

**Daniel 11:1 AMPC**

*11 Also I [the angel], in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood up to confirm and to strengthen him [Michael, the angelic prince].*

**Daniel 11:1 KJV**

*1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.*

The messenger of chapter 10 (Gabriel) continues to speak of himself and Michael assisting one another, even as Michael had strengthened him (in the battle with demons in 10:21), confirming helping Darius in his purpose of kindness to Israel in decreeing their return. These angels were fighting to make sure God's Plan would take place by fighting for Darius.

**Psalms 103:20 AMPC**

*20 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word.*

The detail of this prophecy in Daniel Chapter 11 is confirmed by history and this prophecy looks ahead from Daniel to the final Antichrist as well.

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### **Daniel 11:2 AMPC**

*2 And now I will show you the truth. Behold, there shall arise three more kings in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than they all. And when he has become strong through his riches he shall stir up and stake all against the realm of Greece.*

Here are the angel revealed how many more Persian kings would rule until the new king of Greece (Alexander the Great) would come. This king was Darius III who reigned from 336 to 332 BC and was defeated in battle by Alexander the Great. It took Alexander 13 years to conquer the entire Persian empire.

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### **Daniel 11:3-4 AMPC**

*3 Then a mighty [warlike, threatening] king shall arise who shall rule with great dominion and do according to his [own] will.*

*4 And as soon as he has fully arisen, his [Alexander the Great's] kingdom shall be broken [by his death] and divided toward the four winds [the east, west, north, and south] of the heavens, but not to his posterity, nor according to the [Grecian] dominion which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be torn out and uprooted and go to others [to his four generals] to the exclusion of these.*

This refers to Alexander the Great, the kingdom was divided among his four main generals into four regions after his death. Daniel receives more details about these kingdom/beasts...

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### **Daniel 11:5-6 AMPC**

*5 Then the king of the South (Egypt) shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he is and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.*

*6 At the end of some years they [the king of the North, Syria, and the king of the South, Egypt] shall make an alliance; the daughter of the king of the South shall come to the king of the North to make [a just and peaceful marriage] agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her might, neither shall he and his might endure. She shall be handed over with her attendants, her child, and him who strengthened her in those times.*

The king of the south was Alexander's general, Ptolemy I, who has served as one of Alexander's personal bodyguards. Scholars note that about 65 years had passed from verse five to verse six. The prince in verse 5 was Seleucus I, who lost a battle of Babylonia, then traveled to Egypt serving under Ptolemy I.

Years later, he returned to the Babylonians, eventually conquering the region, and he won the Eastern branch of Alexander's kingdom, adding Syria, in his conquest. This entire area became known as the Eastern realm of the empire, called the Seleucid empire from 323 to 64 BC when it was fully conquered by Pompey and annexed as a Roman province.

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**Daniel 11:7-9 AMPC**

*7 But out of a branch of the [same ancestral] roots as hers shall one [her brother] stand up in his place or office, who shall come against the [Syrian] army and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the North and shall deal against them and shall prevail.*

*8 And also he shall carry off to Egypt their [Syria's] gods with their molten images and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, and he shall refrain for some years from [waging war against] the king of the North.*

*9 And he [the king of Syria] shall come into the kingdom of the king of the South but shall return to his own land.*

This prediction refers to Ptolemy III, who invaded the realm of the Seleucids to avenge his sister who had been murdered at Antioch. Ptolemy III defeats Seleucus II, then annexed the eastern empire with the southern realm of Egypt and used his navy to devastate the coast of Asia Minor. Through these conflicts he took large sums of gold and silver spoil but returned to Egypt, where trouble was brewing in his kingdom.

