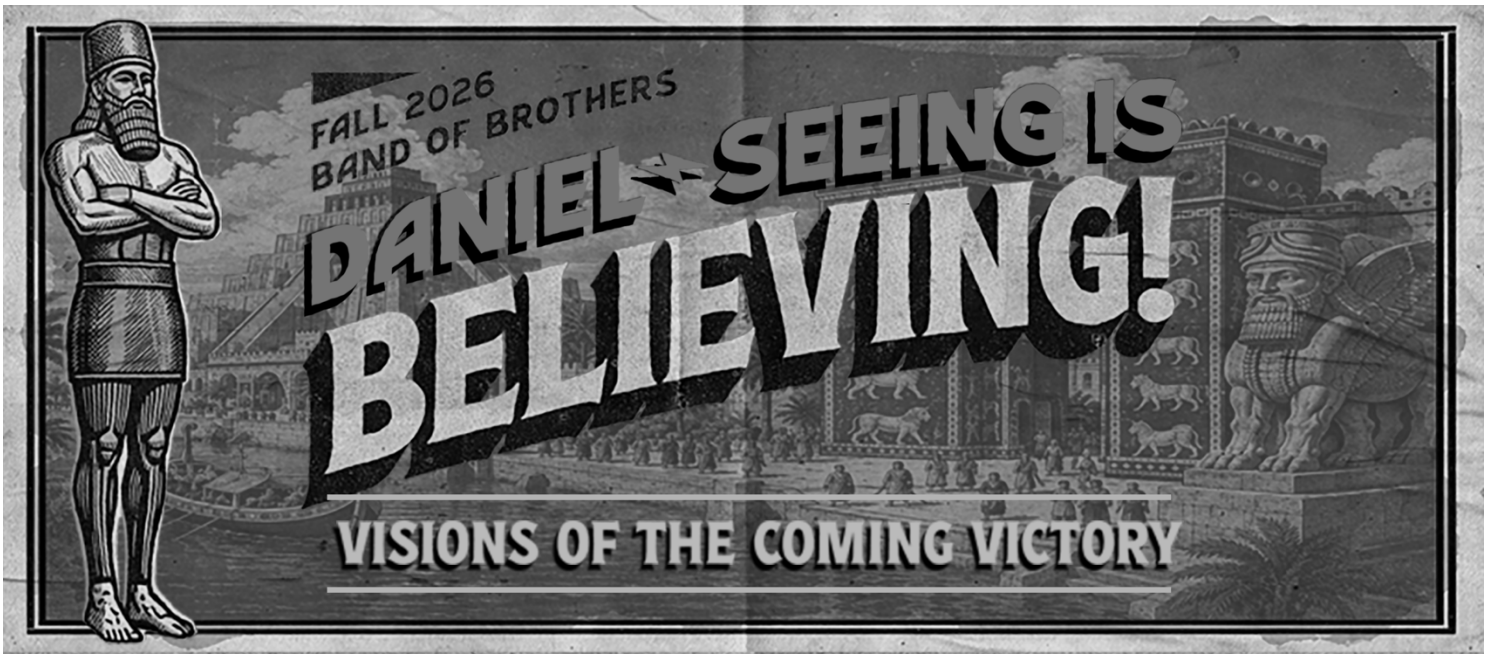


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DAYS YET TO COME

"Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words… and to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come." – Daniel 10:11-12 ESV

- **A message for the mournful**
  - The year is 536 BC
    - Cyrus sits on the throne of Medo-Persia
    - Daniel is in his mid-80s
    - 2 years earlier, a remnant had returned to Jerusalem

    In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem." – Ezra 1:1-4 ESV

    - But things had not gone well
    - They began construction on the temple…
      …but faced intense opposition
      poor working conditions
      a shortage of housing
      fear for their safety
      and low morale
    - And the new has impacted Daniel

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision. – Daniel 10:1 ESV

- Daniel is about to receive another vision
  - Verse 1 is a summary
    - A word ("thing") was revealed to him
    - The word was true ("firm, reliable")
    - And it was a great conflict ("host, army")
  - But he was already in a state mourning

    In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris). I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen… – Daniel 10:2-5 ESV

- **A cause for sadness**
  - Daniel has a lot on his mind
    - He has just celebrated the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread
    - From the 14th to the 21st of the 1st month
    - He had mourned the entire time – **Why?**
  - The Passover
    - It was to be a commemoration & celebration

