

1. Last week we analyzed Dan 11:24-28 and when time expired I was in the process of teaching Dan 11:29-31.

2. I want to do something a little different this morning. First we will look at the NIV and then the expanded translation (EP). By doing this we can see better the phenomenal nature of Daniel's prophecy and its fulfillment in history.

NIV

Dan 11:1 And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him.)

Dan 11:2 "Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will appear in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.

ET

Dan 11:1 Gabriel began his lesson from the Book of the Futures: "In the first year of Darius the Mede, I supported and protected him. I worked to get him to respect and foster your people Israel but

Dan 11:2 I have more to teach: Three more kings after Darius the Mede will appear in Persia (Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis and Darius I) and then a fourth (Xerxes I) will be much richer and more powerful than all the others. When he reaches his zenith both in power and wealth, he will stir up all of Persia against the kingdom of Greece. He will authorize a military expedition to attack Macedonia and the city states of Achaia.

NIV

Dan 11:3 Then a mighty king will appear, who will rule with great power and do as he pleases.

Dan 11:4 After he has appeared, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others.

ET

Dan 11:3 After the four Persian Kings, another king will appear, He, Alexander the Great, will consolidate all of Greece under His rule. Then he will move westward conquering Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and part of India. He will do this in twelve years.

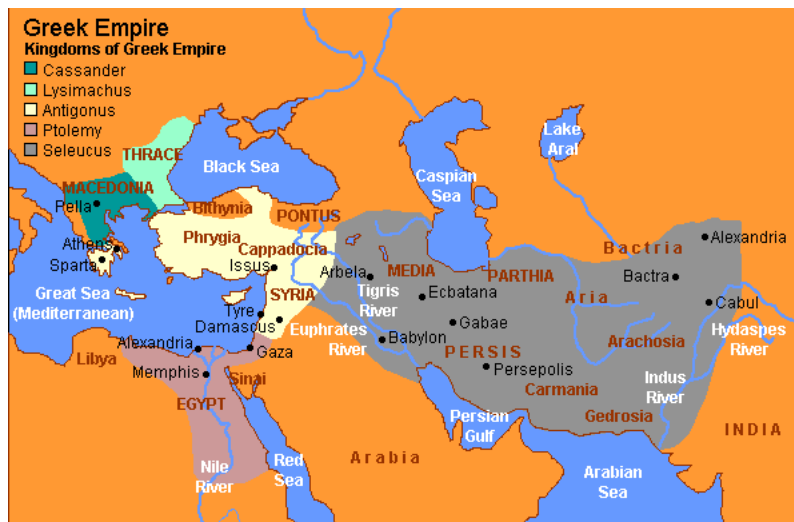
Dan 11:4 Alexander will die precipitously at age 32. His heirs will be murdered and his Kingdom will be ultimately divided among four of his general officers: Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus. It will not go to his descendants, nor will the new Grecian hegemony have the power Alexander exercised.

NIV

Dan 11:5 "The king of the South will become strong, but one of his commanders will become even stronger than he and will rule his own kingdom with great power.

ET

Dan 11:5 Ptolemy ruling in Egypt will prosper and become militarily strong; Seleucus will join forces with him and together they will defeat Antigonus (a fifth general); later Seleucus will become stronger than Ptolemy ruling a vast Kingdom from Asia Minor to India.



NIV

Dan 11:6 After some years, they will become allies. The daughter of the king of the South will go to the king of the North to make an alliance, but she will not retain her power, and he and his power will not last. In those days she will be handed over, together with her royal escort and her father and the one who supported her.

ET

Dan 11:6 After several years (in about B.C. 252) the daughter of the king of Egypt, Berenice, will be given in marriage to the king of Syria, Antiochus II Theos. Ptolemy II, King of Egypt will push the marriage in order to strengthen his ties with Syria. He will offer his daughter to the already married Antiochus II. Neither the marriage nor the alliance will last. Ptolemy II will soon die and then a traumatic set of events will cause great harm to many in Antiochus' household.

NIV

Dan 11:7 "One from her family line will arise to take her place. He will attack the forces of the king of the North and enter his fortress; he will fight against them and be victorious.

Dan 11:8 He will also seize their gods, their metal images and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt. For some years he will leave the king of the North alone.

ET

Dan 11:7 Berenice's brother Ptolemy Euergetes will take over as King of Egypt. He will then attack Syria defeating the eastern forces of Seleucus Callinicus. Ptolemy by successfully defeat the eastern armies of Seleucus and thus acquire vast territories east of the Holy Land.

Dan 11:8 He will also seize their idols and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt.

NIV

Dan 11:9 Then the king of the North will invade the realm of the king of the South but will retreat to his own country.

ET

Dan 11:9 In response, the king of the North, Seleucus Callinicus will invade Egypt but will suffer defeat and retreat to his own country.

NIV

Dan 11:10 His sons will prepare for war and assemble a great army, which will sweep south like an irresistible flood and carry the battle as far as his fortress.

Dan 11:11 "Then the king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North, who will raise a large army, but it will be defeated.

Dan 11:12 When the army is carried off, the king of the South will be filled with pride and will slaughter many thousands, yet he will not remain triumphant.

ET

Dan 11:10 The successors of Seleucus Callinicus, namely Seleucus III and later Antiochus the Great will prepare for war. Antiochus will lead a large army south putting the forces of Egypt into retreat. They will advance as far south as Gaza.

Dan 11:11 The Egyptian king, Ptolemy Philopator will bring up reinforcements and lead an army north to the border where he will engage and defeat Antiochus the Great.

Dan 11:12 When the battle ends Ptolemy Philopator instead of pursuing the Syrian army, will stop at the border. He will make no effort to finish the fight.

