

A Timeline of Daniel 11:1-35

Bible Verse	Historical Connection
2: three more kings will arise in Persia, and	Cambyses (529-522 B.C.)Smerdis ([also
the fourth shall be far richer than them all,	called Pseudo-Smerdis 522 B.C.); (Darius
through his riches, he shall stir up all	I [not Darius the Great or Darius the Mede]
against the realm of Greece.	521-486 B.C.); Xerxes I (486-465 B.C.
	[Ahasuerus of Esther]). Xerxes invaded
	Greece with an army reputed to be 2.5
	million (Herodotus). His final defeat was
	the naval battle at Salamis.
3: Then a mighty king shall arise	Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.)
4a: And when he has arisen, his kingdom	Alexander the Great defeated the Persians
shall be broken up and divided toward the	and conquered most of the known world.
four winds of heaven, but not among his	His empire was broken up between four of
posterity	his generals (Ptolemy [Egypt], Seleucus
	[Syria], Lysimachus [Thrace], Cassander
	[Macedon]). Neither his son, his
	illegitimate son, nor his half-brother lived
	long after Alexander so his posterity gained
	none of his empire or power.
5a: the king of the South	Ptolemy I Soter of Egypt (322-305 B.C.)
5b: as well as one of his princes	Seleucus I Nicator (312-281 B.C.) fled
	from Antigonus of Babylon to the safety of
	Ptolemy in Egypt. Later they two defeated
	Antigonus. Seleucus became stronger than
	Ptolemy.
5c: His dominion shall be a great dominion	Seleucus became stronger than Ptolemy
	and ruled all of Alexander's empire except
	Egypt.
6a: at the end of some years they shall join	After several years, Ptolemy II and
forces	Antiochus II (Seleucus' son) allied
	themselves.
6b: for the daughter of the king of the	Berenice, the daughter of Ptolemy II is
South shall go to the king of the North to	married to Antiochus II to establish a
make an agreement	political union.
6c: but she shall not retain the power of her	Antiochus reconciles with his first wife, who then murders Berenice.
authority 6d: naither he per his authority shall stand	
6d: neither he nor his authority shall stand	Having gotten in the groove of murdering
	wife number two, the first wife turns around and ends Antiochus' life.
7: But from a branch of her roots one shall	Ptolemy III Euergetes, the brother of
arise in his place, who shall come with an	Berenice ("the branch of her roots"),
army, enter the fortress of the king of the	invaded Syria (246-242 B.C.), occupying
North, and deal with them and prevail.	all of Syria throughout the reign of
Troidi, and doar with them and prevail.	Seleucus II Callinicus.
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8a: And he shall also carry their gods	Ptolemy confiscated 2500 Syrian idols and
captive to Egypt	brought them to Egypt.
8b: with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold	Ptolemy plundered the Syrians of 40,000 talents of gold and silver.
9: Also the king of the North shall come to	Seleucus II Callinicus invades Egypt by
the kingdom of the king of the South, but	land and sea (240 B.C.) His fleet is
shall return to his own land	destroyed by a storm and he returns to
	Syria.
10a: his sons shall stir up strife	Seleucus II Callinicus' sons (lit., his
-	successors: Seleucus III and Antiochus III
	the Great) defeat Ptolemy Philopator.
10b: and one shall certainly overcome and	Seleucus III did not see victory but
overwhelm and pass through	Antiochus III, his successor, did.
10c: then he shall return to his fortress and	Seleucus IV Philopator ruled Syria briefly.
stir up strife	He oppressed the people with taxation
	because of heavy tribute demanded by
	Rome. He died suddenly (probably
	poisoned) after levying a tax on the temple
11 And the king of the South shall be	in Jerusalem. In 217 B.C., Ptolemy IV fought Antiochus
moved with rage, and go out and fight with	III. Antiochus was defeated and fled across
him, with the king of the North, who shall	the desert.
muster a great multitude; but the multitude	the desert.
shall be given into the hand of his enemy.	
12: but he will not prevail	Ptolemy IV failed to follow up on his
12. For the lains of the North will not you	advantage.
13: For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the	Antiochus III attacked Egypt in 198 B.C.
former	
14a: Now in those times many shall rise up	There were a series of civil revolts in Egypt
against the king of the South	during this time.
14b: Also, violent men of your people shall	Some factions of Jews joined with
exalt themselves	Antiochus III to defeat Ptolemy. See also
	verse 17.
15a: So the king of the North shall come	Antiochus III defeated an Egyptian army
and build a siege mound, and take a	during the siege of Sidon in Palestine.
fortified city	
15b: and the forces of the South shall not	A relief force, sent from Egypt, could not
withstand him	deliver Sidon.
16: He shall stand in the Glorious Land	Antiochus III conquered the land of Israel
with destruction in his power	and plundered it.
17: And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand	Under threat of retaliation by the Romans, Antiochus III offers his daughter Cleopatra
with him, or be for him.	(not the famous one) as wife of Ptolemy V
with min, or be for min.	Epiphanes (192 B.C.) She sides with her
	husband against her father, so the plan to
	destroy Egypt from inside fails.
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18: After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.	Antiochus III subjugated the Mediterranean coast of Asia Minor, but the Roman General, Lucius Scipio Asiaticus (not the more famous Scipio Africanus who defeated the Carthaginians), defeated him in 189 B.C. He was defeated, first at Thermopylae, then at Magnesia on the Maeander River. This ended Asian dreams of conquering Europe but also opened the door to the later expansion of Rome into the Middle East.
19: he shall stumble and fall, and not be found	He was murdered while looting a temple in Elam.
20a: There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom	Antiochus III's successor, Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175 B.C.) sent his finance minister, Heliodorus, to Jerusalem to levy new taxes to pay tribute to Rome of 1,000 talents annually. To do this, Heliodorus plundered the temple in Jerusalem.
20b: but in a few days he shall be	Seleucus IV was poisoned by Heliodorus,
destroyed, but not in anger or in battle	the finance minister.
21a: And in his place shall arise a vile person	Antiochus IV Epiphanes, through intrigue and flattery gains the throne. He is a type of the Antichrist and is the most important character of the Seleucid Empire because of this, even though he ruled only a few years (175-164 B.C.)
21b: to whom they will not give the honor of royalty	Because of the way Antiochus IV seized the throne, he was not considered true royalty.
22a: With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken	Antiochus IV was successful militarily.
22b: and also the prince of the covenant	Antiochus killed Onias III in Jerusalem in 172 B.C.
23: And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully	Antiochus IV sided with Ptolemy Philometor against Ptolemy Euergetes (both of them his nephews) for control of Egypt. His only purpose was to strengthen himself.
24: He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province	The first clause means that, during a time of peace, he invaded Egypt, plundering it.
26: Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him	In going to defeat against Antiochus IV, Ptolemy Philometor was turned on by many of his vassals.
27: Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table	Ptolemy Philometor and Antiochus IV Epiphanes were both involved in trying to beat the other through intrigues and lies.

