

DANIEL

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"With Great Knowledge Comes Great Responsibility" Daniel 11

God reveals the future with incredible specificity. (Dan. 11:1-35)

1. This section deals with the intertestamental period, covering around 375 years.
2. The focus is on the conflicts between the Northern Kingdom (Ptolemaic Empire) and the Southern Kingdom (Seleucid Empire), with Jerusalem caught in the middle.
3. Focus is given to Israel's faithfulness, or lack thereof, and the consequences they endure.

For personal study - A Commentary on Daniel by Leon Wood, enduringword.com/bible-commentary/daniel11/

Knowing the Future, We Stand in Faithfulness

1. A ruler will arise, advancing the wickedness of Antiochus. (vv. 36-39)
 - a. He will exalt himself as exceeding God, both religiously and politically. (v. 36)
Dan. 11:36 "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

2 Thes. 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.
- b. He will disregard religious heritage, viewing military might as his focus of worship. (vv. 37-38)
Dan. 11:37 He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. **38** He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.
- c. He will greatly honor those who are loyal to him. (v. 39)
Dan. 11:39 He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.

2. The momentum of his rule will end with his destruction. (vv. 40-45)

a. Though challenged by other kingdoms, he will enjoy military victory. (vv. 40-44)

Dan. 11:40 "At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind...And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. **41** He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall... **42** He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. **43** He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver... **44** But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction.

b. He will rule from Jerusalem. (v. 45a)

Dan. 11:45a And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain.

c. He will be destroyed. (v. 45b)

Dan. 11:45b Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

3. Through divine assistance, Israel will be preserved and the faithful will be rewarded. (vv. 12:1-3)

a. Though there will be tremendous suffering, the faithful will be delivered. (v. 1)

Dan. 12:1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

Matt. 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

b. God will resurrect the dead... (v. 2)

Dan. 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 5:28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

c. ...and reward the righteous. (v. 3)

Dan. 12:3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

SONGS

"O PRAISE (THE ONLY ONE)" - Michael Farren, Krissy Nordhoff, Riley Erin

"THE LION AND THE LAMB" - Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" - Ran Jackson, Peter Mattis, Jeremy Riddle, and Steffany Gretzinger

"O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, and Benjamin Hastings

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