## DANIEL/REVELATION FOR BEGINNERS

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### STUDENT WORKBOOK

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## Daniel/Revelation for Beginners

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This series explains in simple terms the relationship between these two books of the Bible. Each book will be reviewed to better understand the meaning of the symbolic language used in both and the message that the writers were communicating to their readers as well as a modern application for today's Christian.

The appendix at the back of this workbook includes:

- Jewish Numerology
- Outline of Kings



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#### 1. Setting the Stage for Daniel/Revelation

This introductory lesson will situate the historical setting for the book of Daniel and its relationship to the Book of Revelation.
Intro – Revelation was written in Apocalyptic style.
This literary style often used when prophesying of "world" events.
Understanding Revelation begins with an understanding of Daniel.
The Book of Daniel
Historical Setting
1060 BC
1020 BC

980 BC	
940 BC	
722 BC	
606 BC	
586 BC	
539 BC	
532 BC	
400 BC	
331 BC	
146 BC	

There is a story within a story being told here:	
1. The story of	
2. The story of	
The significance of this is quite important because:  A	
B	
Summary	

#### The Book of Daniel is divided into three parts:

1. Chapter 1	<u></u>
2. Chapter 2-6	
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3. Chapter 7-12	

#### 2. Daniel in Babylon

A background look at the person (Daniel) and the circumstances surrounding his exile from Jerusalem to Babylon as well as a first description of the dream that forms the basis for Daniel's prophecies. Intro - Review **Daniel - Babylon** Babylon ruled for 45 years by King Nebuchadnezzar. Babylon the city and empire. 539 BC - Babylon captured by Cyrus.

Book of Daniel	
Outline of Book	
1. Court of	1:1-21
2	Dream. 2:1-49
3. Four episodes in	life. 3:1-6:28
4. Four	in Daniel's prophecy. 7:1-28
Daniel the Person	
Daniel - Text	
Good Lessons:	
1. Decide in	
2. God tests us with both	and

3. God	l rewards
You n	ever
Nebu	ıchadnezzar's Dream
	The Dream
	The Interpretation
Head	
Chest	and Arms

Belly and Hips
Legs and Feet
Stone
Summary
Daniel's prophecy is very important because:

#### 3. Four Episodes in Daniel's Life

	riew of the outline of the book and overview of the major events in el's life while exiled in Babylon.
	- We are reviewing the book of Daniel in preparation for our study of the of Revelation.
Outli	ne of Daniel
1.	The Court of Nebuchadnezzar – 1:1-21
2.	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – 2:1-49
3.	Four Episodes in Daniel's Life – 3:1-6:28
4.	Four Visions of Daniel's Prophecy – 7:1-12:13
Four	Episodes in Daniel's Life – 3:1 – 6:28
Episo	de #1 – The Fiery Furnace – Chapter 3
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Everyone gets to	Lessons	
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He begins to encourage  He himself	He acknowledges	
He himself		
He himself		
He himself		
	He begins to encourage	
Episode #3 – Belshazzar's Feast – Chapter 5	He himself	
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# A Mina / A Shekel / Fractions Meaning: - Mina \_\_\_\_\_ - Shekel \_\_\_\_\_ - Fractions \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson learned from \_\_\_\_\_

Episode #4 – Daniel in the Lion's Den – Chapter 6	

#### **Summary**

Interpretation

Four episodes that demonstrate the faith and courage of Daniel and his friends. Despite their difficult situation as slaves in a pagan country, God used them in a variety of ways.

#### 4. Four Visions of Daniel's Prophecies

	ly begins to examine the visions Daniel has about future kingdoms tes them to actual historical facts.
Intro - So	far we have reviewed the first three sections of Daniel's book:
1	
2	
The next s	ections will deal with his visions and prophecies.

