**5-5-24 and 5-26-24 Sunday Night STUDY**

***Even More Details on Greek and Roman Empires – Geopolitical NEAR Future Prophecy – Daniel 10-12***

***A Prelude to the Last Three Chapters of Daniel:***

1. The book of Daniel gives us an understanding of human history from God's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, especially as it relates to Israel.
2. Through this final vision with its interpretation (Daniel 10-12), we understand that at the time of Daniel the complete fulfillment of Israel’s restoration and ultimate peace was still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years future.
3. In fulfillment of prophecy, the people of Israel would face many difficultdays of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Despite Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and in God’s perfect timetable, He will establishIsrael permanently in the Promised Land just as He promised in His covenants to Israel. Genesis 12:1-3, 15:7; Deuteronomy 29-30
5. As we have discovered, some of Daniel’s prophecies concerning Israel were near fulfillments while others still remainedto be fulfilled in the distant future.
6. In this section of Daniel, after days of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in anguish, in response to his prayer, Daniel received a daytime vision from an unnamed angel.
	1. Due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interference, the prophecy was delayed21 days.
	2. The vision included a glimpse of the glorious pre-incarnate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and throughout the vision, Daniel had to be repeatedly restored to health.
7. In chapters 10-12, during the third year of Persian King Cyrus’ rule (Dan. 10:1), Daniel saw yet one more vision. Although this vision adversely affected Daniel, it provided valuable informationabout Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Daniel 10:1-9 - Daniel’s Vision of the Glorious Man***

1. Daniel 10:1-3 – “The message was true, but the appointed time was long” (or “of great conflict”) - Daniel had received some news that seemed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the vision he had gotten from the Lord in Daniel nine about Israel’s return to the land and the restoration of the nation and temple.
	1. The events described in this chapter occurred two years \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Persian King Cyrus had decreed that all Jews should return to the land and rebuild the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	2. So, presumably the conflicting message was the newsthat the temple reconstruction had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and it was this message that caused Daniel to mournand embark on a three-week fast to seek the Lord in prayer. Ezra 4:21, Daniel 10:12
	3. With no immediate answer, Daniel became heart sick. Unknown to Daniel, there was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggle going on in the celestial realms that mirrored the conflict in the earthly realms. That conflict kept him from receiving God’s responsethree weeks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 11:13
	4. By means of the new vision of chapters 10-12, Daniel was about to hear that Israel’s woes were only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	5. He would also learn addition information about the coming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be committed against his people by the two little horns.
2. Daniel 10:4 –Daniel was now a very \_\_\_\_\_prophet (85+ years old). For some unknown reason, he was away from Babylon at this time.
3. Daniel 10:5-6 –This remarkable man that Daniel saw was Godmanifested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form.
	1. Daniel’s description matchesclosely the Apostle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘s description of our majestic Lord found in Revelation 1:12-15.
	2. Ezekielsaw a similar vision in Ezekiel 1:26-28.
4. Daniel 10:7-9 –The reaction to this vision was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Although Daniel was the only one who saw the vision, the others with him, filled with dread, ranfor their lives, and hid.
	* 1. God's speech sounded like a mighty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the turbulence of his voice drove Daniel instantly into a profound sleep. As when one faints, Daniel was suddenly face down on the ground. Revelation 1:17

