

## **A Foreshadowing of the End**

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### **Introduction**

God often foreshadows what will happen at the End in events that happen earlier. This is what we have in Daniel 11.

This passage is a detailed prophecy that accurately predicts almost 400 years of world history before the 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Christ but also has something to say about the end of the world.

Daniel is about hope and faithfulness in light of God's sovereignty over all, including pagan nations ('beasts') and what happens to His people.

Daniel chapters 1-6 are stories and Daniel chapters 7-12 are visions which, together, are meant to encourage and prepare God's people for temptation and trials and difficult days to come.

The King of the South is a reference to the Ptolemaic dynasty (4<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> century BC) in Egypt and surrounding regions (Egypt, eastern Libya, Sinai, northern Nubia).

The King of the North is a reference to the Seleucid dynasty (4<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> century BC) in Syria and surrounding regions (Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan).

### **1. God has taken care of the details so we can focus on trusting and obeying His Word. (1-4)**

*The Gospel: God is the supreme Good* who created us to be holy and happy.

This prophecy was so detailed and so accurate in describing world history in the centuries just before Christ came, in order to deny the Scriptures as divine, scholars argued that it must have been written after it all happened.

– Matthew 6:24-34

### **2. Human conflict is always the fruit of idol worship. (36-39)**

*The Gospel: Man is an idol worshiper* who deserves God's just punishment.

This prophecy highlights the conflicts between men on an international scale while giving some insight into the worship driving it all.

– James 4:1-10

### **3. The light of faith shines brightest in the dark. (29-32)**

*The Gospel: Faith is trust in the promises that rests in Jesus for the full and lasting love of God and hopes in God for help and happiness.*

The knowledge of the truth does not prevent us from experiencing suffering and death at the hands of the ungodly but our holding on to the truth in the face of suffering and death magnifies the Treasure we have in Christ.

– Habakkuk 3:16-19

### **4. We love others best when we love God most. (33-35)**

*The Gospel: Love is the obedience of faith that is satisfied with God so it serves others by trusting God's promises and obeying God's commands.*

Being willing to suffer and die in order to do God's will is the most loving thing we can do to testify to an unbelieving world of the reality of a good God and an able Savior.

– Matthew 26:36-46

### **5. Jesus came to bring an end to evil and suffering. (40, 45)**

*The Gospel: Jesus is the double cure for the penalty and power of sin who is Lord of all and an able and willing Savior for sinners.*

Jesus will return and destroy the personification of evil in the Antichrist and usher in the glorious kingdom of heaven on earth.

– 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17