## Daniel 11:2-22 PROPHECY

12 When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

13 For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment. 14 "Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall. 15 So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist. 16 But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.

17 "He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him. 18 After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler (or commander) shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him. 19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue. 22 With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

#### HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

12 (S) Ptolemy IV, his heart being lifted up after his victory in Palestine, sought to enter the Jewish temple. The Jews resisted him so he had "tens of thousands" put to death.

13-16 (N) Antiochus III returned to wage war against the (S) Ptolemies and by 198 BC, nearly 20 years after his defeat at Raphia, Antiochus had succeeded in taking possession of Palestine. The battle of Panium (198 BC) marked the end of Ptolemaic rule in Palestine.

17-19 (N) Antiochus III gave his daughter Cleopatra in marriage to (S)Ptolemy V, hoping to use her to conquer Egypt through intrigue. To his dismay (S)Cleopatra stood against her father. Antiochus then turned against Asia Minor(the coastlands), but was turned back or defeated by the Roman commander Lucius Cornelius Scripo in 190 BC. Antiochus III was killed while trying to plunder a pagan temple near Susa (187 BC) just a year following the peace accords with Rome (188 BC); thus he stumbled and fell and was found no more. The role of the King of the North switches to Rome at this point.

**20** (N) Augustus Caesar (63BC-14AD), the first Roman Emperor whose taxing or census is recorded in Luke 2:1.

20-21 Through divorce, remarriage, and killings Tiberius became the emperor, (14-37) but was never popular. During his rule Jesus, the prince of the covenant, is broken/killed. The force of a flood is a reference to the coming destruction of Jerusalem, which Daniel linked to the death of Jesus in Dan. 9:26 as well.





70 Weeks of Daniel 9

Matthew 24:21-27 We have warnings that there will be false Christs. How do we know Jesus is really the true Messiah?

**Daniel 9:20-27** This illustrates that only Jesus ministered and died at the right time to be the true Messiah.

In prophecy a day = 1 year. See Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34

 $70 \times 7 = 490$  days or years

The 7 weeks begin with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem which was in 457 BC (Ezra 7) and will continue 69 weeks or 483 yrs. unto Messiah, the Prince.

This brings us to the year 27AD, the year of Jesus' baptism as recorded in **Luke 3:1,21**. (The 15th year of Tiberius = 27AD.) The last week (7 years) of the 70 weeks (490 yrs.) will begin in 27AD and extend to 34AD.

Daniel 9:26 & 27 tell us that after 27AD the Messiah will be cut off and in the midst of the week (3.5 yrs.) He will cause an end of sacrifice. Jesus died in 31AD, right on time, and when He died the Temple veil was supernaturally torn in two from top to bottom, (Mark 15:38) showing that from God's point of view, animal sacrifices were no longer needed. Jesus, the real sacrifice, had been offered.

Then, in about 34AD, Paul is sent out to the Gentiles. (Act 22:21) This ended the special opportunity for Israel as a nation to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

This prophecy dewmonstrates that only Jesus could be the Messiah. He came and died right on time!

## #1 70 Weeks of Daniel 9

## **GOSPEL PRESENTATION**

#### I. Diagnostic Questions

- A. In your opinion, how does someone become a Christian?
- **B.** How would you spend eternity if you were to die in your present spiritual condition?
- C. The good news is that you can know. Would you like for me to show you?

#### II. Study

- A. Romans 6:23 We can't earn eternal life. It is a gift.
- B. 1John 1:8,9 We receive the gift of eternal life when we confess our sins and allow Jesus to cleanse us from sin and its wages of death. Specifically ask God to forgive each sin you remember. However, you don't need to ask more than once for each one. He forgives the first time you ask. After being forgiven, thank God for that forgiveness the next time you remember that same past sin.
- C. 1John 5:11-13 We can now be sure of salvation as long as we continue to trust Him
- **D.** John 8:34-36 He has set us free to live a new life free from sin.
- **E.** John 14:15 We now follow Him out of love for what He has done.
- F. 1John 2:1 If you sin again, Jesus will still be there to help you.

#### III. Commitment

- A. Do you see what Christ wants for you?
- **B.** Have you thought of accepting Christ's gift of forgiveness and new life?
- C. Would you like to now?
- D. Pray I have sinned...Please forgive me...Thank you for forgiveness and eternal life...and help me to live for you...In Jesus name –Amen
- E. Invite to worship and Bible study.

# Daniel 11:2-22 PROPHECY

- 2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than *them* all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.
- 3 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.
- 5 "Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.
- 6 And at the end of *some* years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in *those* times.
- 7 But from a branch of her roots *one* shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail. 8 And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes *and* their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the North. 9 "Also *the king of the North* shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.
- 10 However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife. 11 "And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall be given into the hand of his *enemy*.

#### HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

1st Cambyses II (530-521 BC), 2nd Smerdis (521 BC) and 3rd Darius I (521-485 BC), 4th Xerxes (486-465 BC), excelling in wealth and power, launched an elaborate campaign against Greece and lost.

Alexander the Great (336-323 BC) Four lesser kingdoms emerged from the rubble of Alexander's empire: Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt. This 4-part breakup was indicated in Dan. 7:6 & 8:8. From this point on Dan. 11 will describe world powers that would attack Palestine from the northern or southern land invasion routes.

GREEK KINGDOMS north (N) vs. south (S) 5 (S)Egypt- Ptolemy I (305-283 BC) (N)Syria- Seleucus I (305-281), who once served under Ptolemy as "one of his princes".

- 6 (S)Ptolemy II (283-246 BC) gave his daughter Berenice in a marriage-alliance to his rival (N) Antiochus II (261-246 BC) Upon Ptolemy's death, Antiochus returned to his exwife Laodice (whom he had divorced in order to marry Berenice). Laodice then poisoned Antiochus and had Berenice and her child murdered so her son Seleucus II could ascend the throne.
- 7-9 (S) Ptolemy III (246-222 BC), Berenice's brother ("branch of her root"), after her murder, launched a successful campaign against (N) Seleucus II (246-225 BC) who fled. Ptolemy took 40,000 talents worth of silver, 4000 talents of gold and 2500 idols from the Syrians back to Egypt. Seleucus II then recovered Syria.

10-11 (N) Seleucus III (225-223 BC) succeeded Seleucus II, raised up an army and launched a campaign against Attalus I of the Attalid dynasty. Seleucus III was assassinated after a brief two-year reign. His younger brother, (N) Antiochus III "Antiochus the Great," (223-187 BC), succeeded him and amassed an army and marched against (S) Ptolemy IV (221-205 BC) of Egypt. He was successful up until his defeat at Raphia in 217 BC, a loss which nullified his previous gains.