

Daniel 11-12: Animated Lessons in the Walk of Faith (part 5)
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Text: Daniel 11-12

I. Stay in the River of Truth; Not the Tributary Pet Doctrines

A. Keep this teaching in perspective.

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8

B. Give proportional time to studying these verses.

- i. Do not let cloudy texts consume your Bible study; make sure the plain ones do.

II. Chapter 11—Different Views

A. There is *little-to-no disagreement* regarding 11:2-35.

- i. **11:1-4 The Persians and the Greeks**

- ii. **11:5-20 The Seleucid-Ptolemy Wars**

- iii. **11:21-32 Antiochus IV Epiphanies**

- iv. **11:33-35 The Maccabean Period**

- a) Narrows the focus down to the Covenant People.
- b) Brings us to 37 BC.

B. Different Views on 11:36-45

- i. 11:36-45 Continues to describe Antiochus Epiphanies

- ii. 11:36-45 Describes a future manifestation of an Antiochus Epiphanies figure not yet on the scene.

- iii. **11:36-45 Pertain to Herod the Great and the transition of power to Rome**

- a) Herod certainly did *magnify himself above God*.
- b) He *showed no regard for the god of His fathers...*
- c) He *showed no regard for the one desired of women*.

- **Hag. 2:7**

d) Herod indeed did honor the god of fortresses

e) vs. 40-43 describe the Great Actian War 31 BC

f) vs. 44-45 describe the end of Herod's life

III. Chapter 12: The Climax of All History

A. vs. 1: *At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise.*

- Revelation 12:1-9
 - Luke 10:18
 - John 12:31

B. *“There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then”*

- Mark 13:19

- Mark 13:1-4

- 13:28-32

C. *“But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.”*

D. vs. 2-3 ²*Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.* ³*Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*

- 1st resurrection/ 2nd resurrection

- Matthew 27:51

b) ***already/not yet***

- vs. 10 *“None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.”*
 - Revelation 22:10-11
 - Luke 10:18-21

- Philippians 2:15

E. vs. 4 *“But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”*

- Amos 8:12

F. **How long until these astonishing things are fulfilled?**

ii. *“When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”*

- Luke 21:20-23

IV. What does this mean to me?

F. We too can take great confidence that God is working everything in conformity with the purpose of His will.

- Ephesians 1:11-12

G. There is a bigger story into which your story fits.

H. God has fulfilled His promises and His Word can be trusted.

I. Biblical wisdom is rooted in our constant awareness of God's sovereign direction over all of life, dynamic activity in the midst of life, and silent call to live by faith.

Drawing Lines

*Making the connection between what we “know” about the Gospel
and how we think and live.*

- How does keeping prophetic teaching “in perspective” effect our study of those things?
- What does it mean to give proportional time to the study of these verses?
- How do Daniel 11-12 teach that we can take great confidence that God is working everything, even the horrendous days and circumstances, in conformity with His redemptive purpose?
- How do they reveal that our lives fit into a bigger story of redemption which God is working in history? ...How do they reveal the inerrancy of Scripture?
- How does the truth of resurrection life in Christ (both *already* and *not yet*) speak to horrors of life's worst events?