***Daniel 10:10-11:1 – The Repercussions to the Vision:***

1. Daniel 10:10 –An angel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel from his comatose state. Although he boosted Daniel to his hands and knees, Daniel was still shuddering.
2. Daniel 10:11 – Even though the angel addressed Daniel as “man greatly beloved” (or *“*of high esteem”), he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trembling.
3. Daniel 10:12 –Although Daniel’s expression of faith through prayer was heard the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day Daniel prayed, the answera long time to arrive.
4. Daniel 10:13 - This prince of the kingdom of Persia was no mere human being; for 21 days, he had successfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one of God’s angels. This was a fallenangel, a ruler from Satan’s dominion of darkness. Ephesians 6:12
	* 1. Notice that Michael is referred to as one of the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ princes” of Israel. Since Michael is an angel and referred to as a “prince” of the nation of Israel, it is most likely that the “prince” Persia was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ angel doing Satan’s bidding.
		2. So, although God answered Daniel’s prayer by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an angel, the angel was delayed by a particularly strong fallen angel called the Prince of Persia. The angel Michael had to come to his (this angel’s) aid.
5. This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mention of Michael in Scripture. Michael is one of God’s chiefangels. In the New Testament, he is called an archangel (arch means first or chief). Jude 1:9
6. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Daniel’s people, Israel. Daniel 12:1
7. Satan and Michael had sparred in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 1:9). They once fought over the body of Moses, which God did not want discovered, and so God hid his tomb to this day. Deuteronomy 34:6, Jude 1:9
8. Michael and Satan will again square off in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at which time Michael will be victorious. Revelation 12:7-8
	* 1. Why would God allow this to happen?
9. We need to understand that just as we struggle in our service to God, the angels also struggle to fulfill God’s bidding. This gives us an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peek into the unseen celestial realmwhere real battles rage for the souls of man.
10. God would teach Daniel that the opposition he witnessed against Israel had an invisible spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Just as God’s plans were frustrated in Jerusalem they are sometimes frustrated in the spiritual realm.
11. Daniel 10:14-19 –The angel came to give Daniel the information he needed to understand why Israel would continueto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to give Daniel the confidence to patiently wait on the Lord’s timing to deliver Israel.
	* 1. Daniel 10:15 - Hearing the details of the angelic conflict and of the delay Daniel was moved deeply. He had already been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for weeks, and now he was given another heavy load to bear.
		2. The angel came to Daniel to infuse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into his unresponsive lips.
		3. Daniel needed staminaand alertness to grasp and retain the upcoming barrage of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ information found in chapter eleven.
12. Daniel 10:20 – The angel asked Daniel if he knew why he had come to him, even though earlier the angel had already given him two reasonsfor coming.
	1. Daniel 10:12 – ...*and I have come in response**to your words...*
	2. Daniel 10:14 – ...*I have come to give you an understanding**of what will happen to your people in the latter days...*
	3. However, there was something requiring his immediate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ following his delivering of this message to Daniel.
	4. The mention of Greecehere provides a heads-up about the prophecies coming up in chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concerning Greece.
13. Daniel 10:21 – This is likely a reminder to Daniel of what he had previously recorded and been told to sealup. Daniel 8:26 (also Daniel 12:4)
14. Daniel 11:1 –This verse shows us that the interpreting angel had already begun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Michaelsince the first year of King Darius’ reign.
	1. During the early years of Darius’ reign, the Persian Empire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_between being pro- Israel or anti-Israel. Remember the lions’ den event in Daniel 6.
	2. In an amazing turn of events, the Persian Empire had become pro-Israel. Daniel’s near-deathexperience in the den of hungry lions had turned the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on those who were against Israel.

