

Daniel 11

1 Should be in the last chapter - see note on 10:21 Angels are assigned to protect people - individuals, and they have resistance. Ps 103:20, Mt 18:10

2,3 This seems to be Alexander the Great mentioned in Daniel 8:4.

4 And as before mentioned his 4 generals took the remnant of his kingdom. See 8:8,22

5 To the four winds. I haven't done the history but this seems to be the king of Egypt, Ptolemy I or perhaps a reference to the Ptolemaic dynasty in general.

6 Berenice and Antiochus II

7 Ptolemy III came to power in Egypt and avenged his sisters death by waging war on the Seleucids.

8 The king of Syria ("the North") was Seleucus II, and the king of Egypt ("the South") was Ptolemy IV.

9- 17 Life Application Notes suggests this is when Antiochus III tried to have his daughter marry Ptolemy V of Egypt to make peace, but the plan failed.

18-20 Antiochus III successor was Seleucus IV. He took money from the temple treasury in Jerusalem as a tax.

21 Antiochus IV Epiphanes - he allied himself with Rome

22 A prince of the covenant may refer to Onias III, who was assassinated by Menelaus in 170 B.C.

23-28 Though many see these verses fulfilled in the past, they may be a shadow of those to be fulfilled in the future in the Antichrist.

29-31 This certainly sounds like the breaking of the covenant. 167-168 Antiochus IV slaughtered the pig on an altar in the temple erected to Zeus.

32 Menelaus the High Priest was in league with Antiochus. The people that know their God may have been the Maccabees. This certainly sounds like a foreshadow of the Antichrist.

33 The people of God must be ready to share the Word and teach the truth in the face of persecution. This sounds like the war on the saints that is predicted. As we show people the details revealed in these prophecies we will be hunted by the AC and his forces. Will you be one of the wise in that day. It is only by the grace of God that we will be able to endure to our death.

34 Spies and half hearts will enter in and the enemy will use that to try and rob us of our boldness. Many will be hungry for the truth so he uses his age old tactic of fear to try to stop us. Will it work on you?

35 Why does God allow us to stumble? To refine and purify, so that we can be a Christ like example to the world. Without our stumbling we would certainly lack humility. We will all stumble at times. The main thing is to stumble forward, by learning from our mistakes and recognizing our weakness and need for the Life of Christ in us.

36 When we combine this with the words of the Revelation, this fellow looks like the perfect shadow of the Antichrist. His own will - not god or any man - only he becomes possessed and his will is going to be given over to another. His pride is

the same as Satan's who magnifies himself against God. Most men would not dare to say anything against Almighty God, but the Lawless One will have no fear of God. He controls man and the world's system until the vials of wrath are all poured out. I think verses 31-35 were such a clear shadow of the end time that the message jumps to the AC in this verse.

37 He has no respect for the god worshipped by his household. The one desired by women may be Tammuz the god of fertility. He doesn't care to raise up an offspring. He just wants to be first in everything.

38 A god of fortresses? perhaps security... and to that god he will make his investments. High tech surveillance?

39 He makes a deal and offers them the rule of areas, for their cooperation and a bribe. The mightiest fortress = USA?

40 World conqueror in the face of opposition.

41 The Beautiful Land is Israel in Scripture. 8:9 Some think that Petra is where the church will hide because Edom escapes his hand? Sounds a little simplistic to me.

42,43 All of North Africa.

44 A person of great destruction and ready to cause more. 8:24

45 Tel Aviv? There are a number of places in Israel that could fit that description including Megiddo where Armageddon is to be fought. Though the armies of the earth come to fight the Lord, none can help him when Christ returns to execute judgement. 8:25