Daniel Chapter 11 Bible study Thursday 11/10/22
(135 Prophecy) NKJV

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Daniel 11:1
(1) **Also in the first year of Darius the Mede**, I, even
(2) **I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.**)
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.1
Reference Verse: Daniel 9:1
1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.9.1
Reference Verse: Daniel 5:31
31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.5.31
STUDY NOTE:
Although the angel visited Daniel "in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia", he revealed to Daniel that he had supported Darius since the first year of his reign (539 B.C)
This shows us God is active in the political affairs of the world.

Daniel 11:2
And now I will tell you the truth:
Behold,
(3) **three more kings will arise in Persia**, and
(4) **the fourth shall be far richer than them all**; by
(5) **his strength, through his riches,**
(6) **he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.2
STUDY NOTE:
The **three more kings** were:
1. Cambyses (530-522 B.C.)
2. Pseudo-Smerdis (522 B.C.)
3. Darius I Hystapes (522-486 B.C.)

and Ahasuerus was **the forth** king.

Daniel 11:3
(7) **Then a mighty king shall arise**, who
(8) **shall rule with great dominion**, and
(9) **do according to his will**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.3
Reference Verse: Daniel 7:6
6 After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.7.6
STUDY NOTE:
The **mighty king** predicted here was Alexander the Great (336-323 B.C.)

Daniel 11:4
(10) **And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven**, but
(11) **not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled**; for
(12) **his kingdom shall be uprooted,**
even for others besides these.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.4
STUDY NOTE:
As prophesied, his kingdom was **divided** among his **four** generals rather than his sons.
This was due to his **(Alexander the Greats)** sudden death at the peak of his greatness

Daniel 11:5
Also
(13) **the king of the South shall become strong**, as
(14) **well as one of his princes**; and
(15) **he shall gain power over him and have dominion**.
(16) **His dominion shall be a great dominion**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.5
STUDY NOTE:
The **king of the south** is Ptolemy I Soter of Egypt (323-285 B.C.)

Who was outstripped by **one of his princes**, Seleucus I Nicator (311-280 B.C.), who became ruler of Babylonia, Media, and Syria, and established the Seleucid kingdom that grew greater than that of Ptolemy's Egypt.

Daniel 11:6
And
(17) **at the end of some years they shall join forces**, for
(18) **the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement**; but
(19) **she shall not retain the power of her authority**, and
(20) **neither he nor his authority shall stand**; but
(21) **she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her**, and
(22) **with him who strengthened her in those times**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.6
STUDY NOTE:
The king of the **South**,
Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246 B.C.), would form an alliance with the **king of the North**, AntiochusII These (261-246 B.C.), sealing the agreement by giving his **daughter**, the
Ptolemaic princess Berenice, to marry Antiochus.
Yet Berenice would not **retain the power**, as Antiochus's former wife Laodice would murder Antiochus, Berenice, and their child.

Daniel 11:7
But
(23) **from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army**,
(24) **enter the fortress of the king of the North**, and
(25) **deal with them and prevail**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.7
Daniel 11:8
And
(26) **he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt**, **with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold**; and
(27) **he shall continue more years than the king of the North.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.8
STUDY NOTE:

One from Berenice's family, her brotherPtolemy III Euergetes (246-221 B.C.), would avenge her murder by storming Antioch, deposing Seleucus IICallinicus (246-226 B.C.),
and killing Laodice. Ptolemy III would even seize Seleucid **gods** and valuables, bringing them back to **Egypt**.

Daniel 11:9
(28) **Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South**, but
(29) **shall return to his own land**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.9
Daniel 11:10
(30) **However his sons shall stir up strife**, and
(31) **assemble a multitude of great forces**; and
(32) **one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through**h; then
(33) **he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.10
STUDY NOTE:
The **sons** of Seleucus II and Seleucus III Ceraunus (226-223 B.C.) and Antiochus III (223-187 B.C.) Would wage war as far as the ptolemaic **fortress** Raphia is southern Israel.

Daniel 11:11
"And
(34) **the king of the South shall be moved with rage,** and
(35) **go out and fight with him,** with
(36) **the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude**; but
(37) **the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.11
Daniel 11:12
(38) **When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up**; and
(39) **he will cast down tens of thousands**, but
(40) **he will not prevail.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.12
STUDY NOTE:
The **king of the South**, Ptolemy IV Philopator (221-203 B.C.) of Egypt, would counterattack **the king of the North**, Antiochus III (219-218 B.C.)
Although both would command large armies, the result would be a great victory for the Ptolemies.

As a result of his success, Ptolemy IV would become arrogant and slaughter **tens of thousands** of Seleucid troops,
yet he would not be able to maintain his dominance over the Seleucid kingdom.

