



# Daniel

In God I Trust

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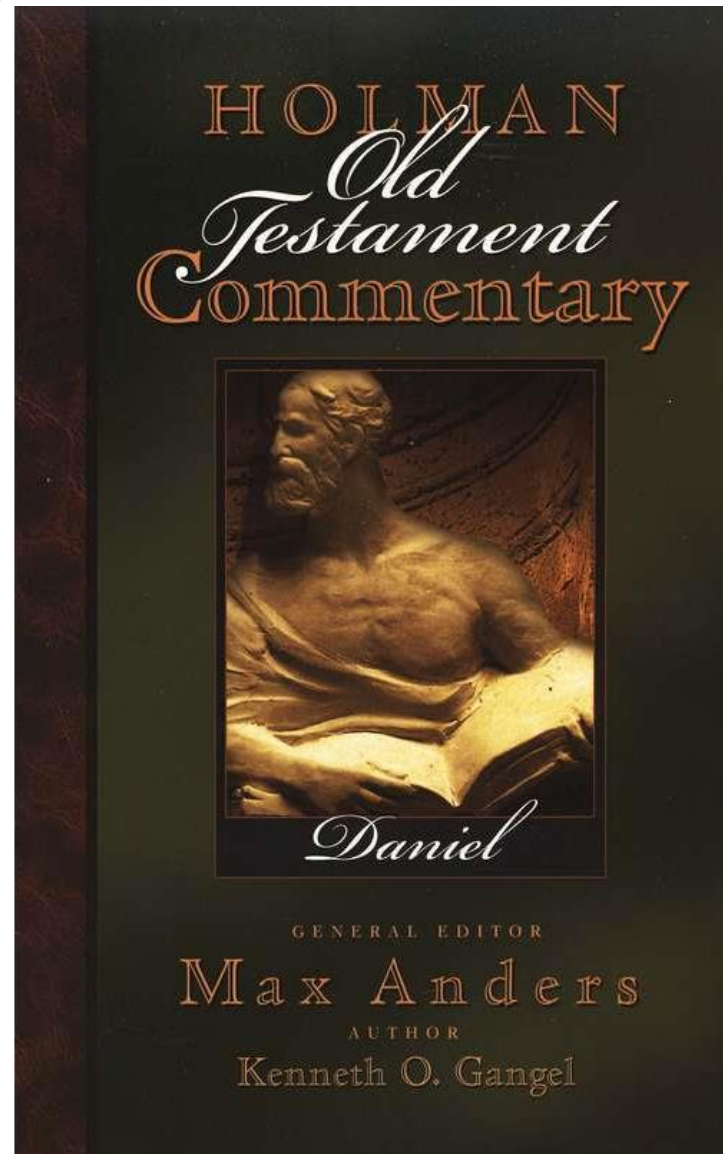
## Wars and Rumors of Wars

