

## Daniel 11 and the Historic Events which are Depicted in the Prophecy

Verse	Text from the Book of Daniel	Historical Events*
1:1	Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon [besieged] Jerusalem	<i>First wave of exiles (Daniel)</i>
5:30	Darius the Mede received the kingdom	<i>Medes and Persians Conq. Babylon</i>
[See Ezra 1-2]		<i>Exiles begin to return to Jerusalem</i>
10:1	In the third year of Cyrus... a vision revealed to Daniel	
11:2	Three kings in persia and a fourth ...against Greece	<i>Xerxes I invades Greece</i>
11:3	A mighty king shall arise... do as he wills	<i>Alexander the Great's conquest</i>
11:4	His kingdom shall be ...divided towards the four winds	<i>Alex. dies and 4 generals divide Greek Empire</i>
<p><i>[Of these four, two great Kingdoms emerge which border Palestine- the Ptolomaic Kingdom in the south which is based in Egypt, and the Seleucid Kingdom in the north which is based in Syria.]</i></p> <p><b>Seleucid Kingdom: Syria: north (of Jerusalem)</b>  <b>Ptolomy Kingdom: Egypt: south (of Jerusalem)</b></p>		
11:5	King of the south...	<i>Ptolomy is the king of the south</i>
11:5	...one of his princes	<i>Seleucus becomes king of the north</i>
11:6	They shall make an alliance	<i>A marriage alliance is formed between them</i>
11:7	A branch from her roots shall arise	<i>Ptol.'s step son Ptolemy III succeeds</i>
11:8-9	Come against the king of the north and prevail	<i>Ptol. III invades Syria and conquers Antioch</i>
11:10-13	His sons shall wage war...	<i>Ongoing conflict between Pt. and Sel.</i>
	<i>[From this point, the Ptolomies in Egypt (south) begin to weaken and the Seleucids in Syria (north) dominate]</i>	
11:14	The violent among your own people shall rise up	<i>Some Jews revolt against southern King</i>
11:14	... but they shall fail	<i>Crushed by Scopas of Egypt (south)</i>
11:15	King of the north takes well-fortified city	<i>Antiochus III defeats Scopas at Panium</i>
11:16	He shall stand in the glorious land	<i>Ant. III conquers Palestine</i>
11:17	He shall bring terms of agreement	<i>Egypt forced into an alliance with the Syrians</i>
11:18	He shall [capture] coastlands, but a commander shall end	<i>Initial success for Ant. III followe by defeat</i>
11:19	Turn face back to homeland... stumble and fall	<i>He signs treaty with Rome and is killed in Syria</i>
11:20	Then shall rise in his place and exactor of tribute	<i>Seleucus IV Philopater raises tribute for Rome</i>
11:21	In his place shall rise a contemptible person	<i>The emergence of Antiochus IV Ephiaphanies</i>
<p><i>[Antiochus Ephiaphanies reigned from 175 -164 BC . Brought major conflict to Israel.** The protagonist of the Maccabees 1-4 and the "little horn of Daniel 8:9-12, 23-25]</i></p>		
11:21	To whom royal majesty had not been given	<i>Ant. Eph was not the rightful heir</i>

11:22	Armies shall be utterly swept away before him	<i>Ant. Eph. defeats Egyptians</i>
11:23	An alliance is made... he shall act deceitfully	<i>Ptolomy IV makes covenant, then rebels</i>
11:24	Without warning... plunder... strongholds	<i>Ant.Eph. reinvades Egypt, but victory is short lived</i>
11:25-27	King of the south...two kings...	<i>Describes the war with Egypt in greater detail</i>
11:28	He shall return to his land... heart set against holy covenant	<i>Ant. Eph. Returns to Syria, but fights in Palestine</i>
<i>[Ant.Eph. Suppresses a revolt in Palestine with great brutality and ignites Maccabean revolt]</i>		
11:29	Return south, but not as before	<i>Ant.Eph reinvades Egypt, but is defeated this time</i>
11:30	Ships from Kittim...he shall withdraw	<i>Romans join Ptolomies and force a retreat</i>
11:30	Take action against the holy covenant	<i>His forces plundered Jerusalem</i>
11:30	Pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant	<i>Rewards those who side with hellenizing policies</i>
11:31	Forces from him shall...profane temple...take away sacrifice	<i>Syrian troops suppress rebellion, capture temple</i>
11:31	They shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.	<i>Troops set up altar and sacrifice pigs in temple</i>
11:32	They shall seduce ...but people shall stand firm	<i>Some Jews accommodate, but others stand firm</i>
11:33	The wise make many understand... but shall stumble	<i>In the Maccabean revolt thousands of Jews die</i>
11:34	They shall receive a little help	<i>Other Jews join the revolt</i>
11:35	Some stumble... refined, purified, and made white	<i>Describes the heroic martyrdom of the rebels</i>
11:35	Until the the time of the end	<i>This seems to refer to the death of Ant. Eph.</i>
11:35	For it sill awaits the appointed time	<i>This seems to mark the transition of the vision...</i>
<i>[After this point, the focus seems to shift to a climactic evil figure who will come at the end of human history]</i>		

\* This short summary is highly dependent upon the notes of the ESV Study Bible. The Daniel notes are by Ian Duguid and Paul Weg

\*\* The story of Antiochus Epiphanies and his brutality in Israel is told in the Apocryphayl Books of I Maccabees- IV Maccabees.

\*\*\* If you made it this far and notice this very interesting change of direction, then you are a thorough reader. Good work.

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Year
605 BC
539 BC
538 BC
536 BC
480 BC
326-323BC
323 BC
250 BC
246 BC
224 BC
198 BC
188 BC

169 BC
168 BC
167 BC
Dec 15, 167 BC
164 AD
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