

GOD, THE RULER OF HISTORY

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*You will shine
like stars forever.. - Dan. 12:3*

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Raising next-generation of spiritual
leaders..*



Live for God..

Daniel was an example of global leader and shining star of his time. He made a decision not to be defiled, but to serve God's purpose in his generation.

Back to the Future: Daniel's Final Vision ***Daniel 11:2-45***

- ❑ ***The Ram and the Goat Revisited:*** Ahasuerus and Alexander (11:2-4)
- ❑ ***North and South:*** Syria and Egypt (11:5-20)
- ❑ ***The Madman:*** Antiochus Epiphanes (11:21-35)
- ❑ ***The Last King:*** Antichrist and the Time of the End (11:36-45)

Lesson Goal: To remind believers that God knows the end from the beginning and is in complete control of history.

PART 1 - WORLDLY KINGS BATTLE FOR POWER (2-30)



Daniel 11:2

“Now then, I tell you THE TRUTH: Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.”

Sin brought **captivity** upon Israel..

Jeremiah 25:4-11

4 And though the LORD has sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, **you have not listened** or paid any attention. **5** They said, “Turn now, each of you, from your evil ways and your evil practices, and you can stay in the land the LORD gave to you and your ancestors for ever and ever. **6 Do not follow other gods** to serve and worship them; do not arouse my anger with what your hands have made. Then I will not harm you.” **7** “But you did not listen to me,” declares the LORD, “and **you have aroused my anger** with what your hands have made, and **you have brought harm to yourselves.**”

11 This whole country will become a **desolate** wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon **seventy years.**

God's Word Is THE TRUTH

Daniel 11:2

“Now then, I tell you THE TRUTH...”

COMPARING VISIONS OF DANIEL

Kingdoms	Notable Leaders	Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Statue	Chapter 7 Four Beasts	Chapter 8 Two Beasts	Chapter 11 Two Kingdoms of Greece	
Babylonian Empire	Nebuchadnezzar <i>Dan. 1-4</i> Belshazzar <i>Dan. 5, 7-8</i>		Head of Gold 	Lion with Eagles' Wings		
Persian & Median Empire	Darius: <i>Dan. 6, 9, 11</i> Cyrus: <i>Dan. 10</i> Xerxes: <i>Dan. 11</i>		Arms of Silver 	Bear with one side higher than the other		Medo-Persian Empire One horn higher than other
Greek Empire	Alexander <i>Dan. 7, 8, 11</i> Antiochus IV <i>Dan. 8, 11</i> Ptolemy & Selucid <i>Dan. 11</i>		Torso of Bronze 	Leopard with four heads and wings		
Roman Empire	Titus <i>Dan. 9</i>		Legs of Iron 	Terrible beast with 10 horns		
Future Tribulation Period	10 kings of the Revived Roman Empire: <i>Dan. 2, 7</i> Antichrist <i>Dan. 7-9, 11-12</i>		Feet/toes of Iron & Clay 	Revelation 13 Mixture of all four beasts. Little horn rises and rules over all		 Little Horn rises and rules over Israel

Kings of the Persian Empire

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

(CA. 538-332 B.C.E.)

Darius (Gubaru) (539-533)

Ruled Babylon

Black Sea

MACEDONIA

LYDIA

CAPPADOCIA

Athens

The Four Kings of Daniel 11:2

Mediterranean Sea

ASSYRIA

Damascus

Samarina

Jerusalem

Memphis

EGYPT

Elephantine

Red Sea

Cyrus (559-530)

Cambyses II
(530- Sept. 522)

1.

Smerdis
(8 months –Sept. 522-521)

2.

Darius The Great (Ezra 4:24)
(521/20-486)

3.

Xerxes (Esther)
(486-465)

4.

Artaxerxes
Longimanus
(465-424)

