

Daniel 11:2

- **Three more Kings until the fourth one comes:**
 - The fourth king will be strong, rich, and oppose the realm of Greece. This strong, rich fourth king was fulfilled in the Persian King Xerxes...

Daniel 11:3-4

- **A great King with great dominion. Do according to his will...**
 - This is fulfilled in Alexander the Great, who certainly was a mighty king. Alexander died at 32 years of age of a fever after a drunken party in Babylon
- **His kingdom will be divided in four regions but none as powerful as before...**
 - Four generals divided this Kingdom between themselves in north, south, west and east.

Daniel 11:5

- **The king of the South shall become strong**
 - Ptolemy I of Egypt, who gained control over the Holy Land soon after the division of Alexander's Empire.
- **...as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion.**
 - Ptolemy I had a prince named Seleucus, who rose to power and took dominion over the region of Syria. He became more powerful than his former Egyptian ruler.
- **Seleucus is now called the King of the North, and Ptolemy I King of the South**

Daniel 11:6

- **They will be joined by an agreement through the daughter...**
 - the marriage between Antiochus II (of the Seleucids) and Berenice (daughter of Ptolemy II). There was peace for a time because of this marriage, but it was over when Ptolemy II died.
- **Shall not retain the power of her authority...**
 - Once Ptolemy II died, Antiochus II put away Berenice and took back his former wife, Laodice
- **Neither he nor his authority shall stand...**
 - Laodice didn't trust her husband Antiochus II; so she had him poisoned
- **She shall be given up, with those who brought her...**
 - After the murder of Antiochus II, Laodice had Berenice, her attendants, and an infant son of Antiochus II and Berenice killed...

Daniel 11:7-9

After this reign of terror, Laodice set her son (Seleucus II) on the throne of the Syrian dominion ...

- **A branch of her roots will come with an army and prevail...**
 - This was fulfilled in the person of Ptolemy III. He was the sister of Berenice (the branch of her roots). Avenging the murder of his sister, Ptolemy III invaded Syria and humbled Seleucus II.
- **He shall continue more years than the king of the North ...**
 - Ptolemy III lived four years past Seleucus II

Daniel 11:10

- **His sons shall stir up strife ...**
 - The sons of the kings of the North will continue the battle. One of the sons will conquer the Holy Land (overwhelm and pass through) which stood as a buffer between the kings of the South and the kings of the North.
- **and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through (the Holy Land)...**
 - This was fulfilled in Seleucus III and Antiochus III, the two sons of Seleucus II. Both were successful generals, but Seleucus III ruled only a short time and was succeeded by his brother
 - In a furious battle, Antiochus III took back the Holy Land from the reign of the Ptolemies...

Daniel 11:11-12

- **The king of the South shall be moved with rage and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North ...**
 - Antiochus III was defeated at the battle of Raphia. Because of that loss he was forced to give back dominion over the Holy Land to Ptolemy IV.

Daniel 11:13-16

- **The king of the North . . . shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army... He shall stand in the Glorious Land ...**
 - This was fulfilled when Antiochus III invaded Egypt again, gaining final control over the armies of Ptolemy V and over the Holy Land.
- **Many shall rise up against the king of the South... violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision...**
 - Jews living in the Holy Land helped Antiochus III defeat the king of the South
- **He who comes against him shall do according to his own will . . . with destruction in his power.**
 - Jewish people initially welcomed Antiochus III as a liberator from Egyptian rule. It was proved to be unwise when he turned destruction upon the Glorious Land and its people...

Daniel 11:17

- **He shall also set his face to enter the whole Kingdom...shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it...**
 - Antiochus III gave his daughter Cleopatra to Ptolemy V of Egypt. He hoped to gain permanent influence and eventually control in Egypt. But the plan did not succeed because Cleopatra wasn't faithful to her Egyptian husband at all.
 - This was not the Cleopatra from ancient history, but this was the ancestor of the famous Cleopatra. The more famous Egyptian woman lived some 100 years after the time of this Cleopatra.

