DISCERNING DANIEL
The Most Detailed Prophecy in Scripture

Text: Daniel 11

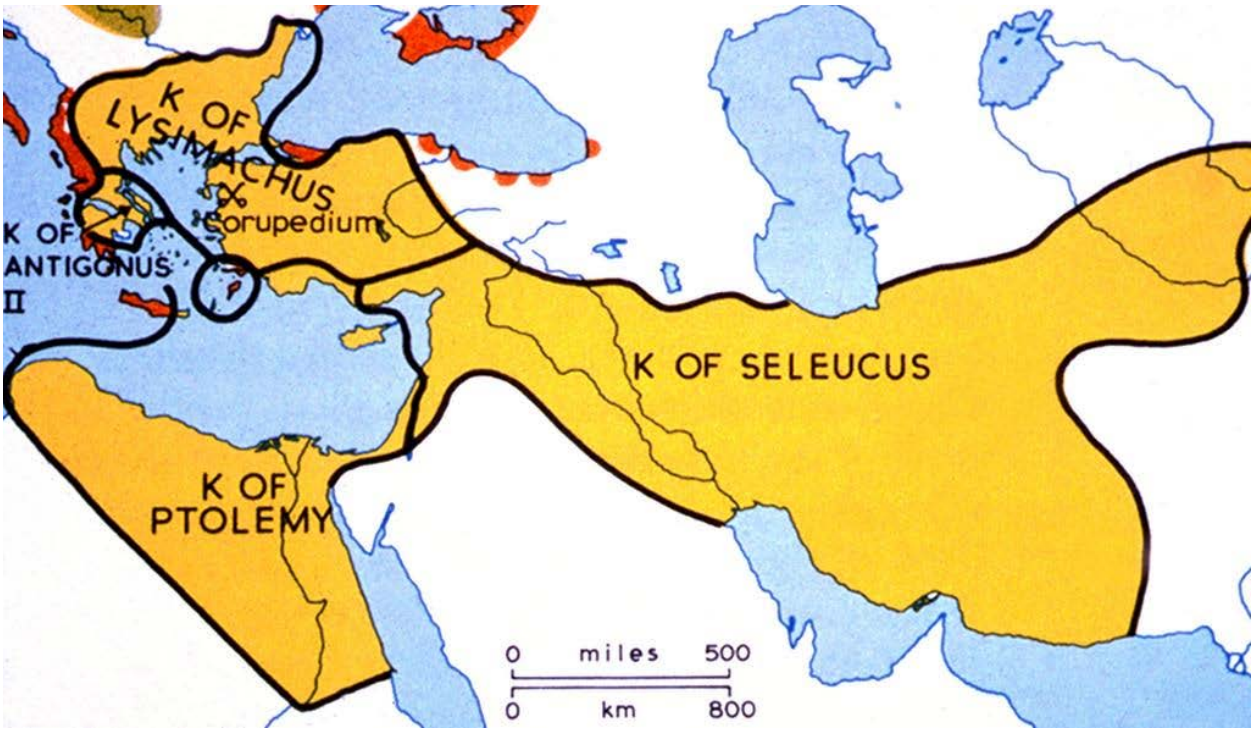
INTRODUCTION**:** The angel brought the answer to Daniel´s prayer in the form of a prophecy concerning what would happen to Daniel´s people the Jews up to and including the _____ days.

Daniel 11:2–45	Interpretation
2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.	Cyrus was the present king. The next three were Ahasuerus, Artaxerxes, and Darius. The fourth was the son of Darius, Xerxes, who with his great wealth raised armies to attack _____.
3 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.	Xerxes failed. (Skip 150 years) The mighty king of Greece is _____ the Great, portrayed as the notable horn and first king in Dan. 8, the prophecy of the he goat and ram. When Alexander died, the Greek Empire was divided among his ___ generals. (See the map at the end of the lesson.)
5 “Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.	Palestine, the land of the Jews, was _____ the empires of two of the successors. Whoever ruled the Seleucid kingdom was King of the _____. The ruler of the Ptolemaic kingdom (Egypt and more) was “King of the _____.” The first of the generals to grow in power was Ptolemy. His fellow general Seleucus Nicator was forced out, and fled to Ptolemy. With his help Nicator regained control of his territory and expanded it to include India, and then was _____ than Ptolemy.
6 And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot	After some years of war, the new Ptolemy Philadelphius offered Theos, King of the North, his daughter Bernice and a large dowry if he would _____ his wife and declare his sons illegitimate. Theos accepted and peace began. Then Philadelphius

her, and with him who strengthened her in those times.	died and the power of the truce died with him. Theos returned to his former wife, Laodice, who later poisoned him, had Bernice and her child, and everyone _____ who enabled the scheme to replace her.
7 But from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail. 8 And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North. (KJV) 9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.	Bernice´s roots are her _____. The branch from her roots was her _____ Ptolemy Euergetes. In revenge for the murder of Bernice, he took a massive army north and captured Seleucia, the fortress city, killed Laodice, captured many _____, and brought them back along with 40,000 talents of silver and 2,500 vessels and images of gold.
10 However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.	The sons of the King of the North were enraged and counter attacked. Only one was successful, Antiochus the Great, passed through _____, conquering everything in his path, until he conquered the fortress of the King of the South in 218 B.C.
11 “And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy. 12 When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.	Ptolemy was now furious over the invasion and attacked Antiochus and defeated him near Gaza. He could have continued the battle and _____ the Kingdom of the North; but in his pride, he wanted to return to his drinking and _____ pleasures. Thus he did not prevail.
13 For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.	After 13 years of truce, Antiochus raised a new and more powerful army. When the King of the South died, and his _____ son was made king, Antiochus attacked.
14 “Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.	Joining Antiochus against Ptolemy was Philip, king of Macedon. Some wicked _____ tried to ally themselves with Antiochus, but he rejected them.
15 So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.	Antiochus attacked _____, and the city surrendered to him.
16 But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall	Antiochus marched at his pleasure through all of Palestine toward Egypt,

stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.	_____ the Holy Land as he went.
17 “He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him.	Antiochus was about to enter Egypt when he learned that Ptolemy had entered an alliance with the rising _____ Empire. Therefore he offered his young daughter in marriage to the 7 year old King of the South, thinking she would remain loyal to him. Her name was _____. She was taken to Egypt by her mother and nurse, and thus was called “the _____ of women.” However, Cleopatra was loyal to her new husband and to the _____!
18 After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.	Furious with his daughter and the Romans, Antiochus built a fleet of _____ ships and attacked Roman territory in the Isles of Asia Minor. The Prince Asiaticus decimated him, and Antiochus agreed to surrender much of _____ and Asia and pay 15,000 talents.
19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.	In an attempt to rebuild his own treasury, Antiochus attempted to plunder the Temple of Bel in Elymais, but the _____ turned on him and killed him!
20 “There shall 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.	Antiochus´ son attempted to raise taxes and rob the temple in _____. Shortly after, he was poisoned, neither in anger or battle!
21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.	The next King of the North is a type (an _____ picture) of the Antichrist. His name was Antiochus Epiphanes, the younger son of Antiochus the Great. He was an extraordinary man both in ability and _____. Nothing was too despicable for him to do. He was not heir to the throne but gained it by _____.
22 With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.	His enemies were swept away, as was the Jewish High _____.
23 And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and	He broke his agreement with those who put him in power and persuaded

become strong with a small number of people.	_____ to support him, since he only had a small army.
24 He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.	With this small but very powerful army, Antiochus seized control of all of Palestine, dividing the _____ of conquest to purchase friendships. With growing power he moved against _____ and conquered many cities.
25 “He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.	Antiochus Epiphanes sought to conquer all of Egypt but was opposed by a powerful army of Egypt. The King of the South withstood Epiphanes until…
26 Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.	The King of the South was _____ by his own cabinet, those who ate with him. Thus his army was defeated.
27 Both these kings’ hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.	The King of the South and his brother, who had been part of the betrayal, formed an unholy alliance, literally lying to each other as they ate at the same _____. Still they could not defeat Epiphanes.
28 While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.	This wicked King of the North returned to Palestine with the wealth of Egypt to hear that the High Priest Jason whom he had deposed was fighting to get his office back. He killed more than _____ Jews and sold thousands more into slavery. He robbed the temple of all of its valuables and carried them away.
29 “At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.	Epiphanes then went to attack Egypt once again, but the dual Ptolemaic kings appealed for help from _____.
30 For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. “So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.	Roman ships defeated Antiochus, and in rage he returned to the Holy Land to vent his anger. He slaughtered and enslaved Jews by the thousands. And posted _____ guards in the Citadel of David.
31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.	He ordered all of his Seleucid Kingdom to be of one _____, erected an idol altar in the temple, and offered a pig upon it, a desolation of the holy place that was an

	abomination to the Jews and to God Himself.
32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.	Some of the Jews responded to the evil Epiphanes with their own wickedness, but others followed God and courageously stood for righteousness and sought to lead the Jews to true and pure _____. They were called the Maccabees.
33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.	The Lord gave them some success, and even after their political power was lost, there remained people to instruct their fellow Jews of the law and the prophecies. Such were _____ and _____, who faithfully awaited the coming of Messiah.
34 Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.	All of these faithful Jews (and unfaithful ones as well) fell at the destruction of _____ in 70 A.D. by the Romans.
35 And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.	Across the centuries people of godly _____ would be refined by persecution, made white in the blood of the Lamb, until the appointed time of the Lamb of God´s return at God´s appointed hour.
36 “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.	The final king mentioned in this prophecy about Daniel´s people up to and including the latter days is the _____ himself. He will be self-centered and against God and everyone who is godly. He will reign until the time of the _____ is fully accomplished (the tribulation).
37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.	He will not only be anti-God but will have no desire for _____! He will exalt himself as god.
38 But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.	He shall worship power, wealth, and the luxurious things of the world.
39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.	He will rule with military power and will take control over many _____.
40 “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall	During the Battle of Gog and Magog, the Antichrist will _____ to

come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.	be the defender of Israel.
41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.	He will enter the Holy Land and win some battles against Israel´s attackers. The ancient areas of Edom and Moab will be _____ from him, and will be the place that Jews who recognize his true character may _____ to be protected from him.
43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. 44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.	Ultimately it is God who saves Israel in the War of Gog and Magog, but Antichrist is left in the land. He will plunder the _____ and attack the Jews.
45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.	He will establish a permanent presence in Jerusalem until Christ comes at the _____ of Armageddon, not far from the Holy City, and casts this wicked king into the Lake of _____.
Next week: The end of Daniel	The End Times