

Predictions Of Coming Conflicts

(Daniel 11:2-45)

Intro: This morning we resume our study of Daniel chapters 10–12, which you will recall from our introductory study of chapter 10, presents the fourth and final revelation given to Daniel. The prophetic revelations in this final vision were delivered to Daniel by the angel Gabriel, who God sent in response to his prayers for his people and nation. While chapter 10 serves as the introduction to Daniel's final vision, *chapter 11 provides a prophetic panorama of the conflicts that would plague the nation of Israel from Daniel's day to the end of time.* Chapter 12 concludes this vision with a description of the sufferings associated with the Great Tribulation period, and a prediction of the resurrection of all the righteous Old Testament saints at the second coming of Christ (Rev. 20:4-6).

I. Predictions Of Past Persecutors Of Israel (11:2-35)

- A. Four additional kings of Persia (v. 2)
- B. The rise and fall of Alexander the Great (vv. 3-4)
- C. The ongoing struggles between the Ptolemies and the Seleucids (vv. 5-20)
- D. The persecutions under Antiochus IV Epiphanes (vv. 21-35)

II. Prediction Of The Future Persecutor Of Israel, Antichrist (11:36-45)

- 1. He will do as he pleases (v. 36)
- 2. He will deify himself (v. 36)
- 3. He will denounce the God of gods (v. 36; cf., Rev. 13:5-6)
- 4. He will prosper for a limited time (v. 36)
- 5. He will have no regard for religion (v. 37)
- 6. He will devote himself to military power: (v. 38)
- 7. He will declare war against foreign powers (v. 39)
- 8. He will defend himself, and defeat many who come against him (vv. 40-42)
- 9. He will amass great wealth (v. 43)
- 10. He will be defeated, and no one will help him (v. 45)