Daniel 11:20-45

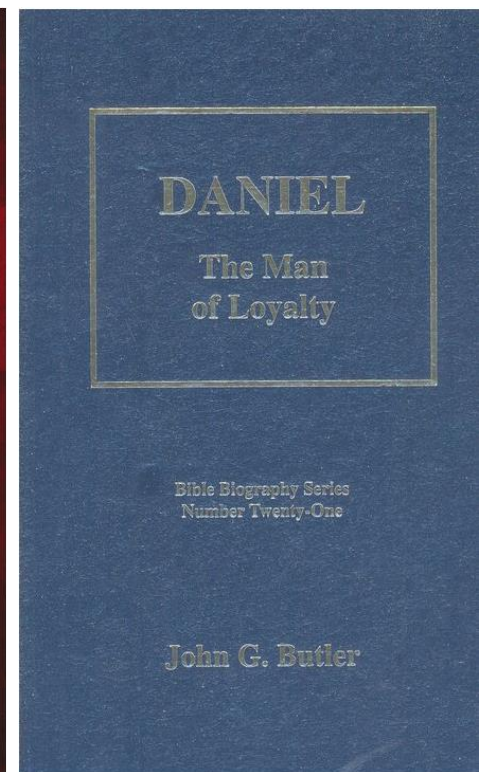
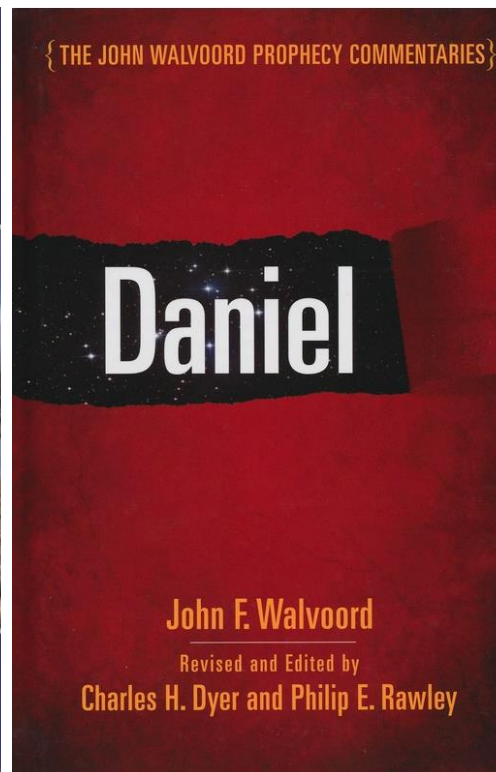
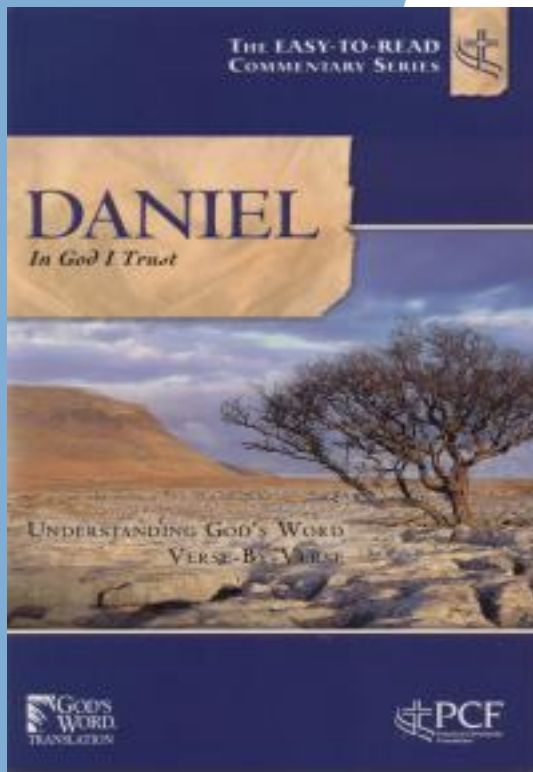
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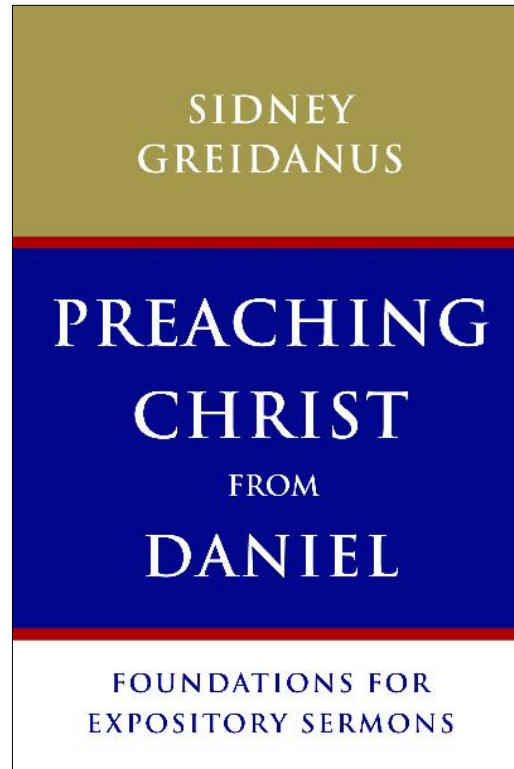
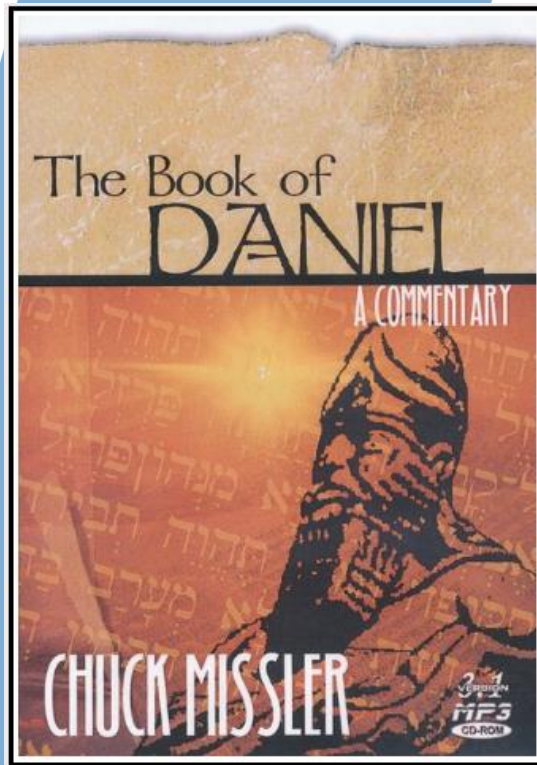


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Original Founder	First Syrian War	Second Syrian War	Third Syrian War	Fourth Syrian War	Fifth Syrian War	Sixth Syrian War
312 BC	274-271 BC	260-253 BC	246-241 BC	219-217 BC	202-195 BC	170-168 BC
Seleucus	Antiochus I	Antiochus II	Seleucus II	Antiochus III	Antiochus III	Antiochus IV
King of the North SYRIA		Laodice	Berenice	Captured Israel	Cleopatra I	
King of the South EGYPT		Berenice				
Ptolemy	Ptolemy II	Ptolemy II	Ptolemy III	Ptolemy IV	Ptolemy V	Ptolemy VI

