

Daniel 11.1-35

Ancient Struggle, Eternal Hope

We do not see how Daniel 11 could be used for a sermon. H.C. Leupold

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

PROPHECY is LONG SERMON - *you here don't know anything about that* –
None of BEASTS & IMAGES seen in chs 7 & 8 > Long look into HISTORY

SO ACCURATE – Many Scholars who don't Believe God can tell Future –
Convinced this Chapter was WRITTEN AFTER the Events Happened

DARIUS is the EMPEROR when PROPHECY was Spoken

GOD is the SPEAKER and MICHAEL is the One STRENGTHENED

CONTEXT is what we Read at END of Chapter 10...

Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince. Daniel 10.18-21

NO Chapter DIVISIONS in Original Manuscript....Prophecy CONTINUES

vs 1 – 35 REVIEW Vision of Ch 8 – Ram, Goat, Four Horns, Little Horn

GOD in FULL SUPPORT of Archangel Michael and his MISSION

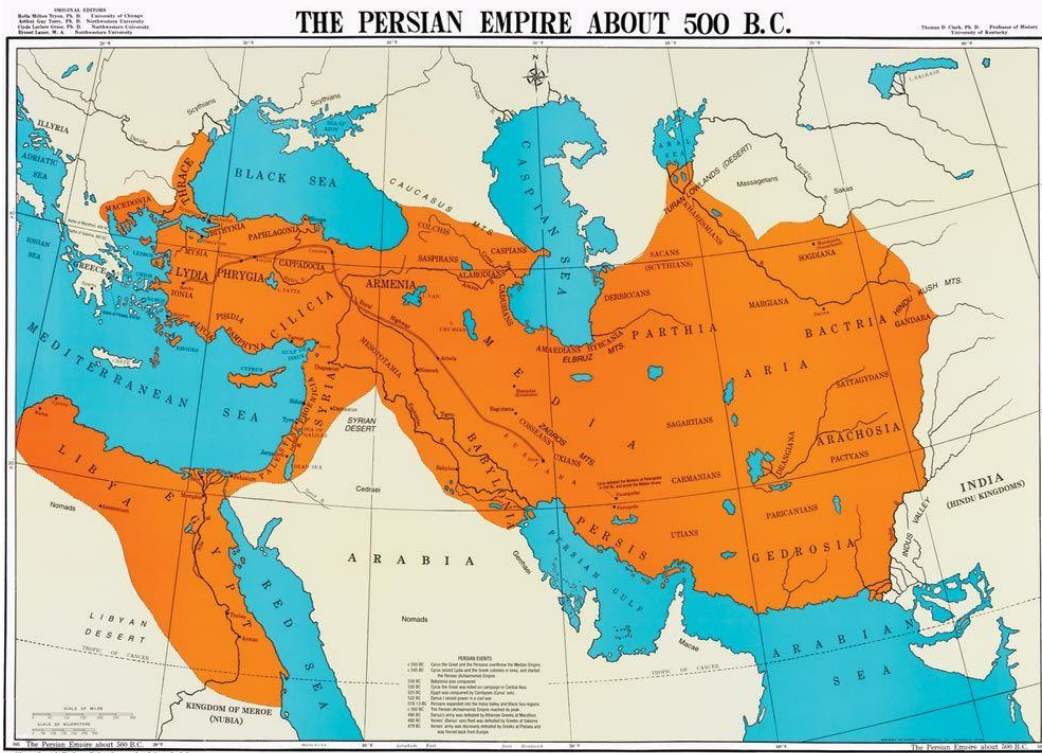
Persia vs 2

Greece vs 3-4

Kings of North and South vs 5-20

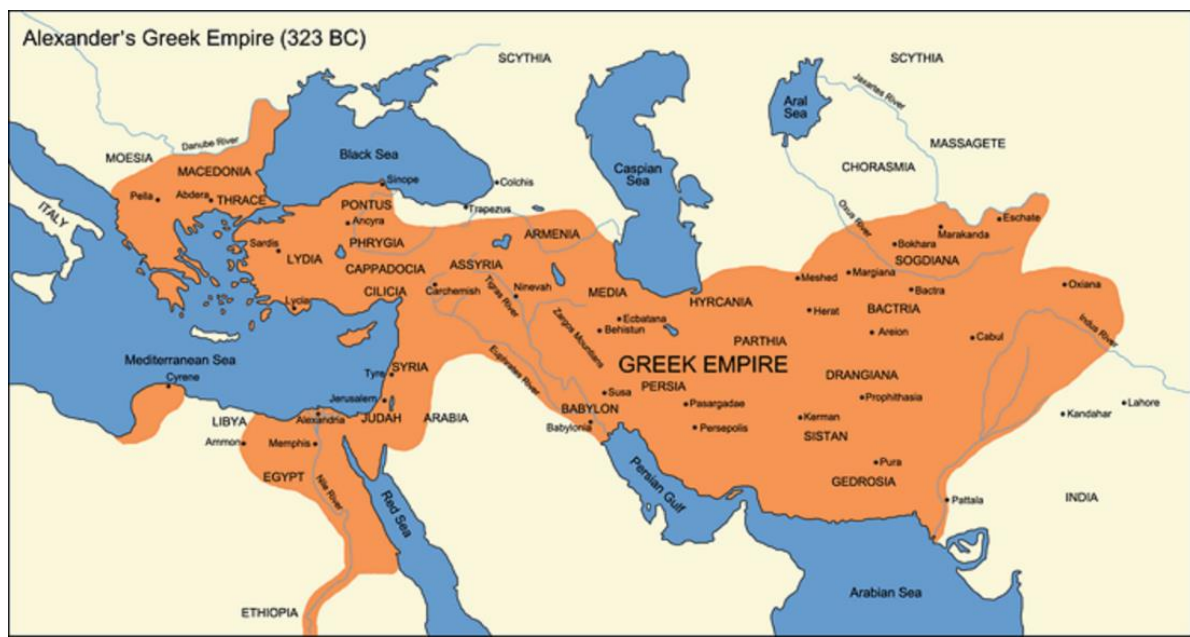
Antiochus Epiphanes vs 21-35

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE ABOUT 500 B.C.



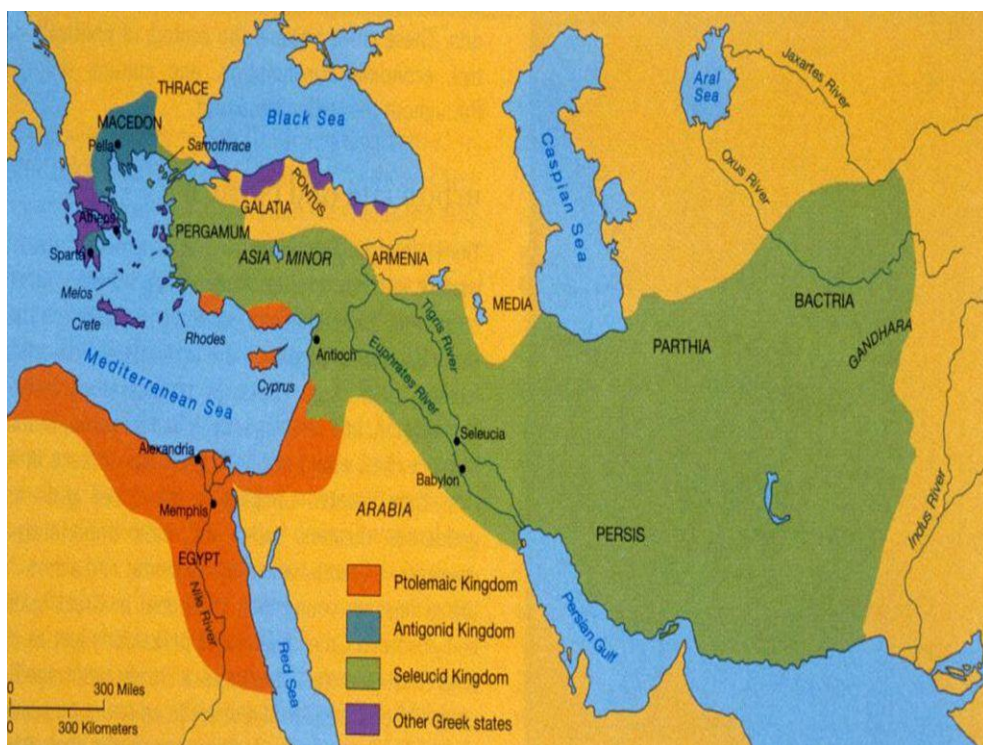
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Quick Look at 4 PERSIAN Kings – Scholars Debate Names – 4th XERXES