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**Daniel 11:10-12 AMPC**

*10 But his sons shall be stirred up and shall prepare for war and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on and overflow and pass through and again shall make war even to the fortress [of the king of the South].*

*11 And the king of the South (Egypt) shall be moved with anger and shall come forth and fight with the king of the North (Syria); and he [the Syrian king] shall set forth a great multitude, but the multitude shall be given into his [the Egyptian king's] hand.*

*12 When the multitude is taken and carried away, the heart and mind [of the Egyptian king] shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.*

Here the prediction involves Seleucus III and Antiochus III, also called Antiochus the Great. Seleucus III assembled a multitude to help regain his father's lost domain. However, he was poisoned, leaving his brother Antiochus III to be proclaimed King.

Antiochus III declared war against the Egyptian king of the south (Ptolemy Philopater) and was defeated by him. Ptolemy slew many thousands of individuals and persecuted Jews.

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**Daniel 11:13-17 AMPC**

*13 For the king of the North shall raise a multitude greater than [he had] before, and after some years shall certainly return, coming with a great army and much substance and equipment.*

*14 In those times many shall rise up against the king of the South (Egypt); also the men of violence among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the visions [of Dan. 8 and 9], but they shall fail and fall.*

*15 Then the king of the North shall come and cast up siege works and take a well-fortified city, and the forces of the South shall not stand, or even his chosen troops, for there shall be no strength to stand [against the Syrian king].*

*16 But he [Antiochus the Great] who comes against him [from Syria] shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; he shall stand in the glorious land [of Israel], and in his hand shall be destruction and all the land shall be in his power.*

*17 He [Antiochus the Great] shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him upright conditions and terms of peace, and he shall perform them [by making an agreement with the king of the South]. He shall give him [his] daughter to corrupt and destroy it [his league with Egypt] and the kingdom, but it shall not succeed or be to his advantage.*

Antiochus III joined with Philip of Macedonia, uniting their armies to fight Ptolemy V, the king of Egypt. In 198 BC, Egypt lost the war and Israel also fell under Seleucid control. Under pressure from Rome, Antiochus was forced to give up his conquests: Later in 193 BC, he gave his daughter, Cleopatra, to Ptolemy for his wife. Antiochus hoped Cleopatra would be a snare to Ptolemy, but she supported and protected her husband instead, even warning him of her father's plots.

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**Daniel 11:18-19 AMPC**

*18 After this he shall turn his attention to the islands and coastlands and shall take over many of them. But a prince or commander shall teach him [Antiochus the Great] to put an end to the insults offered by him; in fact he shall turn his insolence and reproaches back upon him.*

*19 Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land [of Syria], but he shall stumble and fall and not be found.*

Antiochus turned his fleet of ships toward Greece and the surrounding islands, conquering many areas in the process. He owed a great deal of money to Rome (15,000 talents) and traveled into the eastern provinces to forcibly collect unpaid taxes to pay back his debt, but instead he died in a war.

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**Daniel 11:20 AMPC**

*20 Then shall stand up in his place or office one who shall send an exactor of tribute to pass through the glory of the kingdom, but within a few days he shall be destroyed, [yet] neither in anger nor in battle.*

A new king arose, the son of Antiochus the Great, Seleucus IV. He was a “raiser of taxes” and began collecting a yearly war tax, which Rome imposed. During his rule from 187 to 176 BC, he sent one of his military men to Jerusalem to plunder the treasures of the Jewish Temple...Seleucus IV was later assassinated.

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As we continue to read this prophecy in Daniel chapter 11, we are getting further clues or insights (foreshadowing) of where in the latter days, end of days or end times the antichrist will rise. This is further revelation from chapter 8 as the angel continues to disclose things about the future antichrist while likening him to Antiochus: characteristics, religion, the area he will appear (one of the 4 generals from Greece, the stump in Daniel (Iraq or Babylon HQ which encompasses both Syria and Lebanon)...

Antiochus is not the antichrist spoken of at the time of the end. The Bible clearly states that he will rise to power with the false prophet 42 months after signing a 7 year peace treaty with Israel. This is following the war of Gog and Magog with Persia, Russia and Turkey along with the European nations leading an attack and being defeated. This defeat causes a 7 year peace treaty to be signed giving Israel control of the Temple Mount back... not all of Israel. This 7 year period of time, the 7 year tribulation concludes (consummation of age from Matthew 24) with the Battle of Armageddon.

