

Assignments on Daniel 11

Please read Daniel chapter 11 and answer the following questions.

Note: The vision of Daniel 10 continues in chapters 11 and 12. The fulfillment of the prophecies occurred in the period of silence between Malachi and the New Testament, so we have no inspired record of the fulfillment. We must rely on uninspired history. Please study commentaries or Bible encyclopedias or dictionaries for help. (The books of 1 and 2 Maccabees – or Machabees – are uninspired but generally reliable historically.)

1. What did the angel say he did and when did he do it – 11:1? Where else have we read about Darius the Mede?

2. How many significant rulers did the angel predict – 11:2? How did he describe them?

3. What would the fourth king do? (Note the references Persia and Greece. Consider which king of Persia attacked Greece. Note the connection to the book of Esther.)

4. Who would arise and how is he described – 11:3? (Think: Which king of Greece would this fit? See 1 Maccabees 1:1-10.)

5. What would happen to his kingdom then – 11:4? (Think: Find the fulfillment of this in the history of Greece. See also the vision in Daniel 8.)

6. What would one king do – 11:5? (Hint: The Seleucids ruled in Syria north of Palestine, and the Ptolemies ruled in Egypt south of Palestine.)

7. What attempt would be made to achieve an alliance – 11:6?

8. What would be the result of this attempt? (Think: See your sources for specifics.)

9. Who would follow the daughter of the king of the South, and what would he do – 11:7?

10. Describe his victory – 11:8. (Think: Find the fulfillment of this in your sources.)

11. What conflict followed – 11:9,10? (Think: See if you can find who was involved in this conflict.)

12. What battle followed, and what was the outcome – 11:11,12? (Think: Do your sources explain the fulfillment of this?)

13. What would the king of the North do then – 11:13?

14. Who would join in the battle – 11:14?

15. What would be the final outcome of the battle – 11:15,16? (Hint: This conflict resulted in a crucial battle at Paneas as described by the Jewish historian Josephus.)

16. What is the “Glorious Land,” and what consequence came upon it.

17. What attempt would the king of the North pursue next – 11:17? What would result?

18. What would the king attempt then – 11:18? What would end the attempt? (Hint: Consider the outcome of the battle with the Romans at Magnesia.)

19. Where would the king turn next, and what would result – 11:19?

20. What would his successor do, and what would be the outcome – 11:20?

21. How is his successor described – 11:21?

22. What will he accomplish – 11:22? (Compare Daniel 8:9-12.)

23. How will this vile person act – 11:23,24?

24. What would he attempt next – 11:25,26?

25. What would be the outcome?

26. How would both kings act, and what would be the outcome – 11:27?

27. What would the vile person do as he returned home – 11:28? (For the fulfillment see 1 Maccabees 1:20-28.)

28. What happened the next time this vile person attempted to invade Egypt – 11:29,30? (Hint: Roman history records that a representative of Rome named Popilius met Antiochus near Alexandria and stopped him.)

29. What happened as this vile person returned home?

30. What specific consequences did he bring on the Jews – 11:31? (See 1 Maccabees 1:30-67.)

31. What did some people do at the time – 11:32? (This may refer to the Maccabees – see 1 Maccabees chapter 2.)

32. What happened to the people who had understanding – 11:33?

33. What beneficial effect did this have on the people of understanding – 11:35? (Hint: This most likely refers to the Maccabees.)

34. **Special Assignment:** 11:36 begins discussion of a king whose identity is difficult. It may still seem to be Antiochus, but verse 40 says the king of the South and the king of the North both fight against this king. Consider who it is as your study proceeds. (Hint: Consider Rome.)

35. How would this king treat gods and whose will would he do – 11:36,37?

36. What “god” would he serve – 11:38? (Think: How would he serve such a God?)

37. What benefits will result from this king – 11:39 (note the ESV)?

38. Who would oppose this king – 11:40? Describe their attack.

39. What would be the result?

40. What lands would he enter, and what countries would escape – 11:41?

41. What other land would not escape – 11:42?

42. What power will he have, and who will follow him – 11:43?

43. What would cause trouble for him, and how would he react – 11:44?

44. What area would be included in this domination, yet what would ultimately happen – 11:45?

45. **Special Assignment:** Consider the role of the Roman Empire and how it fits the theme of the prophecies of Daniel, including this context.