



# DANIEL

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DANIEL 11:1-35  
“Plethora of Prophecies”



**What Daniel saw in the future for Israel, for his people, was conflict after conflict, war after war.**

**Only 8% of history has been a time of  
peace**

**For every 13 years of war, there's only  
been one year of peace**

**The value of destruction from all of the wars that  
have been fought over the past few thousand  
years**

**It would form a belt of pure gold 97.2 miles  
wide, 33 feet thick that would go around the  
whole earth.**

**The first 35 verses look at the future conflicts of Israel, future to Daniel, fulfilled and past tense to us, during the first 69 weeks (of The Seventy Weeks)**

**The last part of the chapter, verses 36 to verse 45, deal with the future conflicts in Daniel's 70th week**

# Daniel 11:1

In the first year of Darius the Mede, I,  
even I, stood up to confirm and to  
strengthen him.



# **Daniel 11:2**

**And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia and the fourth will be far richer than them all. By his strength and through his riches he shall stir up all the realm of Greece.**

# **“Prince of Persia”**

**A strong demonic angel, who for 21 days kept a good angel that was dispatched to give Daniel a revelation, engaged in a heavenly, spiritual battle.**

# **Daniel 11:3-4**

**Then a mighty King shall arise who shall rule with great dominion and do according to his will. And when he has risen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be up rooted even for others besides these.**

# Alexander The Great

- Was a bookworm
- Mom told him he was a god
- Had conquered most of the known world by age 31, sat down and wept
- Died at the age of 33

# Alexander's Divided Kingdom to Four Generals

- Cassander** - Macedonia and Greece
- Lysimachus** - Thracian Empire and Asia  
Minor
- Seleucus** - Syria and area North of Israel
- Ptolemy** - Egypt and parts of Southern  
Israel

# **The King of the North vs The King of The South**

**Now when it mentions the King of the North and the King of the South, the geographical reference to them is Israel. They are the kings of the north and the kings of the south because Israel is the geographic reference.**

# **The King of the North vs The King of The South**

**Verse 5 through verse 20 is this battle  
between the Seleucids and the  
Ptolemies, 200 years of battles.**

# **Daniel 11:5**

**Also the King of the South shall become strong. He will gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.**



# Daniel 11:6

And at the end of some years, they shall join forces, for the daughter of the King of the South shall go to the King of the North to make an agreement but she shall not retain the power of her authority and neither he nor his authority shall stand but she shall be given up with those who brought her and with him who begot her with him who strengthened her in those times.

**A political marriage was arranged between Antiochus the Second and Ptolemy the Second's daughter named Berniece. She was given to Antiochus the Second. The stipulation was that Antiochus the Second would have to divorce his wife to get this younger trophy wife Berniece from down south.**

**The name of Antiochus's wife that  
he would have to divorce was  
Laodicea.**

**A city was later named after her.**

**Laodicea would have none of her rival  
Berniece, so she poisoned her  
husband Antiochus the Second and  
killed Berniece, setting up her son  
Seleucus the Second upon the throne.**

# Daniel 11:7

But from a branch of her roots *one* shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, ~~enter the fortress of the king~~ of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

# Daniel 11:8

And he will also carry their god's captive to Egypt with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold and he shall continue more years than the King of the North.

**In the first 35 verses, scholars have counted no less than 135 specific prophecies that to Daniel were yet future to us are now past.**

# Daniel 11:8

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# **Daniel 11:9**

**Also the King of the North shall come to the kingdom of the King of the South but return to his own land.**

# **Daniel 11:10**

**However, his sons shall stir up strife and assemble a multitude of great forces. And one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through. Then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.**

**Ptolemy the Fourth, Philopator, marched through Judah on the way down or on the way up to Syria. And had to face the King Antiochus the Third.**

# **Daniel 11:11**

**And the King of the South shall be moved with rage and go out and fight with him, with the King of the South who shall muster a great multitude. But the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.**

**Ptolemy defeated Antiochus. This particular Ptolemy defeated this particular Antiochus the Third.**

# **Daniel 11:12-13**

**When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up and he will cast down tens of thousands but he will not prevail. For the King of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.**