**SYRIA (Seleucid Empire)**

**EPIC EVENTS FORESEEN  
BY THE PROPHET DANIEL  
Revealed 6<sup>th</sup> Century BC  
Fulfilled 312-168 BC**

**Jerusalem**

**EGYPT**

**PROPHECIES IN DANIEL 11  
Between the Old and New Testaments**

Arabian Sea

Modern Map of the Middle East

Division of Alexander's realm  
Lead by:  
Cassander  
Lysimachus  
Seleucus  
Ptolemy



# THE BOOK OF DANIEL





# Course Outline



# Course Outline - This Week's Lesson

## ▪ Daniel: In God I Trust

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**This weeks lesson.**

# Book of Daniel - Structure

Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew	Aramaic						Hebrew				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHEPIC					

Book of Daniel										
01 606 BC	02 602 BC	03 580 BC	04 570 BC			05 539 BC	06 538 BC			
				07 556 BC	08 554 BC			09 538 BC	10 536 BC	11 534 BC
									12 534 BC	



# Book Overview - Chapter Focus

## ■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



# Lesson Outline

## Lesson 17 - Outline

### ▪ Lesson 17: Wars and Rumors of Wars *[Daniel 11:1-45]*

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# **Wars and Rumors of Wars**

## ***Antiochus Epiphanes***

**Daniel 11:20-35**



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#### Antiochus IV Epiphanes



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Antiochus IV Epiphanes was a Greek king of the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC. He was a son of King Antiochus III the Great. His original name was Mithradates; he assumed the name Antiochus after he ascended the throne.

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Born: 215 BC

Died: 164 BC

Romance: [Laodice IV](#)

Parents: [Antiochus III the Great](#) · [Laodice III](#)

Siblings: [Seleucus IV Philopator](#)

Children: [Antiochus V Eupator](#) · [Alexander Balas](#) · [Antiochis](#) · [Laodice VI](#) · [Laodice](#)

# Daniel 11:20 - Observations

<sup>20</sup> "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes *on* the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

## ■ There shall arise in his place

- Ptolemy V Epiphanes is dead.
- Ptolemy VI Philometor is pharaoh in Egypt.
  - ✓ Cleopatra is the queen mother.
- Antiochus III The Great is dead.
- Seleucus IV Philopator
  - ✓ King over the **Seleucid** Empire.
  - ✓ Inherits a great debt his father did not pay to **Rome** for his failed invasion.
  - ✓ He "imposes taxes" to pay off the **Roman** debt.
  - ✓ Sends his prime minister to **Palestine** - "the glorious kingdom"
    - To collect taxes.
  - ✓ **Seleucus IV** died due to poisoning after a reign of only **eleven years**
    - "within a few days he shall be destroyed."

# Daniel 11:21-23 - Observations

**21** And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue. **22** With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant. **23** And after the league *is made* with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small *number of* people.

- And in his place shall arise a vile person
  - Refers to **Antiochus IV Epiphanes**
    - ✓ Who was indeed a “vile person.”
    - ✓ **Epiphanes** means “*the magnificent one*” or “*the illustrious*.”
    - ✓ He was not of royal blood and had no right to the throne.
    - ✓ The throne belonged to **Demetrius Soter** who was in prison in **Rome**.
    - ✓ **Antiochus** made alliances with
      - The king of **Pergamos** and others in the area as well as **Rome**.
      - **Rome** helped **Antiochus**
        - » Take the throne in **Antioch**
        - » Becomes the new king over the **Seleucid Empire**.

