. We're teaching a chapter that most preachers won't even consider.
- It's too much work. It's too much time. It's easier to just preach about a false god who loves everyone.
- If you're going to stand up for God, you should be ready to die for God.
- "Yet, they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.
- But understand, God will take care of you.
- One of the greatest honors you could ever be chosen by God to do is to stand up and die for God.
- This already happened, but it will happen again in the future.
- They shut down the temple, place in idol for worship, and persecute God's true people.

[46] Daniel 11:34 *Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.*

- The ones that are standing up for God and fighting back are going to get a little bit of help.
- MOST, though, are going to cleave to those people through flatteries. They don't really care.
- They're just acting like they're on God's side. When it comes down to it, though, they aren't.
- That's exactly what you see in the world today in so-called "Christian" churches.
- They act like they support God, but when it comes to something like rejecting sodomy, they aren't.
- They will side with the world versus God because they might get some persecution from the world.

[47] Daniel 11:35 *And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.*

- This is what happens in the end. It's a picture of the future. Some of them will fall. Some will die for Jesus.
- Others will make it to the very end.

Some People Will Live Until The Very End

[48] Matthew 24:22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

- Remember, some people will make it to the end. Some people in Daniel Chapter 11 made it through.
- This simply means they made it through without being killed.
- Some people will make it through the great tribulation without being killed.

[49] Daniel 11:36-37 *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. 37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.*

- Antiochus Epiphanes did all of these things. He magnified himself above every god.
- He doesn't even desire women. Women have no control over him.
- It won't work to send him a wife as a gift as the other kings tried. This means he may been a sodomite.
- He's a vile person that Bible told us in verse 21 of this chapter. Sodomites are vile people.

[50] Romans 1:26-27 *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

- This man will magnify himself above God. He thinks he is god. Already happened. Will happen again.
- He may have been a sodomite. The antichrist in the future might be a sodomite.

[51] Daniel 11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

- He rejects all other gods but he honors the god of forces. His fathers didn't know this god of forces.
- It's this god that's everywhere and inside of us. It's the one that people say, "Yeah, I believe in some god."
- "Yeah, there's a god out there but the god isn't male or female, it doesn't have a name."
- "It's just a force out there that is god, and it doesn't rule have any rules. I can do whatever I want."
- That's the same god that Antiochus Epiphanes would honor. You see the same thing today.
- This god of forces sounds good to people so they make that god their own personal god.
- That's what you've seen in recent years when all religions get together and they worship the same god.
- It's a god that we can all respect and honor together. It's this one god that makes all of us happy.

[52] Daniel 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

- He glorifies this strange god. He increases this god through his power.
- He causes this strange god to rule over many. He forces people to worship this strange god.
- He's going to divide the land for gain.

[53] Daniel 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

- At the time of the end of the Grecian empire, the King of the South will come at him again.
- The King of the North comes against the King of the South.
- Antiochus Epiphanes entered into the countries and he passed over them.

[54] Daniel 11:41-42 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

- Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon escape out of this antichrist's hand.
- Egypt does not escape his hand.

[55] Daniel 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

- So we see that he takes over all the precious things of Egypt. The Libyans and Ethiopians are with him.
- They are at his steps or allied with this Antiochus Epiphanes.

Bad News Comes From The East And The North

[56] Daniel 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

- He hears bad news from the East and the North. He's furious so he goes forth to destroy.

[57] Daniel 11:45 *And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.*

- Where does he end up? He plants his tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain.

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- Israel in the land between the seas. It's between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.
- It is in the glorious holy mountain. So he settles there in Israel. His tabernacle is set up there.
- "Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."
- History tells us that he died suddenly from disease or that he drowned himself.
- Daniel 8:25 tells us "he shall be broken without hand." No man laid hands upon him to kill him.
- The Bible is truth. I hope you've stayed with me throughout Daniel Chapter 11.

It's a difficult chapter, but it's an amazing chapter that predicts all of these things before they happen.

- Next time we'll go to the last chapter in the Book of Daniel, Daniel Chapter 12.
- Daniel Chapter 12 is about future events or end times prophecy.
- Daniel Chapter 11 already happened, but it's going to happen again in the end times.
- This is a picture of the antichrist coming, and THE antichrist is coming soon.
- And yes, we need to know these things because God put them here in the Bible for us.
- Daniel Chapter 11 is about the things happening on earth. Past and future events.
- Daniel Chapter 12 is about the things happening in heaven at the same time of the future events.

Let's pray.