# "Warring Kings" Daniel 11: 1-35

HEAD OF GOLD

#### BABYLON

[B.C. 605 - 539]

BREAST OF SILVER

#### PERSIA

[B.C. 539 - 331]

THIGHS OF BRASS

#### GREECE

[B.C. 331-168]

LEGS OF IRON

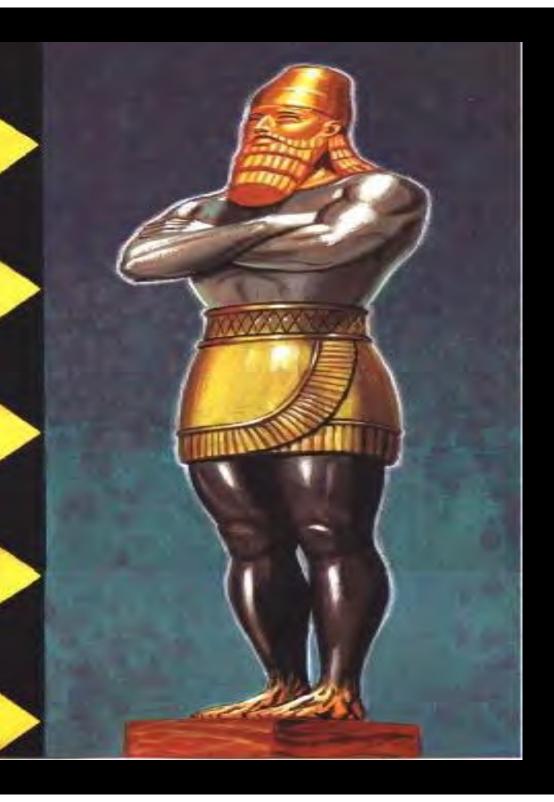
#### ROME

[8.C. 168-AD. 476]

FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

DIVIDED NATIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE

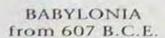
[A.D. 476 - 2nd ADVENT]



#### WORLD POWERS OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY

The immense image (Daniel 2:31-45)

Four beasts out of the sea (Daniel 7:3-8, 17, 25)





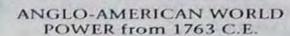
MEDO-PERSIA from 539 B.C.E.



GREECE from 331 B.C.E



ROME from 30 B.C.E.



POLITICALLY DIVIDED WORLD in the time of the end



### Four Generals Daniel 7:6; 8:8,22

Cassander Macedonia

Ptolemy Egypt

Lysimachus
Thrace &
Asia Minor

Seleucus Syria (including Israel)

#### FOUR DYNASTIES AFTER ALEXANDER



Chapters 10, 11 and 12 are Daniel's last vision of what happens to his people in the future

"Religious Trojan Horse" (Brannon Howse):

"Doctrine determines world view Worldview determines values Values determine conduct"

Is doctrine (Biblical teaching) important?

YES! Doctrine is the antidote for cultural indoctrination!

### Chapter 11 gives us detailed information on Israel's future

History has proven these prophecies to be exact; they were written 100's of years beforehand!

Daniel 11: 2-20
The Ptolemy/Seleucid Wars were over 150-200 years, with Israel at the center