NIV

Dan 11:13 For the king of the North will muster another army, larger than the first; and after several years, he will advance with a huge army fully equipped.

ET

Dan 11:13 A successor to Seleucus, Antiochus the Great, will assemble another army much larger than the first; and after several years will attack and defeat Egypt.

NIV

Dan 11:14 "In those times many will rise against the king of the South. The violent men among your own people will rebel in fulfillment of the vision, but without success.

Dan 11:15 Then the king of the North will come and build up siege ramps and will capture a fortified city. The forces of the South will be powerless to resist; even their best troops will not have the strength to stand.

Dan 11:16 The invader will do as he pleases; no one will be able to stand against him. He will establish himself in the Beautiful Land and will have the power to destroy it.

ET

Dan 11:14 The army of Antiochus' will turn north into the Holy Land, where a Jewish rebellion against the Egyptian forces stationed in Jerusalem will occur. Philopator will be particularly surprised given the favorable treatment Egypt had afforded Israel. The occupation by the Syrians, particularly later by Antiochus IV, will prove traumatic for future Israel.

Dan 11:15 Much of the fighting will occur in the Holy Land where the forces of Egypt will be no match for the armies of Antiochus the Great; the cities of Israel shall. A last ditch effort by three Egyptian armies to save the Syrian army of Scopas trapped in Sidon will prove unsuccessful.

Dan 11:16 Antiochus the Great will do as he pleases; neither the armies of Israel nor Egypt will be able to stand against him. Antiochus will become an absolute dictator in both Israel.

NIV

Dan 11:17 He will determine to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will make an alliance with the king of the South. And he will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom, but his plans will not succeed or help him.

ET

Dan 11:17 Feeling pressure from Rome Antiochus will offer his daughter Cleopatra I in marriage to the new King of Egypt, Ptolemy V Epiphanies. The new King will be but seven years old and it will be Antiochus' intention to use the marriage to control his old adversary. Unfortunately Cleopatra will not cooperate; instead of siding with her father she will support the decisions of her husband.

NIV

Dan 11:18 Then he will turn his attention to the coast lands and will take many of them, but a commander will put an end to his insolence and will turn his insolence back upon him.

Dan 11:19 After this, he will turn back toward the fortresses of his own country but will stumble and fall, to be seen no more.

ET

Dan 11:18 Antiochus the Great will make a terrible mistake by attacking Greece; the Romans under Scipio will resist his overtures and defeat his forces first at Thermopylae and then at Magnesia in Asia Minor.

Dan 11:19 After this defeat Antiochus will return to Syria where he will lead an expedition east to Elam; his forces will be defeated and he himself will be killed.

NIV

Dan 11:20 "His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle.

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Dan 11:20 The successor to Antiochus the Great, Seleucus IV Philopator, in order to maintain his accustomed royal splendor will need revenue, so like all good politicians he will send out a tax collector. Soon however he will meet his demise but not in battle, he will instead be poisoned.

NIV

Dan 11:21 "He will be succeeded by a contemptible person who has not been given the honor of royalty. He will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue.

Dan 11:22 Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and a prince of the covenant will be destroyed.

Dan 11:23 After coming to an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully, and with only a few people he will rise to power.

ET

Dan 11:21 Seleucus IV will be succeeded by the contemptible Antiochus IV (better known as Antiochus Epiphanes) who though not in line for the throne will wrest it from its rightful heir. He will arrive in Antioch Syria posing as a representative of young Antiochus, son of Seleucus the IV, a mere infant, and Antiochus will take the throne by means of a series of deceitful intrigues.

Dan 11:22 Antiochus will put together a large army which he will use to defeat the remaining forces of Heliodorus and an expeditionary Egyptian force in Asia Minor. He will attack Egypt where he will gain additional territory to go with his conquest of Israel in the Holy Land. After taking over Israel he will murder the High Priest Onias.

Dan 11:23 Antiochus by defeating Egypt will be able to place his nephew Ptolemy Philometor on the throne and thus control much of Egypt."

NIV

Dan 11:24 When the richest provinces feel secure, he will invade them and will achieve what neither his fathers nor his forefathers did. He will distribute plunder, loot and wealth among his followers. He will plot the overthrow of fortresses-- but only for a time.

Dan 11:25 "With a large army he will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South. The king of the South will wage war with a large and very powerful army, but he will not be able to stand because of the plots devised against him.

Dan 11:26 Those who eat from the king's provisions will try to destroy him; his army will be swept away, and many will fall in battle.

ET

Dan 11:24 The several kingdoms surrounding Syria will be lulled into military complacency, it is then Antiochus will invade and defeat them; then he will distribute the spoils of victory among those who can best assist him. Antiochus Epiphanies will then plot the overthrow of Egypt.

Dan 11:25 With a large army he will attack Ptolemy Philometor, king of Egypt. Egypt will attempt to defend itself but will not be successful.

Dan 11:26 Many of those aligned with Egypt will refuse to help Ptolemy; even Rome will refuse to intervene.

NIV

Dan 11:27 The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but to no avail, because an end will still come at the appointed time.

Dan 11:28 The king of the North will return to his own country with great wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country.

ET

Dan 11:27 Antiochus and Ptolemy VI Philometor will agree to sit down and discuss an armistice however neither King will intend to keep their agreements; their deceit though intricate and designed to support their purposes will be as a truth part of God's divine design for Israel.

Dan 11:28 After signing the treaty Antiochus will return home with great wealth, his heart however will be set against Israel. Antiochus on his way home will travel through the Holy Land, all the while plotting its destruction.

3. Next week will exegete Dan 11:29-31.

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