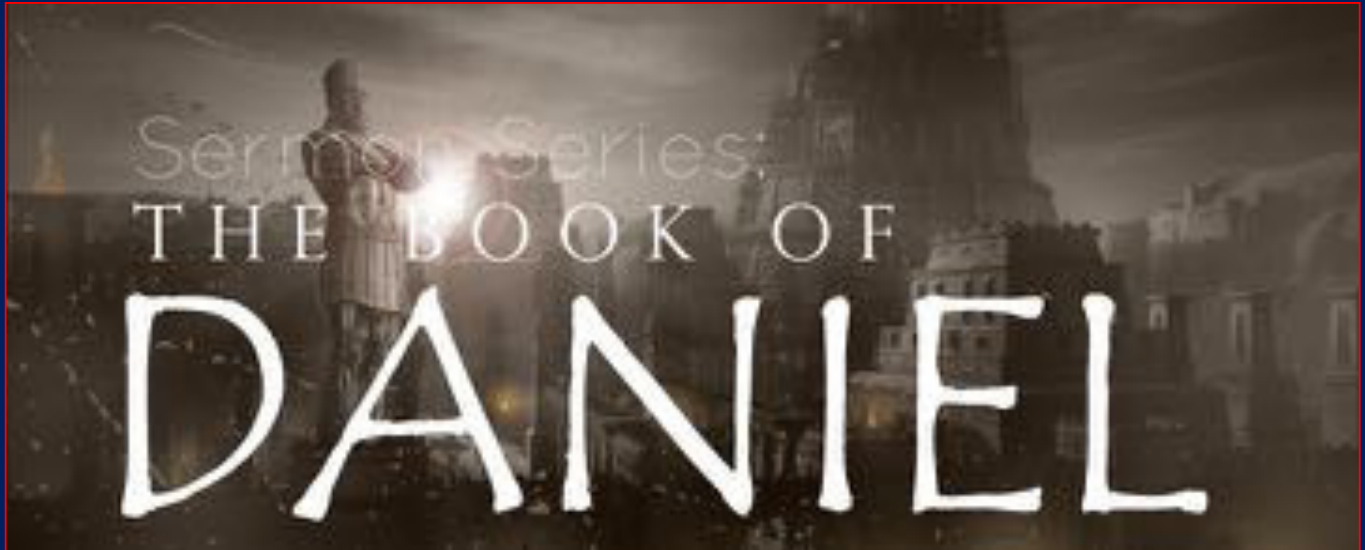


THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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DANIEL 10-12

THE FINAL VISION



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1:1	605	3rd year of Jehoiakim
2:1	603	2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1st year of Belshazzar
8:1	551	3rd year of Belshazzar
9:1	538	1st year of Darius
<u>10:1</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>3rd year of Cyrus</u>

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PERSIA 11:2

A. Cambyses 530-523 BC

B. Pseudo-Smerdis 522 BC

C. Darius I Hystaspes 521-486 BC

D. Xerxes 485-465 BC

Aka. "Ahasuerus" in Esther



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GREECE 11:3-4

A. Alexander the Great

1. Died at age 33 in 323 BC
2. No heirs
3. Kingdom divided among his 4 generals

B. Daniel 7:6, 8:5-8



Four Generals

Daniel 7:6; 8:8, 22

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PTOLEMIES AND SELEUCIDS 11:5-20

- A. History of warfare between the 2 dynasties
- B. Ptolemies of Egypt vs. Seleucids of Syria
- C. King of the South vs. King of the North
- D. From 323 BC – 175 BC
- E. The beautiful land = Israel
- F. Cassander and Lysimachus not in view
- G. Key transition in 198 B.C.
- H. Selective and non-comprehensive history
- I. What is at stake?

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Intertestamental Chronology (Dates BC)

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Little Horn Slide



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Daniel 11:21-35 Overview

- A. Antiochus IV Epiphanes moves into center stage
- B. He reigned for 10 years 175 – 164 B.C.
- C. Daniel predictions 536 B.C. (Dan. 10:1)
- D. Antiochus IV = “little horn” (Dan. 8:9-14, 23-25)
- E. Goal of Hellenization & persecution of the Jews
- F. Antiochus IV known for his hatred of the Jews
- G. Antiochus IV will desecrate the Jewish Temple
- H. Fulfilment recorded in 1 – 2 Maccabees
- I. Antiochus IV = Antichrist’s prefigurement (Dan. 9:27; 11:36-45)

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Daniel 11:21

1. Death of Seleucus IV Philopater
2. Heir apparent Demetrius (son of Seleucus IV) sent to Rome
3. Antiochus IV Epiphanes rises to Syria's throne
4. Not a "god-like" person but rather a "despicable person"
5. "Intrigue" and a lack of "honor" brought Antiochus IV to the throne

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Daniel 11:23

1. “Alliance” between Antiochus IV & the new puppet High Priest Jason
2. Antiochus IV “practiced deception”
3. Antiochus IV gained power with a “small” group “of people”

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Purpose

To encourage Judah by emphasizing the sovereignty of God during the Babylonian captivity and to teach Judah how to live while outside the land





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(NIV)