

From Cyrus to Antiochus: Why?

Daniel 11:2-35 | January 21, 2023

Why?

- 1) **To reassure God's people that He is sovereign**
- 2) **To prepare God's people for beastly kingdoms and a world of war**
- 3) **To ensure that God's people notice the futility of earthly politics**

Daniel 2:21 *God changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings.*

Habakkuk 2:13 *Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing?*

- 4) **To warn God's people against jumping too quickly to the conclusion that the end has come.**

Matthew 24:6 (cf. Mark 13:7) *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.*

5) To prepare God's people to be faithful

a. To stand firm (32)

b. To take action (32)

Revelation 12:11 They conquered him ... by the word of their testimony.

c. To walk in wisdom (33)

d. To help others understand (33)

e. To accept the purifying fires (35)