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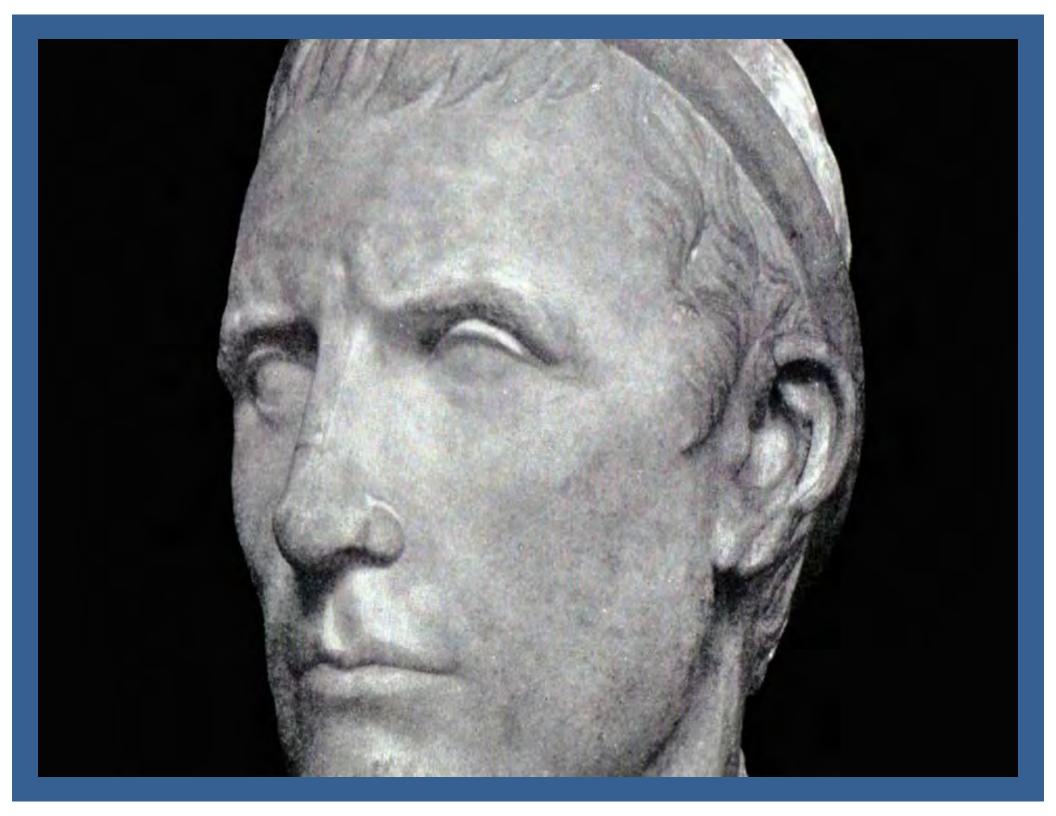


### The focus of our study will be:

- <u>verses 21-35</u>
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes, a picture of the antichrist

### Verse 21

### Antiochus IV - Epiphanes, Illustrious one





- Antiochus IV is not in the line of succession
- He weasels his way in through intrigue (flattery)
- Antiochus IV comes in peaceably like the antichrist
- He starts slow and crescendos like the antichrist

### Who are caught off guard?

Those not keeping watch
Those not alert
Those not aware of prophecy
Those who like to be flattered!!

These will be fodder for antichrist's deception!

### **Verse 22 - 24**

### Antiochus IV' true colors - Deception

Antiochus offers friendship and loyalty and then maneuvers for an advantage

Deception - JUST LIKE THE ANTICHRIST!

Antiochus, the deceiver, disperses the plunder, why?

To bribe and manipulate others to follow him

### **Verse 25 - 28**

Antiochus IV' power play

Antiochus devises plans and schemes; he bought off the king of the south's sons (traitors)

Leaving Egypt with great riches, Antiochus' heart is moved against the Holy Covenant (Jewish people)

# Who do you think instigated that? SATAN!

Antiochus hates the Jews, just like the antichrist

When you see hatred of the Jews, think SATAN!

### **Verse 29 - 31**

### Antiochus IV - Epiphanes blasphemes God - just like the antichrist

### Another campaign against Egypt is stopped by Rome

In a rage, Antiochus leaves Egypt and pours out his wrath on the Jewish people, whom he hates

Jewish traitors will side with Antiochus and forsake the Holy Covenant, just like the antichrist!

This is what the majority will do!

Remember: It is doubtful that the majority are ever correct!!