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

MIGHTY King – ALEXANDER the Great > BRIEF Time & Description here ALEXANDER ran with UNHINDERED ABANDON across the Continents



v. 4 And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

By 33 Alexander DEAD > EMPIRE NOT passed to POSTERITY > Young kids 12 his GENERALS fought Succeed him > Eventually 4 SHREWDEST WON



v. 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.

LENS of Prophecy ZOOMS – on Kingdoms of NORTH & SOUTH

Hear ‘North/South’ NOT think of GLOBAL Map > Ancient Near EAST

Worldview of EXILED Hebrews – ISRAELITES Sojourning in Persia

v. 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.

ROMANTIC Diplomacy in SOUTHERN Kingdom – Ptolemy > dau. Bernice
 PROBLEM Antiochus II ALREADY Married > Put away WIFE for Bernice
 SPURNED Wife – LAODICE – Killed HUSBAND, Bernice, their CHILD

vs. 7-9 “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. 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. Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land.

SON of LAODICE – SELEUCUS – made KING of the NORTH

UNTIL Bernice’s ANGRY Brother, Ptolemy III – kills Bernice, defeats Seleucus

UNLEASHES ongoing STRUGGLE between NORTH & SOUTH

More ROMANTIC ESPIONAGE & DIPLOMACY

vs. 10-12 “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. 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. 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.

King of NORTH sent 2 Sons Against SOUTH – 1 was ANTIOCHUS

His Brother SELEUCUS was Killed in Battle > Antiochus sole Ruler of North

v. 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.

Time of PEACE for ANTIOCHUS to Build Up his FORCES

Like HITLER Armed NAZIS while All Europe thot War to End All War DONE

v. 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.

ANTIOCHUS gained ALLIES – Grows STRONGER

VIOLENT JEWS try and FULFILL Vision – No Consensus When/How/What

vs. 15,16 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. 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.

LONG and COMPLICATED Struggle btwn Kings of North and South

NORTH – Antiochus – UPPER HAND – Comes into GLORIOUS LAND

v. 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.

Another CAMPAIGN of Antiochus into Egypt – His Daughter CLEOPATRA

Married to PTOLEMY – King of South – She gains HUGE DOWRY

But she is CLEVER Enough to Keep Dowry for HERSELF – Not for FATHER

vs. 18,19 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. 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.

Last EXPLOITS of Antiochus > Expedition to WEST

Tried to ROB a PAGAN TEMPLE but was KILLED in the PROCESS

v. 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.

Describes CAREER of SELEUCUS IV > also had INGLORIOUS Ending of Life

v. 21 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.

MORE Details > Greek king Antiochus IV “Epiphanes” – God has Appeared!

General CHARACTER Treachery and Intrigue > See INNER AIMS & Motives

v. 22-24 Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people. 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.

SYNOPSIS of his REIGN > Sketches of his MILITARY SUCCESS in EGYPT

LAVISH REWARDS to those who SUPPORTED him

vs. 25-27 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. Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. 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.

