

## 05–28–2020 Daniel 11.11–20 Bible Study

Read Daniel 11:11–20 in your favorite translation. I will print the NET–2 translation.

11 “Then the king of the south will be enraged and will march out to fight against the king of the north, who will also muster a large army, but that army will be delivered into his hand. 12 When the army is taken away, the king of the south will become arrogant. He will be responsible for the death of thousands and thousands of people, but he will not continue to prevail. 13 For the king of the north will again muster an army, one larger than before. At the end of some years he will advance with a huge army and enormous supplies.

14 “In those times many will oppose the king of the south. Those who are violent among your own people will rise up in confirmation of the vision, but they will falter. 15 Then the king of the north will advance and will build siege mounds and capture a well-fortified city. The forces of the south will not prevail, not even his finest contingents. They will have no strength to prevail. 16 The one advancing against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to stand before him. He will prevail in the beautiful land, and its annihilation will be within his power. 17 His intention will be to come with the strength of his entire kingdom, and he will form alliances. He will give the king of the south a daughter in marriage in order to destroy the kingdom, but it will not turn out to his advantage. 18 Then he will turn his attention to the coastal regions and will capture many of them. But a commander will bring his shameful conduct to a halt; in addition, he will make him pay for his shameful conduct. 19 He will then turn his attention to the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall, not to be found again. 20 There will arise after him one who will send out an exactor of tribute to enhance the splendor of the kingdom, but after a few days he will be destroyed, though not in anger or battle.

### COMMENTS:

We pick up today where we stopped yesterday. The king of the South, Ptolemy IV Philopator (221–203 BC) of Egypt, would counterattack the king of the North, Antiochus III (219–218 BC). Although both would command large armies, the result would be a great victory for the Ptolemies.

As a result of his success, Ptolemy IV would become arrogant and slaughter tens of thousands of Seleucid troops, yet he would not be able to maintain his dominance over the Seleucid kingdom.

Fifteen years later, the king of the North, Antiochus III, would raise an even greater army and attack the Ptolemies in Phoenicia and Israel. Antiochus III would receive support against the king of the South, Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203–181 BC), and the Ptolemies.

This support would come from Jewish rebels, here called violent ones among your own people. Antiochus III’s forces would win a resounding victory, even capturing the well-fortified city of Sidon (199–198 BC).

The king of the North, Antiochus III, would make the beautiful land of Israel a possession of the Seleucid kingdom in 198 BC and force a peace agreement on the Ptolemies. Antiochus III would give his daughter Cleopatra to Ptolemy V as a wife, hoping to control the Ptolemaic kingdom through her.

This failed because Cleopatra helped her Ptolemaic husband and did not stand with ... or support her father Antiochus III. Antiochus III would then turn his attention to the lands around the Mediterranean Sea but would be defeated by the Roman commander Lucius Cornelius Scipio at Thermopylae (191 BC) and then Magnesia (190 BC).

This would force Antiochus to focus on his own country where he would stumble, fall, and be no more, being killed by a mob defending the temple of Zeus in Elymais as Antiochus tried to pillage it.

The king who would arise in his place was Seleucus IV Philopator (187–175 BC), who would send his tax collector, Heliodorus, to collect money with which to pay the heavy indemnity he owed to Rome. After his short reign, Seleucus IV was killed not in anger or in battle but by poison from his tax collector.

**REFLECTION QUESTION:** Today I am asking you to look ahead. Next week we will finish the study of Daniel. I would like you to send me your suggestions of what you would like to study next. I need your suggestions by June 1. After I get them I will then announce what I will do next. Everyone has a vote. I suggest sending them to me via Facebook Message or use this email address: [bigredrev@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bigredrev@cfl.rr.com)