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TODAY'S NOTES



ANTIOCHUS IV

ANTI CHRIST



Proverbs

“Whoever walks in integrity walks
securely, but he who makes his ways
crooked will be found out.”



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of loyalty



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In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

World History: Antiochus IV takes the Syrian throne through political maneuvering, bypassing the claim of his nephew Demetrius (rightful heir).

Daniel 11:21

Evil offers security at the price of
loyalty

Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant.

World History: Antiochus overcomes opposition. The broken covenant prince as Onias III, Jerusalem's displaced high priest, later murdered in 171 BC.

Daniel 11:22



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loyalty

23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.

24 Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.

World History: Antiochus builds power through deceptive alliances (knowing he wouldn't honor his word) and generous rewards. His wealth buys the loyalty he could not secure.

Daniel 11:23-24



Flattery and deceit are tempting
because
they often work
for a while.



25 And **he** shall stir up **his power** and **his heart** against **the king of the south** with a great army. And the **king of the south** shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but **he** shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against **him**.

26 Even those who eat **his** food shall **break him**. **His army** shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

World History: **Antiochus** defeats the forces of Egypt's **Ptolemy VI**. Betrayal within the Egyptian king's own circle contributes to his downfall.



Daniel 11:25-26

27 And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.

World History: Antiochus and Ptolemy sit at the same table, each pursuing his own advantage through deception.

Daniel 11:27

28 And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.

World History: **Antiochus** returns from **Egypt** with plundered wealth but finds a Jewish insurrection in progress. This turns his hostility toward Jerusalem and the “holy covenant” of God’s People.

Daniel 11:28

29 “At the time appointed **he** shall return and come into **the south**, but it shall not be this time as it was before.

Daniel 11:29



30 For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

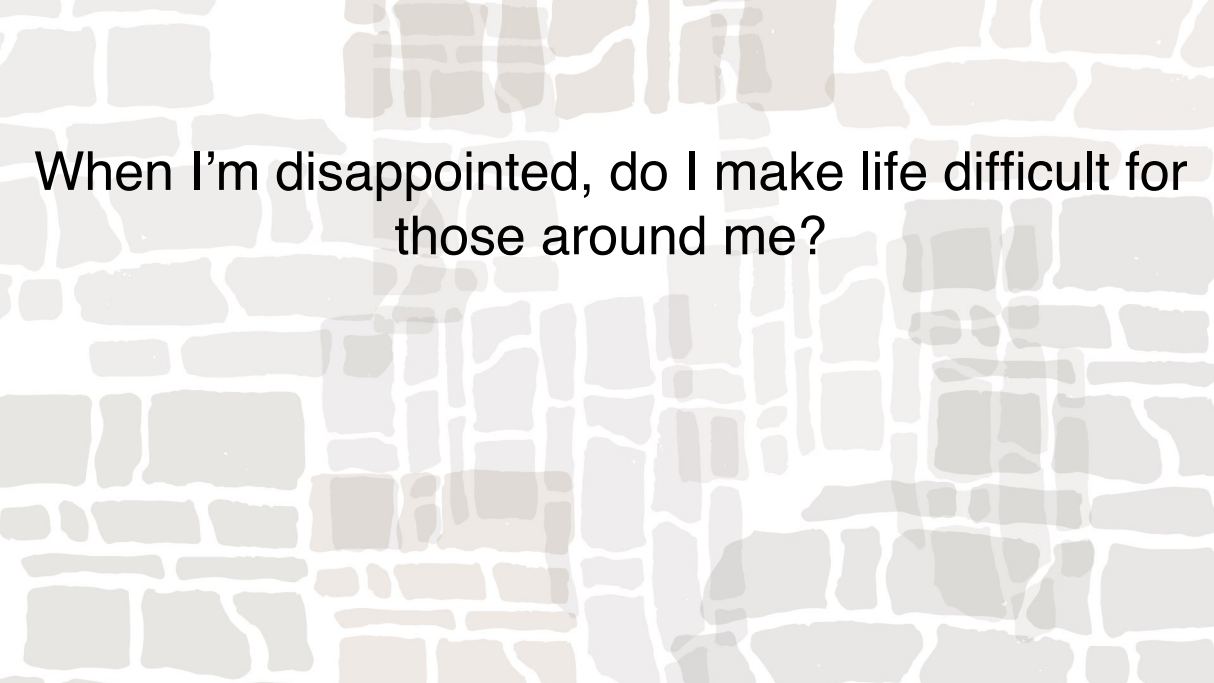
World History: On his next Egyptian campaign, Antiochus meets Roman resistance. A Roman General hands Antiochus a letter “leave or be attacked by Rome” then draws a circle around him and demands a decision before he steps out... then...

Daniel 11:30

30 For ships of Kittim shall come against **him**, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy **covenant**. **He** shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy **covenant**.

World History: then... Antiochus retreats empty handed, and overflowing with anger! Humiliation turns to fury against the **covenant** community.

Daniel 11:30



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those around me?

