

DANIEL

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



TODAY'S NOTES



James 4:1-3

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.



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MORE



"This chapter might be treated in Bible classes. We do not see how it could be used for a sermon..."

- H. C. Leupold (prominent pastor, author, and Old Testament scholar - early 1900's)



Can you live with confidence and even joy
when the world will not stay steady?



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PART II: Egypt and Syria v5-20

A. With Judea in between

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Lets Build →

1 "And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

2 "And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.

Daniel 11:1-2



Let's Break →

3 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills.

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Daniel 11:3-4

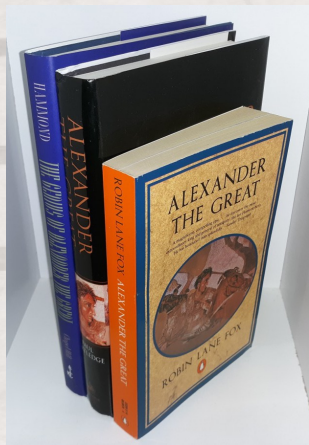


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What success have I begun
treating as permanent?



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PSALM 33

10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,



*God rules the nations
without losing sight of
your neighborhood.*





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5 “Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority.

World History:

Ptolemy I rules Egypt One of Alexanders Generals

Seleucus I, once associated with Ptolemy, establishes a larger northern dominion

Daniel 11:5



6 After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.

World History:

KOTS Daughter - *Berenice is arranged to marry* **Antiochus II**

"WE'LL BE STRONGER TOGETHER... RIGHT!?!?"

Daniel 11:6



7 “And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail.

8 He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north.

World History: *Berenice's brother **Ptolemy III** avenges his sisters murder by invading **the North** in a 5 year war.*

Daniel 11:7-8



**Then the latter shall come into the
realm of the king of the south but shall
return to his own land**

Daniel 11:9



**And God's people are caught in the
middle, wondering,**

"Are we ever going to get off this thing?"



**Is there a place in my life I am
plotting, manipulating, or scheming?**

PROVERBS 6

*16 There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:*

*17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,*

*18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,*

*19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.*



10 "His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress.

11 Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand.

12 And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.

Daniel 11:10-12



How often might we take
credit for a battle God won
on our behalf?



Proverbs 16:18

**Pride goes before
destruction, and a haughty
spirit before a fall.**



When Success Threatens:

- 1. Receive victories gratefully and graciously**
- 2. Fight against self-exaltation**
- 3. Remember how quickly circumstances can change**



13 For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

14 "In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.

15 Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.

16 But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand.

Daniel 11:13-16



Daniel 8:9

**Out of one of them came a little horn,
which grew exceedingly great toward
the south, toward the east, and toward
the glorious land.**



17 He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and **he** shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. **He** shall give **him** the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to **his** advantage.

World History: **Antiochus III** gives his daughter Cleopatra, not the one you think, to **Ptolemy V**, hoping to extend his influence.

Daniel 11:17



Proverbs 26:27

**"Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
and a stone will come back on him
who starts it rolling."**



18 Afterward **he** shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but **a commander** shall put an end to **his** insolence. Indeed, he shall turn **his** insolence back upon him. **19** Then **he** shall turn **his** face back toward the fortresses of **his** own land, but **he** shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

World History: **Antiochus III** turns toward the Mediterranean coastlands, but **Rome** is waiting...

Daniel 11:18-19



20 "Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.

World History: *The successor **Seleucus IV** raises tribute for **Rome**. But dies after being poisoned by his tax collector.*

Daniel 11:20



**Does God's sovereignty move
you to prayer or give you an
excuse to disengage?**



JEREMIAH 29:7

*But seek the welfare of the city where
I have sent you into exile, and pray to
the Lord on its behalf, for in its
welfare you will find your welfare.*



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Psalm 56:8

*You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle. Are they
not in your book?*



God's people may be caught
between kingdoms, but they're
never outside of His care.



13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14



*How do we live with
confidence even joy
when the world will not
stay steady?*



We close our time by... RESPONDING

Where is your desire for “more” making it harder to love the people God has placed around you?

What would it look like this week to care deeply about an uncertain situation without making your peace depend on its outcome?

Knowing Jesus is King, how can you trust and obey Him this week—even if your situation doesn't improve?

SING - GIVE - PRAY - REFLECT