

UNDERSTANDING DANIEL 11

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Study Guide for Daniel 11: Understanding Prophecy: An Introduction to Daniel 11

Section 1: Introduction to Daniel 11

1. Why is it important to study Daniel 11, even though it is difficult?

Answer:

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for ____, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in ____: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
 - Fill in the blanks: _____, _____.
- **Discussion Point:** The entire Bible, including prophetic books, prepares us for every good work and helps us understand God's will.

Section 2: Key Historical Transitions

Moving from known to unknown

Daniel's prophecies cover the same 4 kingdoms. Daniel 2, 7, 8, and 11 all contain either some or all of the same 4 kingdoms and their history. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Rome has two phases, Pagan and Papal. Knowing this it is easier to understand the unknowns of Daniel 11.

2. What kingdoms are described in the early verses of Daniel 11?

Answer:

- **Daniel 11:2-4:** The chapter discusses the transitions from Medo-Persia to the Greek Empire led by Alexander the Great, whose kingdom was divided among his four generals.
- **Fill in the blanks:** "And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great ____, and do according to his _____. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four ____ of heaven." (Daniel 11:3-4)
 - Fill in the blanks: _____, _____, _____.
- The King of the North and The King of South are described throughout Daniel 11

3. What is the territory of the North and what is the territory of the South?

- North is Babylon (region of Syria) Jeremiah 1:13-15; Jer 4:6-7; Jer 25:9
- South is Egypt Daniel 11:5,8-9

Section 3: Spiritual Symbols – King of the North and King of the South

4. What is the interpretive tool that is the key to understanding when prophecy is literal and spiritual?

Answer:

Before the cross, descriptions of prophecy are literal and local. After the cross the descriptions are spiritual and global or worldwide. Daniel 11:22 Examples
Babylon=spiritual Babylon, Israel=spiritual Israel, Egypt=spiritual Egypt, Jezebel etc

Babylon before the cross is literal and local. After the cross it is spiritual and worldwide.

Jerusalem before the cross is literal and local. After the cross it is spiritual and worldwide. So forth and so on.

Additionally movement from the literal and local to the spiritual and worldwide is evident in the previous visions of Daniel, namely chapter 2, chapter 7, chapter 8. This has implications for interpreting Daniel 11

a. Daniel 2

- i. Begins with literal Babylon and ends with spiritual Babylon—the mingling of iron, which represents Rome (spiritual Babylon), and clay is represented by the Spirit of Prophecy as the mingling of church craft and state craft.

b. Dan 7

- i. Likewise begins with literal Babylon and ends with “the beast” (Rome/spiritual Babylon) being slain and given to the burning flame as a result of the words of the little horn.

c. Dan 8

- i. Both pagan and papal Rome are captured by the same symbol, that is the little horn.

5. *Who does the King of the North represent in end-time prophecy?*

Daniel 11:36-39

A comparison of Dan 11:36-40 with other Scriptures

The King of the North	The Papacy
11:36 – “exalt himself”	2 Thess 2:4 “Exalts Himself” See also Isa 14:13; Dan 11:14; Great Controversy, pg 50
11:36 “The king shall magnify himself above every god”	Dan 8:25 – “He shall magnify himself in his heart.” Dan 8:11 – “He magnified himself even to the Prince of the host.”
11:36 “Shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods.”	Dan 7:25 “Shall speak great words against the Most High” Rev 13:5 “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things.” See also Dan 7:9,11,20.
11:36 “Shall prosper”	Dan 8:12 – “It practiced and prospered.” Dan 8:24 “and shall prosper and practice” Dan 7:25 “shall think to change times and laws”
11:36 “Shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished.”	Rev 14:9 – “If any man worship the beast...the wrath of God. His indignation” Dan 7:11 “I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed.” Great Controversy, 579 “The man of sin will continue until the Second Advent.”
11:37 “Neither shall he regard the god of His fathers”	2 Thess 2:4 “Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God.” See Rev 17:13,14
11:37 “Nor the desire of women.”	1 Tim 4:1-3 “Forbidding to marry.”
11:37 “Nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all”	2 Thess 2:4 “Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped.”
11:33 “But in his estate shall he honor the god of forces	Dan 8:24 “And his power shall be might, but no by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully” Dan 11:31 “And arms shall stand on his part” Rev 18:24 “And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of the saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth!” Lord Acton, R.C. historian, says: “The Papacy contrived murder and massacre

