

VISION OF COMING EVENTS
(Daniel 11:1-35)

- I. Four Important Kings of Medo-Persia (Dan. 11:1-2)
 - A. ANGEL helps direct DARIUS to BENEFIT Israel (cf. Dan. 6:22-27)
 - B. Three further kings would COME TO POWER
 - C. Fourth would attack GREECE (Xerxes I/Ahasuerus—Esther 1)

- II. Rise and Fall of Alexander the Great (Dan. 11:3-4)
 - A. Alexander of GREECE arose to AVENGE Xerxes' attack
 - B. Died at HEIGHT of strength after BRIEF rule (323 B.C.)
 - C. Kingdom divided among four GENERALS after much CONFLICT

- III. ALLIANCE of the Southern and Northern Kings (Dan. 11:5-6)
 - A. Ptolemy I of EGYPT and Seleucus I of SYRIA joined forces to defeat Antigonus of BABYLON
 - B. Seleucus became STRONGER than Ptolemy
 - C. Alliance sealed by MARRIAGE of Berenice, DAUGHTER of Ptolemy II, to Antiochus II, GRANDSON of Seleucus I ca. 252 B.C.
 - 1. Required Antiochus to DIVORCE Laodike
 - 2. Laodike maintained a parallel "QUEENDOM" among sympathizers
 - D. NO ONE prospered from this union
 - 1. When Ptolemy DIED, Antiochus TOOK BACK Laodike
 - 2. Laodike MURDERED Antiochus, Berenice, and their infant SON so HER SON Seleucus II could take the throne

- IV. WAR BETWEEN the Southern and Northern Kings (Dan. 11:7-19)
 - A. Ptolemy III, Berenice's brother, AVENGED her DEATH (11:7-8)
 - 1. Captured the Seleucid CITADEL of ANTIOCH
 - 2. Looted fortress of 40,000 talents of SILVER, 2500 vessels of GOLD and numerous IMAGES
 - B. Seleucus II RETALIATED, but FAILED (11:9)

- C. Seleucus III and Antiochus III, sons of Seleucus II, sought REVENGE, and took part of PALESTINE (11:10)
 - D. Ptolemy IV drove Antiochus out of Palestine and Phoenicia for 13 YEARS (11:12-13)
 - E. Antiochus III retook PALESTINE and threatened EGYPT after the death of Ptolemy IV (11:13-17)
 - 1. Egypt appealed to Rome for ASSISTANCE
 - 2. Antiochus halted plan to INVADE Egypt
 - 3. Promised daughter CLEOPATRA to Ptolemy V in marriage
 - a. Intended her as a SPY to pass MILITARY SECRETS
 - b. Backfired, because she was LOYAL to her HUSBAND
 - F. Antiochus III decided to invade GREECE (11:18-19)
 - 1. ALLIED with Hannibal of Carthage
 - 2. STOPPED by Rome
 - a. Son Antiochus IV TAKEN HOSTAGE
 - b. Forced to DISARM and REPAY damages
 - 3. KILLED while plundering temple of Bel in Susa, in his own KINGDOM
- V. Seleucus IV, the Raiser of TAXES (Dan. 11:20)
- A. Began repaying father's debt to Rome by a huge TAX INCREASE and by looting the TEMPLE in JERUSALEM
 - B. Exchanged SON Demetrius for BROTHER Antiochus IV
 - C. MURDERED by his chief tax collector, Heliodorus
- VI. The Era of Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) (Dan. 11:21-39)
- A. Took throne from LEGITIMATE HEIR by political means and intrigue (11:21)
 - B. MURDERED Onias, the Jewish HIGH PRIEST (11:22)
 - C. Lavished plunder on FRIENDS and ALLIES (11:23-24)
 - D. Enjoyed initial success in EGYPT (11:25)
 - E. Returning through Palestine, attacked JERUSALEM (11:26-28; cf. 1 Mac. 1:20-28)
 - F. Again attacked EGYPT, but was forced out by ROME (11:29-30a)
 - 1. Vented anger on ISRAEL (11:30b)
 - 2. Desecrated the TEMPLE (11:31)
 - 3. Established GREEK SHRINES throughout the land
 - 4. Precipitated the Maccabean REVOLT (11:32-35)