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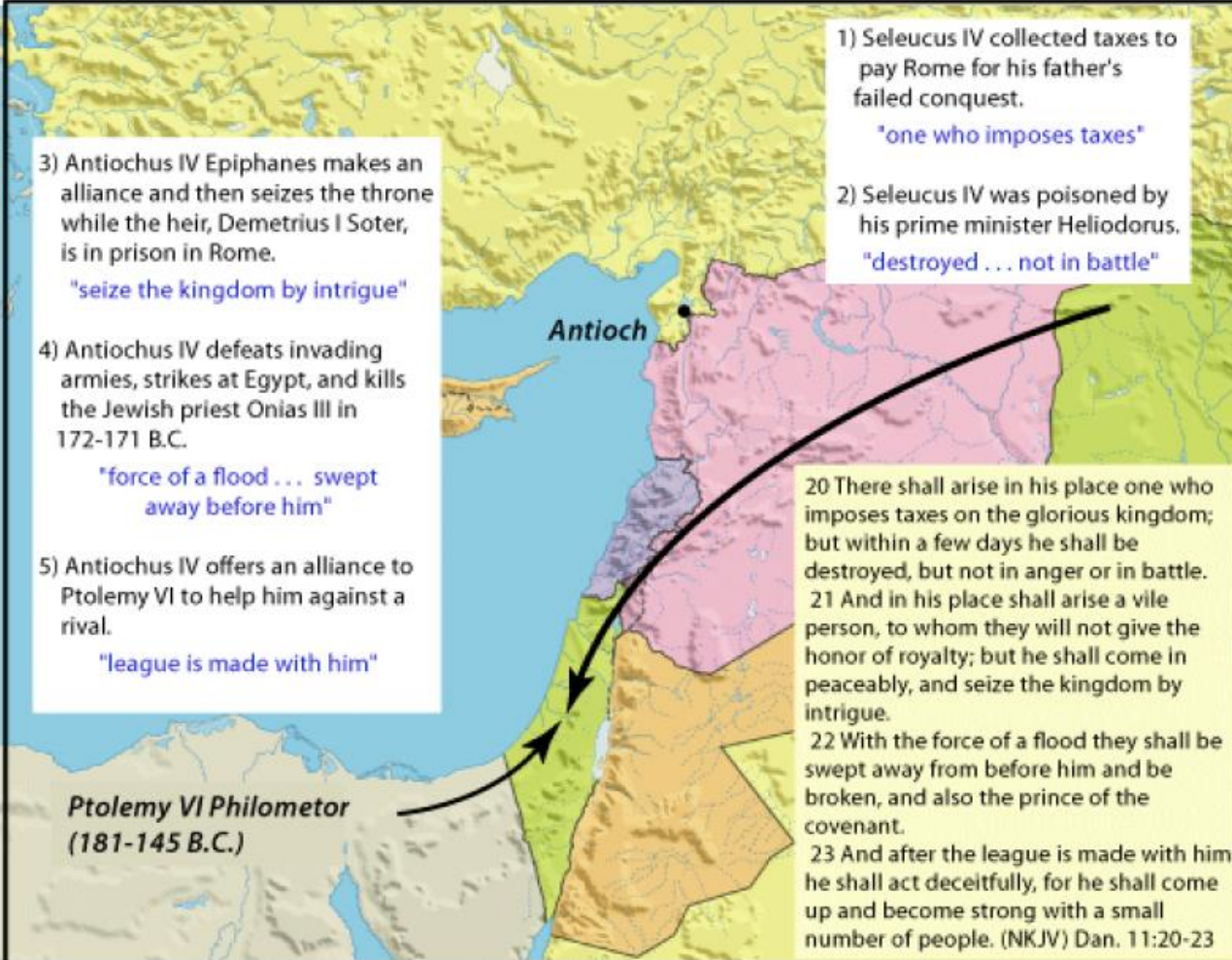
- And in his place shall arise a vile person
  - Antiochus IV defeats numerous coup attempts
  - Attacks **Egypt** when he hears the king was planning to attack.
  - Antiochus IV agrees to an alliance with **Ptolemy VI Philometor**
    - ✓ To help **Ptolemy** claim all of **Egypt** (*"..league is made with him.."*).
    - ✓ The alliance lasted only while **Antiochus** was militarily weak.



# Daniel 11:20-23 - Observations

## Daniel 11:20-23

Ptolemy VI Philometor vs.  
Seleucus IV Philopator and Antiochus IV Epiphanes



1) Seleucus IV collected taxes to pay Rome for his father's failed conquest.  
"one who imposes taxes"

2) Seleucus IV was poisoned by his prime minister Heliodorus.  
"destroyed . . . not in battle"

3) Antiochus IV Epiphanes makes an alliance and then seizes the throne while the heir, Demetrius I Soter, is in prison in Rome.  
"seize the kingdom by intrigue"

4) Antiochus IV defeats invading armies, strikes at Egypt, and kills the Jewish priest Onias III in 172-171 B.C.  
"force of a flood . . . swept away before him"

5) Antiochus IV offers an alliance to Ptolemy VI to help him against a rival.  
"league is made with him"

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**Antioch**

**Ptolemy VI Philometor (181-145 B.C.)**

## Daniel 11:24-27 - Observations

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- He shall enter peaceably
  - Antiochus IV invades Syria
  - Steals the wealth so that he could give to
    - ✓ The poor
    - ✓ Trusted friends
    - ✓ Politicians in order to win their favor.
  - He was preparing for war against Egypt.

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## ■ He shall enter peaceably

- Ptolemy VI hears that Antiochus was planning to invade Egypt
- He raises a large army and prepares for war.
- In 170 BC Antiochus IV attempts to invade Egypt
  - ✓ Attacks Pelusium - *just east of the Nile River*.
  - ✓ The Egyptian forces are defeated - Surrendered in favor of a new alliance.
  - ✓ Antiochus IV does not plan to keep the alliance.
    - The alliance was part of his plan to conquer all of Egypt.
    - He had lied to Ptolemy VI about his intention in order to gain his allegiance.

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## ■ For they shall devise plans against him

"Potbelly"

- Ptolemy VI Philometor - brother named **Ptolemy VIII Euergetes** (*Physcon*)

- ✓ Ptolemy VI ruled **Memphis**,

Antiochus IV is Ptolemy VI's Uncle

- ✓ Ptolemy VII ruled **Alexandria**.

- **Antiochus IV** had hoped

- ✓ Ptolemy VI would help him defeat his brother, **Ptolemy VII**

- ✓ Then break the alliance and rule **Egypt**.

- But **Antiochus IV** was defeated by **Ptolemy VII** at **Alexandria**.