***Daniel 11:2-12:4 – Astonishing Predictions – A Brief Introduction:***

1. In this final vision, Daniel heard \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_prophecies concerning Israel’s future under the Greek and Persian empires. In the end of the chapter the vision jumped to a yet-to-be- fulfilled prophecy about the Antichrist’s rise and fall. So, we go from NEAR future prophecies (11:2-35) to FAR future prophecies (11:36-45).
2. Given and recorded around 536 BC, this chapter chronicles in amazing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ future eventsthat would happen within a few years to a few hundred years to a few thousand years.
3. Throughout Daniel 11 Israel is the background focus obscured in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the warring Greek nations of Syria to the north and Egypt to the south.
4. If studied and believed, this information would have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the people of Israel during their years of suffering at the hands of the Persian and Greek empires, especially during the final days under Antiochus Epiphanes.
5. Whenever the information in this vision \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ affectsIsrael, the prophecies include more detail.
6. The reason this chapter covers Persia’s decline, gives detailed information about the rise and fall the Greek Empire, and then jumps headlong into the final stage of the Roman Empire is because this prophecy focuses on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ important details specific to Daniel’s vision of the 70 weeks (sevens). Daniel 9:24-27
7. Daniel 11:2-35 – This first section concerns Israel’s near future. It finishes with the completion of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sevens) foretold in Daniel nine. All the statements made in this section can been verified, almost to the minutest detail, in secular history.
	1. In all, there are 135 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ statements in Daniel 11:2-35 that have already been fulfilled accuratelyand literally.
	2. If Daniel was able to predict these future events with such pinpoint accuracy, we know that the remaining prophecies will likewise be fulfilled literallyand with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accuracy.
8. Daniel 11:36-45 – The second section concerns the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_future and the appearance of the Antichrist at the start of the seventieth week (seven) declared by God for Israel in Daniel nine.
	1. The prophecies in Daniel 11:2-35 were all fulfilled literally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Church Age began. In Daniel 11:36-45 there is a shift to prophecies about the distant future, after the Church Age has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that relate to the continuation of Israel’s declared 70 weeks (sevens) of discipline.
	2. From Daniel’s perspective, every one of these prophecies were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but from our perspective some have already been fulfilled literally (Dan. 11:2-35) and some still await their literal fulfillment (Dan. 11:36-45) in the seven-year Tribulation.
9. The great majority of the prophecies made in the first 35 verses of chapter 11 were fulfilled during the 400 years of prophetic silence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Old and New Testaments.

***Daniel 11:2-3 – Prophecies about the Fall of Persia:***

1. Daniel 11:2 -The three Persian kings that ruledafter Cyrus were Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis, and Darius I. The angel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through these three kings to get to the one king who would cause Middle Eastern history to change dramatically.
	1. King Xerxes I, a fourth Persian king after Cyrus, became stronger and wealthierthan all the previous kings who ruled. Esther 1:1-4
	2. In 480 BC, King Xerxes I amassed a million-man army and a huge navy to lead a military expedition against Greece. More than anything, his unsuccessful campaign succeeded in making the Greeks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Persians.
	3. Although there were other Persian kings after King Xerxes, the angel stopped his preview of Persian history with him. He would be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to bring Greek (European) influence to bear on the Middle East.
	4. The angel now jumped 90 years forward to Greece’s rapid invasion of the Middle East. A mighty king, motivated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, would be set on conquering the world.
2. Daniel 11:3 –This *mighty king* was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Great, who under the banner of revenge, quickly conquered the Persian Empire. Since this did not directly affect Israel, not a lot more detail was given by the angel.