OBJECTS of his HOSTILITY vs. 25-31 > 2nd Egyptian CAMPAIGN

vs 25-27 STRUGGLES with KING of the SOUTH

vs. 28-30 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. “At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. 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.

168 BC – ANTIOCHUS made 2nd Attack of EGYPT v. 30 SHIPS from ROME

Roman GENERAL LAENAS – had been FRIEND of Antiochus

Laenas carried DECREE from ROMAN SENATE, Antiochus QUIT Egypt leave

ANTIOCHUS asked for TIME to Consider the DEMAND

General took STICK Drew Circle around Him

“take all the time you need, just do not leave the circle unless you are leaving!”

v. 31 Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

RAGE of his FAILURE > TURNS his FURY Against People of ISRAEL

OBJECTS of his HOSTILITY > AGAINST God’s COVENANT People (28-31)

COST of his SAVAGERY – Price ISRAEL will PAY for RESISTING his Rule

REMOVED Jewish High Priest – REPLACED w. GREEK Hellenist

ENDED Sacrifices @ TEMPLE / Forbade Circumcision / Banned SCRIPTURES

Erected Statue of ZEUS in TEMPLE

Offered SLAIN PIGS on Altar of GOD of ISRAEL

Antiochus became a symbol of everything the Jewish people most despised and hated, and a widespread, successful rebellion led by Judas Maccabaeus was the result.

James Boice

IF you'd just GIVE ME 2 HOURS for this SERMON – Could give MORE Info ONE of MOST COMPLICATED AND FASCINATING Chapters of the BIBLE



Reason BIBLE Details

NORTH / SOUTH Struggle
in Ancient Near East

ISRAEL was RIGHT
in the MIDDLE

What did PROPHECY mean to Israelites Re-Entering their Homeland?

What does it Mean to us in ZGC as we are Stepping into UNKNOWN 2019?

1. Perspective of God: Eternity to Eternity

When the Hebrews returned from EXILE they came with HIGH HOPES

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Psalm 126.1

vs. 16,41 “glorious land” GLORY of God DWELT there in His TEMPLE

God of ETERNAL Covenant WITH His People in his Covenant HOUSE

the glory of the Lord entered the temple...the glory of the Lord filled the temple
Ezekiel 43.4,5

All these PROPHECIES Ultimately POINT to Christ – His Kingdom FOREVER

God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church.
Ephesians 1.20-23 The Message

JESUS IS SAVIOR - HE IS ALSO SOVEREIGN

FROM GOVERNMENTS TO GALAXIES - NO ONE GREATER

What massive comfort this view of history provides for the people of God. For how often God's people worldwide must have felt they are caught in the gears of vicious regimes and the corpulent heavyweights of this age simply to mash them at will. But our text teaches that our Lord brings judgment not only at the climax of history but also within history as he injects futility into the designs of self-exalting, saint-ignoring rulers of this world, so that their schemes end in shambles...How could God's people bear to live if he simply allowed the self-styled deities of this age to fulfill all their plans? Dale Ralph Davis

2. Preaching of God: Hear and have Hope

vs. 1,2 I stood up to confirm and strengthen him. "And now I will show you the truth....

I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth Daniel 10.21

BIBLE is Message of EAR - Hear O Israel! – Hear what Spirit says to church
FINAL Prophecy – GREATER CLARITY for the BLESSING of God's People

God gave SCRIPTURE NOT A SCREEN – Engages our MIND to THINK

Words less AMBIGUOUS, More PENETRATING, More TRANSLATABLE

And the Most FIXITY of MEANING > Clearest and Most UNDERSTOOD

v. 32,33 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. 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.

FAITHFUL could See Thru False, Compromising, LEADERSHIP

Bold Stand of RESISTANCE – Stirred others to CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

v. 34 When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,

MACCABEES offered ARMED Resistance

Even among NOBLE Freedom Fighters > Flatterers w/ Insincere Motives

When the elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers. Kikuyu Proverb

1930's Many Germans – even German Christians – caught up Euphoria

Rise to Power of Adolph Hitler and NAZI party was Overwhelmingly Popular

One Pastor who did NOT Drink the NAZI Kool-Aid wrote...