Ring of Ptolemy VI  
Philometor as Egyptian  
pharaoh (Louvre)



# Daniel 11:28 - Observations

**28** While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be *moved* against the holy covenant; so he shall do *damage* and return to his own land.

- His heart shall be moved against the holy covenant
  - **Antiochus** is moved against the holy covenant.
  - When **Antiochus** returned to **Syria**
    - ✓ He crushes a revolt in **Jerusalem** in support of **Menelaus**, the high priest.
    - ✓ The high priest is his supporter.

**Menelaus** was High Priest in Jerusalem from 171 BC to about 161 BC. He was the successor of Jason, the brother of Onias III.

The sources are divided as to his origin.

According to II Maccabees, he belonged to the tribe of Benjamin and was the brother of the Simeon who had denounced Onias III to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, and revealed to the Syrians the existence of the treasure of the Temple;

According to Flavius Josephus, Menelaus was the brother of Onias III and Jason, his two predecessors as High Priest, and also bore the name Onias. It is possible that Josephus confused Simeon, the brother of Menelaus, with Simeon, the father of Onias and Jason.

# Daniel 11:24-28 - Observations

## Daniel 11:24-28

Ptolemy VI Philometor and Ptolemy VII Euergetes  
vs. Antiochus IV Epiphanes

1) Antiochus Epiphanes invaded Syria during a time of peace and stole their riches in order to prepare for war against Egypt.  
"disperse among them ... devise plans"

2) Antiochus IV attacked Ptolemy VI at Pelusium in 170 B.C.  
"against the king of the south with a great army and the king of the south shall be stirred"

3) Ptolemy VI is defeated.  
"shall not stand"

4) Antiochus IV and Ptolemy VI make an alliance. Antiochus will help Ptolemy VI claim all of Egypt from Ptolemy VII.

5) Antiochus IV hoped to acquire all of Egypt for himself, and Ptolemy VI was prepared to break the alliance.  
"speak lies"

6) Not realizing his goals in Egypt, Antiochus IV returns home and on the way puts down a revolt in Jerusalem.  
"move against the holy covenant"

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28 While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land. (NKJV) Dan. 11:24-28

**Antioch**

**Pelusium**

**Ptolemy VI Philometor (181-145 B.C.)**

**Antiochus IV suppresses the revolt in Jerusalem**

# Daniel 11:29-31 - Observations

**29** "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. **30** For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do *damage*. "So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. **31** And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place *there* the abomination of desolation.

- At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south
  - About two years later in 168 BC
    - ✓ Antiochus learns that
      - Ptolemy VI Philometor and Ptolemy VII Euergetes
        - » Have made an alliance against him.
        - » In response he plans to attack **Egypt**.
    - ✓ Two years earlier he had been partially successful
    - ✓ This time when he brings his army against **Egypt**
      - He was surprised by a Roman emissary, **Popilius Laenas**.

# Daniel 11:29-30 - Observations

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- Cyprus shall come against him
  - Antiochus does not know that **Rome** has agreed to help **Egypt**.
  - “*Cyprus*” refers to
    - ✓ The northeast part of the **Mediterranean Sea** (including **Italy**)
    - ✓ The **Romans** have arrived in ships
  - When **Antiochus** comes down to **Egypt**
    - ✓ **Popilius Laenas** tells him that he can not enter **Egypt**.
    - ✓ At first **Antiochus** refuses to go back home
    - ✓ **Laenas** draws a circle around him and tells him that
      - he has to respond before he steps out of the circle.
    - ✓ Historians say that after a few moments of humiliating silence
      - **Antiochus IV** agrees and leaves **Egypt** in a rage.
      - On his way home, he releases his rage on the **Jews**.



# Daniel 11:31 - Observations

<sup>31</sup> And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place *there* the abomination of desolation.

## ■ Abomination of desolation

- Antiochus (*type of Antichrist*)
  - ✓ Makes it illegal to read the **Tanakh**
  - ✓ Stops the daily sacrifices
  - ✓ Sacrifices a pig on the temple altar
  - ✓ Erects an image of Zeus
    - In the Holy of Holies
    - On his birthday
  - ✓ “abomination of desolation”.
    - 2 Maccabees 5:11-18; 6:1-11.
    - *Josephus, Antiquities, XII. ii. 6.*
- Two centuries later
  - ✓ Jesus predicted this would occur again in the future (Matthew 24:15)
  - ✓ It will require a Temple
    - The preparations for which have begun.

The **Tanakh** is the canon of the Hebrew Bible. It is also known as the **Masoretic Text** or *Miqra*.