**Note:** 7 year peace treaty begins the 7 year tribulation or a time of Jacobs trouble

At the time of the rapture of the church, the Bible says we are snatched out of harms way and meet Jesus in the air prior to the 7 years Tribulation.

When the 7 year tribulation is completed (the consumption of age), the the millennium reign of Christ begins (1,000 years). At the conclusion of the 1,000 years, satan is released one last time to tempt those who have never been tempted or tried or tested (not the ones who have gone up in the rapture, not the sealed 144,000, not the ones who died for receiving/acknowledging Jesus as the son of God during the 7 year tribulation). These are people who someone made it through the tribulation and or have been born during the millennium reign of Christ.

**Daniel 11:21-25 AMPC**

*21 And in his place or office [in Syria] shall arise a contemptuous and contemptible person, to whom royal majesty and honor of the kingdom have not been given. But he shall come in without warning in time of security and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries, intrigues, and cunning hypocritical conduct.*

*22 Before him the overwhelming forces of invading armies shall be broken and utterly swept away; yes, and a prince of the covenant [with those who were at peace with him] also [shall be broken and swept away].*

*23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall work deceitfully, and he shall come up unexpectedly and shall become strong with a small people.*

**24 Without warning and stealthily he shall come into the most productive places of a province or among the richest men of a province [of Egypt], and he shall do that which his fathers have not done nor his fathers' fathers; he shall distribute among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds—but only for a time [the period decreed by God].**

This is what “he” will do. Speaking not only of Antiochus but the future anti-christ. This is further revelation of a time in the future, (Daniel 2 - Latter days when the stone kingdom, not made by human hands come down to destroy the 10 kings/kingdoms and last beast of Bible prophecy). I will break down this verse (24) at the end of the part 15.

### **Daniel 8:22-27 AMPC**

*22 And as for the horn which was shattered, in whose place four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise out of his nation but not having his [Alexander's] power.*

*23 And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors [the apostate Jews] have reached the fullness [of their wickedness, taxing the limits of God's mercy], a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark trickery and craftiness shall stand up.*

*24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall corrupt and destroy astonishingly and shall prosper and do his own pleasure, and he shall corrupt and destroy the mighty men and the holy people (the people of the saints).*

**25 And through his policy he shall cause trickery to prosper in his hand; he shall magnify himself in his heart and mind, and in their security he will corrupt and destroy many.**

**He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken and that by no [human] hand.**

**26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings which has been told you is true. But seal up the vision, for it has to do with and belongs to the [now] distant future.**

27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick [for several] days. Afterward I rose up and did the king's business; and I wondered at the vision, but there was no one who understood it or could make it understood.

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### **Daniel 11:25-31 AMPC**

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South [Egypt] with a great army; and the king of the South shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for schemes shall be devised against [the king of the South].

Antiochus made war against Egypt and won.

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26 Yes, those who eat of his rich and dainty food shall break and destroy him, and his army shall drift or turn away to flee, and many shall fall down slain.

27 And as for both of these kings, their hearts and minds shall be set on doing mischief; they shall speak lies over the same table, but it will not succeed, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.

