

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: *Daniel – verse by verse*

Scriptures for Today: Daniel 11:1-45 – God baffles the Bible critics with pre-written history!

Today’s Message:
“God of History”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we celebrated our 10th church anniversary with Daniel’s vision of Jesus Christ! And we all confirmed that it will indeed be *worth it all* when WE see Him! Today, we will discover that Bible critics have violently attacked Daniel 11. They say it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for it to be written before the actual historical events. We are so thankful to them for proving how **AWESOME** our God is! Amen. As we have seen and will learn, God has chosen to record history in advance with such detail and accuracy that many scholars refuse to believe it was written in advance. Our God is the God of history. In fact, it should be reaffirmed that history is His-**STORY!** This is God’s message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Daniel 11:1-45

#1. The Perfect Book – the God of heaven and earth has given us His WORDS.

AND NOW WILL I SHEW THEE THE TRUTH

- ✓ As this is a continuation of **10:1**, it is **the third year** of Cyrus king of Persia (**533 BC**).
 - The Bible critic **dilemma**... for **THEM!**
 - They say it must have been written after **ACTUAL** events in history (**160 BC**).
- ✓ The Bible claims to be inspired by the Holy Ghost and perfect in every part!
 - In **10:21**, the heavenly messenger called it, “**the scripture of TRUTH**.”
 - In **2 Tim 3:16-17**, the Bible says, “**All scripture is given by inspiration of God...**”
 - In **2 Pet 1:21**, the Bible says, “**Holy men... were moved by the Holy Ghost**.”
 - In **Proverbs 30:5**, the Bible says, “**Every word of God is pure...**”
 - In **Isaiah 48:5**, the Bible says, “**Before it came to pass I shewed it thee...**”
 - In **John 1:1, 14** and **1 John 5:7**, the Bible says that Jesus Christ is **the Word!**
 - God put His glorious name & reputation on the line with this blessed Book!

Isaiah 48:5
*I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; **BEFORE IT CAME TO PASS** I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldst say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.*

#2. The Perfect Prophecy – God has given detailed, perfect history in ADVANCE.

BEHOLD, THERE SHALL STAND UP YET THREE KINGS IN PERSIA

- ✓ Remember, the DETAILS are SO ACCURATE the Bible critics say it is **IMPOSSIBLE!**

2023 VISION: *Hold the Fort!*
Making disciples and caring for souls!

Verses	The Scripture of Truth	Historical Fulfillment
11:2	Three kings in Persia... FOURTH shall be FAR RICHER ...	Xerxes I (485-465 BC) – trained 2 million soldiers!
11:3-4	Mighty king... DIVIDED ... FOUR winds... not to his posterity	Alexander the Great (336-323 BC)
11:5	King of the SOUTH (Egypt) shall be strong... great dominion	Ptolemy Soter & sons (1 of 4 generals)
11:6	King's daughter of the south... the king of the NORTH (Syria)	Seleucus Nicator & sons (1 of 4 generals)
11:7-8	Branch of her (Berenice) roots (parents)... the fortress...	Ptolemy Eurgetus (Ptolemy Philadephus dad)
11:9-10	So the king of the south... his sons shall be stirred up...	Selucus Ceraunus, Seleucus Antiochus
11:11-14	And the king of the south shall be moved with choler...	Ptolemy Philopater (217 BC) great army
11:15-19	So the king of the north... glorious land...give him...daughter	Antiochus the Great, Ptolemy Epiphanes
11:20	Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes...	Seleucus Philopater (eldest son)
11:21-31	And in his estate shall stand up A VILE PERSON ... peaceably	Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC)
11:32	But the people that do know their God shall be strong...	Maccabean Revolt (167-160 BC) Hanukkah

Encyclopedia Britannica
Syrian Wars,
 (3rd century BC)
 five conflicts fought
 between the leading
 Hellenistic states, chiefly
 the **Seleucid kingdom**
 and **Ptolemaic Egypt**.

Double Reference
 Certain prophecies
 apparently contain a
 fulness of meaning
 which is not exhausted
 by the event to which
 they most obviously and
 literally refer. They
 frequently have a double
 meaning, and refer to
 different events, the one
 near, the other remote.

- ✓ In **11:5-32**, Daniel's vision focuses on the **LAND OF ISRAEL** and God's people.
 - The kings of the **NORTH** would be **north of Israel** – clearly **SYRIA** in history.
 - The kings of the **SOUTH** would be **south of Israel** – clearly **EGYPT** in history.
 - Secular history records the "SYRIAN WARS" between the...
 - The **Ptolemies of Egypt** and the **Seleucids of Syria**

Important Note: Antiochus Epiphanes accomplished all the wicked prophecies noted in verses 21-31! In **168 BC**, after being embarrassed by a Roman leader, he took his fury out on Jerusalem and Jews of the "glorious land" through massacres, persecutions, prohibiting Jewish sacrifices, and by defiling the temple of God with swine sacrifice and an **IMAGE!**

- ✓ In **11:33-35**, there is spoken of *many days* leading to the **TIME** of the **END**.
 - In **Luke 21:20-24**, Jesus Christ spoke of the **END TIMES** using **these very words!**
- ✓ In Bible prophecy, there is a fascinating truth we find called a **DOUBLE** reference.
 - In **Gen 12:3**, the prophecy has been in part fulfilled... all at the Day of the Lord!
 - In **Isa 14** and **Ezek 28**, God spoke to *kings of Babylon & Tyre* ... and to **LUCIFER!**
 - In **Luke 1:30-33**, Jesus fulfilled the first 4 parts, but **not yet** the other 3 (future).

#3. The Predicted Crime – the wilful king shall plunder for a determined TIME.

AND THE KING SHALL DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL... THAT IS **DETERMINED**

Isaiah 14:12-15
 How art thou fallen
 from heaven, **O Lucifer**
 ... For thou hast said in
 thine heart, **I will**
 ascend into heaven, **I**
will exalt my throne
 above the stars of God:
I will sit also upon the
 mount... **I will** ascend
 above the heights of
 the clouds; **I will be**
like the most High.

- ✓ The *wilful king* (**ANTICHRIST**) is always connected with **SELF-EXALTATION** and **PRIDE!**
 - In **11:36-37**, we see him **MAGNIFY HIMSELF** above every God... nothing new!
 - In **Isa 14:12-15**, Lucifer wanted to be *like the most High* and was cast out.
 - In **2Ths 2:3-4**, Paul said Antichrist will *exalteth himself above all that is called God!*
- ✓ He shall have a **STRANGE** god (**Rev 13:2???**) and shall **DIVIDE THE LAND** for gain!
- ✓ He shall enter *the GLORIOUS LAND*, but some countries shall **ESCAPE** out of his hand.
 - In **11:41**, the countries of **Edom** (*Bozrah* is capital), **Moab**, and **Amon** are noted.
 - In **Isa 63:1-6**, **Jer 49:22** and **Micah 2:12**, Jesus fights for His remnant there! Amen.
- ✓ He will try to defeat God but **SHALL COME TO HIS END**, and **NONE SHALL HELP HIM!**
 - In **Nah 3:19**, the word of God says to *the king of Assyria* **and** to *Satan* – you are **DONE!**

Nahum 3:19
 There is **NO HEALING** of thy **bruise**; thy **wound is grievous**: all that hear the bruit of thee **shall clap the hands over thee**: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed **CONTINUALLY?**

Genesis 3:14-15
 And the **LORD** God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, **thou art cursed above all cattle**, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **And I will put enmity between thee and the woman**, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.