

Daniel Chapter 11 Integrity

Daniel 11 New International Version (NIV)

11 1 And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him.)

The Kings of the South and the North

2 “Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece. **3** Then a mighty king will arise, who will rule with great power and do as he pleases. **4** After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others.

5 “The king of the South will become strong, but one of his commanders will become even stronger than he and will rule his own kingdom with great power. **6** After some years, they will become allies. The daughter of the king of the South will go to the king of the North to make an alliance, but she will not retain her power, and he and his power[a] will not last. In those days she will be betrayed, together with her royal escort and her father[b] and the one who supported her.

7 “One from her family line will arise to take her place. He will attack the forces of the king of the North and enter his fortress; he will fight against them and be victorious.

8 He will also seize their gods, their metal images and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt. For some years he will leave the king of the North alone. **9** Then the king of the North will invade the realm of the king of the South but will retreat to his own country. **10** His sons will prepare for war and assemble a great army, which will sweep on like an irresistible flood and carry the battle as far as his fortress.

11 “Then the king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North, who will raise a large army, but it will be defeated. **12** When the army is carried off, the king of the South will be filled with pride and will slaughter many thousands, yet he will not remain triumphant. **13** For the king of the North will muster another army, larger than the first; and after several years, he will advance with a huge army fully equipped.

14 “In those times many will rise against the king of the South. Those who are violent among your own people will rebel in fulfillment of the vision, but without success.

15 Then the king of the North will come and build up siege ramps and will capture a fortified city. The forces of the South will be powerless to resist; even their best troops

will not have the strength to stand. **16** The invader will do as he pleases; no one will be able to stand against him. He will establish himself in the Beautiful Land and will have the power to destroy it. **17** He will determine to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will make an alliance with the king of the South. And he will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom, but his plans[c] will not succeed or help him. **18** Then he will turn his attention to the coastlands and will take many of them, but a commander will put an end to his insolence and will turn his insolence back on him. **19** After this, he will turn back toward the fortresses of his own country but will stumble and fall, to be seen no more.

20 “His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle.

21 “He will be succeeded by a contemptible person who has not been given the honor of royalty. He will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue. **22** Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and a prince of the covenant will be destroyed. **23** After coming to an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully, and with only a few people he will rise to power. **24** When the richest provinces feel secure, he will invade them and will achieve what neither his fathers nor his forefathers did. He will distribute plunder, loot and wealth among his followers. He will plot the overthrow of fortresses—but only for a time.

25 “With a large army he will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South. The king of the South will wage war with a large and very powerful army, but he will not be able to stand because of the plots devised against him. **26** Those who eat from the king’s provisions will try to destroy him; his army will be swept away, and many will fall in battle. **27** The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but to no avail, because an end will still come at the appointed time. **28** The king of the North will return to his own country with great wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country.

29 “At the appointed time he will invade the South again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before. **30** Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him, and he will lose heart. Then he will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant. He will return and show favor to those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 “His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. **32** With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

33 “Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. **34** When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. **35** Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

The King Who Exalts Himself

36 “The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. **37** He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. **38** Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his ancestors he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. **39** He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.[\[d\]](#)

40 “At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. **41** He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. **42** He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. **43** He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Cushites[\[e\]](#) in submission. **44** But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. **45** He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at[\[f\]](#) the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

What does Daniel 11 have to teach us about standing strong. In it we read of very specific prophecies of events that occur in the coming centuries following Daniel's time.

These predictions are progressive in their explanations of details. In [chapter 2](#) we have a general statement that from the days of Daniel to the days of the Messiah there would be four world empires. [Daniel 7](#) gives details about the fourth empire. In [chapter 8](#) we find details about the second and third empires, and in [chapter 11](#) still more details about the third empire.

Upon the death of Alexander the Great in 331 b.c., the Greek Empire—the third empire—was divided among his generals into four regions: Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt. In this chapter the kings of Syria are called “kings of the North.” The kings of Egypt are called “kings of the South.” Daniel’s predictions of the movements of these kings were uttered 200 years before there was a Greek Empire and nearly 400 years before these kings existed. His minute description of their movements is a most extraordinary parallel between prediction and subsequent history. [Chapter 11](#) is the prewritten history of the period between the two Testaments. Here is an outline of events answering to the verses in which they were predicted (for a general overview of this period between the Old and New Testaments, see *The 400 Years Between the Testaments*).

Three kings in Persia ([11:2](#)): Cambyses, Gaumata, and Darius I. The fourth was Xerxes, the richest and most powerful of the Persian kings; he invaded Greece, but was defeated at Salamis (480 b.c.).

A mighty king ([vv. 3–4](#)): Alexander the Great and the fourfold division of his kingdom into Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt.

King of the South ([v. 5](#)): Ptolemy I Soter of Egypt; **one of his commanders**, Seleucus I Nicator, originally an officer under Ptolemy I, became king of Syria and the most powerful of Alexander’s successors.