#### **The Visions**

The balance of Daniel's book contains four visions concerning world powers and prophecies of future events. Overview:

Visions						
CH 2	CH 7	CH 8	СН 9	CH 10	CH 11	CH 12
В	В		70	A		
М-Р	M-P	M-P	W	N		
G	G	G	E	G	G	
R	R		E	Е	R	R
KG	KG		К	L		KG
		S				

Chapter 2	
Chanter 7	
Chapter 7	
Lion	
Bear	
Leopard	
Beast	
Lord and Saints	
Chapter 8	
Chapter 9	
Chapter 10	
Shaper 10	
Chapter 11	
· 	
Chapter 12	
Primary fulfillment	

	Secondary Fulfillment
	Final Fulfillment
Chap	ter 7 – The 4 Beasts – vs. 1-15
	Description of the four beasts:  1. Lion with wings
	2. Bear favoring one side
	3. Leopard with 4 wings
	4. Beast with 10 horns
God's	throne

Vs. 16-28	
Vision Compared to History	
Babylon	
Medo-Persia	
Greece	
Rome	
Kingdom of God	
Lessons	
1. Fulfilled prophesy is	
2. God's word is	

#### 5. Vision Within a Vision

Aside from the four main visions recorded in Daniel's book, he makes additional prophecies that give more detailed accounts of what took place between the major events mentioned in the four initial visions.

tro ·	- The central focus of Daniel's book is the rise and fall of future kingdoms.
	For example:
	- M.P. Empire
	- Greek Empire
Ug	zle for Power – Chapter 8
	gle for Power - Chapter 8 hapter describes the struggle between the second and third world powers.
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s cl	napter describes the struggle between the second and third world powers.

70 weeks - Chapter 9	
Vs. 1-19	
Vs 20-27	
Vs. 20-27	
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The "70 weeks" is seen in a variety of ways.	
The 70 Weeks is seen in a variety of ways.	
Three main events in Jewish history.	
•	
1. Daniel to Temple	
2. Temple to Christ	
3. Christ to 70 AD destruction	
7 weeks of years	
62 weeks of years	
1 week of years	

Angels and the Nations – Chapter 10
This is a "behind the scene" view.
IConnection of Constant Consta
Kings of North and South - Chapter 11
Death of Alexander
Regional disputes
Antiochus Epiphanes
Maccabean Revolt
Hannukah
145 B.C

63 B.C				
Time of the End				
Speaks about the st	ruggle of the four	th kingdom (Ro	ome) and the kingdom of (	God (church).
Different Viewpoin	-			
7 weeks	<u>62 wee</u>	<u>ks</u>	<u>1 week</u>	
( )	(	)	( )	
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Summary				
1. Deals with				
2. Describes				
3. Basic sequence in	n chapter			
4. Prophecy concer	ned with events a	nd epochs, not		
5. Sequence is prov	en			
6. May still have fin	al			at the end.
7. We				

#### 6. Introduction to the Book of Revelation

Background information as to the setting, conditions, and purpose for the writing of the book of Revelation by John the Apostle.	
Intro – We've completed Daniel's book	
His prophecies were accurate.	
1. 4 Empires	
2. Birth of Messiah	
3. Persecution	
4. Church	
Develotion Deckeround	
Revelation - Background	

Author/Date/Place
Roman History
Nero – 64-67 AD
Domitian – 95-96 AD
Trajan – 98-117 AD
Content
Features of Apocalyptic Literature
Rome is the model for the book.
Nome is the model for the book.
Language and symbols from Old Tostom ant
Language and symbols from Old Testament

Various "schools" of interpretation:
1. Preterist
2. Idealist
3. Historical
4. Futurist
1000 Year Reign – Various Interpretations:
1. Post-Millennial
2. A-Millennial
3. Pre-Millennial
Outline of Revelation
Prologue – 1:1-8
Vision I - 1:9-3:22

Vision II - 4:1-16:21
Vision III - 17:1-21:8
Christ and His Church – 21:9-22:5
Christ and His Challenge – 22:6-21
Revelation was given to: A
В

#### 7. Interpretations of Revelation

This lesson reviews the 4 major interpretations given by scholars as to the meaning of the book of Revelation. Review: 1. Revelation written by \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Apocalyptic style used to \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ churches. 4. Describes struggle in the \_\_\_\_\_ century between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ 5. Encourages church to \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Describes ongoing struggle that will end when \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Material presented in a \_\_\_\_\_ Theme of book is \_\_\_\_\_ **Prologue - Christ Communicates - 1:1-8** Four main views: 1. Preterist \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Idealist \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Historicist 4. Futurist

