

## **Invasions Sweep the Middle East Daniel 11:1-35**

### **I. Troubles Ahead for Israel - Dan. 11-12**

1. Daniel troubled by Israel's future - 10:1-3
2. Daniel 11:1-35 is prophecy now fulfilled  
It focuses on nations that will impact Israel
3. Fulfilled prophecy confirms Scripture  
This passage has been fulfilled in great detail  
Critics say this must have been written later
4. Fulfilled prophecy assures future prophecy  
If we study what God predicted in the past  
We can rest secure in what is yet to come  
Fulfilled prophecy declares sovereignty of God

### **II. Two Centuries of Invasion - 11:1-20**

#### **A. History under Persia – 2**

- Four Kings of Persia yet to rule over Israel  
Cambyses – son of Cyrus - (529-522 B.C.)  
Pseudo-Smerdis (522-521 B.C.) – short reign  
Darius I Hystapes (521-486 B.C.)  
Xerxes (496-465 B.C.) - Ahasuerus of Esther  
Most important and wealthiest of the four kings  
He Wanted to extend his empire to Greece

#### **B. History under Greece – 3-20**

1. Alexander the Great - 3, 4  
He would punish Persia for invading Greece  
334-330 conquered Asia Minor (Turkey), Syria,  
Egypt & all of Persian Empire (as far as India)  
At his peak, Alexander dies, empire is divided - 4
2. Four Generals divide empire in 4 parts - 4  
Seleucus ruled over Syria & Mesopotamia  
Ptolemy ruled over Egypt  
Lysimachus ruled over Thrace & Asia Minor  
Cassander ruled over Macedonia & Greece
3. Syria & Egypt war over Israel - 11:5-20  
Israel between 2 rival powers, north & south  
Ptolemy I of Egypt & Seleucus I of Syria war – 5  
Seleucus gains dominion over Ptolemy 305B.C.  
Israel is between these two warring factions  
Ptolemy I died in 285 B.C. – His son reigned  
Seleucus murdered (281 B.C.) Grandson reigns  
Ptolemy II & Antiochus II make alliance - 6  
Ptolemy's daughter Bernice married to  
Antiochus  
Ptolemy dies, Antiochus restores 1<sup>st</sup> wife  
Laodice (1<sup>st</sup> wife) has Bernice killed  
She poisons Antiochus  
Puts her son Seleucus II on throne (246-227)  
Ptolemy III and Seleucus II - 7-9  
Ptolemy, Bernice's brother avenges her death  
Invades Syria successfully, strengthens his  
reign  
Seleucus' sons strike back at Egypt - 10  
Seleucus III (227-223) & Antiochus III  
Antiochus takes power (223-187)

- Ptolemy IV & Antiochus III (The Great) - 11-13  
Ptolemy IV is successful defeats Antiochus III  
Antiochus (the Great) returns to defeat Ptolemy- 13  
Philip V of Macedon joins Antiochus - 14-16  
Israel gets involved (14) and suffers for it (16)  
Antiochus the Great takes control over Israel  
Antiochus gave daughter to Ptolemy V – 17  
Cleopatra I is married to Ptolemy V  
It failed; she sided with husband not her father  
Antiochus attacks Greece, is defeated – 18-19  
Defeated by Roman leader Scipio  
Antiochus the Great dies soon after that defeat  
Seleucus IV (Philopator) followed his father - 20  
He oppressed Israel by raising absorbent taxes  
He plundered the Temple of much of its riches  
He died suddenly (Possibly poisoned)

### **III. Ten Years of Wickedness - Daniel 11:21-31**

1. Antiochus IV takes Syrian throne – 21, 22  
Chose title "Epiphanes" – "the Illustrious one"  
Nicknamed "Epimanes" – "the Madman"  
Called "a vile person" or "a contemptible person"  
Antiochus seized power over young true heir  
He deposed Onias, Jewish High Priest  
Prince of the covenant
2. Successful in his attack on Egypt - 23-24  
Won acceptance by winning a battle with Egypt  
His power grew with the help of a small group  
Sought peace by redistributing the wealth - 24  
Took from rich to give to his people
3. Consolidated power attacking Egypt - 25-27  
He won the battle over Egyptian army – 25-26  
Made treaty with Egypt deceitfully - 27
4. On return he plundered the temple – 28
5. Invasion of Egypt is turned back - 29-30  
Ships of Chittim may refer to the Romans  
Romans forced him to give up attacks on Egypt
6. Antiochus takes out anger on Israel - 30-32  
Renegade Jews betrayed, sided with him – 30-32  
Polluted Temple with offering of pig's blood - 31

### **IV. God gives Israel Victory – 11:32-35**

1. God raised up faithful men to fight - 32-34  
Faithful ones led by a Jewish priest & his sons  
Priest, Mattathias, sons Simon & Judas  
Judas nicknamed Maccabeus, "the hammerer"  
Many die but eventually the battle is won  
Dec. 14, 165 B.C. Temple purified, rededicated  
Celebration gave rise to Hanukkah  
(Festival of Lights)  
Two years later Antiochus died in Persia
2. Daniel sees implications for later time - 35  
This prophecy is fulfilled with Antiochus  
He becomes a picture of ruler yet to come  
(Antichrist)  
Israel's troubles are not over yet