

GOD, THE RULER OF HISTORY

Daniel 11:1-45

Key Verse 11:36

* The wars of the kingdoms of the world (1-19)

1. What does verse 2 tell about God's sovereignty over human history? (Dan 10:18-21) How was the prophecy of the wars between Persia and Greece fulfilled in History? (2-4) What does the fulfillment of the prophecies in the Bible say about the sovereign ruler, God, and the Bible? (Mt 5:18)
2. Why was the political alliance between the kings of the south and north formed and when was it broken? (5-9) What had happened again and again between the kingdoms? Why? (10-19) What do you think is the ultimate cause and aim of war in Human History? What does the fact tell us that kingdoms always perish in the end, even if they win wars? (17)

* The contemptible persecutor and his end (20-45)

3. How did a contemptible persecutor come to power? (20-27) Why and how far did he blaspheme God? (28-32) How did God's people resist persecution? (32-35) What is the significance of teaching the Bible in their struggle against the forces of Antichrist? Why would God let his people endure tribulations until the time of the end? (35; 1Pe 1:6-7)
4. How far will the king exalt himself? (36-37) What will he honor with his treasures and how will he greatly honor those who acknowledge him? (38-39) What will his end be like despite his great power and success? (40-45; Dan 8:25) In what sense is our Lord Jesus, the Son of the Most High, different from the contemptible persecutor? (Phil 2:6-11) What can we learn about God through the prophecies and its exact fulfillments? (36)