

"THE BOOK OF DANIEL" The Vision of the Time of the End – Daniel 11:2-35;

INTRODUCTION

1. In the tenth chapter, we saw the beginning of the final vision recorded by Daniel...
 - a. A vision that pertains to what will affect Daniel's people (i.e., Israel) – **Daniel 10:14;**
 - b. Describing what will occur "in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come" - **Daniel 10:14;**
 - c. Its words were to be closed and sealed "till the time of the end"- **Daniel 12:9**
-- For such reasons this vision has been called "**The Vision Of The Time Of The End**"
2. In the introductory remarks of the vision, we were given a glimpse of the spiritual warfare that was going on "behind the scenes" ...
 - a. With angelic forces withstanding each other - **Daniel 10:13a,20**
 - b. With angelic forces helping each other - **Daniel 10:13b,21; 11:1**

I. THE PERSIAN-GREEK CONFLICT

A. FOUR PERSIAN KINGS WILL ARISE...

1. Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth - **Daniel 11:2;**
 - a. The fourth shall be far richer than them all
 - b. By his strength and riches, the fourth shall stir up all against Greece
2. As confirmed by history, these kings who followed Cyrus (**Daniel 10:1**) were:

B. A MIGHTY GREEK KING SHALL RISE AND FALL...

1. A mighty king shall arise - **Daniel 11:3;**
2. His kingdom shall be broken and divided into four pieces - **Daniel 11:4;**

II. THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN CONFLICT

A. THE CONFLICT WILL BEGIN...

1. The "king of the South" will gain in strength - **Daniel 11:5a**
2. As well as "one of his princes", who will gain power over the other - **Daniel 11:5b;**

B. THERE WILL BE A FAILED ALLIANCE...

1. The "daughter of the South" will go to the "king of the North" - **Daniel 11:6a;**
2. But the "daughter of the South" will not retain her authority - **Daniel 11:6b;**

C. THE SOUTH WILL RISE IN ANGER...

1. A "branch of her roots" will come with an army - **Daniel 11:7;**
2. The avenger (Ptolemy Euregetes) will succeed - **Daniel 11:8;**

D. THE CONFLICT WILL ACCELERATE...

1. The "king of the North" (Seleucid Callinicus) will try to invade the kingdom of the South - **Daniel 11:9-10**;
2. The "king of the South" will respond in rage - **Daniel 11:11-13**;
 - a. This king of Egypt is Ptolemy Philopator (221-204 B.C.)
 - b. Angry that Antiochus the Great regained control of Syrian territory, he gathered a great army and defeated Antiochus at Raphia.
 - c. His victory was short-lived, for Antiochus returned with a better-equipped army in 203 B.C.
3. Others will contribute to the war against the South – **Daniel 11:14**;
 - a. This included Philip, king of Macedon, who aligned with Antiochus
 - b. Also some violent Jews, prompted by what they perceived as the fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.
4. The "king of the North" shall prevail against the South, but then fall - **Daniel 11:15-19**;
 - a. Again, this is Antiochus the Great
 - b. He tried to strengthen his kingdom by giving his daughter in marriage
 - c. Antiochus then turned his attention to the coastlands (Mediterranean)
 - d. Defeated by the Romans, Antiochus the Great returned home and died soon after

III. THE RISE OF ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES

A. PRECEDED BY A TAX COLLECTOR...

1. One who will impose taxes on the "glorious kingdom" (Israel?) - **Daniel 11:20**;
2. Whose reign will be short-lived

B. THEN WILL COME A VILE MAN WITH NO HONOR...

1. Held in contempt, the people will not give him honor – **Daniel 11:21**;
2. He shall take the kingdom peaceably, but with intrigue – **Daniel 11:21-24**;
3. He will provoke the "king of the South" - **Daniel 11:25-28**;

C. HE WILL BRING BLASPHEMIES AGAINST ISRAEL...

1. Once again Antiochus Epiphanes will head toward the South - **Daniel 11:29-30a**;
2. Frustrated, he will take out his rage against "the holy covenant" - **Daniel 11:30b-32a**;
3. In the years 169-167 B.C., Antiochus Epiphanes:

D. THOSE WHO KNOW GOD WILL RESIST VALIANTLY...

1. They shall be strong - **Daniel 11:32b-33a**;
2. When they fall, they shall receive aid - **Daniel 11:33b-34**;
3. When those of understanding fall, it will be to refine them - **Daniel 11:35**;

CONCLUSION