# Antiochus sets his mind on exterminating the Jewish people - just like the antichrist!

- 1) Banned the Mosaic Law
- 2) Burned all the copies of the Law he could find
- 3) He set up a statue of Zeus, his god, inside the Temple
- 4) He sacrificed a pig on the Jewish altar (Jesus spoke of this in <u>Matthew 24: 15-21</u>)

### **Verse 32 - 35**

### A faithful remnant

# Who are the remnant? THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD!!

One priest, *Mattathias*, and his three sons said *NO!!* 

They led a revolt and overthrew the Seleucids

Maccabee is the Greek form of the surname Judas ben Mattathias - "the hammer"

The Maccabee's gave rise to the Chassidim - the godly, loyal ones

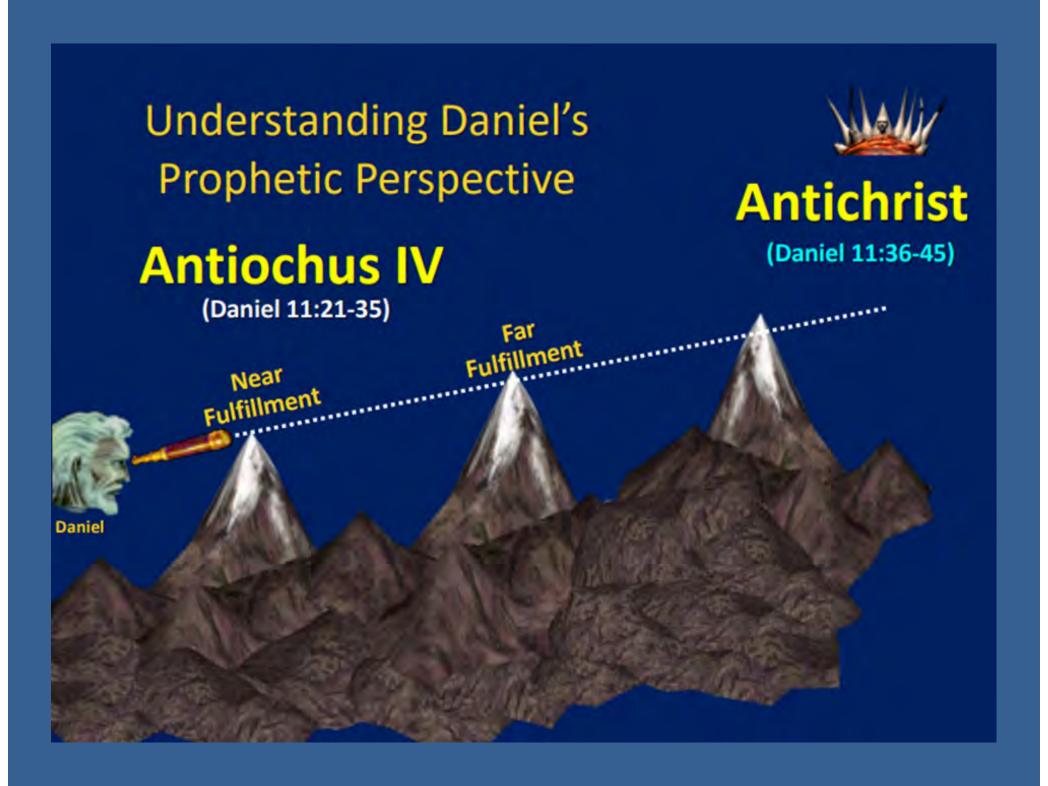
Some of the Chassidim became the sect of the Pharisees at the time of Jesus

### Persecution has a purpose

If we persevere in our faith, persecution will only refine us, make us stronger

God always has a faithful remnant who will

trust in the Lord until I die!!



#### **CLOSING:**

As we get closer to the end, our perspective will sharpen -

**Daniel 12: 4** 

We are living in an uncertain world

We are safe and secure because He remains faithful!!



## No matter the tumult around you, God is greater that your tumult!

**Trust Him!** 

Stay close to Him!

Listen for His voice saying, "This is the way, walk in it!!"

# I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD UNTIL I DIE!!