      *"This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must **celebrate** it as a special festival to the Lord. This is a law for all time."* – Exodus 12:14 NLT

      *"**Celebrate** this Festival of Unleavened Bread, for it will remind you that I brought your forces out of the land of Egypt on this very day. This festival will be a permanent law for you; **celebrate this day** from generation to generation."* – Exodus 12:17 ESV

      - For 3 weeks, he had mourned,
        fasted,
        prayed,
        failed to bathe
    - Passover was a celebration…
      …of Israel's release from Egyptian slavery
      …of God's miraculous deliverance
      …and their return to the land of Israel
    - So why did Daniel mourn?
      - A small remnant had returned to Israel…
        …but he was left behind
      - The temple remained unfinished
      - Jerusalem was uninhabitable

- Its walls and gates were rubble
- His dreams of restoration were shattered

This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ***For I know the plans I have for you****," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."* – Jeremiah 29:10-11 NLT

I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. – Daniel 10:5-6 ESV

- Daniel has met this "man" before

As I, Daniel, was trying to understand the meaning of this vision, ***someone who looked like a man stood in front of me****. And I heard a human voice calling out from the Ulai River. –* Daniel 8:15-16 NLT

- And he will meet him again

Then I, Daniel, looked and saw two others standing on opposite banks of the river. One of them asked ***the man dressed in linen****, who was now standing above the river, "How long will it be until these shocking events are over?" –* Daniel 12:5-6 NLT

- And this "man" will show up in Revelation

I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands ***one like a son of man****, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.* – Revelation 1:12-15 ESV

I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore…" – Revelation 1:17-18 ESV

- **Touched by an angel**
  And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. – Daniel 10:7-8 ESV

  - God has heard Daniel's prayers…
    …and sends Gabriel with a message

- It won't be what Daniel expects or wants
- It won't involve the remnant in Judah…
  …or the exiles in Babylon

"Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words…and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. ***For the vision is for days yet to come****."* – Daniel 10:12, 14 ESV

Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me." – Daniel 10:16-17 ESV

- This is NOT a vision!
  - Daniel is actually experiencing these things
  - He is left catatonic and confused
  - Nothing makes sense
- But Gabriel is about to clear things up

Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you?…I will tell you what is inscribed in the ***book of truth****…"* – Daniel 10:20, 21 ESV

  - Literally, "the writing of truth"
  - God's divine record of all events…
    …past, present, and future

  - Daniel has been dwelling on **the past**…
    …Passover – when God delivered Israel
  - He's living in the **present**……
    …a struggling remnant in Jerusalem
    …the unfinished temple
    …an ongoing captivity
    …and no fulfillment of the Kingdom of God

"And now ***I will show you the truth****. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece."* – Daniel 11:2 ESV



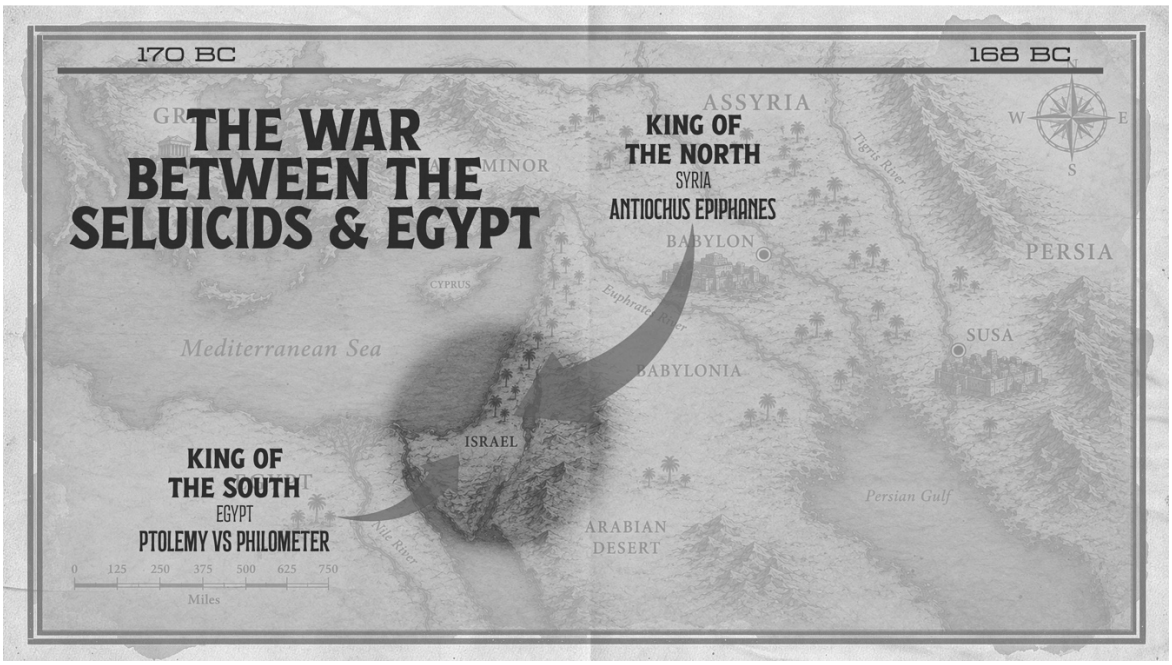
- God is about to reveal His plan…
  …both **short-term** and **long-term**
  …regarding the **Gentile nations**
  …and the **people of God**
- It's all been **pre-ordained** and **pre-recorded**…
  …in God's **book of truth**
- Gabriel mentions…
  …3 more Persian kings
  …a fourth who will attack Greece
  …a Greek king who will come to power
  …he will conquer the Medo-Persians
  …but his kingdom will end up divided