Churches of Christ generally teach a combination of the Preterist / Idealist.
Vs. 1
Strictly futurist doesn't comfort.
Historical /Potentiat dans to deal with the Danson management
Historical/Futurist do not deal with the Roman persecution
Preterist/Idealist explain more accurately
1:1-3
1:4-8
Vision I - Christ and the Church - 1:9-3:22
1:9-11
1.7 11
1.12.12a
1:12-13a
1:13b-16

#### **Heavenly Vision of Jesus**

Son of Man
Robe
Golden Girdle
Hair like Wool
Eyes Aflame
Feet like Bronze
Voice like Many Waters
7 Stars
Sword from Mouth
Face Shinning like Sun
1:17-18
1:19-20

7 Principles of 7 Letters:	
1. Christ knows	
2. Christ wants	
3. Christ wants	
4. Christ wants	
5. Christ wants	
6. Christ wants	
7. Christ wants	
Rewards include:	
•	•
•	•
•	•
•	•

#### 8. John's Visions

We continue the review of the contained in Revelation.	Apostle's visions which tell the basic story		
Intro – Review			
Vision II – Christ in Heaven – 4: Chapter 4	:1-16:21		
1. Jewels	- Lightning		
2. 24 Elders			
3. Golden Crowns			
Chapter 5			
Symbols:			
- Scroll	7 Horns/Eyes		
- 7 Seals	Harp		
Lion/Lamb - Incense			

Symbols:  • White Horse/Bowl Crown  • Red Horse  • Great Sword  • Black Horse  • Scale  • Pale Horse  • Souls  • White Robe  • Heavenly Signs  Chapter 7  Symbols  • Seal  • 144,000  • Palm Branches  Chapter 8-11	Chapter 6			
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• Palm Branches				
Chapter 8-11	<ul> <li>Palm Branches</li> </ul>			
	Chapter 8-11			

Little Book (Chapter 10)
Measurement of the Temple (Chapter 11)
Two Witnesses (Chapter 11)
Symbols:
• Key
• Locusts
• Abbadon/Appolyon
• Euphrates
• Troops
• Rainbow
Measuring Rod
Summary
Christ reveals the future destruction of Rome and victory of saints by:
• Revealing
Revealing
Revealing

#### 9. The Main Story - Part 1 of 4

This lesson decodes the symbolic language used in John's visions to tell his story.
Intro – The theme of this book is – The Revelation of Christ in Glory
Vision III - Christ in Conquest - 12:1-21:28
This vision deals with the struggle between Satan (Rome) and Jesus (Church)
Chapter 12:1-2
Vs. 3
Vs. 4-6
Vs. 7-17
1.
2
3
4

Chapter 13:1-10 – Describes the First Beast (Rome)
Red
10 Horns
10 Crowns
7 Heads
Vs. 11-18 – Describes the False Prophet
•
Horns
Influences:
A
B
C
Action
Satan gives power to the first beast
Beast will persecute for a short time (3.5 years)
First beast gives authority to second beast – false prophet
Second beast promotes worship of first beast

666	= imperfection
	- name of Name
	= name of Nero
ASIAR	CHS = promoted emperor worship
Chap	ter 14 – Final Judgment
Vs. 1-	5
Vs. 6-	13 – Three angels:
1	
2	
3	
J	
Vs. 14	-20 – Two sickles:
1	
2	

Summary					

## 10. The Main Story - Part 2 of 4

A continuation of the explanation of the symbolic language used to tell the main story in Revelation.

Review:  1. Jesus speaks to churches	
1. Jesus speaks to churches  2. God displays His power  3. The struggle  4. Satan's attack  5. Satan's allies  6. God's judgment  Sea of glass – cosmic symbol of evil  Temple of tabernacle – God's throne	
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Dress of angels – O.T. priests
7 golden bowls – service to God
Smoke – God's presence
No entry – final judgment
Chapter 16
Constantine – 312 A.D. Baptized
Rome Falls – 410 A.D.
Roman Catholic church – 700 A.D.