Daughter ([v. 6](#)): Berenice, daughter of Ptolemy II, was given in marriage to Antiochus II and was murdered.

One of her family line ([v. 7](#)): Ptolemy III, a brother of Berenice, invaded Syria in retaliation and won a great victory ([v. 8](#)).

Two sons ([v. 10](#)): Seleucus III and Antiochus III.

[Verses 11–19](#): Ptolemy IV defeated Antiochus III with great loss in the battle of Raphia, near Egypt in 217 b.c. Antiochus III, after 14 years, returned with a great army against Egypt ([v. 13](#)). The Jews helped Antiochus ([v. 14](#)). Antiochus defeated the forces of Egypt ([v. 15](#)). Antiochus conquered Palestine ([v. 16](#)). Antiochus gave his daughter Cleopatra in treacherous marriage alliance to Ptolemy V, hoping through her to get control of Egypt; but she stood with her husband ([v. 17](#)). Antiochus then invaded Asia Minor and Greece and was defeated by the Roman army at Magnesia in 190 b.c. ([vv. 18–19](#)). He returned to his own country and was assassinated.

A contemptible person ([vv. 21–35](#)): Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Not the rightful heir, he got the throne by treachery ([v. 21](#)). He made himself master of Egypt, partly by force and partly by cunning deceit ([vv. 22–25](#)). Ptolemy VI, son of Cleopatra and nephew of Antiochus, was defeated by the treachery of his subjects ([v. 26](#)). Under the guise of friendship, Antiochus and Ptolemy vied with each other in treachery ([v. 27](#)). Returning from Egypt, Antiochus attacked Jerusalem, killed 80,000, took 40,000, and sold 40,000 Jews into slavery ([v. 28](#)). Antiochus again invaded Egypt. But the Roman fleet compelled him to withdraw ([v. 29](#)). He vented his anger on Jerusalem and desecrated the temple ([vv. 30–31](#)). He was helped by apostate Jews ([v. 32](#)). [Verses 36–45](#) may refer to both Antiochus Epiphanes and the Antichrist.

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Perhaps more than just a predictiveness of the future, God wants us to see the condition of the world in which we live. I certainly can see many parallels between the days described in Daniel chapter 11

- A power hunger world
- Dog eat dog
- Lawlessness
- Rebellion
- Godlessness
- Moral Decay
- Backstabbing
- Deceit
- Violence
- Anything to get ahead

Maybe Daniel 11 is not telling us how to live but how not to live. When I read this chapter and I think about the world in which we live, I feel like the Holy Spirit keeps saying to me, "In order to stand strong in this world, don't be like the world." In keep hearing him say one word - "INTEGRITY"

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in·teg·ri·ty

[in 'tegrədē]

NOUN

1. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.
"he is known to be a man of integrity"
synonyms:
[honesty](#) · [uprightness](#) · [probity](#) · [rectitude](#) · [honor](#) · [honorableness](#) · [\[more\]](#)
2. the state of being whole and undivided.
"upholding territorial integrity and national sovereignty"
synonyms:
[unity](#) · [unification](#) · [wholeness](#) · [coherence](#) · [cohesion](#) · undividedness · [\[more\]](#)
- the condition of being unified, unimpaired, or sound in construction.
- "the structural integrity of the novel"
synonyms:
[soundness](#) · [robustness](#) · [strength](#) · [sturdiness](#) · [solidity](#) · [\[more\]](#)
- internal consistency or lack of corruption in electronic data.
- "integrity checking"

KEY TEXTS:

Proverbs 21:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Psalm 41:12 New International Version (NIV)

12 Because of my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.

1. Living with honesty amidst a sea of dishonesty

The 9th commandment (Exodus 20:16) tells us that we shall not bear false witness against our neighbor

Proverbs 12:22 New International Version (NIV)

22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

Proverbs 22:21 says that the word of God has taught us to be honest and speak the truth

Am I talking about brutal honesty which in the name of truth tears down rather than builds up? NO

Husbands should you be honest when your wife asks you if her new outfit makes her hips look big?

Wives, should you be honest in telling your husband that he is not the expert he thinks he is in that certain area?

Ephesians 4:15 teaches us that we are to speak the truth in love...

We speak the truth in love. While the truth can sometimes hurt, it should not tear down and destroy

2. Living upright in and upside-down World

Romans 12:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Peter 3:11 New International Version (NIV)

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

Living with Integrity means being different than the world in which we live. It means being holy... Living according to the principles of truth found in God's Word.

In order to do that we need

- A Moral Compass
Picture of the rain... we constantly being bombarded with the lies of the world we need clear vision (the truth of God's word helps clear away the lies)
- A means of getting there (a propeller, a rudder) - That means is Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 1:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Corinthians 9:8 New International Version (NIV)

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

3. Living with compassion and grace in the face of anger and hatred

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 New International Version (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

4. Living with focus, purpose and direction in a fractured and duplicitous World

James 1:8 tells us that a double minded man is unstable in all his ways

1 Chronicles 29:17 New International Version (NIV)

17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.