*28 Then shall [the vile conqueror from the North] return into his land with much booty; and his heart and purpose shall be set against [God's] holy covenant [with His people], and he shall accomplish [his malicious intention] and return to his own land [Syria].*

*29 At the time appointed [God's own time] he shall return and come into the South, but it shall not be successful as were the former invasions [of Egypt].*

*30 For the ships of Kittim [or Cyprus, in Roman hands] shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved and discouraged and turn back [to Palestine] and carry out his rage and indignation against the holy covenant and God's people, and he shall do his own pleasure; he shall even turn back and make common cause with those [Jews] who abandon the holy covenant [with God].*

*31 And armed forces of his shall appear [in the holy land] and they shall pollute the sanctuary, the [spiritual] stronghold, and shall take away the continual [daily burnt offering]; and they shall set up [in the sanctuary] the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate [probably an altar to a pagan god].*

Antiochus conducted a second invasion of Egypt. It was not as successful as before. The ships of Chittim were Roman ships from the Roman league. They demanded the Antiochus, leave Egypt and the surrounding areas which he did. He then set his face toward Jerusalem, where he slew 40,000 Jews. Antiochus forbade the Jews, to circumcise their sons, to celebrate the Sabbath, and to hold the Jewish feast.

Defiling the Jewish temple, he placed swines blood on the altar, bringing an abomination into the holy place, and turning the temple into a place to worship the Greek, gods Jupiter and Olympus. In the future, there will be another invasion of Jerusalem, and an “abomination that make it desolate”. This will occur when the antichrist invades Jerusalem and his image is placed in the desecrated temple mount area. People will be commanded to worship the image or be killed.

Daniel speaks of the future antichrist during the 7 year tribulation, he is not speaking of the antichrist when he foretells of Antiochus Epiphanes, only a type... the area, the characteristics, what he will do at the Time of the End.

Daniel 9:27 occurs half way thru the 7 year peace treaty or 7 year tribulation (70th week of Daniel)... This has not happened yet.

**Daniel 9:27 AMPC**

*27 And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.*

Matthew 24:15 is speaking of half way thru the 7 year peace treaty or 7 year tribulation (70th week of Daniel)... This has not happened yet.

### **Matthew 24:15 AMPC**

*15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place—let the reader take notice and ponder and consider and heed [this]*

Half way thru the 7 year peace treaty... This has not happened yet.

### **Revelation 13 AMPC**

*1 [As] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads.*

*2 And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion.*

*3 And one of his heads seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement and admiration.*

*4 They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him?*

**5 And the beast was given the power of speech, uttering boastful and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom to exert his authority and to exercise his will during forty-two months (three and a half years).**

6 And he opened his mouth to speak slanders against God, blaspheming His name and His abode, [even vilifying] those who live in heaven.

7 He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation,

8 And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone is able to hear, let him listen:

10 Whoever leads into captivity will himself go into captivity; if anyone slays with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Herein is [the call for] the patience and the faith and fidelity of the saints (God's people).

11 Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon.

12 He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt and deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, and to worship him.

13 He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight.

14 And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived.

*15 And he is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast.*

*16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads,*

*17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.*

*18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom [d]of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666.*

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Daniel 11:24 has some very interesting information regarding the time of the end and oil or who will control the oil. Something is going to happen in the future when the antichrist is pushing against the nations to the south of Israel - specifically Egypt and the nations regions the west and south. Libya, Ethiopia and the Sudan.

There is no shortage of oil. But, there are oil tankers sitting?? Logged jammed??? in the Straits of Hormuz. During the 1973-74 oil embargo, the OPEC nations, led by Saudi Arabia, felt the United States had intervened in the Yom Kippur War, thus saving the nation of Israel from calamity. As punishment, the Arab oil barons united in an embargo to teach America a lesson.

At the time, a person's license tag number determined the days that car owner could purchase gas—odd numbers only on one day, and even numbers the next. Americans demanded that our government become independent from Arabian oil. Eventually the crisis ended, the prices dropped, and the issue faded. The only good legislation passed was the decision to open an area called the strategic reserves, where oil would be stored in the event of a national catastrophe or an emergency.

Yet in 2008, pump prices again rose to record levels. The OPEC nations cut production to drive up prices during America's highest driving season. During the summer months in America, a specific blend of gas was mandated, which could only be mixed by specific refineries.