Daniel 11:18-19

- **he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end...**
 - These coastlands were the areas of Asia Minor and Greece. He was helped by Hannibal, the famous general from Carthage. But a Roman General, Lucius Cornelius Scipio, defeated Antiochus in Greece. Antiochus was humiliated there and returned to his former regions
- **he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.**
 - After this defeat Antiochus III returned home but needed money. So he went to take gold from a Babylonian temple and was killed by enraged local citizens, never to be found again...

Daniel 11:20

- **...arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.**
 - the brief reign of Seleucus III, the eldest son of Antiochus III. He sought to tax his Kingdom incl. Israel.
 - Seleucus III was assassinated, probably by his brother Antiochus IV.

Daniel 11:21

- **In his place shall arise a vile person...**
 - the successor of Seleucus III, who was named Antiochus IV. He did not come to the throne legitimately because it was strongly suspected that he murdered his older brother, the previous king. The other potential heir (the son of Seleucus III) was imprisoned in Rome...
- **He shall come in peaceably.**
 - Apart from the murder of his older brother, Antiochus IV didn't use force to gain power. He used flattery, smooth promises and intrigue...
 - He *flattered* the Romans, and sent ambassadors to get their favor, and paid them to keep the other heir imprisoned...
 - Antiochus IV took the title "Epiphanes," meaning „famous“ or „outstanding“

Daniel 11:22-27

- **He shall act deceitfully ...**
 - This was his trademark – Antiochus Epiphanies continually tried to conquer the south, but in the next moment acted in friendship and build alliances with the Kings of the south...
 - Despite massive efforts and epic battles, Antiochus Epiphanies did not stand, and his army was swept away...
- **...but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him...**
 - *The defeat of Antiochus Epiphanies at his second campaign against Egypt was important, because Egypt beat Antiochus with the help of Rome. At the end of it all, Antiochus Epiphanies and his kingdom were under the dominion of Rome.*

Daniel 11:28-29

- **His heart shall be moved against the holy covenant ...**
 - This was fulfilled when Antiochus Epiphanies returned from Egypt, bitter from defeat. He turned against Jerusalem and persecuted the Jewish people to conform them to Greek culture, forsaking the faith and traditions of their fathers.
- **Ships from Cyprus shall come against him...**
 - *This was naval assistance from the Romans, who helped the Egyptians turn back Antiochus Epiphanies.*

Daniel 11:30-35

- **They shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation ...**
 - Antiochus Epiphanies set up an image of Zeus at the temple altar. He demanded sacrifice to this image, and later desecrated the temple by sacrificing a pig on it.
- **For many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering...**
 - In his attack on Jerusalem Antiochus Epiphanies killed 80,000 Jews, took 40,000 more as prisoners, and sold another 40,000 as slaves. He also plundered the temple, robbing all of it's riches.

Daniel 11:36

- **He shall exalt and magnify himself above every god...**
 - Antiochus Epiphanies did not do all this! He always stayed loyal to his Greek gods (setting up an image of Zeus).
 - This still has to be fulfilled!
 - Jesus even talks about this in Matthew 24:15.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 also tell us about the antichrist who is yet to come...
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Daniel 11:37-38

- **He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women...**
 - This might indicate that the Antichrist must be a Jew or at least a half Jew and might be homosexual...
 - This goes in line with the Spirit of the Antichrist found in the offspring of Esau the Edomeans. Who throughout History tried to destroy the Messiah: Esau – Hamann, Herod...
- **He shall honor the god of fortresses...**
 - This might talks about the military force with which the Antichrist will implement his authority...

Daniel 11:40-45

- **At the end of time...**
 - This only talks about the end of time and about the future antichrist and cannot be put in context of Antiochus Epiphanies.
- **The Kings of the North and the South shall come against him like a whirlwind, ...He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown...**
 - This talks about a major war yet to come... it might be the Ezekiel 38 war...
- **but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon**
 - This is today's Jordan and hint the fact that the remnant of Israel will hide out in Petra (Micah 2:12 – Bozrah = Petra)