“I was one of the few people that had actually read Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and that immunized me against Nazi ideology.” Helmut Thielicke

TERROR of Antiochus in Jerusalem was NO SURPRISE – Prophesied by Daniel

The only way these detailed events of chapter 11 can be prophesied and then come true is if the true God, the God of the Bible, stands behind them and determines their outcome. No other god can do this, and it proves that this God and not another should be followed. James Boice

BEFORE Abraham even had ONE SON God made a PROMISE to him...

As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Romans 4.17

Daniel 11 God DECREES History of NATIONS that do NOT Yet EXIST

There will ALWAYS be Wars / Rumors of War – Trouble, Persecution, Distress
People that KNOW God will STAND FIRM in his INFALLIBLE Word

3. Plodding of God: Overcoming all Opposition

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PURPOSE of History is BLESSING of WORLD thru Blessing to ABRAHAM

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12.3

Zechariah PROPHESED to those RETURNING from BABYLON

Up! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon. For thus said the Lord of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye Zechariah 2.7,8

it is the continual story of wars and rumors of wars...the tide in the affairs of men comes in and goes out, in the end it accomplishes precisely nothing. The balance of power in earthly politics may shift but it never comes to permanent rest...Daniel 11 shows us the fallen world pursuing the wind and finding it elusive. Iain Duguid

4. Patience of God: Come while you Can!

PARADOX of Scripture – Cannot Fully UNDERSTAND or EXPLAIN

God is SOVEREIGN AND we have Meaningful CHOICES > Responsible

From ALEXANDER to XERXES – CHOICES of Conquest and RULE

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Every KING Only Serves as a DEACON of the SOVEREIGN God – Romans 13

Daniel served SERIES of KINGS – Some BELIEVED others REJECTED God

Daniel FREELY Offered God's MERCY to All > They were RESPONSIBLE

NEITHER God OR Man is PRESENTED as PUPPET in the SCRIPTURES

Both ACT Freely – Only when We ACT in OBEDIENCE will there be Blessing

This chapter does not deny the reality of human power...nor is it simply like a puppet show. Political ambition, greed, diplomacy, military conquests, marriage alliances, bribery, and flattery all play their part. Individuals and communities made choices without any obligation...the outworking of the consequences form a pattern, as sowing leads to reaping. Bob Fyall

NOT News I wanted to Hear – Dr. Loh KIND Manner to give me BAD NEWS

2nd X heard it ONE Week – Ended 25th Wedding Anniv HOSPITAL 2 Cancers

After SURGERY > Come Back to Singapore from KZ for RADIATION

Told me the Danger of being FILLED with RADIATION

Friend found ME Apt with 2 Chinese Xtians to HOST Me > Separate Quarters

Still REMEMBER Panicked Look on Faces > ISOLATION for 5 Days

Told them MAYBE I could get JOB w/ Singapore Electric as STREET LIGHT

Yelled UPSTAIRS – Dinner Ready! – Cling to Walls as Came Down Collect It

When went to Hospital to get RADIATION – PILL in Heavy Metal Canister

Doctor on other Side of Thick Glass – Speaker – Reach into Locked Cabinet

Get Metal Cannister – Unscrew – Take out PILL and Swallow with Water

Left WIDE Path for me to Walk Out of Hospital > Back to my Incarceration!

SCARY Time – Spent 5 Days in Isolation writing FAREWELL Letters

Couple DAYS Celebrate 37th Anniversary Still Around

Daniel 11 tells God's People LOOK Down Corridors of Time @ TROUBLE

The GOD who WROTE the Story is God will WALK WITH them THRU It

v. 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.

Note of TRIUMPH for RIGHTEOUS Martyrs – DIED in HOPE

FAITHFUL to their COVENANT Lord to the END

“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Revelation 7.14

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