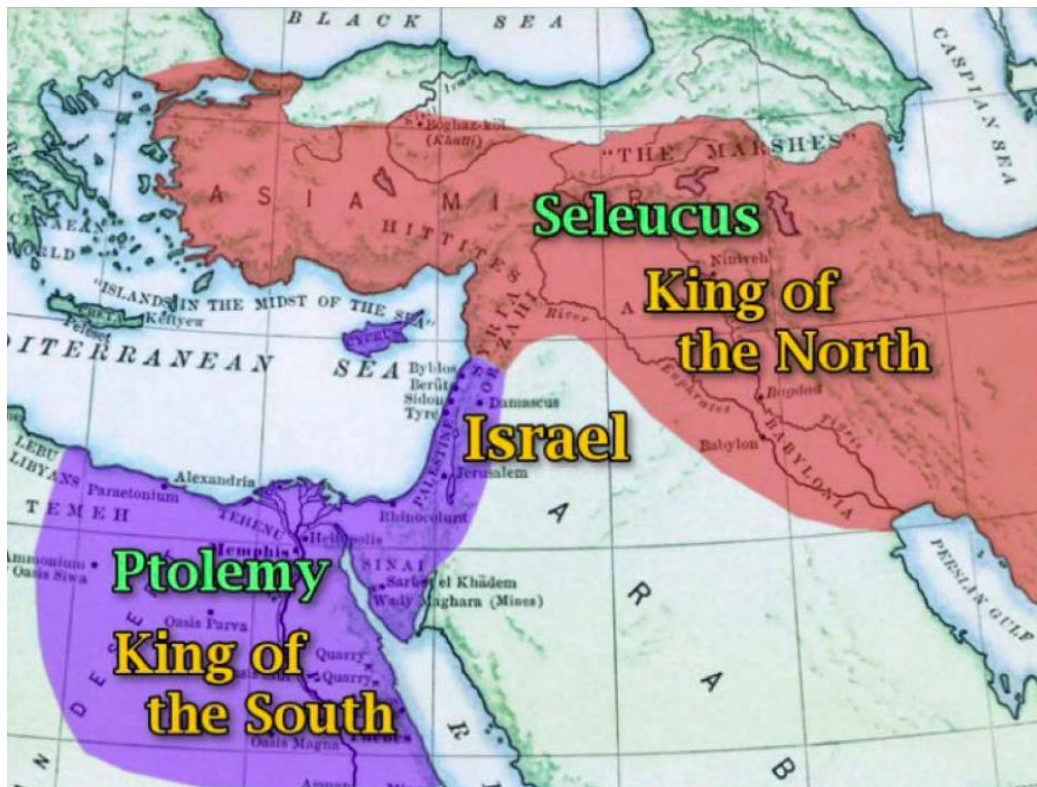




This revelation given in this chapter is the events described by the angel to Daniel, events which were overruled by the Mighty hand of God. As explained to Daniel in chapter 10: 20:...now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. The words themselves reveal that the events described were all future to Daniel. As the Historical Paraphrases already circulated reveal, this prophecy recorded by Daniel is so detailed, and proved to be so astonishingly accurate that it attracted much attention of the so called 'Higher Critics' who claimed that as it was so accurate, the prophecy could not have been written before the events described, but afterwards, that is written after the facts. However, such criticism has a problem. The Septuagint translation of the Old Testament – including the book of Daniel began in the mid 3rd century BC under the instruction of Ptolemy II (called Philadelphus) who reigned BC 285-246, and was completed in the early 2nd century BC well before many of the events prophesied in Daniel 11!

As the map above suggests the chapter describes the long conflict between the king of the north and the king of the south. The detailed description of future events relates to the vision Daniel was given in chapter 8, whereby a goat destroyed a ram. The goat represented Grecia, and the ram Persia. Subsequent to that the goats large horn broke, and four new ones arose, and out of one of those grew a little horn which grew to be exceeding great. That little horn which grew exceeding great corresponds to the 'king of the north' in chapter 11.

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON	LION	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDOPERSIA	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS	GREECE	LEOPARD	THE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)
IRON	ROME	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS LITTLE HORN	LITTLE HORN GREAT	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)

The king described as far richer than they all is referring to Xerxes, the king of Persia, who was fabulously wealthy and stirred up the whole realm of Grecia by trying to conquer the city states.