***Daniel 11:4-18 – Prophecies about the Greek, Syrian-Egyptian wars***

1. Daniel 11:4 –In 323 BC, upon his prematuredeath in Babylon, Alexander’s kingdom was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. His two sons, Hercules and Alexander, were assassinated and his only uncle murdered, leaving no legitimate heirs to the throne.
2. Instead of being given to his heirs, Alexander’s kingdom was divided among his top four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus (Syria), and Ptolemy (Egypt). Daniel 8:8
	1. For nearly two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, two kingdoms in particular, Syria and Egypt, fought for power and dominion.
	2. Since Israel would be caught in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of this struggle, the angel took time to give interesting facts, including details of intrigue and revenge.
3. Daniel 11:5 – Some power struggleswithin the Greek Empire.
	1. Ptolemy I of Egypt (King of the South) grew strongquickly and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel from 323 to 200 BC.
	2. One of Ptolemy’s commanders, Seleucus I (one of his princes), formerly a general under Alexander, rose to power with Ptolemy’s help.
	3. Although Seleucus came from the south (Egypt), he ruled the northern kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and over time, Seleucus grew more powerfulthan Ptolemy.
4. Daniel 11:6 – “After some years” refers to the Syrian-Egyptian wars from 274-271 BC and 260-253 BC. These wars created the need for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	1. “They will form an alliance” - In the ancient world, treatiesbetween nations were sometimes created and sealed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of their royal courts.
	2. The king of Egypt, Ptolemy II, gave his daughter Berenice to Antiochus II, king of Syria, in marriage. Ptolemy II was favorable to the Jews, even authorizing the translation of the Old Testament into Greek (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
	3. “But she shall not retain the power of her authority…etc.” - This prophecy is somewhat hard to understand but looking back in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it becomes understandable.
		* 1. In order for Berenice to be married to Antiochus II, he had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his first wife, Laodice. After the death of Berenice’s father in Egypt, Antiochus II lefther and returned to his former wife, Laodice.
			2. It is said Laodice then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Berenice, her bodyguards (*those who brought her*), and her infant son. Later she may also have poisoned King Antiochus II in order to put her own son, Seleucus II, on the throne. All of this led to the third Syrian- Egyptian War.
5. Daniel 11:7 –Berenice’s brother, Ptolemy III, ruled Egypt from 246-221 BC and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the third war with Syria when Egypt was at a peak of power.
	1. Ptolemy III marched his armies across \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and attacked Syria with great fury. He defeatedSeleucus II and avenged the death and shame of his sister, Berenice, by killing Laodice.
	2. This started a string of continual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that trampled down Israel in the process.
6. Daniel 11:8 –After this victory, Ptolemy III invadedthe countryside from Syria all the way to Babylon, raiding temples and bringing their idols and loot back to Egypt.
7. Daniel 11:9 –Seleucus II of Syria pursuedPtolemy III back to Egypt but in the process failed to gain any military advantage.
8. Daniel 11:10 –The phrase “his sons” referred to the sonsof Seleucus II of Syria. The sons of the Seleucid (Syrian) Empire foughton, and “One of them,”Antiochus III, had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ planto once again conquer all of Alexander’s former empire.
9. Daniel 11:11 – The fourth Syrian-Egyptian war, which was between Antiochus III and Ptolemy IV, predicated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Ptolemaic Egypt. Antiochus III would later become known as Antiochus the Great.
	1. Angeredthat his power was threatened by Antiochus III’s (King of North) grandiose ideas of world domination, Ptolemy IV (King of South) organized the Egyptian army for war.
	2. “*But that multitude will be given into the hand of the former* [Egypt]” *-* Just as prophesied, Ptolemy IV (King of South) remarkably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Antiochus III (King of North - Syria).
10. Daniel 11:12 –For some reason, Ptolemy did not take advantage of his victory to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Antiochus III. Humanly speaking this was a foolish mistake; it allowed Antiochus to regroup and regain the advantage.
11. Daniel 11:13 –Ptolemy’s failure to finish off Antiochus the Great’s armies gave Antiochus the reprieve needed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his military and go after Ptolemy as Daniel 11:10 predicted.
12. Daniel 11:14 - Zealous Jewishfighters, wanting to fulfill the *vision* (a possible reference to the Kingdom of God, or simply a misunderstanding of this vision), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Syria against Egypt (Ptolemy).
	1. “But they will fall down” *-* These zealous Jews ended up bringing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suffering to Israel.
13. Daniel 11:15 –Antiochus III defeated the Egyptians in the Battle of Panium. This relaxed the Ptolemaic gripon Israel.
14. Daniel 11:16 –With this victory over Ptolemy, Antiochus III gained control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *the Beautiful Land*. In hopes of freedom, Israel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Antiochus III, but he was not a true friend.
15. Daniel 11:17 - Antiochus III would have liked to conquer Egypt, but because a new power was rising in the northwest (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), he instead sought an alliance of peacewith Egypt.
	1. Antiochus the Great gave his daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I to Ptolemy V in marriage in hopes that Cleopatra would act as a spyon his behalf. Instead, Cleopatra turned on her father and was loyal to her husband.
16. Daniel 11:18 - Antiochus III’s last major military campaignfocused on Cypress, Crete and Greece.
	1. Out of this battle came the Treaty of Apamea with its devastating conditionsfor Greek- Syria, which included leaving Europe, giving up all war elephants, and paying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an exorbitant amount of gold.
	2. This treaty impacted the future of Antiochus IV (Epiphanes), the son of Antiochus (III) the Great. Antiochus IV was taken to Rome as a political \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Daniel 11:19-32 – A Close Look at Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) – Enemy of Israel***

