

Daniel 11:1-45

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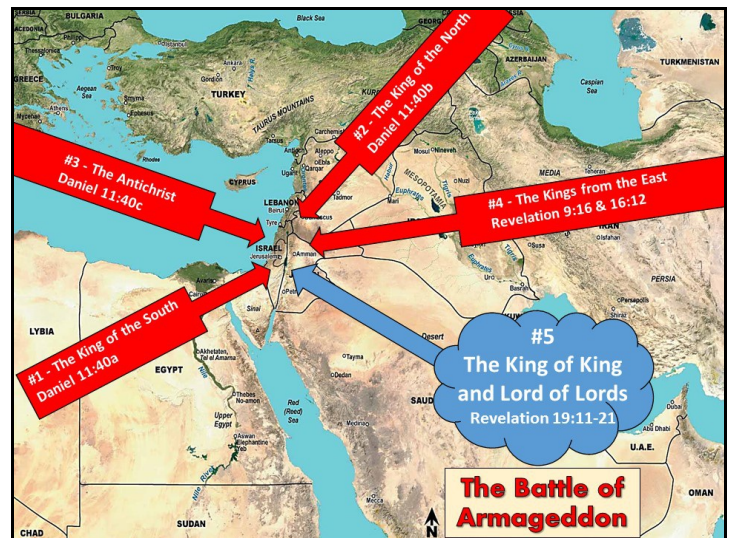
C. His Final Consequence (vs. 45b)

Conclusion:

- 1) God is and has *always* been in control of all history.
- 2) Realizing that the end is approaching, we should live godly lives (I John 3:1-3).
- 3) Knowing that God's judgment is certain, we should spread the good news about Jesus Christ.
- 4) God has consistently remained faithful to His covenant with Israel. We can be certain that He will continue to fulfill His revealed plan for her and for us.

Food for Thought:

- 1) How can this chapter be used to respond to those who deny or twist biblical prophecy?
- 2) What is God's purpose in the persecutions of the Jewish people according to Daniel 11:35?
- 3) Why is it probable that Daniel 11:36-45 is speaking of events yet future?
- 4) When will Antichrist finally meet his end? What will happen to Israel at that point?



Daniel 11:2-35

“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. ³⁴And **a mighty king** will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. ⁴⁴But 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.

⁵⁴Then **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. ⁶⁴After 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. ⁷⁴But **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. ⁸⁴Also 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. ⁹⁴Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

¹⁰⁴**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. ¹¹⁴**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. ¹²⁴When 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. ¹³⁴For 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.

¹⁴⁴Now 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. ¹⁵⁴Then 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. ¹⁶⁴But 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. ¹⁷⁴He will set his

I. FROM AHASUARUS TO ANTIOCHUS (vs. 2-20)

Cambyses (530-522 BC)
Pseudo-Smerdis/Gaumata (522 BC)
Darius I (522-486 BC)
Xerxes I (486-465 BC)
Alexander the Great (336-323 BC)

Macedon and Greece - Antipater and Casander
Thrace and Asia Minor - Lysimachus
Syria - Seleucus I
Israel and Egypt - Ptolemy I

Ptolemy I Soter (323-285 BC)
Seleucus I Nicator (311-280 BC)

Berenice, daughter of Ptolemy II
Philadelphus (285-246 BC)
Antiochus II Theos (261-246 BC)

Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-221 BC) -
brother of Berenice
Seleucus II Callinicus (246-226 BC)

Seleucus III Ceraunus (226-223 BC)
Antiochus III

Ptolemy IV Philopater (221-203 BC)
Antiochus III (the Great) (223-187 BC)

Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-181 BC)

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. ¹⁸⁴Then 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. ¹⁹⁴So **he** will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more. ²⁰⁴Then 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.

²¹⁴In 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. ²²⁴The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also **the prince of the covenant**. ²³⁴After an alliance is made with him **he** will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people. ²⁴⁴In 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. ²⁵⁴He 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. ²⁶⁴Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain. ²⁷⁴As 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. ²⁸⁴Then 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.

²⁹⁴At 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. ³⁰⁴For **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**. ³¹⁴Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up **the abomination of desolation**. ³²⁴By 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. ³³⁴**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. ³⁴⁴Now when they fall they will be granted **a little help**, and many will join with them in hypocrisy. ³⁵⁴Some 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.

Cleopatra I (m. 194 BC)

Lucius Cornelius Scipio Asiaticus
Antiochus III (d. 187 BC)

Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175 BC)
Heliodorus

II. FROM ANTIOCHUS TO ANTICHRIST (vs. 21-35)

Antiochus IV Epiphanes 175-164 BC)

High Priest Onias III ?
Ptolemy VI Philometor (181-146) ?

Israel? Egypt?

Ptolemy VI

Antiochus and Ptolemy

= Rome

= apostate Jews

= the altar to the pagan god Zeus Olympius
(set up on the Temple Mount in
Jerusalem in 168 BC - c.f. Matt. 24:15)

= Hasidim (godly Jewish leaders of the
resistance movement)

= the Maccabean Revolt (168 BC)