It was also pointed out that Americans were driving larger vehicles that demanded more fuel but got fewer miles per gallon. A combination of these factors, along with two major hurricanes, shot the price of fuel to more than \$4 a gallon in many states. In 2026 America still faces a war at the pump and remains at the mercy of the OPEC nations for the bulk of our oil supply and most people can't answer the question why is the US suffering? But, oil will continue to play a major role in the coming days not only for the U.S., but for the entire world.

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### **Oil in Prophecy**

It may come as a surprise to learn that a prophecy in Daniel could very well be a speaking to what we see happening today. The power of oil and how the coming dictator called the Antichrist will control the nations with oil. Daniel 11:24 says:

#### **Daniel 11:24 AMPC**

*24 Without warning and stealthily he shall come into the most productive places of a province or among the richest men of a province [of Egypt], and he shall do that which his fathers have not done nor his fathers' fathers; he shall distribute among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds—but only for a time [the period decreed by God].*

#### **Daniel 11:24 KJV**

*24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the **fattest places** of the **province**; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.*

At the time of the end the antichrist is pushing against the nations to the south of Israel - specifically Egypt and the nations regions the west and south. Libya, Ethiopia and the Sudan.

Some would say, “How could this refer to our time? Oil wells didn’t exist in Daniel’s day.” This is correct, but the passage also serves as the amazing supernatural evidence of Biblical prophecy. The prophetic visionaries saw things centuries before they occurred, yet wrote about them with pinpoint accuracy.

The prophecy’s setting involves a leader whom many identify as the Antichrist of Bible prophecy. The passage deals with the Antichrist taking possession of important land areas and promising to take the wealth of the region and divide it among his followers. **In this prophecy, the word fattest is often translated as “richest” or “wealthiest.” However, the root word is shaman and can mean “oil” or “to shine.” With modern understanding, we could say the fattest places (bringing huge amounts of wealth) would be the oil states in the Persian Gulf region.**

**A second interesting clue in the verse is the word province, which is the word mediynah or, as we spell it in English, Medina. A desert region situated between Egypt and Israel is called the Median Desert. Yet more well known is the city in Saudi Arabia called Medina, where Islam’s founder, Muhammad, is buried. This city is also the site of one of the largest Islamic mosques in the world.**

I believe (many other bible scholars as well) this verse speaks to a future dictator who will control the places of oil in the Medina area. The largest oil producer in the Gulf is Saudi Arabia, which is also the heart of the world's oil supply and the world headquarters of the Islamic religion.

If an Islamic radical with a substantial following overthrew the royal house of the Saudi king, he could seize the oil wells, and within a few days the global oil markets would panic, sending the world's stock markets into the abyss. All nations that depend upon oil, including America, would feel the immediate economic squeeze. Islamic fanatics would gladly grasp the opportunity to watch America's economy plummet and American citizens spending their incomes to fill the coffers of this new Arabian king.

The passage in Daniel indicates the reason the future dictator will enter the "fattest [oily] places of the province." His goal will be to redistribute the wealth from the wealthy to the common man. One translation says: "He will take the property of the rich and scatter it out among the people" (11:24, TLB). Another states it this way: "He will divide among his followers the goods and property he has captured in war" (GNT).

One of the primary complaints about the Saudi royal family is that they hoard the oil wealth for themselves and their families while many of the Arabs living in the huge desert nation remain in poverty.

We are seeing a major uprising in the Gulf today, and last some point in the future (Bible say so) one man will emerge as the new leader of the region of the Middle East. It seems everyone in the world is seeing the need to drill and look for new sources of oil... but for decades America has been dependent on foreign oil.

Politics and Biblical prophecies have often gone hand-in-hand as nations engage in a global chess match involving oil. Yet America's involvement in this has, as the past 20 years prove, also placed us as prime targets for the threat of radical Islamic terrorists....

When you read the passage in Daniel 11:24 it literally breaks down as the person from Medina will be over the oil in the most oil rich place of the world and do what is forefathers never did... this is not a stretch, this is taking place today.



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