Renaissance – 1500 A.D.		
First I	Bowl - vs. 2	
	Punishment of the evil	
Secor	nd Bowl - vs. 3	
	Maritime destruction	
Third	Bowl - vs. 4-7	
	Land/water destruction	
	Zana, nace accordence	

Fourt	Fourth Bowl - vs. 8-9			
	Disturbance of the heavenly bodies			
Fifth	Bowl - vs. 10-11			
	Internal collapse			
Sixth Bowl - vs. 12-16				
	Military defeat (Parthians)			
	Interlude			

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		1AGEDDON		
		MAGEDDON		
		TAGEDDON		
of great struggle				
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al Battle				
- vs.17-21				
dament on Done				
igment on Kome				
ers to Satan's do	omain			
	l – vs.17-21	l – vs.17-21	l – vs.17-21	dgment on Rome

latural disasters = fall of nation	
lome and allies are destroyed	
abylon = Rome	
lailstones = personal punishment	

## 11. The Main Story - Part 3 of 4

continuation of the decoding of symbolic language to tell the story of the urch's persecution by Rome in the first century and her eventual victory.			
	2. God and Satan's power described		
	3. Satan's attack		
	4. God's judgment		
_	ment on Rome – Chapter 17		
	Harlot = City of Rome		
	Adultery = Idolatry		
	Babylon = Evil World Power (Rome)		

## Was / is not / about to come - Nero 68 A.D. (persecution) Was Is not - Vespasian/Titus (no persecution) About to - Domitian (persecution) - Nero's reincarnation To come Mountains = kings\_\_\_\_\_ Kings = Persecuting Kingdoms \_\_\_\_\_ Five are fallen: 1. Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Assyria \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Babylon \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Persia 5. Greece One is:

#### To come:

7. Future Kings

6. Rome \_\_\_\_\_

#### In every Kingdom:

8. Persecuting power \_\_\_\_\_

### Fall of the Harlot - Chapter 18

Two voices declare sins:
1. Spiritual adultery
2. Persecution of the church
Wicked mourn for two reasons:
1. Allies will fall
1.7 mics will fair
2. Commerce is ruined
2. domineree is rumed
Nature of the fall:
1. Quick
2 Const
2. Great
W I !!
Weddings Feast / Fall of Beasts - Chapter 19
Judgment on beast and harlot complete
Rejoicing/celebration begins

Similar to wedding feast
Jesus and His army revealed
Defeat of Har-Magedon revealed
1. The Harlot (Rome – the city)
2. The Beast (Beast from sea – empire)
3. The False Prophet (earth beast – false religion)

## 12. The Main Story - Part 4 of 4

The final lesson continues to explain the meaning of the symbolic language in describing the climactic ending to the visions that John has described in this final book of the bible.

Plot of th	ne Story
1.	. Jesus speaks and reveals the future of the church to John
2.	. John sees a series of visions that reveal:
A	. God and Satan's power
В	. Satan's attacks
C.	. God's judgment and destruction
 D	. God and the church rejoicing in Heaven
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Chapte	r 20
1. Fall of	f Satan (vs. 1-3)

	Abyss is Hell
	Satan bound for 1,000 years
	Satan released for a short time
	Final destruction
2. Vic	ctory of Saints (vs. 4-6; 7-10)
	Saints are in Heaven rejoicing
	1,000 years = Pentecost – before 2nd coming
	Satan's brief return
	Satan's final destruction

3. Final Judgment (vs. 11-15)		
	Judgment of disobedient and wicked.	
	Destruction of death and Hades.	
Chap	ter 21:1-22:5	
State o	of righteous with God in Heaven	
1. Perf	fect Fellowship – Vs. 1-8	
2. Perf	fect Protection – Vs. 9-27)	
3. Perf	Fect Provision – Ch. 22:1-5	

