

**THE THINGS WHICH DANIEL SAW CONCERNING THE
GENTILE KINGDOMS AND THEIR RULE(CHAPTER 11)**

**I. The vision which Daniel had in the first year of
Darius the Mede concerning the Gentiles and their
rule.**

- A. Daniel saw first of all the number of Kings which would reign over Persia (2) .
- B. Daniel saw a mighty King come on the scene whose Kingdom was divided to the four winds (3 , 4) .
- C. Thirdly Daniel saw the wars which followed between the Kings of this divided empire (5 - 20) .
- D. Next Daniel was shown a vile person who would become King, take away the daily sacrifice, and do violence to his people (21 - 35) .
- E. Finally Daniel was shown a willful King who would stand up in the last days (36 - 45) .

**II. The interpretation of what Daniel saw which is
confirmed by history and corroborated by Scriptures.**

- A. The four Persian Kings which succeeded Darius the Mede were Cyrus II(550-530 BC), Cambyses (529-530 BC), Darius I Hystaspes (521-486 BC), and Xerxes who is King Ahasuerus of Esther Chapter one who reigned from 486-465 BC.
- B. The mighty King of verses 3 and 4 was Alexander the Great. At his death in 323 BC his Kingdom was divided among his four generals.
- C. The wars which followed between the Kings of the North and the Kings of the South were between the Ptolemies of Egypt and the Seleucus Kings of Syria. North and South is mentioned in relation to Palestine or the Land of Israel.
- D. The vile person of verses 21-35 is the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes who desecrated the Temple in 168 BC by offering a sow on the altar and started the Maccabean

Wars.

- E. The willful King of Verses 36-45 is the Antichrist and the references here to the Kings of the North, South and East must be considered in a future context.

III. The things which will come to pass concerning
The Antichrist and his Kingdom according to this
chapter.

- A. We notice first of all this King will exalt himself, blaspheme God, and shall prosper for a predetermined time (36) .

- B. According to verses 37-39 this King will magnify himself and have no regard for God nor for Christ who was the desire of every woman to give birth to the Messiah. Instead of acknowledging God this King will honor the god of fortresses or trust in military power. This power will be shared with others who are allied with him.

- C. Then we see in verse 40,41 the Kings of the South which is Egypt and her allies will push at the Antichrist and his Kingdom. The King of the North on the other hand, which is no doubt Russia and her allies, will attack the Antichrist over land and sea and invade the land of Israel, note Joel 2:1-21, Ezek. 38:11.

- D. When Russia invades Israel we find in Ezek. 35,39 that God will destroy her.

- E. The "he" of verse 41 is referring to the Antichrist. With Russia destroyed he attacks Egypt and destroys them.

- F. Then we see while the Antichrist is in Egypt taking spoil he receives a report out of the east (44). This is no doubt of the eastern armies of Red China and her hordes coming against the Antichrist in the final confrontation of the east and west.

- G. Next we see when Antichrist receives this report he moves his headquarters to Jerusalem and prepares to meet the eastern armies which are coming over the Euphrates River (45) . note Rev. 14:14-20; 16:12-16).

- H. Finally although it is not mentioned here in Daniel, we find just before these armies meet,

Christ comes and destroys both of them (Rev.
19:19,20).