1. Daniel 11:19 –Because of the heavy demands of the treaty with Rome, Antiochus III raided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his own lands. On one such raid, he tripped and fell, resulting in a fatalinjury - not a very glorious way for a festooned conqueror to die.
2. Daniel 11:20 - Seleucus IV, Antiochus Epiphanes’ brother, replaced Antiochus III. He ruled Greek-Syria less than ten years, from 187 to 175 BC, and heavily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Israel to pay tribute to Rome.
	1. The only temple not already raided in his country was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ templein Jerusalem. Seleucus IV sent his tax collector, Heliodors, to raidthe temple, but because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intervention he and his men returned with nothing.
	2. However, shortly after the temple episode, Seleucus IV dropped dead. Some credit Heliodors (possibly Jewish) with having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seleucus IV. Whatever the case, his death paved the way for Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) to readily grab the throne.
3. Daniel 11:21 - Although Antiochus IV was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Rome, he had been released in exchange for Demetrius, the legitimate heir to the Seleucid throne.
	1. This man is the little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel 8:9-14. In this passage, he is prophesied to become the *King of the North*. He is the one *who is insolent and full of intrigue*in Daniel 8:23-26.
	2. He renamed himself Antiochus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning Antiochus God-Manifest. Jews in his kingdom secretly called him Antiochus Epimames, meaning Antiochus the Madman. He put heavy demands on Israel.
	3. The reason the angel gave so much information about this man was because he was a small-scale \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the coming, vile-beyond- imagination, Antichrist.
4. Daniel 11:22 - In 172 BC, Antiochus’ forces defeatedPtolemy VI, and with Israel’s lands under his jurisdiction, Antiochus Epiphanes became involved in Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_affairs.
	1. On his way through Israel, Antiochus Epiphanes deposedand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the High Priest (“prince of the covenant”).
	2. Upon removal of the legitimate High Priest and in disregard of God’s Leviticalcode, Antiochus Epiphanes appointed a pseudo-high priest (Jason), who paid Antiochus a large sum of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the position.
5. Daniel 11:23-24 – At the time, Antiochus Epiphanes’ nephew, Ptolemy VI, the son of his famous sister Cleopatra, ruled Egypt.
	1. Antiochus IV defeated the Egyptians, but to keep Rome from being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he made a treaty with his nephew, Ptolemy VI, leaving him in Egypt as a vassal king.
	2. “He shall do what his fathers have not done,” - Antiochus Epiphanes was now free to pillage. He marched \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the delta region of Egypt, something never previously done by the Syrian kings.
6. Daniel 11:25-27 – Treachery in Egypt
	1. Once again Antiochus entered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Egypt’s army met his large army at Pelusium near the delta of the Nile.
	2. History tells us that someone within his own ranks, maybe his own brother, caused Ptolemy’s defeat. Within the king’s family (*those who eat his choice food*) there was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	3. Ptolemy VI’s men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, explaining the defeat of Egypt’s mighty army.
7. Daniel 11:28 –On his way home, Antiochus Epiphanes made a significant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.
8. Through bribery, Antiochus had appointed Jason as high priest. Later he replaced Jason with yet another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ priest, Menelaus, a Hellenistic Israelite, maybe even from the tribe of Benjamin. Menelaus encouraged Antiochus to Hellenize Jerusalem, meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel to accept Greekways.
9. While Antiochus was away fighting in Egypt, Jason appointed himself as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem, forcing Menelaus into hiding. It is said that when Antiochus stopped in Jerusalem on his way home from Egypt, Menelaus aidedhim in sacking the city, killing multitudes, and plundering the temple. Daniel 8:12
10. Daniel 11:29 –Antiochus (VI) Epiphanes was growing stronger and once again his eyes were set on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Egypt. This fact alarmed Rome. Therefore, Rome planned to foilAntiochus IV’s plans.
11. Daniel 11:30 –According to history, a Roman dignitary delivered Antiochus an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of warwith Rome if he again attacked Egypt.
	1. “Therefore, he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant,” - In his disgrace, Antiochus Epiphanes turned his anger\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel.
	2. History tells us that the only group that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his wrath were those Jews who deniedGod and the Mosaic Law in favor of Greek culture and customs.
12. Daniel 11:31 - Under the guise of a military \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Antiochus’ army marched 22,000 soldiers along the north wall of Jerusalem. Then they unexpectedly breached the north wall and massacredthousands upon thousands of Israelites.
13. On December 15, 167 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes entered the temple and set up an altar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on top of the Altar of Sacrifice.
14. This evil event left the temple completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sacrifice. It was the first abominationthat caused the temple to be desolate and foreshadowed a similar prophesied event that will occur during the Tribulation.
15. We know this is not the same event mentioned in Daniel 9:27, because almost 200 years after this event Jesusquoted the Daniel reference as still being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (See Matthew 24:15)
16. Daniel 11:32 - These were Jews who took their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God and willingly diedfor their faith in the Maccabean Revolt against Antiochus.