# **Daniel 11:14-15**

**Now in those times, many shall rise up against the King of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision. But they shall not fall. So the King of the North shall come and build a siege mound and take a fortified city and the forces of the south shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.**

# **Daniel 11:16**

**But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the glorious land with destruction in his power.**



# 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 to destroy it. But she shall not stand with him or be for him.

# **Daniel 11:18**

**After this he shall turn his face to the coast lands and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end. And with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.**

# **Daniel 11:19**

**Then then he shall turn his face toward  
the fortress of his own land. But he shall  
stumble and fall and not be found.**

**In 191 BC, Antiochus III was defeated at the famous battle of Thermopylae where the Romans basically wiped him out. He had to surrender his territory west of the Tarus mountains.**

# **Daniel 11:20**

**There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom.**

**But within a few days he shall be destroyed but not in anger or in battle.**

**That few days was actually 12 years of  
oppression and taxation.**

**It's interesting that God puts it in the  
perspective of a few days.**

**Why such incredible and meticulous detail about daughters and kings and kingdoms and alliances?**

# **1. It affected the Jewish nation**

**-To encourage Daniel, yes, wars are coming but Israel will survive, God has a plan for that nation.**

**-There's never been a group or a nation that has been as harassed and hassled and persecuted as the Jewish nation has. That's just a matter of historical record.**



**No nation has ever suffered the kind of attacks that Israel has.**

**Daniel sees just enough to make him sick to his stomach and to be in mourning for three full weeks.**

**2. God wants to give to Daniel a foreshadowing of another ruler who will come who is even worse**

**Antiochus Epiphanes, or  
Antiochus the Fourth|**

**3. Because God is God. To show off his track record, God gives this kind of detail**

**One of God's calling cards, you might say, the evidences of who he is, is prophecy and fulfilled prophecy.**



**“Never be afraid to  
trust an unknown  
future into the hands  
of a known God.”**

**- Corrie ten Boom**

# **Daniel 11:21**

**And in his place shall arise a vile person,  
to whom they will not give the honor of  
royalty; but he shall come in peaceably,  
and seize the kingdom by intrigue.**

# **Daniel 11:22**

**With the force of a flood, they shall be swept away from before him and be broken and also the prince of the covenant.**

# **Daniel 11:23**

**And after the league is made with him  
he shall act deceitfully for he shall  
come up and become strong with a  
small number of people.**

# Daniel 11:24

He shall enter peace of peaceably even into the richest places of the provinces. And he shall do what his fathers have not done nor his forefathers. He shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches. And he shall devise his plans against the strongholds but only for a time.



**Antiochus the Fourth gave himself the  
name Antiochus Theos Epiphanes**

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**I am Antiochus, god made manifest.**

**The Jews never called him Antiochus Theos  
Epiphanes. They called him by their own  
nickname,**

**Antiochus Epimenes.**

**Epimenes means mad man or crazy dude.**

# Daniel 11:25

He will stir up his power and his courage against the King of the South, with a great army. And the King of the South will be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army. But he shall not stand for they shall devise plans against him.

# **Daniel 11:26**

**Yes those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him. His army shall be swept away and many shall fall down slain.**

# Daniel 11:27

Both these kings' hearts *shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.*

# **Daniel 11:28**

**While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant. And he shall do damage and return to his own land.**

# **Daniel 11:29**

**At the appointed time, he shall return  
and go toward the south. But it shall  
not be like the former or the latter.**

# **Daniel 11:30**

**For ships from Cyprus shall come against him. Therefore, he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.**



# Daniel 11:31-32

And forces shall be mustered by him and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices and place there the abomination of desolation.

Those who do wickedly against the covenant, he shall corrupt with flattery. **But the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.**

# **Daniel 11:33-35**

**And those of the people who understand shall instruct many yet for many days they shall fall by the sword and flame by captivity and plundering. Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help but many shall join with them by intrigue. And some of those of understanding shall fall to refine them, purify them, and make them white until the time of the end because it is still for the appointed time.**

# The Maccabees

They did great exploits. They trusted God. They said, this is what God wants us to do.

# **Festival of Lights**

**Hanukkah**

**John 10**

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