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- **A foreshadowing – Antiochus IV Epiphanes**
  - He is the "little horn"
    …from one of the prominent horns came a small horn whose power grew very great. It extended toward the south and the east and toward the glorious land of Israel. – Daniel 8:9 NLT

    *Then the **king of the south**, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against **the king of the north**. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand.* – Daniel 11:11 ESV



- Antiochus will try to take Egypt
- The Jews will attempt to take back Jerusalem
- And pay dearly

And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies. – Daniel 11:12-13 ESV

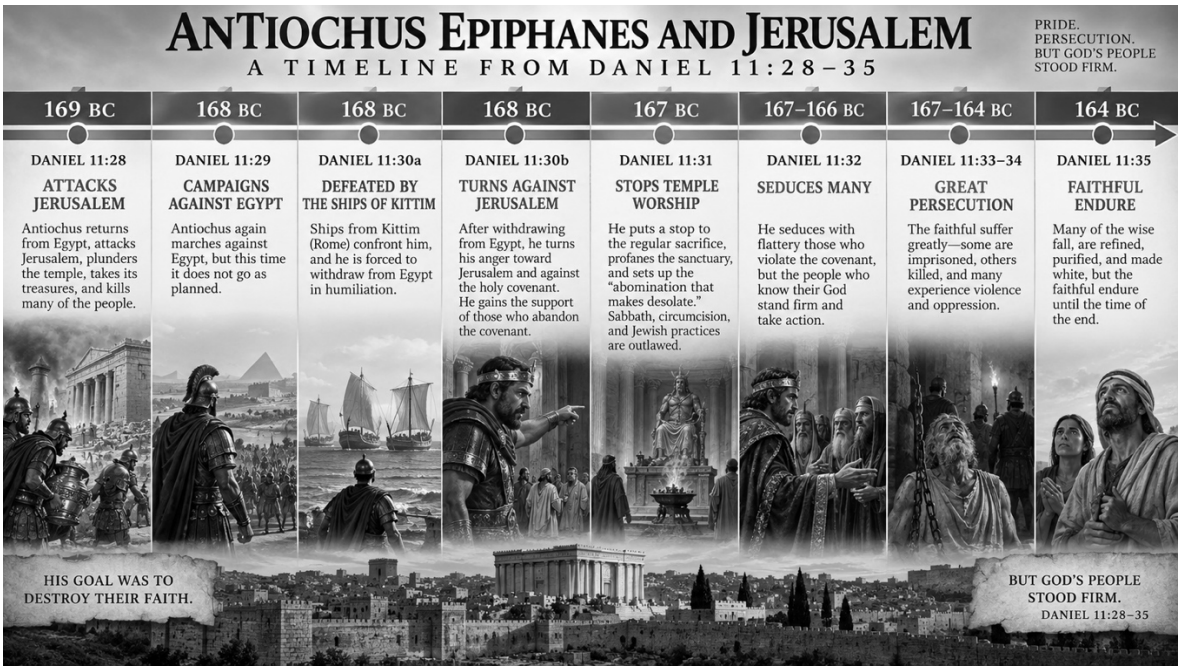


- **A glimpse of things to come**
  - Verses 21-35 cover Antiochus Epiphanes
    - He will attack Egypt…
      …but will be stopped by the Romans
    - He will pass through Israel on his way home…
      …and take out his anger on them

      Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. – Daniel 11:31 ESV

    - Jesus talked about this

      "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." – Matthew 24:15-16 ESV



"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." – Daniel 11:36 ESV

- **Discussion Questions**
  Daniel is drinking from a fire hose. God is inundating him with information abou t the future. What is the purpose?

  Look at the chart on the last page of your notes. How should all these fulfilled prophecies increase your faith in God?

Daniel 11: Kings of the North and South

Historical identifications commonly associated with Daniel 11:5-35

Daniel 11	King of the South	King of the North	Historical event
v. 5	Ptolemy I Soter (323-285 BC)	Seleucus I Nicator (312-281 BC)	Ptolemy is strong, but Seleucus becomes even more powerful and establishes the Seleucid Empire.
v. 6	Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246)	Antiochus II Theos (261-246)	Ptolemy's daughter Berenice marries Antiochus II to establish peace. The arrangement ends disastrously.
vv. 7-8	Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-222)	Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225)	Berenice's brother Ptolemy III invades the Seleucid kingdom to avenge her death.
v. 9	Ptolemy III	Seleucus II	Seleucus attempts a counterattack against Egypt but is unsuccessful.
v. 10	-	Seleucus III and Antiochus III the Great	The sons of Seleucus II renew the war against the Ptolemies.
vv. 11-12	Ptolemy IV Philopator (221-204)	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)	Ptolemy IV defeats Antiochus III at the Battle of Raphia (217 BC).
vv. 13-16	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (204-180)	Antiochus III the Great	Antiochus returns years later, defeats the forces of the South, and gains control of Palestine.
v. 17	Ptolemy V	Antiochus III	Antiochus gives his daughter Cleopatra I to Ptolemy V in marriage, hoping to control Egypt through her. The plan fails.
vv. 18-19	-	Antiochus III	Antiochus campaigns westward but is defeated by Rome. He later dies.
v. 20	-	Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175)	Seleucus IV sends an official to collect revenue from the kingdom. He is later assassinated.
vv. 21-24	-	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164)	Antiochus IV obtains the throne through intrigue and political maneuvering.
vv. 25-26	Ptolemy VI Philometor (180-145)	Antiochus IV Epiphanes	Antiochus invades Egypt and defeats Ptolemy VI.
v. 27	Ptolemy VI	Antiochus IV	The two kings meet and negotiate, but both act deceitfully.
v. 28	-	Antiochus IV	Antiochus returns north with great wealth and turns his hostility against God's covenant and Jerusalem.
vv. 29-30	Ptolemaic Egypt	Antiochus IV	Antiochus invades Egypt again, but the 'ships of Kittim' - Roman forces - force him to withdraw.
vv. 31-32	-	Antiochus IV	Antiochus attacks Jewish worship, desecrates the Temple, and sets up the 'abomination that makes desolate.'
vv. 32-35	-	Antiochus IV	Faithful Jews resist Antiochus; this period is associated especially with the Maccabean revolt.

Succession at a glance: South (Ptolemaic Egypt): Ptolemy I (v.5) -> Ptolemy II (v.6) -> Ptolemy III (vv.7-9) -> Ptolemy IV (vv.11-12) -> Ptolemy V (vv.13-17) -> Ptolemy VI (vv.25-27).
North (Seleucid Empire): Seleucus I (v.5) -> Antiochus II (v.6) -> Seleucus II (vv.7-9) -> Seleucus III (v.10) -> Antiochus III (vv.10-19) -> Seleucus IV (v.20) -> Antiochus IV Epiphanes (vv.21-35).

Daniel 11:36-45: Interpreters differ. Some see the passage as continuing to describe Antiochus IV Epiphanes; many conservative/futurist interpreters see a transition to a future Antichrist.

We know there is one chapter left in Daniel's book and a final chapter left in God's plan. Why is this vital to remember?

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