***Daniel 11:33-35 – The Times of the Maccabean Revolt (167-160BC)***

1. The events foretold by the angel in verses 33-35 are recorded in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the non-canonical book of 2 Maccabees.
2. Daniel 11:33 - There were some Jewish teacherswho tried to help the people of Israel stand through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days of the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes.
3. Daniel 11:34 - As persecution mounted, the Maccabean revoltbegan to gain ground, but nonetheless, many Jewish people of the day simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Antiochus’ evil demandsand apostatized.
4. Daniel 11:35 - During Antiochus Epiphanes’ reign of terror, believers(*those who have insight*) suffered and died.
	1. God used this persecution to prepareIsrael for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the 69th week of sevens when Christ would come, presenting Himself to them as Messiah and King. John 12:15
	2. The angel prophesied that this time of testing would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and it did when Antiochus Epiphanes died in 163 BC. He died on a military campaign into Persia. It is said he died of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	3. All of this history was designed as a lead up and build up to the nation’s reception of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, however as we know “His own did not receive Him” (John 1:11-12).

***Daniel’s 70th Week Reintroduced – Introductory Comments on 11:36-45***

1. Although Daniel 11:2-35 is a complexand difficult passage, with the help of extra-biblical recorded history we now have a fairly concrete understanding of those verses. Those verses prophesied key events pertaining to Israel that would happen during the often difficult days of the 69 weeks (sevens) leading up to the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
2. As we come to this next section, we note that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ verses 35 and 36 there is an intervalof more than two thousand years. This interval is known to us as the Church age, a mystery of God not revealed to Daniel or any other Old Testament prophet.
	* 1. Thus, from Daniel 11:36 forward we proceed into the unchartedwaters of things still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.
		2. In this study through the pages of Daniel, we have been trailing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figure who will rise to power in the last days. He will be the last in a long line of evil rulers who have controlled the sinful kingdoms of men. This is the Antichrist.
	1. He was first introduced in Daniel seven as the boastfuland blasphemous little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	2. In Daniel eight, he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greeklittle horn.
	3. In Daniel nine, he was predicted as being a deceptive, double-crossing world leader who will treacherously promise Israel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only to turn on Israel in all-out genocide.
	4. Here we have the revelation of a rising global con manwho races to save the day for Israel only to turn and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the nation by every possible means.