As 11 verse 3 describes a mighty king which would stand up and rule with great dominion. This was fulfilled in the person of Alexander the Great, who in just a very short time conquered a vast territory stretching from Macedonia to the Indus River



Just as fast as this empire grew, it disintegrated. Alexander died young at 33 while still on campaign, and the empire became divided amongst his four generals, exactly as Daniel was informed: *4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity,...* These four smaller kingdoms battled against each other



continuing to quarrel until just two remained. They became known as the Seleucid empire in the north, and the Ptolemy empire in the south, which was restricted to the Holy Land and Egypt. The history of the policies and rivalries between these two powers are described from verse 5 -35, in astounding detail, long before the events took place. Of course names of rulers are not given. There is a very good reason why specific names are not given. The giving of prophecy was not to give some secret powers to a few who would know beforehand exactly what was going to happen next. Just think of this, it would give immense power to a few individuals, who would have possession of Daniel's prophecy, turning the purpose of God on it's head, and then giving every reason for man to try and thwart predetermined history. Instead, the purpose of prophecy is explained by the Lord Jesus John 14:29 *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.*

The history outlined below is all from external sources, derived from ancient sources such as Polybius 200BC -118BC, Titus Livius 59BC -17 AD, Appian of Alexandria AD 95- 165 among others. It can be seen the truth of the saying – prophecy is the mould into which history is poured.

In verse 36 we note the words: *and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.*

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, the head of gold of the great image he dreamed was forced to admit: Daniel 4:35: *And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What are you doing?* So Isaiah wrote: Isaiah 46:10: *Declaring the end from the beginning, and*

from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

CHAPTER 11:5-35

Summary of Events in Daniel 11:5-35

SELEUCIDS		PTOLEMIES	
Verse		Verse	
5	312-281: Seleucus (I) Nicator	5	323-285: Ptolemy (I) Soter
6	281-261: Antiochus (I) Soter 261-246: Antiochus (II) Theos 246: Poisoned by first wife Laodice who then killed Berenice and son.	6	285-246: Ptolemy (II) Philadelphus 252: Daughter Berenice married to Antiochus (II) Theos
7	246-226: Seleucus (II) Callinicus	7-8	246-221: Ptolemy (III) Euergetes
10	226-223: Seleucus (III) Ceraunus poisoned, replaced by brother	9	245: Defeats Seleucus (II) Callinicus 244: Returns with booty to own land
11	223-187: Antiochus (III) the Great 218: Attacked Ptolemy (IV) Initial success; then retreats	12	221-205: Ptolemy (IV) Philopator
13	198: Antiochus (III) attacks, conquers Palestine and Coele-Syria; lays siege to Sidon	14	217: Defeated Antiochus (III) at Raphia; tried enter Temple at Jerusalem; Stricken and died
15		17	205-180: Ptolemy (V) Epiphanes Roman guardians in youth General Scopas, Macedonians, Syrians plot against him; Romans protect him
17	192: Attacks Greece, Jews help	17	193: Marries Cleopatra, daughter of Antiochus
18	190: Defeated at Thermopylae; huge indemnity. Daughter turns against him. Murdered while robbing a temple.		
19			
20	187-175: Seliucus (II) Philopator taxes heavy to pay Rome. Poisoned.		
21	175-163: Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes	22	180-145: Ptolemy (VI) Philometor marries his sister Cleopatra II
23	170: High Priest Onias murdered.	23	170: Attacks Antiochus (IV); defeated
24	169: Attacks Egypt; Garrisons. Acquires, distributes land, property Plots further conquest		Deceitful Peace Treaty signed (on both sides).
25	Prepares Army for attack.	25	Prepares defensive Army. Defeated in 169; Own Court turns against him.
27	169: Treaty; deceit in heart	26	Dethroned, exiled by own Court
28	169: Desecrates Jerusalem; kills, enslaves thousands	27	169-164: Ptolemy (VIII) Euergetes
29	168: Attacks Ptolemy (VIII); to re-instate Ptolemy (VI). Victorious.		169: Treaty with Antiochus (IV); (Brothers Ptolemy (VI) & (VIII) co-operate for a time, then in opposition). Rome re-instates Ptolemy (VI), who dies in 145.
30	But stopped by Rome. Murderous attack on Jerusalem on return		succeeded by infant Ptolemy (VII); murdered by Ptolemy (VIII)
31	Forbids observance Law; Sacrifices; Temple profaned with statue of Jupiter Olympas.		
32	"Hellenistic" Jews co-operate; Maccabees arise 167		
33	Many Maccabee followers killed		
34	166: Maccabees have great success		
35	In war following, great trials, many deaths; but final success. Jerusalem freed.		

The evidence seen in the fulfilling of the detailed prophecy of Daniel 11 is a bulwark in the fortress of faith underpinning the certainly we can have in the Sovereign Lord overruling all things *Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* All things, even the rise and fall of empires. As can be seen from the paraphrasing of history that have already been circulated, it was through the rivalries and conflicts between the king of the north and south, that brought about a particular political arrangement suitable for the first appearing of the Messiah.