Daniel 11:13
(41) **For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former**, and
(42) **shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.13
Daniel 11:14
(43) **Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South**.
Also,
(44) **violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision**, but
(45) **they shall fall**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.14

Daniel 11:15
So
(46) **the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound**, and
(47) **take a fortified city**; and
(48) **the forces of the South shall not withstand him**. Even
(49) **his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.15
STUDY NOTE:
Fifteen years later, **the king of the north**, Antiochus III, would raise an even greater **army** and attach the Ptolemies in Phoenicia and Israel.
Antiochus III would receive support against **the king of the South**, Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-181 b.C.), and the Ptolemies. This support would come from jewish rebels, here called **violent men**.
Antiochus III's forces would win a resounding victory, even capturing the **fortified** city of Sidon (199-198 B.C.)

Daniel 11:16
But
(50) **he who comes against him shall do according to his own will,** and
(51) **no one shall stand against him.**
(52) **He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.16
Daniel 11:17

(53) **He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom**, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And
(54) **he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it;** but
(55) **she shall not stand with him**, or be for him.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.17

STUDY NOTE:

The king of the North,Antiochus III, would make **the Glorious Land** of Israel a possession of the Seleucid kingdom in 198 B.C. and force a peace agreement on the Ptolemies.
Antiochus III would **give** his **daughter** Cleopatra to
Ptolemy V as a wife, hoping to control the Ptolemic kingdom through her. This failed because Cleopatra helped her Ptolemaic husband and did not support her father Antiochus III

Daniel 11:18

(56) **After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many**. But
(57) **a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end**; and
(58) **with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.18

Daniel 11:19

(59) **Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land**; but
(60) **he shall stumble and fall, and not be found**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.19

STUDY NOTE:

Antiochus III would then turn his attention to the lands around the Mediterranean Sea but would be defeated by the roman commander Lucius Cornelius Scipio at Thermopylae (191 B.C.)
And then Magnesia (190 B.C.) this would force Antiochus to focus on his own country where he would be killed by a mob defending the temple of Zeus in Elymais as he tried to pillage it.

Daniel 11:20

(61) **There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom**; but
(62) **within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.20

STUDY NOTE:

The king who would arise in his place was Seleusus IV Philopator (187-175 B.C.), who would send his tax collector, Heliodorus, to collect money with which to pay the heavy indemnity he owed to Rome.
After his short reign, Seleucus IV was killed by poison from the tax collector.

Daniel 11:21
And
(63) **in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty;** but
(64) **he shall come in peaceably**, and
(65) **seize the kingdom by intrigue**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.21
STUDY NOTE:
Antiochus IV was not of the royal line, but took control by intrigue while the rightful heir, Demetrius, was held in Rome.
The prediction called him a **vile person** because of his hatred of the jewish people, his attempt to destroy judaism, his description of the temple,
and his megalomania displayed in calling himself Epiphanes ("Manifest One, Illustrious One"). People of that time also called him Epimanes ("Madman")

Daniel 11:22
(66) **With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken**, **and also the prince of the covenant.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.22
STUDY NOTE:
Despite Ptolemy VI Philometor (181-146 B.C.) attacking with a **flood** of **force**, Antiochus IV would be able to defeat them and depose **the Prince of the covenant**, the jewish high priest Onions III

Daniel 11:23
And
(67) **after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, he shall come up** (68) **and become strong with a small number of people**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.23
Daniel 11:24
(69) **He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province**; and
(70) **he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers**:
(71) **he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches;** and
(72) **he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.24

STUDY NOTE:
Antiochus IV would **become strong** by sharing the **spoil** of his conquests among his followers.

Daniel 11:25
(73) **He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army**. And
(74) **the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army**; but
(75) **he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.25
Daniel 11:26
(76) **Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him**;
(77) **his army shall be swept away,**
(78) **and many shall fall down slain**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.26
STUDY NOTE:
Tghese verses refer back to the war with Ptolemy VI 9v.22) predicting that he would be defeated by **plans** from within his ranks

Daniel 11:27
(79) **Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil**, and
(80) **they shall speak lies at the same table**; but
(81) **it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.27
Daniel 11:28
(82) **While returning to his land with great riches**,
(83) **his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant**; so
(84) **he shall do damage and return to his own land.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.28
STUDY NOTE:
After the defeat of ptolemy VI, Ptolemy VII took control of Egypt. Then two other kings, Antiochus IV and
Ptolemy VI, would meet to plot Ptolemy VI's restoration to the throne. After initial limited success, they would eventually fail.
Then Antiochus IV (the king of the North), having plundered Egypt, would return to his land, with his **heart** set **against the holy covenant**.
On the way home, he would attack Israel, kill 80,000 jewish men, women, and children, and plunder the holy temple (169 B.C.)