***Daniel 11:36-39 – The Character of the Antichrist***

1. Daniel 11:36 - Quite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a new personage is inserted into our passage. This perhaps, is exactly how he will appear on the scene in the last days.
	* 1. This cannot be Antiochus Epiphanes because he did not always get to do as he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 11:29-30 graphically portrayed him being deniedwhat he wanted.
		2. On the contrary, this *king* who *does as he pleases*is identifiable as the Antichrist.
		3. The Antichrist will put himself on a level above all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He will be an evil global political despot, unmatched by any previous world ruler to ever have appeared on the scene. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
		4. He will be allowedto live until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation, at which time he will be destroyed by the coming of Christ. Isaiah 10:5, 13:5; Revelation 19:20-21
2. Daniel 11:37 - The Antichrist will disregardall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ traditions. Although he will use religion to his advantage, in the end he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all worship except that which is directed at him. Revelation 17:8
	* 1. He will be so single-focused on world-domination and destruction of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he will not even be distracted by the throngs of women who will throw themselves at him.
		2. The Antichrist will be an atheist; he will have no use for the worship of any god. In time, he will view himself as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ god and will blaspheme the true God.
3. Daniel 11:38 - Honoring *a god of fortresses* does not mean the Antichrist will suddenly get religion. It does mean he will have a god after all, that god being his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_strength, wealth and might.
4. Daniel 11:39 - While he is an atheist himself, if it is to his advantageto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the god or religion of other nations to wage and win wars, he will most certainly do so.

***Daniel 11:40-45 – The Warring of the Antichrist***

1. Daniel 11:40 - This refers to Daniel’s 70th week (seven) which is the seven-year Tribulation period.
	1. Up to this point in the chapter, the king of the South has been from Egypt and the king of the North from Syria. There is no reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_these designations now.
	2. These two nations will *collide* with the Antichrist. Since the historical battlegroundof these two kings was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that is where they will head.
2. Daniel 11:41 - The Antichrist will attack and fight off the two kings that have come against Israel. He will enter the Promised Land under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of saving Israel from their enemies.
3. Daniel 11:42 - Next the Antichrist will go on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In his aggression, he will not spare Egypt. He will also fight against *other countries* (possibly countries that were aligned with Egypt and Syria in their attacks on Israel).
4. Daniel 11:43 - The Antichrist will gain control of Egypt’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(possibly their entire banking system) as well as its natural resources (*all the precious things*).
5. Daniel 11:44 –While in Egypt, the Antichrist will hear of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reportsthat emanate from the north and the east.
	* 1. Since most of the nations that will be part of the coming Battleof Gog and Magog will be from the north and east of Israel, this verse could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to that battle, although the text is not clear.
		2. At any rate, when the Antichrist hears these rumors, he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Egypt in pursuitof the nations *from the East and from the North*. His goal will be to destroy them.
6. Daniel 11:45 - Jerusalem, or the nearby vicinity, will become a major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ headquartersof the Antichrist’s worldwide empire.
	* 1. At this point in the Tribulation, Israel will likely see the Antichrist as a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_who rescued them from their enemies. If this is so, it may pave the way for Israel to deem him as a “messiah.”
		2. “Yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him,” - This most likely refers to the Antichrist’s death (or near-death experience) and resuscitation, an event which will happen near the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Tribulation, because of 12:1 – “at this time…”

***Daniel 12:1-4 – The End of the Age***

1. Daniel 12:1 - This is likely a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ battlepredicted in Revelation 12:7-12 that will occur at the midpoint of the Tribulation between Michael and Satan. This battle will be won by Michael.
	1. The rage induced by this defeat and “permanent” casting out of heaven will drive Satan into single-focused desire to wipe out the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel and ALL believers in Jesus Christ on earth at the time. (Revelation 12:12-17).
	2. According to Jesus in Matthew 24, the second half of the Tribulation will be the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_time in the history of the world, especially for Israel as they will be hunted like animals. The Antichrist will lead the world in unparalleled antisemitic hatred.
2. Daniel 12:2 –This verse speaks of \_\_\_\_\_\_resurrections. The two resurrections spoken of here are separated by 1,000 years.
	1. Blessedare those who partake in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resurrection. The first resurrection comes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phases, or harvests.
		1. Christ is the first fruits; He is the first one to have been resurrected neverto die again. He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a brand-new race of humans. 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23-24; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 1:5
		2. The second harvest is the church at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At the rapture the dead in Christ will rise first, and then those who are still alive will be caught up with them. John 14:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:3
		3. Old Testament saints and Tribulation saints will rise at Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Coming. These will constitute the third and final harvest, which will happen just priorto the commencement of the Millennial Kingdom. This is the aspect Daniel records here. John 5:25-29, Revelation 20:4-6
	2. The second resurrection will occur 1,000 years \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the third phase of the first resurrection, just prior to the Great White Throne Judgment. The second resurrection is not a favorable one. It is the resurrection of the unsaveddead. They will be resurrected so they can face judgment. Revelation 20:5-6, 11-15
3. Daniel 12:3 - Those believers who, like Daniel, by God’s grace courageously standfor the truth through difficult times will shine in extreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout eternity.
4. Daniel 12:4 - The angel told Daniel to *seal up*, meaning to preserve, the contents of this book. The angel did not mean Daniel should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the contents of the book. Jeremiah 32:9-12