	on the largest and also on the most cruel and inhuman scale. They were not only wholesale assassins, but they also made assassination a law of the Christian church and a condition of salvation!" The Papacy allies itself with strong governments and dictators. It believes in force; always seeks the arm of the State. Great wars have been produced by its intrigue.
11:38 "And a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver and with precious things, and things desired."	Rev 17:4 "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones."
11:39 "Thus shall he do within the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory"	The worship of the Eucharist, the veneration of Mary, costly shrines
11:39 "And he shall cause them to rule over many."	Rev 13:3 "All the world wondered after the beast Rev 13:8 "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him."
11:39 "Shall divide the land for gain."	This prophecy concerns the world field: claiming to exercise the vicarship of Jesus Christ over the world, the Papacy believes that countries are subject to its disposal. The Papacy alone among all the powers of the earth has claimed the right to divide the world among the nations.

Answer:

- **King of North is Spiritual Babylon Revelation 13:2-3:** "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great ____: and all the world wondered after the beast."
 - Fill in the blank: _____.
- The King of the North represents the papacy and spiritual Babylon, which gains influence and power, aligning with the beast described in Revelation.

6. What is the philosophy of the King of the South, and how is it described in Scripture?

Answer:

- **Exodus 5:2:** "And Pharaoh said, Who is the ____, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go."
 - Fill in the blank: _____.
- The King of the South represents atheism and secularism, symbolized by the defiance of Pharaoh, who denied the existence of God.

Section 4: End-Time Events in Daniel 11:40-45

7. What happens at the "time of the end" between the King of the North and the King of the South?

Answer:

- **Daniel 11:40:** "At the time of the end shall the king of the south ____ at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."
 - Fill in the blank: _____.
- This verse describes a great conflict where secular powers challenge religious forces, leading to an aggressive response from the King of the North.
- France represented the king of the south in verse 40 as France embodied Atheism. France pushed at the king of north (papacy) in 1798 when it gave the papacy a deadly wound. This marked the beginning of the time of the end.
- The king of the north would respond like a whirlwind which depicts that the papacy's wound would be healed as described in Revelation 13:3 and then come against the king of the south which are the countries embodying the ideology of atheism and communism. Example Russia, China and North Korea. Before the Sunday Law can be enforced worldwide the king of the south must be put out of the way.

8. What is the significance of the King of the North entering the "glorious land"?

Answer:

- **Daniel 11:41:** "He shall also enter the glorious ____, 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."
 - Fill in the blank: _____.
- The glorious land symbolizes God's people (Israel Ezekiel 20:5,6; Daniel 11:16), and this invasion reflects spiritual infiltration into the church and institutions. Also ultimately the national Sunday law crisis that causes many of God's people to desert the faith and the church.

“Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear genuine and true will prove to be base metal . . . To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few -this will be our test” (5 Testimonies, Page 136).

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. GC 608.2

“In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world’s insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: “Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.”” 8T 41

Section 5: Spiritual Preparation and the Final Crisis

9. What are the final events described in Daniel 11:45 and Daniel 12:1?

Answer:

- **Daniel 11:45:** “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy ____; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”
 - Fill in the blank: _____.
- **Daniel 12:1:** “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy ____: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the ____.”
 - Fill in the blanks: _____, _____.
- These verses highlight the final conflict and God’s ultimate deliverance of His people.