

- **This study is Part 1 of a two part look at chapter 11.** The first 35 verses of this chapter deal with prophecies that focus on Israel and Gentile powers through the end of the Greek Empire, and the “Alexandrian States” or territories ruled by Alexander’s four generals who inherited his kingdom on his death. From our perspective, these prophecies have already been precisely fulfilled. The remaining verses in this chapter deal with prophecies still to come in the “end times.” For that reason, we are dividing this chapter into two separate studies.
- Keep in mind that chapters 10-12 are considered the same vision. This is a continuation of chapter 10, and will be concluded in chapter 12.
- The vision in these chapters **concerns Daniel’s people, the Jews.** They cover periods of Gentile domination, but as they relate to the Jews. Remember that Daniel’s original prayer in chapter 9 was for God’s glory to be restored to Jerusalem, and perhaps even for the Messiah to come and reign there. Daniel is told now that his prayer will be answered, but not for a very long time. In the meantime, Israel will suffer much under the control of several different Gentile powers.
- These first 35 verses cover the time period from the start of the Persian Empire to the time before the first coming of Jesus, the end of the Greek Empire, and the start of the Hasmonean Period, a brief 100-year self rule before the start of the Roman Empire.
- This portion provides important information about what we call the **“intertestamental period”** (the time of approximately 400 years between the Old and New Testaments). We sometimes refer to this time as the “silent years” since we do not hear from a prophet of God in that time, until John the Baptist arrives on the scene in the New Testament. However, these years were anything but silent! Much history was written, completely fulfilling many of the prophecies in this chapter.
- The first 35 verses are considered “historical” (already happened in history, from our perspective, not from Daniel’s!). **The last 10 verses leap ahead to the future, the time we call the Tribulation, and the final world ruler we call the Antichrist.**
- These verses contain **prophecies that are very complicated**, and requires a much deeper study than most people want to undertake. If we remember nothing else, we need to know that this first section has already been perfectly fulfilled, much to the consternation of so-called “scholars” who do not want to believe in an Almighty God. These verses contain and confirm the miraculous plan of God, and His ultimate Sovereignty.
- The prophecies here relate mostly to the transition from the Persian Empire to the Greek Empire, and ultimate end of the Alexandrian States. They present information about the **first “type” of the Antichrist, a Seleucid ruler named Antiochus Epiphanes.**

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- V.2-3 **“kings of Persia”** – These verses refer to the literal kings of Persia named Cambyses, Smerdis, Darius Hystaspis, Xerxes (Ahaseurus of Esther).
- V. 3 – **“mighty king”** – This is Alexander the Great, whose kingdom was broken up and divided among 4 generals (Seleucus, Ptolemy, Cassander, Lysimachus). Most of this concerns the two generals Seleucus (the king of the north, territories of Syria and Babylon, and east) and Ptolemy (the king of the south, territory of Egypt).
- **“Not among his posterity”** – Greek kingdom did not go to Alexander’s heirs (just like scripture said!)
- V5-32 All about **the ongoing feuds between the kings of the North (Seleucid Dynasty) and the kings of the South (Ptolemaic Dynasty)**
- Hebrew word for **“king” same as word for “kingdom”** (“king from the south” may also mean “kingdom from the south”) Can only determine meaning from context.
- Constant **tug-of-war** between these two kings and kingdoms, **Israel and Jews caught smack in the middle**, subjected to terrible times, persecution.
- These first 32 **verses cover a time in history from about 535 BC (current time of Daniel’s vision) to about 164 BC** (time the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple after the desecration of Antiochus Epiphanes)
- Here are **some of the names of the people of history** who are referenced in this chapter, and where they were from (north/south) If you were to study this period of time, you would encounter these names, easily related to the scriptures about them: *(south green shaded, north gray shaded, Israel blue shaded, Rome white)*



South	Ptolemy I, II, III, IV, V	South	Cleopatra <i>(not the one you’re thinking of! There were 7 queens of Egypt w/this name!)</i>
South	Berenice <i>(daughter of Ptolemy II)</i>	Rome	Scipio <i>(Roman naval commander)</i>
North	Antiochus Theos	North	Seleucus Philopater (IV)
North	Laodice <i>(wife iof Antiochus Theos)</i>	North	Heliodorus
South	Ptolemy Euregetes	North	Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes <i>(type for Antichrist)</i>
North	Seleucus I, II, III, IV	South	Ptolemy Philometer
South	Ptolemy Philopater (IV)	Israel	Menelaus <i>(corrupt high priest)</i>
North	Seleucus Callinicus	Israel	Mattathias Maccabeaus <i>(Maccabees)</i>
North	Antiochus the Great (III)	Israel	Hasmoneans – family of Jews who governed Israel for about 100 years before Rome
South	Ptolemy Epiphanes (V)		

- V 33-35 transition verses –**big gap (the Church Age)** between time of Maccabees **“until the time of the end”** indicates the next verses leap forward in time to the end (indication here of the time when truth of God spreads, during our current Church Age) corresponds to gap between 69th and 70th weeks in Daniel 9.
- Verses 36-45, those that deal with this final 70th week, will be the subject of Part 2 of this chapter.