***Daniel 12:5-13 – Concluding the Vision***

1. Daniel 12:5 –Similar to the vision he had seen in Daniel 10:4-6, Daniel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saw the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus, this time in the air above the Tigris (Dan. 12:7). There were also two new angels, one on either bank of the river.
2. Daniel 12:6 –This question relates to the duration of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_persecution of Israel during the Tribulation (the seventieth seven).
	* 1. For Israel, the Tribulation is going to be so severeit will threaten their very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The angel in verse one prophesied that ...*there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time*...”
		2. Jesus is going to make a crucial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_concerning the duration of this terrible time and the two angels are going to witness His oath.
3. Daniel 12:7 - Once more Daniel turned his attentiontoward the Lord who was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above the Tigris River, and in the presence of the two angels, the Lord Jesus vowedthat the most horrible part of the Tribulation would last only 3 1⁄2 years.
	1. Jesus said the purpose for the intense 31⁄2-year persecution was to shatterthe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. Zechariah 12:10-14
	2. We know from Daniel 9:24 that there are six purposesfor the 70 sevens, all of which will be attained by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation.
	3. The Bible describesthese still-future events in many passages \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 28, 30; Isaiah 4:3-4, 6:11-13, 9:4-5, 14:3, 24:1-23, 26:20-21; Jeremiah 30:4-11; Zechariah 11:15-17, 13:7-9, 14:1-2
4. Daniel 12:8 –Daniel was not asking whenthe Tribulation would end; he was asking what the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_would be. Daniel had not received a lot of insight regarding events after the Tribulation (the Kingdom and the eternal state). 1 Peter 1:10-12

***B. Daniel 12:9-13 – Christ’s Tells Daniel Some Outcomes of These Events***

1. Daniel 12:9-10 –Jesus did not give Daniel a lot of information here about the *outcome of these events*, like he did later to John the Apostle in Revelation 19-22. Jesus did however give a \_\_\_\_ important *outcomes**of these events*.
2. Daniel 12:11 – Jesus did give specifics regarding timeframe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the abomination of desolation, and thus the second halfof the Tribulation will last 1260 days according to Daniel 12:7. What about the extra 30 days mentioned here?
	* 1. The 30 days mentioned here may include the time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to set up thrones and convene courts for judgment before the Millennial Kingdom begins. As the following verses affirm, there is indeed a judgmentslated to follow the end of the Tribulation.
		2. Revelation 20:4a - *Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them*.
		3. Matthew 19:28 – *Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging**the twelve tribes of Israel.”*
		4. Matthew 25:31-32 – *But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations**will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*
3. Daniel 12:12 –Now we have yet another date. This includes an additional \_\_\_\_\_ days beyond the 30 days mentioned in Daniel 12:11, giving us a total of 75 days. What is the significance here?
	1. The best answer is that the 75th day is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day for the Millennial Kingdom.
	2. The 75 days are not too long or too short to prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day this earth will have ever seen. Time will be needed to clean up the earth (Is. 35:1-10) and to convene judgments in preparation for the perfect rule of Christ on earth. Ezekiel 20:34-38, Matthew 25:31-46
4. Daniel 12:13 - We do not have any record of Daniel ever returning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. His age and position in the Persian government probably precluded this.