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28: While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant	Antiochus IV became increasing greedy for gold, particularly the gold in the temple in Jerusalem. It was greed that began his
	hatred of the Jews.
29: At the appointed time he shall return	Antiochus IV begins a new invasion of
and go toward the south; but it shall not be	Egypt.
like the former or the latter	
30a: For ships from Cyprus [literally:	In 168 B.C., Antiochus IV entered Egypt
kittim: western lands of the Mediterranean]	but encountered Roman legions under the
shall come against him	leadership of the Roman counsel, Gaius
	Popillius Laenas, who warned him that an
	attack against Egypt would mean war with
	Rome. Antiochus angrily returned to Syria
	through Israel.
30b-31: therefore he shall be grieved, and	He takes out the anger of his humiliation
return in rage against the holy covenant,	on Israel, offering a sow on the altar in
and do damage And forces shall be	Jerusalem, after erecting an idol of Zeus in
mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take	the holy place. This was the "abomination which makes desolate."
away the daily sacrifices, and place there	which makes desorate.
the abomination of desolation	
32: but the people who know their God	This refers to the Maccabeans who rose up
shall be strong, and carry out great exploits	against Antiochus IV because of his
shan so strong, and early sat great exploits	oppressive taxation. The defilement of the
	sanctuary was the last straw.
33: And those of the people who	It was during the time of the Maccabees
understand shall instruct many; yet for	that the Pharisees began as a sect, to help
many days they shall fall by sword and	Israel return to the Law of Moses.
flame, by captivity and plundering	Throughout most of this time, Israel
	suffered greatly at the hands of the Syrians.
35: And some of those of understanding	The strong implication of this verse is that
shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and	the persecution of the Jews will continue
make them white, until the time of the end;	until some designated time of the end, the
because it is still for the appointed time	appointed time. This moves us, beginning
	in verse 36 to end-times prophecy.