



Part 21 — “The Turmoil of the Near Future” — 30 October 2022

**Introduction: The God of History**

*Isa. 46:8-10*—<sup>8</sup> “Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, <sup>9</sup> remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’”

**Main Point:** The Most High God differentiates Himself from false gods and idols by declaring the things that will come to pass in the \_\_\_\_\_ so that His people might continue to live faithfully in the midst of the raging of the \_\_\_\_\_ among whom they live.

**The Figures & Events of Persian & Greek Rule—Dan. 11:2-20**

**The Prophetic Context**

*Nebuchadnezzar’s Vision* (Ch. 3)

The Head (Gold)  
*Babylon*

The Chest/Arms (Silver)  
*Medo-Persia*

The Mid/Thighs (Bronze)  
*Greece*

The Legs (Iron)  
*Rome*

The Feet (Iron/Clay)  
*End-Time Empire*

Mountain that fills the Earth  
*Kingdom of God*

*Daniel’s 1st Vision* (Ch. 7)

Lion-like Beast  
*Babylon*

Bear-like Beast  
*Medo-Persia*

Leopard-like Beast  
*Greece*

Dreadful Beast  
*Rome*

The Beast’s Horns  
*End-Time Empire*

Kingdom Given to Son of Man & Saints  
*Kingdom of God*

*Daniel’s 2nd Vision* (Ch. 8)

Ram w/ Two Horns  
*Medo-Persia*

Male Goat  
*Alexander*

Four Horns  
*Alexander’s Successors*

Little Horn (Near)  
*Antiochus IV*

Little Horn (Far)  
*Antichrist*

*Daniel’s 3rd Vision* (Ch. 9)

Seven Weeks  
Sixty-Two Weeks

SEVENTY WEEKS

— Time —  
— Gap —

↓ Seventieth Week ↓  
*Tribulation*

*The Book of Truth* (Ch. 10-12)

The Four Kings  
*Persia*

Kings of the North & South  
*Seleucids & Ptolemies*

Contemptible King  
*Antiochus IV*

The King to Come  
*Antichrist*

Saints Delivered & Resurrected  
*Kingdom of God*

**Key Point:** Each subsequent vision in the book of Daniel further \_\_\_\_\_ the vision given to Nebuchadnezzar, providing more details about the gentile kingdoms of the world that would rule over Israel until the establishing of Messiah’s kingdom

**The Kings of the North & South—Dan. 11:2-20**

“Dan. 11:2-12:4 forms the heart of God’s “message” to Daniel in response to his fasting and prayers. In this message, God reveals to Daniel a glimpse of the nation’s future history in two parts, both of which will be full of warfare and conflicts. The first part (11:2-35) traces the history of the nation from the time of Daniel (under Cyrus’ reign until the second century BC. For most of this period, Judah is caught up in the struggle between two larger powers: the Seleucid Empire to the north and the Ptolemaic Empire to the south. The struggle culminates with Antiochus IV Epiphanes coming to the Seleucid throne, under whose reign the Jews are severely persecuted.” —J. Paul Tanner

## Observations

1. The message begins by referencing coming \_\_\_\_\_ leaders, with one in particular highlighted who would ultimately provoke the Greeks.

*“he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece”* (\_\_\_\_\_)

2. The angel then predicted the rise of a great Greek king whose empire would be divided among those who were not his children.

*“a mighty king...with great dominion”* (\_\_\_\_\_)

*“his kingdom shall be broken and divided”*

3. The message of the angel then focused on the conflict between the primary successors of Alexander and their descendants over control over the land territory that included Judah.

*“the king of the south”* (\_\_\_\_\_ Soter)

*“one of his princes [king of the north]”* (\_\_\_\_\_ Nicator)

4. The tremendous detail which the message conveyed predicted the events of the \_\_\_\_\_ Wars (First 274-271 BC, Second 260-253 BC, Third 246-241 BC, Fourth 219-217 BC, and Fifth 202-195 BC).

This time period was characterized by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ intrigue and betrayal.
- Religious \_\_\_\_\_
- Wars of \_\_\_\_\_

5. During this time the people of Judah would both \_\_\_\_\_ under these political and social conditions while also being \_\_\_\_\_ to conform to them.

*“the violent among your own people”*

- ⇒ Some sided politically with the Seleucids, from whom ultimately came the ruler Antiochus IV.
- ⇒ Some embraced Hellenism (the blending Greek beliefs and practices with local customs and beliefs).

**Key Point:** In Israel’s near future, her need for \_\_\_\_\_ would become ever more clear as the people would struggle to maintain faithful worship of the Lord in the midst of political and social turmoil.

*Ezek. 34:22-24—<sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.*

## Living Faithfully in “Babylon”

- In the midst of political and social turmoil, we should recall that the Lord remains \_\_\_\_\_ by it all.

*Psa. 2:1-6—<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”*

- In the midst of political and social turmoil, we are to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness as we look to Jesus as our Savior & Lord.

*1 Pet. 2:24-25—<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*