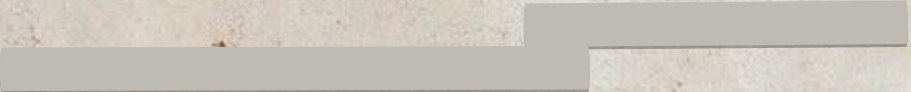
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“WHO IS PAYING THE PRICE FOR MY DISAPPOINTMENTS?”

Luke 9:52-55

52 And ~~he~~^{Jesus} sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. 53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them.



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World History: INCOMING BUT FIRST...



Daniel 11:31

Matthew 24:15

“So when you see the
abomination of desolation
spoken of by the prophet
Daniel, standing in the holy
place (let the reader
understand)...



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and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up
the abomination that makes desolate.

World History: In 167 BC, **Antiochus** desecrates the temple with
pagan worship to Zeus. He then makes:

circumcision,
possessing the Scriptures,
offering sacrifices, and
observing feast days forbidden

Daniel 11:31



WOULD MY FAITH REMAIN STEADY AT THE COST OF:

- **Approval:** Would you remain faithful if obedience costs acceptance.
- **Opportunity:** Would you remain faithful if obedience costs advancement or income?
- **Freedom:** Would you remain faithful if worship becomes forbidden?
- **Safety:** Would you remain faithful if obedience caused

Faithfulness Under Pressure



Approval

Proverbs 29:25

“The fear of man lays a snare, but
whoever trusts in the LORD is
safe.”

Opportunity

Mark 8:36

“For what does it profit a man to
gain the whole world and forfeit his
soul?”

Freedom

Acts 5:29

“But Peter and the apostles
answered, ‘We must obey God
rather than men.’”

Safety

Psalm 56:3

“When I am afraid, I put my
trust in you.”

THE HOLY COVENANT

11:28 ...his heart shall be set against the holy covenant.

11:30 ...be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. ... pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:28,30

Psalm 89:34-35

I will not violate my **covenant** or alter the word that went forth from my lips. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness...

COVENANTS ARE FORGED
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This reality more than anything else will sustain your marriage

This is what makes it work

It will carry you through the tests of time and human brokenness

For those here who do not share Jane and Bryce's faith, this is what they want you to understand about today: **they know they cannot be everything for each other.** They are trusting the Savior who has loved them, forgiven them, and promised to hold them. Their confidence is in Him.

Not desire, not feelings, but A COVENANT BUILT ON GRACE..VOWS.

MOVE UP – FLOWERS - DRESS

Marriage vows

Please join hands and, to each other, express your vows of love and devotion.

Bryce, repeat this vow to Jane after me:

**I, Bryce, take you, Jane, to be my wife;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health;
to love and to cherish until death do us part.
As God is my witness, I give you my promise.**

Jane, repeat this vow to Bryce after me:



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the pieces
evil leaves behind

32 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

33 And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

World History: Some accept Antiochus's rewards and abandon the covenant. Some remain faithful, teaching others - even if it means facing the loss of possessions, captivity, or death!

Daniel 11:32-33

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and
not hearers only, deceiving
yourselves.

34 When **they** stumble, **they** shall receive a little help.

And many shall join themselves to **them** with flattery,

35 and some of **the wise** shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

World History: The Maccabean resistance brings “some” help and eventually the temple’s rededication in 164 BC (remembered at Hanukkah). Some join insincerely...

Daniel 11:34-35



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Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon
him was the chastisement that brought us
peace, and with his wounds we are
healed.

From Daniel's Future to Ours



36 “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

37 He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.

Prophetic Horizon: The vision moves beyond Antiochus to a final ruler who exalts himself above every god (Antiochus didn't do this) and speaks against the true God.

Daniel 11:36-37

38 He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.

39 He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.

Prophetic Horizon: This ruler makes military power his priority, he rewards his supporters with authority and land. More on that found in verses 40-45

Daniel 11:38-39

Daniel 11:36 “He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god...”

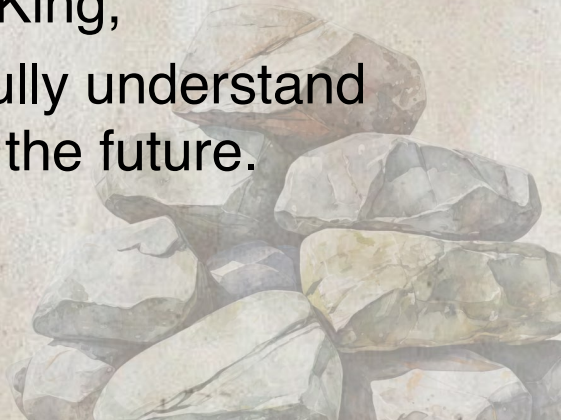
3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:3–8

Christian hope is anchored in a
victorious King,
not in our ability to fully understand
and prepare for the future.





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We close our time by... RESPONDING

What hardship has made me question God's faithfulness?
How might he be using it to shape me?

If I trusted Christ's victory more than I feared the future, what
would change about how I live today?

SING - GIVE - PRAY - REFLECT