

12—Fulfilled Prophecy in the Intertestamental Period

Daniel 11

1. Many of the events foretold in Daniel 11-12 take place during the Intertestamental Period. Some of the history of these events are found in the writings of the Maccabees as well as Josephus. Let's consider the text and its unfolding of these historical prophecies to Daniel. When did the message found in this chapter come to Daniel (see Daniel 11:1)? What was going to happen to the Medo-Persian Empire and rulers in the future (11:2-3)? Who would defeat this empire and what would happen to this powerful empire in the future (see 11:4; cp. Daniel 8:20-22)?

2. Historically, Alexander the Great's Grecian Empire was divided into four parts after his death in 323 B.C. Who was the "king of the South" mentioned in Daniel 11:5?



3. Among the four Greek generals (Lysimachus, Cassander, Ptolemy, and Seleucus) who would be considered the "king of the North" mentioned in Daniel 11:6?

4. Which kingdom ends up first prevailing (North or South/Ptolemies or Seleucids) during this Grecian struggle for power (see Daniel 11:6-9)?

5. Verse ten says “*However*”...what would be the next historical stages in the battle between the king of the North and the South (Daniel 11:10-13)?

6. What are some of the events revealed to Daniel in Daniel 11:14-19? Who would “*your people*” refer to in Daniel 11:14? What is “*the Glorious Land*” referred to in Daniel 11:16?

7. What was going to be imposed upon “*the glorious kingdom*” and what would be the response (11:20; for more info see 2 Maccabees 3). Following this historical event, what would happen according to 11:21-28?

8. At an “*appointed time*” the ruler would head “*toward the south*” again, yet would he be successful in this campaign (11:29). Why not (11:30)?

9. As this ruler heads back home what insulting acts would he institute against those who revere “*the holy covenant*” and “*the sanctuary*” (11:30-32)? What would the consequences of these actions be (11:33-35)?

10. What awful things, from a Jewish perspective, would this leader do (11:36-39)? What events, in general, are described in 11:40-45 and how would everything end for this arrogant ruler (see v. 45)?