Daniel 11:29

(85) **At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south**; but
(86) **it shall not be like the former or the latter.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.29
Daniel 11:30
(87) **For ships from Cyprus shall come against him**; therefore
(88) **he shall be grieved,** and **return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage**. "So
(89) **he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.30
Daniel 11:31
And
(90) **forces shall be mustered by him,** and
(91) **they shall defile the sanctuary fortress;** then
(92) **they shall take away the daily sacrifices,** and
(93) **place there the abomination of desolation.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.31
Daniel 11:32
(94) **Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery**; but
(95) **the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.32
STUDY NOTE:
Antiochus VI would launch another attack against Egypt, but this time ships from Cyprus (Num. 24:24)
Reference Verse: Numbers 24:24
But ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek, until he perishes.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/NUM.24.24
STUDY NOTE Cont.:
The Roman fleet led by Gaius
Populous Laenas would force him to withdraw in humiliation.
He would once again attack Israel (167 B.C.) while returning to Syria, this time desecrating the sanctuary in Jerusalem.
Antiochus would prefigure the future Antichrist's actions (9:27, 12:11) by abolishing the daily sacrifices and committing the abomination of desolation.
In response, faithful people would rise up, as expressed in the Maccabean revolt.
Reference Verse: Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.9.27

Reference Verse: Daniel 12:11

And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.12.11

Daniel 11:33
And
(96) **those of the people who understand shall instruct many**; yet
(97) **for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.33

Daniel 11:34
(98) **Now when they fall,**
(99) **they shall be aided with a little help;** but
(100) **many shall join with them by intrigue.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.34

Daniel 11:35
(101) **And some of those of understanding shall fall**, to
(102) **refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end**; because
(103) **it is still for the appointed time**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.35

STUDY NOTE:

The Maccabees would experience suffering in their battle with Antiochus,. **In the end,** The Maccabees would defeat Antiochus, rededicate the holy temple in Jerusalem,
and establish the Festival of Hanukkah (“Dedication”)

Now at this point 11:36-45

The predictions shift away from Antiochus IV and focus on the end days. The king mentioned in this section is the future Antichrist, already identified as the “little” horn

Reference Verse: Daniel 7:8

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots.
And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.7.8

Reference Verse: Daniel 7:20

and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words,
whose appearance was greater than his fellows.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.7.20

Reference Verse: Daniel 7:24-25

The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.7.24-25

Daniel 11:36

Then
(104) **the king shall do according to his own will**:
(105) **he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god**, shall
(106) **speak blasphemies against the God of gods**, and
(107) **shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished**; for
(108) **what has been determined shall be done.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.36

Daniel 11:37

(109) **He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women**, nor
(110) **regard any god;**
(111) **for he shall exalt himself above them all.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.37

Daniel 11:38

(112) **But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses;** and
(113) **a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.38

Daniel 11:39

(114) **Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god**, which
(115) **he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory;** and
(116) **he shall cause them to rule over many,** and
(117) **divide the land for gain.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.39
STUDY NOTE:
These verses provide a clear description of the future Antichrist.
The desire of women may be a reference to the longing of Jewish women to give birth to the Messiah.

Daniel 11:40
(118) **At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him**; and
(119) **the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships;** and
(120) **he shall enter the countries**,
(121) **overwhelm them**, and
(122) **pass through.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.40
Daniel 11:41
(123) **He shall also enter the Glorious Land**, and
(124) **many countries shall be overthrown**; but
(125) **these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.41
Daniel 11:42
(126) **He shall stretch out his hand against the countries**, and
(127) **the land of Egypt shall not escape.**
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.42
Daniel 11:43
(128) **He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver**, and
(129) **over all the precious things of Egypt**; also
(130) **the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.43
Daniel 11:44
(131) **But news from the east and the north shall trouble him**; therefore
(132) **he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.44
STUDY NOTE:
During the great tribulation, the Antichrist will be attacked from both the north and the south. Yet he will be successful, sweeping through like a flood.

He will also invade Israel, **the Glorious Land**, ignoring some nations that are in alliance with him but conquering others, including **Egypt**,
Libya, and Ethiopia.
Reports of nations from the **east** and **north** coming to attack will both terrify and infuriate him, leading him to pursue a course of genocidal warfare against his enemies,
especially many of the Jewish people (Zech 13:8-9).

Reference Verse: Zechariah 13:8-9

And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the Lord , " That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one –third shall be left in it: I will bring the one –third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ZEC.13.8-9

Daniel 11:45
And
(133) **he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain;** yet
(134) **he shall come to his end**, and
(135) **no one will help him**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/DAN.11.45

STUDY NOTE:

The Antichrist will establish his military capital in Israel, pitching his tents between the Mediterranean Sea and the city of Jerusalem, on Mount Zion.There the nations of the earth will gather (Zech 14:2)

Reference Verse: Zechariah 14:2

For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.'
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ZEC.14.2
at the Mount Megiddo to begin the campaign of Armageddon (Rev 16:13-16)

Reference Verse: Revelation 16:13-16

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.16.13-16
At that time, when the nation of Israel calls on the Messiah Jesus, He will return (Matt. 23:37-39)
Reference Verse: Matthew 23:37-39
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord !' "
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/MAT.23.37-39

To deliver them, and the Antichrist will be destroyed.

Side Note: Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.'
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/REV.13.18

End of Study