**Tanakh** is an *acronym* of the first Hebrew letter of each of the Masoretic Text's three traditional subdivisions:

- ❖ Torah ("**Teaching**")
  - ❖ Also known as the Five Books of Moses
- ❖ Nevi'im ("**Prophets**")
- ❖ Ketuvim ("**Writings**")

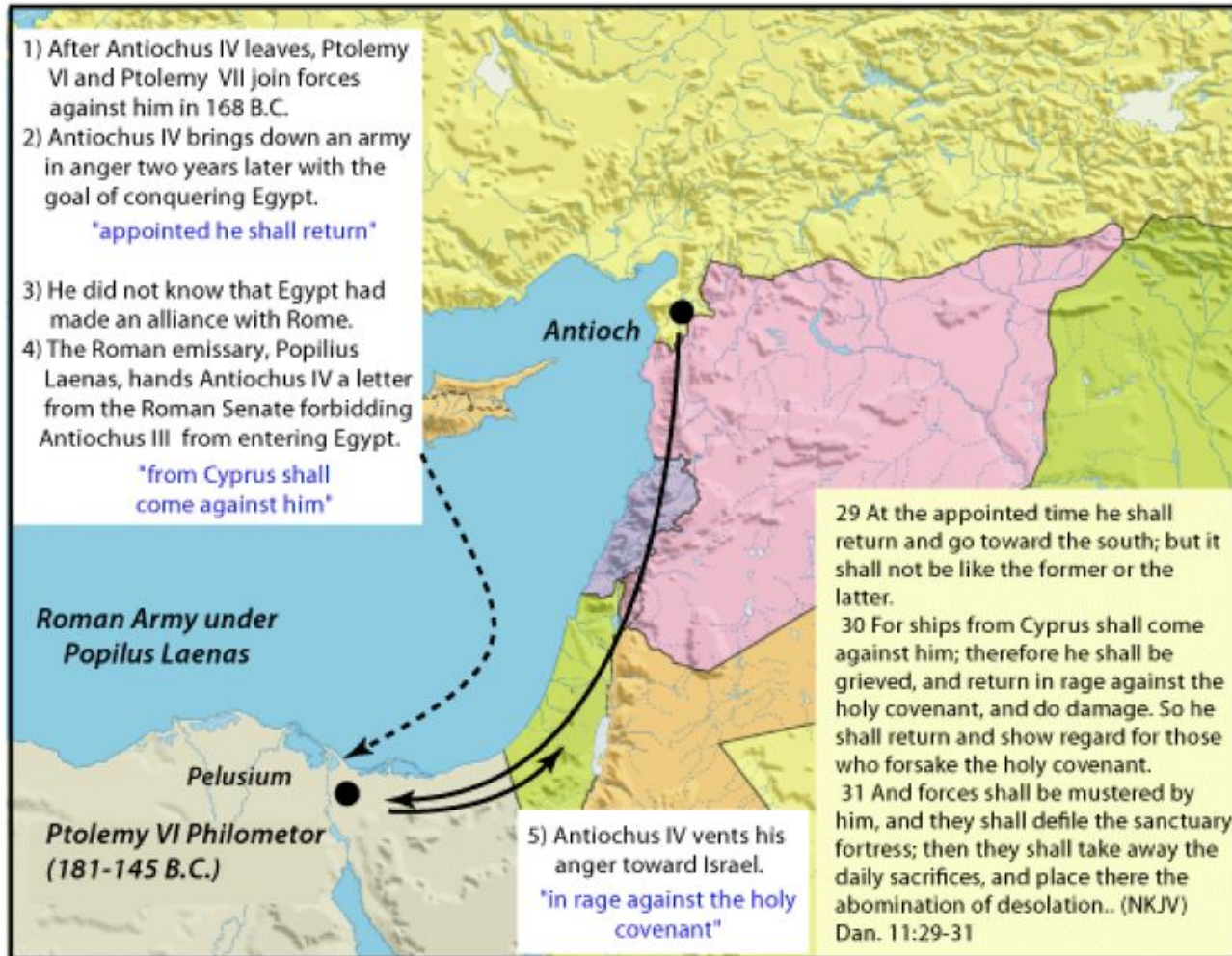
—hence **TaNaKh**.

The name "*Miqra*" (מִקְרָא), meaning "that which is read", is another Hebrew word for the **Tanakh**. The books of the Tanakh were passed on by each generation, and according to rabbinic tradition were accompanied by an oral tradition, called the **Oral Torah**.

# Daniel 11:29-31 - Observations

## Daniel 11:29-31

Ptolemy VI Philometor and Ptolemy VII Eueretes  
vs. Antiochus IV Epiphanes



# Daniel 11:32-35 - Observations

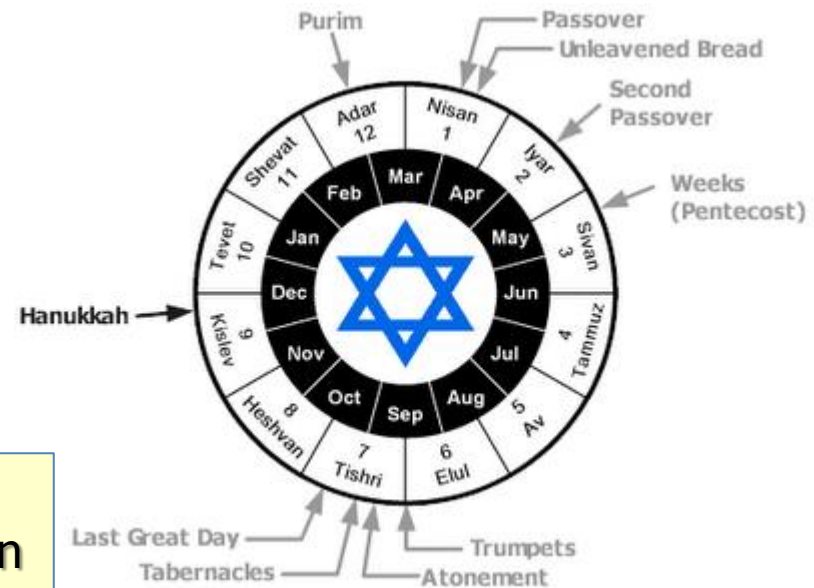
<sup>32</sup> Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits*. <sup>33</sup> And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet *for many* days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. <sup>34</sup> Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue. <sup>35</sup> And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed time.