For example: from verse 30-35 Daniel was shown how a certain ruler of the Seleucid empire the King of the North, by the name of



Antiochus Epiphanes marched against the king of the south, to subdue it, and in the process crushed the Judean province of Egypt which had revolted. All of this is recorded in the book of Maccabees in the Apocrapha. While Antiochus was campaigning in Egypt, a rumour spread that

he had been killed. In Judea, the deposed High Priest by the name of Jason gathered a force of 1,000 soldiers and made a surprise attack on the city of Jerusalem. Menelaus, the High Priest appointed by Antiochus, was forced to flee Jerusalem during a riot. King Antiochus returned from Egypt in 168 BC, enraged by his defeat; he attacked Jerusalem and restored Menelaus, then executed many Jews.

When these happenings were reported to the king, he thought that Judea was in revolt. Raging like a wild animal, he set out from Egypt and took Jerusalem by storm. He ordered his soldiers to cut down without mercy those whom they met and to slay those who took refuge in their houses. There was a massacre of young and old, a killing of women and children, a slaughter of virgins and infants. In the space of three days, eighty thousand were lost, forty thousand meeting a violent death, and the same number being sold into slavery. 2 Maccabees 5:11–14. He outlawed Jewish religious rites and

traditions – Verse 31 *take away the Daily....*and the Temple in Jerusalem was changed to a cult that included worship of Zeus – *polluted the sanctuary of strength*. This oppression and persecution of the Jews arose within them the desire to be free, and independent. Chapter 11 prophecies how those *that are strong and do know their God would do exploits*. This duly took place, under the leadership of Judas Maccabee. A series of miraculous victories against vastly superior troops – *they were holpen with a little help*



(v34). With just 3000, he defeated Apollonius who had 47000 at Beth-horon, and with 20000 he overcame the army of Lysias, and occupied Jerusalem in BC164.

Not long after the independence of the Jews was recognised, until the city of Jerusalem was conquered by Pompey and the Romans in BC63. In this way Judea had a semblance of independence to worship God, and restore the Jewish temple (by Herod) and so that when the Lord Jesus was born the nation was at a stage whereby many would repent at the teaching of John the Baptist and the words of Jesus Christ would be received.

As Brother Derek points out, the next few verses 36- 39 are dedicated to the King of the north in the shape of the Roman Empire, specifically the career of the Roman Catholic Church and the Papacy. From verse 40 to 45, as the text states: At the time of the end... these

verses are in fact yet future – just. We are living in times similar in a way to that of the Maccabees whereby the politics of the world are being shaped to be prepared for the second appearing of Jesus Christ. Isarel believes it is in control of its own destiny today. But just prior to the appearing of Christ, the king of the north will invade and overflow the nation – just as Pompey did with the Romans.

40 *And at the time of the end shall the king of the south* this title belongs to those who have had influence and control over Egypt – Britain occupied Egypt in 1882, and until 1956 after the Suez Crisis. The United States has replaced the British influence, thus Britian and the US and allies are those who are described the King of the south *push at him*: The Western allies will provoke *the king of the north* which today is Russia, who calls Moscow the third Rome - *who shall come against him like a whirlwind*, they will use overwhelming force and in a sudden movement catching the allies by surprise – just as they did with the invasion of the Ukraine *with chariots, and with horsemen* newly fitted out battle hardened troops, *and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries*, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Egypt *and shall overflow and pass over*, like an overflowing river see Isaiah 8:8.

41 *He shall enter also into the glorious land* – the land that was once described as flowing with milk and honey – the land of glory once trodden upon by the Son of GOD, *and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon*, the Druze, Bedouin and Arab peoples living in parts of Syria, Jordan, Judea and Samaria will not be persecuted, possibly because they are deemed to be liberated from Israeli oppression, to make the land free from the river to the sea. However these peoples will in turn protect Jewish and Israeli refugees.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. The Russian confederacy will seek to destroy the sphere of influence of the western allies in the Middle East by occupying Iraq, Egypt, Syria, and even Saudi Arabia.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, The King of the North will attempt seize control of the gas and oil fields in the Eastern Mediterranean, Arabia and Iraq, *and over all the precious things of Egypt:* as well as control of the Suez, thus fixing world energy prices for their own benefit and convenience. *and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.* North African nations will all submit to the terms of the Dictator.

44 But tidings out of the east possibly reports of resistance from Asian regional powers *and out of the north* possibly a resurgence of Ukrainian nationalism or similar shall trouble him: cause him to be distracted from his purpose *therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many,* but will fall by his own violence

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace possibly referring to his military and regional headquarters *between the seas* the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea *in the glorious holy mountain* even Jerusalem; yet he shall come to his end, because he will have touched the apple of God's eye, and seeks to pervert the plan and purpose God has with His people Israel, and is corrupting the Holy land – God's land by his abomination of desolation false religion of Russian Othodoxy *and none shall help him.* Because God's fury shall come up in His face, and He will utterly destroy once and for all – possibly by the use of volcanic and seismic activity – see Ezekiel 38-22.

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