Conclusion - Chapter 22:6-21		
1. The	Witnesses - vs. 6-9:16	
	A. Angel	
	B. Jesus	
	C. John	
2. The	Instructions - vs. 10-15	
	Daniel – seal up	
	John – open seal	
3. Invi	itation – vs. 17	

4. Fina	al Instructions – vs. 18-21
	A. Don't tamper
	B. Punishment for those who do
	C. Promise of fulfillment
	D. Final blessing
Lesso	ons
1. Sata	nn is
2 Hall	is
2.11611	. 15
3. Hea	ven is

## **Jewish Numerology**

**ONE** - UNITY AND SINGULARITY AS IN:

- Genesis 2:24 "THE TWO BECOME ONE"
- Deuteronomy 6:4 "THE LORD IS ONE"
- John 17:20-22 "THAT THEY BE ONE"

#### TWO - CAPABILITY, RELIABILITY & SUFFICIENCY AS IN:

- Genesis 7:9 Two of each animal
- Exodus 31:18 Two stone tablets
- Deuteronomy 17:1-7 Two witnesses
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 The twelve and the seventy sent out 2x2

**THREE** – "GOD'S" NUMBER – one of <u>several numbers</u> that denote fullness, completion or perfection as in the divine triad (father, son & spirit)

When this number is used to note completion, it always seems to be with a reference towards god's view or his judgment:

- 3 MAJOR FEASTS
- "THESE 3 MEN" (Noah, Daniel and Job) of Ezekiel 14:14-20
- Amos' eight "3 transgressions"
- Ionah in the fish
- Jesus in the tomb
- Jesus' temptations
- Jesus in the garden

**FOUR** – The number of "MAN'S WORLD" – seems to be used to denote completeness in man's world

- 4 rivers flowing from Eden
- 4 corners of the earth, <u>Isaiah 11:12</u>
- 4 winds, <u>Jeremiah 49:36</u>, <u>Ezekiel 37:9</u>, <u>Daniel 7:2</u>
- God's 4 judgments, Ezekiel 14:21 FF
- 4 gospels

Note also multiples of 4 x 10

- 40 days and nights of rain in the flood
- 40 days spying out Canaan
- 40 days on Sinai
- 40 years in the wilderness
- 40 stripes <u>Deuteronomy 25:1-3</u>
- Jesus fasted 40 days
- Jesus was seen for 40 days after His resurrection Acts 1:3

**SEVEN** – Perfect completion – combination of the perfect divine number "3" and the perfect world number "4". God and man in harmony

- 7 days of the week
- 7 lamps on the tabernacle lampstand Exodus 25:37
- Feasts were held for 7 days
  - o Passover Leviticus 23:4-8
  - o Tabernacles Leviticus 23:33-43
- 7th year was the sabbatical year <u>Deuteronomy 15</u>
- Blood of the sin offering sprinkled 7 times Leviticus 4:6; 17
- Leper cleansed 7 days and sprinkled 7 times <u>Leviticus 14:1-9</u>
- Naaman the leper dips 7 times II Kings 5:10-14
- Jericho circled 7 times, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day <u>Joshua 6</u>
- Other times too numerous to mention but not also multiples of 7 x 10:
  - o 70 helpers for Moses
  - o 70 members of the Sanhedrin
  - o 70 years in exile
  - o 70 sent out by Jesus

**SIX** – Understood best when seen in contrast to the perfect number "7"

- Six denotes coming up short
- Closely associated with man, created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day
- ➤ Sinister, this is defeat with success just within the grasp, doom, failure and symbolically short of the perfect "7"

#### **THREE AND A HALF (3 ½)** – This number occurs in a variety of ways

- ➤ "42 months" (3 ½ years) Revelation 11:2; 13:5
- ➤ "1260 days" (3 ½ years) Revelation 11:3; 12:6
- ➤ "3 ½ days" Revelation 11:9
- ➤ "Time and times and half a time" Revelation 12:14; Daniel 7:25;12:7
  - ❖ 3 ½ always seems to describe times when evil has been allowed to take some control
  - ❖ 3 ½ being half of the perfect number 7 seems to represent perfect "incompleteness" nothing prospers or is brought to fulfillment being done in a 3 ½

