

“Daniel’s Vision for the Nations – Part 1!”

(Daniel 11:1-35)

I. Introduction:

- A. The Prelude – chapter 10
- B. The Prophecy – chapters 11-12

II. Exposition: Daniel’s Vision for the Nations (Daniel 11:1-35)

- Prophecies **already fulfilled!**

- A. The vision regarding **Persia and Greece** (vv. 1-4)
 - 1. The time period (v. 1)
 - 2. Prophecies concerning **Persia** (v. 2)
 - a. “Three more kings ...”
 - Cambyses (530-522 BC)
 - Pseudo-Smerdis (522-521 BC)
 - Darius 1/the Great (521-486 BC)
 - b. “Fourth will gain far more riches ...”
 - Xerxes/Ahasuerus (486-465 BC)
 - 3. Prophecies concerning **Greece** (vv. 3-4)
 - a. “A mighty king will arise ...”
 - Alexander the Great (334-323 BC)
 - b. “His kingdom...parceled...four points...”
 - Kingdom divided
 - Four generals
 - Not his children
 - Not his authority
- B. The vision regarding **Egypt and Syria** (vv. 5-20)
 - Ptolemies in Egypt (S) – Seleucids in Syria (N)
 - 1. Alliances and battles (vv. 5-9)
 - Ptolemy I & Seleucus I (v. 5)
 - Ptolemy II & Antiochus I, II (v. 6)
 - Ptolemy III & Seleucus II (vv. 7-9)

- 2. Struggles and wars (vv. 10-13)
 - Ptolemy IV & Seleucus III
 - Ptolemy IV & Antiochus III (the Great)
- 3. Wins and losses (vv. 14-20)
 - Enter - Philip V (Macedonia) & Israelites
 - Ptolemy V & Seleucus IV
- C. The vision regarding **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** (vv. 21-35)
 - 1. Intrigue and deception (vv. 21-28)
 - Epiphanes (Illustrious)/Epimanes (madman)
 - Power & possessions
 - Plunder & profaneness
 - 2. Broken covenant (vv. 29-35)
 - Enter – Rome and its army and navy
 - Enraged Antiochus attacks Jerusalem
 - Empowered faithful resist

III. Conclusion:

- God’s **sovereignty** (11:27, 29, 35; 4:25, 26, 32, 34-35)
- Man’s **responsibility** (11:32b-33; 2 Timothy 3:12)

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What’s your keeper?)
2. When you see such detailed prophecy fulfilled, what does this tell you about the trustworthiness of God’s Word? In what ways does this help our confidence with regard in prophecy yet to be fulfilled?
3. Solomon said, “There is nothing new under the sun.” As you think about the relationships between the Ptolemy’s and the Seleucid’s, what do we see about human nature then, that we still see today?
4. Antiochus Epiphanes hated the people of God, like many do today. What can we do to impact a culture that still hates God’s people?
5. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: “In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ...” (What is your action point?)