

Daniel 11:1-45 (NASB) Notes

- **11:1-35** – This section was prophetic for Daniel, but historic for us. In these 35 verses there at least 135 prophecies which have been literally fulfilled, and can be historically corroborated.
- **11:36-12:3** – This section is prophetic for both Daniel and us.
- These are specific answers to Daniel's persistent prayers for additional insight and understanding (**9:22; 10:1-3** ... see also **2:20-23**).
- **vv. 1-2** – Prophecies about Persia

¹ “In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.

² And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of *them*; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole *empire* against the realm of Greece.

- **vv. 3-4** – Prophecies about Greece

³ And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.

⁴ But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and *given* to others besides them.

- **vv. 5-20** – Prophecies about Egypt and Syria

⁵ “Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with *one* of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain *will be* a great dominion *indeed*.

⁶ After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in *those* times.

⁷ But one of the descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against *their* army and enter the fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display *great* strength.

⁸ Also their gods with their metal images *and* their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from *attacking* the king of the North for *some* years.

⁹ Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

¹⁰ “His sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress.

- ¹¹ The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but *that* multitude will be given into the hand of the *former*.
- ¹² When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.
- ¹³ For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.
- ¹⁴ “Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down.
- ¹⁵ Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand *their ground*, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.
- ¹⁶ But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will *be able* to withstand him; he will also stay *for a time* in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.
- ¹⁷ He will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand *for him* or be on his side.
- ¹⁸ Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.
- ¹⁹ So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.
- ²⁰ “Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of *his* kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle.

• **vv. 21-35 – Prophecies about Antiochus Epiphanes (8:9-14)**

- ²¹ In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.
- ²² The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.
- ²³ After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small *force of people*.
- ²⁴ In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest *parts* of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but *only* for a time.

²⁵ He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

²⁶ Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.

²⁷ As for both kings, their hearts will be *intent* on evil, and they will speak lies to *each other* at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is

still to come at the appointed time.

²⁸ Then he will return to his land with much plunder; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and *then* return to his own land.

²⁹ “At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

³⁰ For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

³¹ Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

³² By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

³³ Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for *many* days.

³⁴ Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.

³⁵ Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until **the end time**; because *it is still to come* at the appointed time.

• 11:36-39 – Rise of Antichrist (cf., 7:24-26; 9:27; 2Thess.2; Rev.13)

³⁶ “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

³⁷ He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

³⁸ But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.

³⁹ He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with *the help* of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge *him* and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

• vv. 40-43 – Wars of Antichrist ... maybe the same described in *Ezekiel 38-39*?

⁴⁰ “At the end time the **king of the South** will collide with him, and the **king of the North** will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them* and pass through.

⁴¹ He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many *countries* will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

⁴² Then he will stretch out his hand against *other* countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

⁴³ But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians *will follow* at his heels.

• vv. 44-45 – Armageddon ... cf., *Rev.16:12-16*

⁴⁴ But rumors from the **East** and from the **North** will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

⁴⁵ He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

• Take-aways:

1. The reality of the God of the Bible is demonstrated. Since no human being can know the future (apart from divine inspiration), there must be a God in heaven who revealed these matters.
2. Divine omniscience and omnipotence are established ... God foretells future events, so therefore, must have supreme knowledge and power over history.
3. For us who live after predicted events have occurred, we have confidence that other predicted events will occur, too.
4. The fulfillment of these amazing, specific events support that the Bible is truly a product of supernatural revelation.
5. The ungodly kingdoms of this world will not endure; trials purify God's people; and the people of God will ultimately be delivered.