#### **EIGHT** – A "new beginning"

You have come to the perfect "7" and begun again

- 8 were saved in the flood
- Circumcision takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> day <u>Leviticus 12:1-3</u>
- Priests in the new temple Ezekiel sees make their offering on the 8th day Ezekiel 43:27
- Pentecost is the first day following 7 sevens (Feast of Weeks) or the beginning of the 8<sup>th</sup> week <u>Leviticus 23:9-21</u>

## **Outline of Kings - Chapter 11**

V. 2 3 kings in Persia and the 4<sup>th</sup> shall be richer than them all.

Spoken in the reign of Cyrus:

- 1. Cambyses
- 2. Smerdis
- 3. Darius Hystazir
- 4. Xerxes

The 4<sup>th</sup> will be richer than the others and when he is strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against Greece.

Xerxes did a major campaign against Greece in 480 BC. He failed to conquer them and lost the battle of Salamis.

V. 3 A mighty king shall stand up who shall rule with great dominion.

Alexander the Great of Greece.

V. 4 When he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken and divided in 4 directions – not to his posterity. Not according to his dominion.

In the height of his power, he shall fall (8:8), 323 BC. His kingdom was divided 4 ways – but none to his wife Roxana or his son Alexander IV (8:8 – 4 heads)

- 1. Egypt & Syria Ptolemy I
- 2. Thrace Lysimachus
- 3. Macedonia Cassander
- 4. Asia Antigonus

Antigonus tried to spread his kingdom but the other 3 opposed him. In 301 BC, Lysimachus, Cassander, and Seleucus I (for Ptolemy) won.

V. 5 King of the South shall be strong. One of his princes shall be strong above him.

Ptolemy I of Egypt – 5 of Palestine.

One of Ptolemy's generals, Seleucus I, was given Syria and Palestine because he helped overcome Antigonus while Ptolemy was rather inactive. Seleucus had more territory than Ptolemy.

V. 6 At the end of the year, these two rulers shall be joined through the marriage of the daughter of the King of the South with the King of the North.

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whe mar alre But she shall not retain the strength of her arm. Neither shall he stand, nor his arm. But they shall be given up and they that brought her and he that begat her, and he that strengthened Lao

Ptolemy II became king in 283 BC. In 281 BC Seleucus was murdered and succeeded by his son Antiochus I. Ptolemy invaded Syria but failed to conquer it. When Antiochus II became king in 261 BC, war broke out again. In 252, these hostilities were concluded when Bernice, daughter of Ptolemy II married Antiochus II. Antiochus was already married to Laodice but separated from her.

Ptolemy II died in 250 BC and Antiochus divorced Bernice, taking back Laodice. Laodice had Antiochus II poisoned so he could not throw her out again and encouraged her son, Seleucus to murder both Bernice and her infant. Seleucus then became king. The whole plan does not work.

V. 7 But out of a shoot from her roots (daughter of the King of the South) shall one stand up in his place (King of the South) and shall enter the fortress of the King of the North and shall prevail. And he shall take their gods to Egypt and then he will leave the King of the North alone for a time.

The brother of Bernice (of her same roots), Ptolemy III, next became King of the South. He attacks Seleucus II (son of Laodice) and is very successful. Then he returned to Egypt where he stayed the remainder of his reign.

V. 9 Now the King of the North shall attack the King of the South but shall return to his own land.

Seleucus II, in 240 BC, regained much of his territory but when he attacked the King of the South he was defeated.

- V. 10 His (King of the North) sons shall war and assemble a great army and shall attack the King of the South, even to his fortress.
- V. 11 King of the South shall be angered by this and shall fight the King of the North and with a great army, he shall win.
- V. 12 King of the South shall be proud of his success, but he will not prevail eventually.

