

Daniel 11: 1-4

Persian Empire:

- “Three kings “(v. 2) → Cambyses; Smerdis; Darius I Hystaspes
- “Fourth king – far richer” (v.2) → Xerxes I

Greek Empire:

- “Mighty king” (v. 3) → Alexander the Great
- Empire Divided into Four (v. 4)

Evidences Relating to the Book of Daniel
Helpful Resources

<http://www.tektonics.org/guest/danielblast.html>

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/rr/reprints/Linguistic-Argument-for-the-Dat.pdf>

http://www.harvardhouse.com/Daniel_date-written.htm

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Prophecies Already Fulfilled

Daniel Chapter 11:5-20

Key Events and Historical Figures

Wars between the Seleucids (Syria) and the Ptolemies (Egypt):

[First Syrian War \(Daniel 11:5\)](#)

- Ptolemy I Soter (“king of the South”-Egypt) and Seleucus I Nicator (“one of his commanders”)
- Seleucus I Nicator had previously served as satrap of Babylonia; he returned to this position after serving under Ptolemy I Soter,
- Seleucus I Nicator greatly increased in power, eventually controlling more territory than Ptolemy (“became even stronger than he and will rule his own kingdom with great power”)
- Seleucid era is inaugurated

[Second Syrian War \(Daniel 11:6\)](#)

- Ptolemy II Philadelphus vs. Antiochus II Theos
- Temporary Alliance
- Berenice (daughter of the king of the South; was to seal the alliance)

[Third Syrian War \(Daniel 11:7-9\) \(246-241 B.C.\)](#)

- Ptolemy III Euergetes (Berenice’s brother) vs. Seleucus II Callinicus
- Ptolemy attacks Syria to avenge Berenice’s murder
- Southern kingdom (Egypt) soundly defeats northern kingdom (Syria)

[Fourth Syrian War \(Daniel 11:10-14\)](#)

- Ptolemy IV Philopator and Ptolemy V Epiphanes vs. Antiochus III (The Great)
- Palestine falls under Seleucid control during reign of Antiochus III
- Jewish uprising against Egypt (“in fulfillment of the vision; v. 14) but “without success.”

[Fifth Syrian War \(Daniel 11:15-20\)](#)

- Antiochus III gains power over Phoenicia and Palestine
- Syrians force terms of peace on Egypt; Cleopatra, daughter of Antiochus, given to Ptolemy V as a wife.
- Antiochus is defeated as prophesied in vv. 18-19 and killed by a mob in 187 B.C.
- Son of Antiochus III, Seleucus IV Philopator, sends tax collector, Heliodorus (v. 20), to pay Romans in accordance with a treaty.
- Heliodorus later poisons Seleucus (“destroyed not in anger or battle;” v.20)

Prophecies Already Fulfilled
Daniel Chapter 11:21-35
Key Events and Historical Figures

Reign of Antiochus Epiphanes:

[Sixth Syrian War \(Daniel 11:21-30\)](#)

- Antiochus Epiphanes, son of Seleucus IV Philopater, comes to power in 175 B.C.
- Deposition and murder of the High Priest Onias III (“prince of the covenant”) (Daniel 11:22)
- Treaty with the apostate Jews (Daniel 11:30)
- Desecration of the Temple (Daniel 11:31)
- Persecution of the pious Jews (Daniel 11:33-35)
- Maccabean Revolt; the “end” that has been “appointed” (Daniel 11:32-35)