

DANIEL 10:21–11:36

WITH THE ANTECEDENTS IDENTIFIED

Daniel 10:21 I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my [Gabriel's] side against these [Persian rulers] except Michael, your [Judah's] prince.

11:1 And as for me [Gabriel], in the first year of Darius the Mede, I [Gabriel] stood up to confirm and strengthen him [Michael].

2 "And now I [Gabriel] will show you [Daniel] the truth. Behold, three more kings [Cambyses, Darius I, Xerxes I] shall arise in Persia; and a fourth [Darius III or Artaxerxes] shall be far richer than all of them [the other Persian kings]; and when he [Darius III or Artaxerxes] has become strong through his [Darius III or Artaxerxes] riches, he [Darius III or Artaxerxes] shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.

3 Then a mighty king [Alexander the Great] shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do according to his [Alexander's] will.

4 And when he [Alexander] has arisen, his [Alexander's] kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his [Alexander's] posterity, nor according to the dominion with which he [Alexander] ruled; for his [Alexander's] kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these [Alexander's posterity].

5 "Then the king king of the south [Ptolemy I] shall be strong, but one of his [Alexander's] princes shall be stronger than he [Ptolemy I] and his [Seleucus I] dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 After some years they [Ptolemy II and the Selucid Antiochis II] shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king [Ptolemy II] of the south shall come to the king of the north [Antiochus II] to make peace; but she [Bernice daughter of Antiochus II] shall not retain the strength of her [Bernice] arm, and he [Bernice's husband] and his [Bernice's husband] offspring shall not endure; but she [Bernice] shall be given up, and her [Bernice's] attendants, her [Bernice's] child, and he [Ptolemy III] who got possession of her [Bernice].

7 "In those times a branch from her roots shall arise in his [Ptolemy III] place; he [Ptolemy III] shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north [Seleucus II], and he [Ptolemy III] shall deal with them [Seleucus II] and shall prevail.

8 He [Ptolemy III] shall also carry off to Egypt their [Seleucus II] gods with their molten images and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and for some years he [Ptolemy III] shall refrain from attacking the king of the north [Seleucus II].

9 Then [Seleucus II] the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south [Ptolemy III] but shall return into his [Seleucus II] own land.

10 "His [Seleucus II] sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his [Ptolemy IV] fortress.

11 Then the king of the south [Ptolemy IV], moved with anger, shall come out and fight with the king of the north [Antiochus III]; and he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his [Antiochus III] hand.

12 And when the multitude is taken, his [Antiochus III] heart shall be exalted, and he [Ptolemy IV] shall cast down tens of thousands, but he [Antiochus III] shall not prevail.

13 For the king of the north [Antiochus III] shall again raise a multitude, greater than the former; and after some years he [Antiochus III] shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

14 ("In those times many shall rise against the king of the south [Ptolemy V]; and the men of violence among your own [pro-Selucid Jewish] people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfil the vision; but they [pro-Selucid Jewish] shall fail.)

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

16 But he [Antichous III] who comes against him [Ptolemy V] shall do according to his [Antichous III] own will, and none shall stand before him [Antichous III]; and he [Antichous III] shall stand in the glorious land, and all of it shall be in his [Antichous III] power.

17 He [Antichous III] shall set his face to come with the strength of his [Antichous III] whole kingdom, and he [Antichous III] shall bring terms of peace and perform them. He [Ptolemy V] shall give him [Antichous III] the daughter of women [Cleopatra] to destroy the kingdom; but it shall not stand or be to his [Antichous III] advantage.

18 Afterward he [Antichous III] shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many of them; but a commander [Roman Scipio] shall put an end to his [Antichous III] insolence; indeed he [Roman Scipio] shall turn his [Antichous III] insolence back upon him [Antichous III] .

19 Then he [Antichous III] shall turn his [Antichous III] face back toward the fortresses of his [Antichous III] own land; but he [Antichous III] shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

20 "Then shall arise in his [Antichous III] place one who shall send an exactor of tribute through the glory of the kingdom; but within a few days he {Selucus IV] shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.

21 In his {Selucus IV] place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given; he [Antiochus IV Epiphanes] shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 Armies shall be utterly swept away before him [Antiochus IV] and broken, and the prince of the covenant [Jerusalem's high priest Onias III] also.

23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him [Antiochus IV] he [Antiochus IV] shall act deceitfully; and he [Antiochus IV] shall become strong with a small people.

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

25 And he [Antiochus IV] shall stir up his [Antiochus IV] power and his [Antiochus IV] courage against the king of the south [Ptolemy VI] with a great army; and the king of the south [Ptolemy VI] shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army; but he [Ptolemy VI] shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him [Ptolemy VI].

26 Even those who eat his [Ptolemy VI] rich food shall be his [Ptolemy VI] undoing; his [Ptolemy VI] army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

27 And as for the two kings [Ptolemy VI and Antichous IV], their minds shall be bent on mischief; they shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail; for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.

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

29 "At the time appointed he [Antichous IV] shall return and come into the south [Ptolemy VI]

and brother Ptolemy VII]; but it shall not be this time as it was before.

30 For ships of Kittim [Romans] shall come against him [Antichous IV], and he [Antichous IV] shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He [Antichous IV] shall turn back and give heed to those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 Forces from him [Antichous IV] shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt offering. And they [Antichous IV forces] shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

32 He [Antichous IV] shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant; but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

33 And those among the people who are wise shall make many understand, though they [pious Jews] shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder, for some days.

34 When they [pious Jews] fall, they [pious Jews] shall receive a little help. And many [Hellenistic Jews] shall join themselves to them [pious Jews] with flattery;

35 and some of those who are wise shall fall, to refine and to cleanse them and to make them white, until the time of the end, for it is yet for the time appointed.

36 "And the king [Antichous IV] shall do according to his will; he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He [Antichous IV] shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is determined shall be done.