Seleucus II had 3 sons – Seleucus III (226-223 BC) reign, Antiochus III (223-187 BC) reign, Seleucus IV. Antiochus III attacked Palestine in 221 and 219 which was the territory of Ptolemy IV, 221-204 BC. By 217 BC, Antiochus III had conquered all of Palestine and reached the Egyptian border. Ptolemy IV took his army to meet Antiochus III and defeated him soundly. (Called the Battle of Raphia) Ptolemy IV resumed a life of ease and died in 203 BC.

- V. 13 King of the North shall return with a larger Army
- V. 14 Others will join him against the King of the South, even some among Daniel's people (but they shall fail).
- V. 15 King of the North shall cast up a mound and take a well-fortified city. Forces of the south shall not stand.
- Vs. King of the North now occupies all of
  16-17 "the glorious land," and comes with
  equitable conditions. He shall give his
  daughter in a political marriage but the
  ploy will not succeed.
- V. 18 He shall turn his face to the isles and shall take many but a prince shall bring him down.

Antiochus, meanwhile, is gathering his forces and becomes strong. He wins the Battle of Panion near the sources of the Jordan, and the Egyptian general flees to Sidon. In 198 BC, Scopus, Egyptian general, surrenders.

Antiochus III now occupies all of Palestine. He deals equitably with them, even sending money for the temple service and release from some taxes.

Antiochus betroths his daughter Cleopatra to the 7 year old Ptolemy V. The marriage is consummated 5 years later. Cleopatra, however, sides with her husband and the arrangement does not work to his benefit. When Hannibal was defeated by the Romans in 202 BC, he came to Antiochus III and encouraged him to move east toward Greece. Antiochus was successful and conquered some in Greece but the Romans (prince) defeated him soundly at Thermopylae (191) and at Magnesium (190). The Romans taxed him heavily and took his son (Antiochus IV, Epiphanes) as hostage to insure payment.

V. 19	He shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land but shall fall.	Antiochus III marched against the revolting Armenicius, trying to replenish his treasury. He robbed their temples but he was slain by the Elamites. So he died in disgrace.
V. 20	One comes in his place which shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom but within a few days he shall be destroyed but not in anger or battle.	Seleucus IV son of Antiochus III, next comes to reign. Roman tax was still heavy. So the new king sends a tax collector, Heliodonus, to take money from the temple in Jerusalem, (2 Macc.3) Soon after, Seleucus IV is removed from the throne, perhaps by poison.
V. 21	In his place comes a contemptible person to whom they had not given the kingdom but who shall obtain it by flatteries.	(Daniel 8:23) Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) was not the rightful heir being the brother of Seleucus IV, rather than one of his sons. But by flattery he won the support of some kings in Asia Minor and so he gained the throne.
	Overwhelming forces shall be overwhelmed by him and he shall break the prince of the covenant.	He will win over Ptolemy VI (170) and depose Onias II, prince of the covenant, high priest, to put in another who would pay him greater tribute and do more to Hellenize. This created unrest among the more orthodox Jews.
V. 23	He will make many alliances and be strong even though he comes from a small nation.	He made many leagues with other – captured Egypt.
V. 24	Shall do what his fathers have not done.	Took even lower Egypt. Give spoils to his troops.
V.25	He shall war with the King of the South who shall have a great army but shall lose.	Ptolemy VI fights but loses, partly by sedition and desertion.
V.26	Those who eat at the table of the King of the South shall destroy him and his army.	Lennaeus and Eulaeus, ministers of the young Ptolemy, betrayed him to other factions in Egypt.

- V. 27 Both the King of the South and the King of the North shall desire to do mischief and shall speak lies at one table, but it shall not prosper. This is not the end of such wars over Palestine for God's time has not yet arrived.
- V. 28 Then shall he return to his land with great substance and his heart shall be against the holy covenant, and he shall do his pleasure and return to his own land.
- V. 29 He will again attack the South but without as much success.
- V. 30 Ships of Kittim shall come against him, so he shall return and have indignation on the holy covenant and have regard on thow who forsake the holy covenant.

- V. 31 His forces shall profane the temple and take away the continued burnt offering and shall set up the abomination that maketh desolate.
- V. 32 Some will go against the covenant and he will pervert them by flatteries but many others will be faithful and strong.