## ■ Carry out great exploits

- Opposition led to the **Maccabean** revolt
- Ultimate rededication of the **Temple**
  - ✓ Celebrated to this day at **Hanukkah**
    - NT Reference: John 10:22
  - ✓ Begins the **Hasmonean** period.

**Hanukkah** is celebrated during the Hebrew month of **Kislev** (November or December). It begins on day **25** of Kislev and lasts for **8** days.

<sup>22</sup> Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was winter.



# Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 11:21-35

Daniel Chapter 11		
Verses	Principle	Application
Antiochus Epiphanes ... Daniel 11:20-35		
20-35	God is in control of global affairs and sometimes chooses to do so with the most unlikely and contemptible people ( <i>e.g., Antiochus IV Epiphanes</i> ).	<p><b>I resolve</b> to put my complete trust in God for global, local and personal issues.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;</p> <p><sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.</p> <p>--- Proverbs 3:5-6 ... NKJV</p>



# Wars and Rumors of Wars

*Antichrist*

Daniel 11:36-45

# Lesson 17 - Outline

## ▪ Lesson 17: Wars and Rumors of Wars *[Daniel 11:1-45]*

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# Daniel 11:36 - Observations

**36** "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

## ■ The Willful King - the Antichrist

- The remainder of the chapter, verses 36-45,
  - ✓ Yields a variety of diverse views.
  - ✓ Some have attempted to restrict the passage to the historical **Antiochus IV**
    - While his megalomania lends itself to such views
  - ✓ I believe that the language goes far beyond that.
- **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** was a type of the Antichrist
  - ✓ With the start of Verse 36 there is pivot
    - From the **Antiochus Epiphanes** to the Antichrist

# Daniel 11:36 - Observations

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## ■ The Willful King - the Antichrist shall

- Do according to his own will
- Exalt and magnify himself above every god
- Speak blasphemies against the God of gods
- Prosper till the wrath has been accomplished
  - ✓ Antichrist will prosper for a time
  - ✓ But it will come to an end
- What has been determined shall be done
  - ✓ Daniel 9:26-27 "... *desolations are determined.*"
    - Antiochus vs Antichrist - Image
    - Caligula and Governor Publius Petronius
    - Temple destroyed 70 AD
  - ✓ Who has determined what shall be done?
    - God

### Fall of Lucifer

*Power behind ruler*  
... Isaiah 14:1-12-21

**13** For you have said in your heart:  
**'I will** ascend into heaven,  
**I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
**I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation  
 On the farthest sides of the north;  
**14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
**I will** be like the Most High.'  
**15** Yet **you shall be** brought down to Sheol,  
 To the lowest depths of the Pit.  
 --- Isaiah 14:13-15 ... NKJV

# Daniel 11:37 - Observations

**37** He shall regard neither the **God of his fathers** nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all.

## ■ God of his fathers

- Hebrew word (*elohim*) can be translated “**gods**” or “**God**”
  - ✓ IF “God of his fathers” (NKJV)  
THEN Antichrist would be ethnically Jewish
  - ✓ Objection:  
Daniel 7 indicates Antichrist (*“the little horn”*) from 4<sup>th</sup> beast (Roman Empire)
- Note that even Antiochus regarded Zeus as above himself
  - ✓ The Antichrist will not
  - ✓ Indwelt by Satan himself the Antichrist will seek supremacy of gods
    - Isaiah 14:13-15 ... Satan behind the King of Babylon

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- Nor the desire of women, nor regard any god
  - Many commentaries render the 1<sup>st</sup> part of this phrase
    - ✓ “*the one desired by women*” ... (NIV)
    - ✓ Reference to the Messiah - Jewish women desired to be the mother of
    - ✓ Not sexual preference, i.e., homosexual
- He shall exalt himself above them all
  - Antichrist exalts himself and tolerated no rival for worship (Isaiah 14:13-15)

# Daniel 11:38 - Observations

**38** But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

## ■ But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses

### • In their place

- ✓ Refers to the gods in previous verse

### • Fortresses

- ✓ Fortresses can be metaphorically used for the LORD God (e.g., Psalms 91)
- ✓ Antichrist will put his trust in military might (*military defense*) **NOT** the LORD

### • A god which his fathers did not know *{from theory of Jewish Antichrist}*

- ✓ Jewish kings of old were to put their trust in the LORD God **NOT** military might

