**Daniel 11**

**Hellenistic Age**

**Lesson 13**

In Daniel 10 we saw the angels Gabriel and Michael work together. Daniel is “touched by and angel” three times. Daniel fainted and the touch of the angel revived him. When Gabriel touched Daniel’s mouth Daniel was able to speak. The third time Gabriel touched him to comfort him, take away his fear and to strengthen him.

1. **When did you feel closest to God this week? Or was there a verse or message in this week’s study of Daniel that you found inspirational?**
2. **In the Persian/Greek conflict who is the “powerful king” that arose? See footnotes and Dan 11:2-4.**

**Dan 11:2-4** “Now I shall tell you the truth.

“Three kings of Persia[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+11&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-26252a)] are yet to appear; and a fourth shall acquire the greatest riches of all. Strengthened by his riches, he shall stir up all kingdoms, even that of Greece. **3**But a powerful king[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+11&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-26253b)] shall appear and rule with great might, doing as he wills. **4**No sooner shall he appear than his kingdom shall be broken and divided in four directions under heaven; but not among his descendants or in keeping with his mighty rule, for his kingdom shall be torn to pieces and belong to others.

1. **Spiritual Reflection: How does the description of rising and falling kings and kingdoms in history affect your understanding of our world today?**
2. **Who is likely the despicable person in vs 21 who was also mentioned in Daniel 8? Check your foot notes, see also Dan 11:21-24, Dan 8:9-12 and Dan 8:23-25.**

**Dan 11:21-24** “There shall arise in his place a despicable person, to whom the royal insignia shall not be given. He shall enter by stealth and seize the kingdom by fraud. **22**Armed forces shall be completely overwhelmed by him and crushed, even the prince of the covenant.[[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+11&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-26272l)] **23**After making alliances, he shall treacherously rise to power with only a few supporters. **24**By stealth he shall enter prosperous provinces and do that which his fathers or grandfathers never did; he shall distribute spoil, plunder, and riches among them and devise plots against their strongholds.

**Dan 8:9-12** **9**Out of one of them came a little horn which grew and grew toward the south, the east, and the glorious land. **10**It grew even to the host of heaven, so that it cast down to earth some of the host and some of the stars and trampled on them. **11**It grew even to the Prince of the host, from whom the daily sacrifice was removed, and whose sanctuary was cast down. **12**The host was given over together with the daily sacrifice in the course of transgression. It cast truth to the ground, and was succeeding in its undertaking.

**Dan 8:23-25** “At the end of their reign,
    when sinners have reached their measure,
There shall arise a king,
    impudent, and skilled in intrigue.
**24**He shall be strong and powerful,
    bring about fearful ruin,
    and succeed in his undertaking.
He shall destroy powerful peoples;
**25**    his cunning shall be against the holy ones,
    his treacherous conduct shall succeed.
He shall be proud of heart
    and destroy many by stealth.
But when he rises against the Prince of princes,
    he shall be broken without a hand being raised.

1. **How will the king or ruler bring blasphemies against Israel? See Dan 11:30-32 and Dan 11:36 .**

**Dan 11:30-3230**When ships of the Kittim confront him, he shall lose heart and retreat. Then he shall rage against the holy covenant and take action; he shall again favor those who forsake the holy covenant. **31**Armed forces shall rise at his command and defile the sanctuary stronghold, abolishing the daily sacrifice and setting up the desolating abomination. **32**By his deceit he shall make some who were disloyal forsake the covenant; but those who remain loyal to their God shall take strong action.

**Dan 11:36 36**“The king shall do as he wills, exalting himself and making himself greater than any god; he shall utter dreadful blasphemies against the God of gods.

1. **What will happen to those who persevere in their faith and remain loyal to God? See Dan 11:32-35.**

**Dan 11:32-35.32**By his deceit he shall make some who were disloyal forsake the covenant; but those who remain loyal to their God shall take strong action. **33**Those with insight among the people shall instruct the many; though for a time the sword, flames, exile, and plunder will cause them to stumble. **34**When they stumble, they will be helped,[[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+11&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-26284o)] but only a little; many shall join them, but out of treachery. **35**Some of those with insight shall stumble so that they may be tested, refined, and purified, until the end time which is still appointed to come.

1. **Reflection: Why do you suppose God has given such detailed accounts of over 300 years of history to the people? What are we to learn from these visions?**