Antiochus IV and Ptolemy Philometer called a truce and met at a conference. Antiochus lied that he was only there to help Philometer gain control of all Egypt while Philometer lied about believing this. They failed, however, to overthrow the other claimant to the throne, Ptolemy Physcon. With many spoils of war, Antiochus IV returned to Syria. On the way he showed his disregard for the Jews by plundering their land. (Daniel 8:24).

Antiochus IV attacked Egypt again in 168 but was not victorious.

Egypt was now united and asked help from Rome which sent ships with soldiers. Kittim is actually Cyprus but was used by the Jews to mean the regions beyond. The Roman Laenas met Antiochus and drew a circle around him and said he must decide whether to withdraw before he stepped out of the circle. He agreed and left but turned his vengeance against Palestine. He occupied Jerusalem and had help from some traitors who forsook the holy covenant.

Antiochus wanted to Hellenize the Jews. He set up an image of Jupiter in the temple and offered swine on the altar. The drunken orgy of Bacchus was made compulsory. Jews were forbidden to practice circumcision, Sabbath, feasts, etc. (Daniel 8:10-14)

Some, under Menelaus, agreed with Antiochus to work toward the Greek influence. But many others refused and suffered extreme torture. Many examples.

V. 33	These shall teach but many shall be
	killed by the sword and flame and
	captivity.

V.34 When they shall fall, they shall have a little help. But some will join this effort by hypocrisy.

Judas Maccabeus comes and fights against Antiochus with some but not complete success. Some join the effort to resist but not through convictions. Some of these became spies.

V.35 Some of those who are wise, who resist, will be purified by trial, even to the time of the end because the time is appointed.

The remnant shall suffer but be purified. The end of the Syrian domination shall come when the Romans supersede them. Then will be established the last of the earthly kingdoms to set the stage for God's kingdom.

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V. 36	And the king shall do according to his will. He will exalt himself above every god and speak against the God of Gods and will prosper until the indignation	Still King of the North, but now Rome.	Still Antiochus IV.	The antichrist is now being presented. We have moved to the time near the end of the world.
	is finished.	Romans did	Pride Dan. 8:19	
		this.		
		uiis.	says	
		Indignation is the time of God against the Jews.	indignation is related to successors in Grecian kingdom.	
V. 37	Shall not honor gods of his fathers but the god of the fortress.	Romans were	J	
V. 38	He will take action against the strongest fortress with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him will increase.	worshippers of power more than anything else.		

Those who would accept Roman domination, Rome would help. (Mingling clay with iron)

Summation

of wars of

Antiochus

of a 4th

attack.

with Egypt.

Do not know

V. 40 King of South will collide with King of North who shall storm against him with chariots, horsemen, ships, and will overflow many countries.

Ptolemy's move against Rome. Cleopatra with Mark Antony went against Rome but were defeated by Octavian after a vital naval war. With the battle of Actium (31BC) King of South

A king to come typified by the Ptolemies. This is the great battle at the end of the age. Antichrist is King of North. Symbolic armies.

The King of the North will enter the Beautiful Land but he will not conquer Edom, Moab, and the Sons of Ammon.

was over.
Herod
pledged
support to
Octavian
who visited
Palestine.
Rome did
not conquer
these
countries
but did rule
Egypt.

Egypt represents nations who resist.

V. 41

- V. 43 Egypt will not escape. He will control the precious things of Egypt and Libians and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.
- V. 44 But rumors from the East and North will disturb him and he will destroy many. He will pitch his tent between the seas and the Holy Mt. He will come to his end and no one will help him.

Ethiopians followed with Rome. Work of tribes to the east and north will cause him to war that direction with success. But he also puts his authority in the Holy Land. He eventually shall fall.

The Libians

and

Antiochus IV has his armies in the field when he hears of revolts in Parthia and Armenia. He goes to quell these revolts but while gone, the Jewish revolt has success under Judas Maccabeus. The desecration is then removed from the temple. Antiochus died in 164 having become

mad.

Antichrist will make his final stand between the Mediterranean Sea and Jerusalem.

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