

Lesson 15

Vision of Man, Kings of North and South, End Times: Chapter 10-12

STUDY GUIDE

1. Daniel's closing vision, like the one in Chapter 9, has an extensive introduction. Chapter 10 is the setting or introduction for the vision. Read this section carefully looking for important principles in these two areas: (a) Prayer (what do you learn about the reason for prevailing prayer?) (b) political powers (what do you see "behind the scenes" as a factor in politics?).
2. The vision itself is given in 11:2-12:4. Read through this hurriedly for an impression of the general nature of content of this vision. It is like Chapter 9 in its form. What is this? It is like the first three visions in its content. What is this?
3. Study carefully 11:2-4. What two kingdoms are presented? Write down the main points given regarding each of these. Did you see anything here that reminded you of a previous vision? Place these main facts on your rough chart and note the new light that is being given about these two nations.
4. Most of Chapter 11 deals with political conflicts within the parts of the Grecian empire. The details of the fulfillment of this can be obtained from recorded history. Read 11:5-19 for a general impression. Beginning at vs. 20, the spotlight turns upon a particular person. Read this material and see if it sounds like a person you have met before in Daniel. Where should this material be placed on your chart?
5. Read 12:1-4. What general time period is being dealt with now? It is obvious from 12:1 that there is no break in the continuity of the material from Chapter 11. This means that somewhere in Chapter 11 there is a "jump" to the end, as in previous visions. Read 11:28-12:4 and decide where you think the break occurs.
6. Now work through the last part of Chapter 11 (11:36-45) and the first paragraph of Chapter 12 and make a list of the important facts. Is he dealing here with matters you have seen in previous visions? If so, place the major facts on your rough chart.

NOTES

Daniel's closing vision, like the one in chapter nine, has an extensive introduction. Chapter 10 is the setting or introduction for the vision. In Ezra 1:1-4, we have the account of the Lord moving Cyrus, the king of Persia, to issue a decree for the restoration of Jerusalem in his first year. The vision of Daniel 10 takes place in the third year of Cyrus. Daniel's concern lies with the people of God and their future days, especially concerning the current political turmoil. We note that in verses 13 and 20, the angel, which appeared to Daniel, had been dealing with the prince of Persia who did not favor the Jews. In verse 20 this angel announced to Daniel that the prince of Greece is to come and he, as history shows, did favor the Jews. Daniel begins to pray the answers were delayed because the prince of Persia withstood him for 3 weeks.

This final vision is greatly detailed in Daniel 11:2- 12:4. It is similar to chapter nine in its form, being that the symbols are words rather than items, but similar to the first three visions in what will occur among ruling powers in the coming years.

Daniel 11:2-4 begins the conflict between Persia and Greece. Four more kings will rule in Persia, with the fourth gaining far more riches than the others and he will arouse the empire against Greece. This is a continuation of the vision of chapter eight. The king spoken of in chapter 11:3, is Alexander of Greece whose kingdom was divided into four parts at his death under four rulers who did not have as wide dominion as Alexander.

The passage of 11:5-19 contains information about the political conflicts within the parts of the Grecian empire. The details of this fulfillment can be obtained from recorded history. In verses 20 and 21, we see someone that we have met before, the little horn from the He-goat of chapter eight described here as a “despicable person”.

It is obvious, in looking at 12:1-4, that this is the end of all times; therefore a jump must have occurred in chapter 11. This jump that has occurred in previous visions, is seen again in 11:36 and following. 11:36-12:4 depicts end times, with unprecedented trouble.