Caspian Sea

SOGDIANA

BACTRIA

MEDIA

ELAM

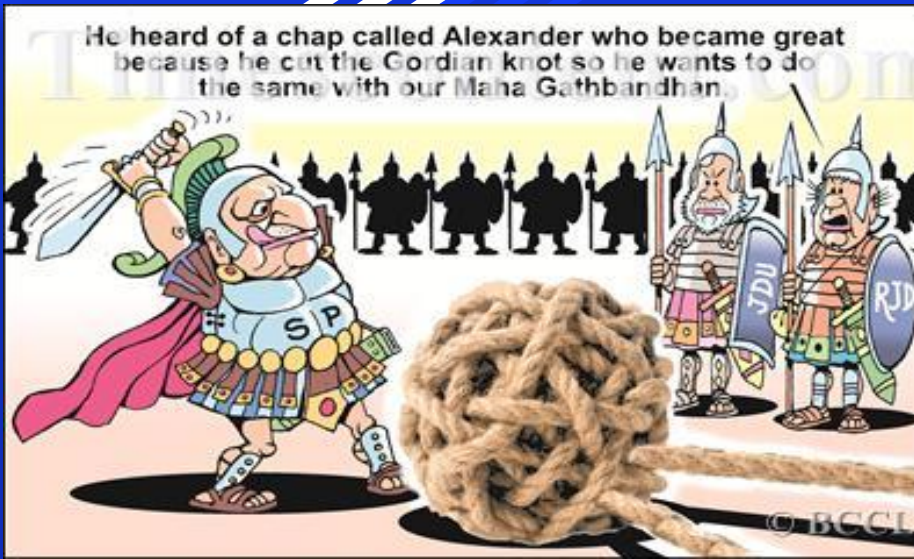
ARACHOSIA

Babylon

Susa

Makes Susa his capital

PARSA



Gordian knot, a knot impossible to unravel, and Alexander the Great solved the problem by cutting through it with his sword, in other words by cheating.

The Gordian knot was a very complicated rope knot. It was tied to the ox-cart of the ancient king Gordias, which was kept in a temple, and the legend said that the person who could undo this knot would become king of Asia.

There are several versions of the story, but in the most popular one Alexander the Great looks at the knot, fiddles with it a little, then takes out his sword and simply cuts the knot in half. Problem solved.

II. North and South: Syria and Egypt (Daniel 11:5-20)

Verses	King of the North	King of the South	Comments
11-12	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)	Ptolemy IV Philopator (222-203)	Battle of Raphia on Jun 22, 217 B.C. Ptolemy wins that initial battle.
13	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-182)	Antiochus recovered and in 200 B.C. gained control of Israel back from Ptolemy V.
15-16	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-182)	Antiochus III wins great victory at Sidon and settles himself in Palestine .
17	Antiochus III the Great (223-187)	Cleopatra I (182-174)	Antiochus gave his daughter Cleopatra to Ptolemy V in marriage. She sided with her husband.

Original Founder	First Syrian War	Second Syrian War	Third Syrian War	Fourth Syrian War	Fifth Syrian War	Sixth Syrian War
312 BC	274-271 BC	260-253 BC	246-241 BC	219-217 BC	202-195 BC	170-168 BC
Seleucus	Antiochus I	Antiochus II	Seleucus II	Antiochus III	Antiochus III	Antiochus IV
King of the North SYRIA		Laodice	Berenice	Captured Israel	Cleopatra I	
King of the South EGYPT		Berenice				
Ptolemy	Ptolemy II	Ptolemy II	Ptolemy III	Ptolemy IV	Ptolemy V	Ptolemy VI



The Career of the Antichrist

Daniel 11:36-45

- I. His self-magnification (36-37)
- II. His military power (38-39)
- III. His military successes (40-43)
- IV. His military defeat (44-45)



THANK GOD FOR FAITH MARRIAGES



While worldly leaders battle for worldly power, believers may fight the good fight of faith for personal salvation and for salvation of the whole world. We are the true leaders the world needs. Our weapon is the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**, our tactic/strategy is **Love** (Agape), and our battlefield is **Campuses all over the world**. 1Tim. 6:12, Matt. 28:18-20.

Matt. 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..



1Tim. 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called

PART 2 - MADE SPOTLESS TILL THE END (31-45)

Daniel 11:31-32

“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but **the people who know their God** will firmly resist him.”



Personal relationship with God is very important in these last days of persecution/the-antichrist..

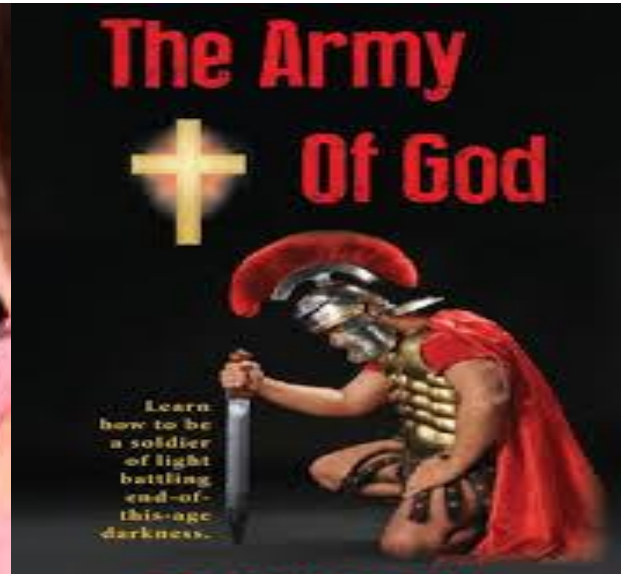


John 4:23 - a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

1Jn. 4:3 - “..every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”



God is raising a Vast Army amongst us..



Ezekiel 37:10

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—**a vast army.**

Persecution/Suffering **REVEALS** sincere believers..

2Tim. 3:12 - In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

..real winners stay faithful till the end.



1 Peter 3:13,14,17

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Daniel 11:36-37

“The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. The antichrist will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.”

CONCLUSION:

Have faith in God
about your future..

See persecution as
process to shine..



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