### • Antichrist will honor a god of fortresses (*ultimately Satan*) with

- ✓ Gold
- ✓ Silver
- ✓ Precious stones
- ✓ Pleasant things

Earthly Riches

**91** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
**2** I will say of the LORD, "*He is my refuge and my fortress;*  
My God, in Him I will trust." -- Psalms 91:1-2 ... NKJV

# Daniel 11:39 - Observations

**39** Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, *and* advance *its* glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

## ▪ Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god

- Antichrist will launch a number of military invasions to solidify power
- Aid from foreign god will be Satan himself

✓ Revelation 13:4

✓ 2 Thessalonians 2:9

**9** The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,  
--- 2 Thessalonians 2:9 ... NKJV

**4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying,  
"Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"  
--- Revelation 13:4 ... NKJV

**7** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,<sup>**8**</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. **9** So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.  
--- Revelation 12:7-9 ... NKJV



# Daniel 11:40 - Observations

<sup>40</sup>“At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through.

## ■ At the time of the end

- Events in the final 3½ years of Antichrist's reign
  - ✓ Great Tribulation period (Matthew 24:15-28)
  - ✓ Near the end of the Great Tribulation
    - Antichrist will be drawn into a military conflict with powers in the region
      - » First with king of the South (Ptolemaic Dynasty - Egypt)
      - » Next the king of the North (Seleucid Dynasty - Syria, Iraq, Turkey)

# Daniel 11:41 - Observations

**41** He shall also enter the **Glorious Land**, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

## ■ He shall also enter the Glorious Land

- Glorious Land = Israel (Judah)
- Antichrist enters Israel
  - ✓ In the process many countries are overthrown
  - ✓ Note the exceptions

- Edom
- Moab
- Prominent people of Ammon

Jordan

- ✓ Place of refuge for fleeing Jerusalem
  - Jesus' warning (Matthew 24:16)

**16** "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.  
--- Matthew 24:16 ... NKJV

# Daniel 11:42-43 - Observations

<sup>42</sup> He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels.

## ■ Antichrist strikes back

- Antichrist makes a successful invasion of the land of Egypt
  - ✓ Antichrist controls the wealth of Egypt

- Treasures of gold
- Treasures of silver
- Precious things

# Daniel 11:42-43 - Observations

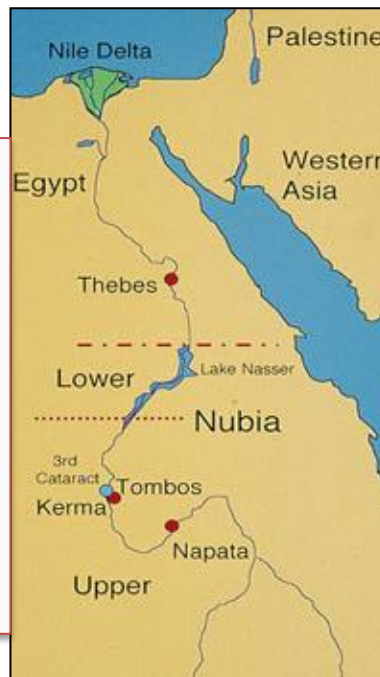
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## ■ Antichrist strikes back

- Antichrist then sets his sights on...
  - ✓ Libyans - Northern Africa
  - ✓ Ethiopians - linked to ancient Nubia
    - Southern Egypt
    - Northern Sudan

### Nubia

Nubia is a region along the Nile river, which is located in northern Sudan and southern Egypt. There were a number of large Nubian kingdoms throughout the Postclassical Era, the last of which collapsed in 1504, when Nubia became divided between Egypt and the Sennar sultanate resulting in the Arabization of much of the Nubian population. Nubia was again united within Ottoman Egypt in the 19th century, and within Anglo-Egyptian Sudan from 1899 to 1956.



# Daniel 11:44 - Observations

**44** But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

- **News from the east and north shall trouble him**
  - The Antichrist was conquering South and West of Israel
  - He now hears troubling news regarding regions east and north
  - The Antichrist heads north and east and engages in battle
    - ✓ Destroying and annihilating many

# Daniel 11:45 - Observations

**45** And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him

## ■ Tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain

### • What are “the seas”?

✓ Mediterranean

### • Where is the “glorious holy mountain”?

✓ Mount Zion in Jerusalem

### • Here is where the Antichrist meets his final demise

✓ He shall come to his end

✓ No one will help him

### • NT is clear the Antichrist is slain by the personal return of the LORD Jesus

✓ 2 Thessalonians 2:8

✓ Revelation 19:19-21

✓ Daniel 7:11,26

With the Antichrist slain, the time has now come for the Lord Jesus to take up his kingdom rule in fulfillment of Daniel 7:13-14, 27.

“The LORD will then be king over all the earth”  
(Zechariah 14:9).



# Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 11:36-45

Daniel Chapter 11		
Verses	Principle	Application
Antichrist ... Daniel 11:36-45		
36-45	God is in control of the future.	<p><b>I resolve</b> to put my complete trust in God for my future.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;</p> <p><sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.</p> <p>--- Proverbs 3:5-6 ... NKJV</p>

