

Daniel 11:11-16

11“The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.

King of the South this is the Egyptian king was the playboy Ptolemy IV Philopator (212-204 bc)

He is the king that Antiochus III – Antiochus the Great attacks, but Ptolemy IV was victorious at the battle of Raphia.

The king of the **South** Ptolemy IV *will be enraged* when Antiochus the Great forms an army to come against him *and go forth and fight with the king of the North.* Antiochus III Then the latter Antiochus III *will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.*
Ptolemy IV, the playboy.

12 "When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

Since Scripture speaks of the great armies, let's take a look at the numbers:

Antiochus III, Antiochus the Great of the Northern Kingdom of Syria had 62,000 infantry, 6,000 cavalry and 102 elephants; Ptolemy IV had 70,000 infantry, 5,000 cavalry and 73 elephants. They met at Raphia. **GAZA.**



and when the multitude is carried

away This is when Ptolemy had defeated the Great army of Antiochus –killing multitudes *his heart will be lifted up,* with pride, and gave himself over to sensual pleasures, thinking himself safe and secure *and he will cause tens of thousands to fall;* history says this may be the number of Antiochus's army or even of the Jews *yet he will not prevail.* Antiochus will escape. Ptolemy failed to pursue his victory and completely conquer the Northern Kingdom of Syria but instead he just remained where he was and enjoyed sensuous time.

13 *“For the king of the North*

Antiochus the Great *will again raise a greater multitude than the former,* then he had at the battle of Raphia *and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.*

From 212-204 bc Antiochus builds another great army and leads several military campaigns in the area of the Caspian Sea.

Things change in 203 bc... Ptolemy IV died, as did his wife, succeeded by a 4 year old –Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-181 bc).

This opened up a perfect time to attack Egypt. And this is what verse 14 is about. There will be continual battles against the Ptolemies of the South, (**Egypt**) with the historical outcome that a power shift will take place in the Middle East, where Egypt will fall from being the most powerful and **Syria**—Seleucids of the north will be the most powerful.

14 “*Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South;* the child king, Ptolemy V. Egypt is not only attacked by the king of the North, Antiochus the Great and by Philip V of Macedonia, but also waged war against Egypt.



14 in those times This is a reference to the time when there will be a major shift of power from Egypt in the South to Syria in the North, from the empire of the Ptolemies of Egypt to the Seleucids in the North. God is telling them before these things take place so they will know not to get involved in this power struggle.

WISDOM

is listening to the warnings given in God's Word.

The next part of verse 14 is powerful and concerns the people of Israel. Here is the problem—uninformed, misinformed believers often mis-read what is happening in history, and even worse many get involved in civil activity that is outside the Plan of God.

Wisdom from the book of Daniel

Throughout all history it is so important for believers to have **maximum wisdom** from the Word of God **to understand** what is happening in history and to **be guided** by the Holy Spirit. This demands that believers are **consistent in the study of the Word of God** *BEFORE* national disaster occurs. The problem is that during this time of relative peace, believers are too busy with their lives to devote time necessary for the study of God's Word. Therefore, when disaster does hit, they are in historical darkness.

the violent ones among your people
"not all Israel is Israel"

the violent ones The Hebrew word refers to the heart of a rebel, who desires to tear down what is established. The extremist, common to all violent people is the ideal of force—violent force to make their statement, the violent ones are occupied with themselves and what they want, it is all about themselves.

We have already noted these kind of believers in the Tribulation in ***Daniel 9:27 ...and he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week.*** ***He*** dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, ***will make a firm covenant*** to protect Israel ***with the many*** the Jews who do not know what is going on in history, they will put down their own weapons and trust the Anti-Christ; again the great dangers of not knowing the Word of God.

for one week that is for 7 years, but he will break it in the middle of the tribulation.

the violent ones among your people
those Jews who think they know more than God

will also lift themselves up arrogance and what they say, on the way things ought to be.

HISTORICALLY, ANOTHER PLACE TO STUDY THESE PEOPLE IS TO STUDY THE RISE OF NAZISM IN GERMANY IN THE 1930s.

In order to fulfill the vision

More Wisdom

2 Tim. 2:15

KJ of *...rightly dividing the Word of Truth.*

NASV *...accurately handling*

This is why it is so important to correctly understand **DISPENSATIONS** in the Word of God; to know where you are in history.

Here in Daniel 11:14—they are going to make the vision given by God to come about.

Question: **What Vision?**

This refers to the vision of the Millennial kingdom given in chapters 2 and 7. Bring in the kingdom promised by God.

More Wisdom

Only God can fulfill His promises! Do not think that you will bring about the Kingdom of God. In the last 50 years man has tried to bring in the Kingdom.

The Zionist movement and the movement to build the Temple in Jerusalem to bringing in world peace will allow Christ to return to this earth, etc.

But they will fall down

This is worse than just they will fail.

What they hope to do was to give Israel all its freedoms.

But what they will end up bringing about is to bring in the most horrible dictator you have ever seen, worse than Babylon, and you and Israel will fall down—collapse. They will not bring in the Millennial kingdom, but they will lose all the freedom they had under Egypt.

15 “Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand

their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

Then the king of the North Antiochus the Great *will come* this is important for it means he will come into the land of Palestine.

Cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city the well-fortified city is Sidon.



Sidon will be taken in 198 bc through the use of siegeworks*

(* **SIEGEWORKS:** The surrounding and blockading of a city, town, or fortress by an army attempting to capture)

and by the end 198 bc he had pushed back all Egyptian forces and he ruled over all Palestine.

and the forces of the South Egypt *will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops,*

History records the name of three great Egyptian generals **Eropas, Menacles,** and **Damoyenus;** but these three could not save Sidon *for there will be no strength to make a stand.* So many battles with North as well as other invasions wore down their forces.

As Antiochus invades all Palestine including Jerusalem, the Jews of Jerusalem readily submitted to him and received him into their city and helped his forces in attacking various outpost of Egypt.

Remember that all this is to forewarn the Jews of what the last days, those seven years of the Tribulation were going to be like, where the many will welcome the Anti-Christ who will turn against them and seek to annihilate them.

16 *“But he* Antiochus the Great *who comes against him* Ptolemy of Egypt *will do as he pleases,* he would take cities, dispose of them at his pleasure. Not only ended Egypt’s power but he also took rule over the land between Egypt and Syria, that is he rule over Palestine.

no one will be able to withstand him; this is as far as Egypt is concerned but the next phrase is where all we have been studying since verse 2 was heading:

he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

This of course is **Judea**. It is so called because of its fertility and because it worshipped **THE ONLY TRUE GOD**. The Jews welcomed him into their city and rendered aid to him in continual battles.

And because of their reception of Antiochus, he, at first, rendered them great freedom. Allowing them to continue in their own laws and celebrations. At first they prospered!

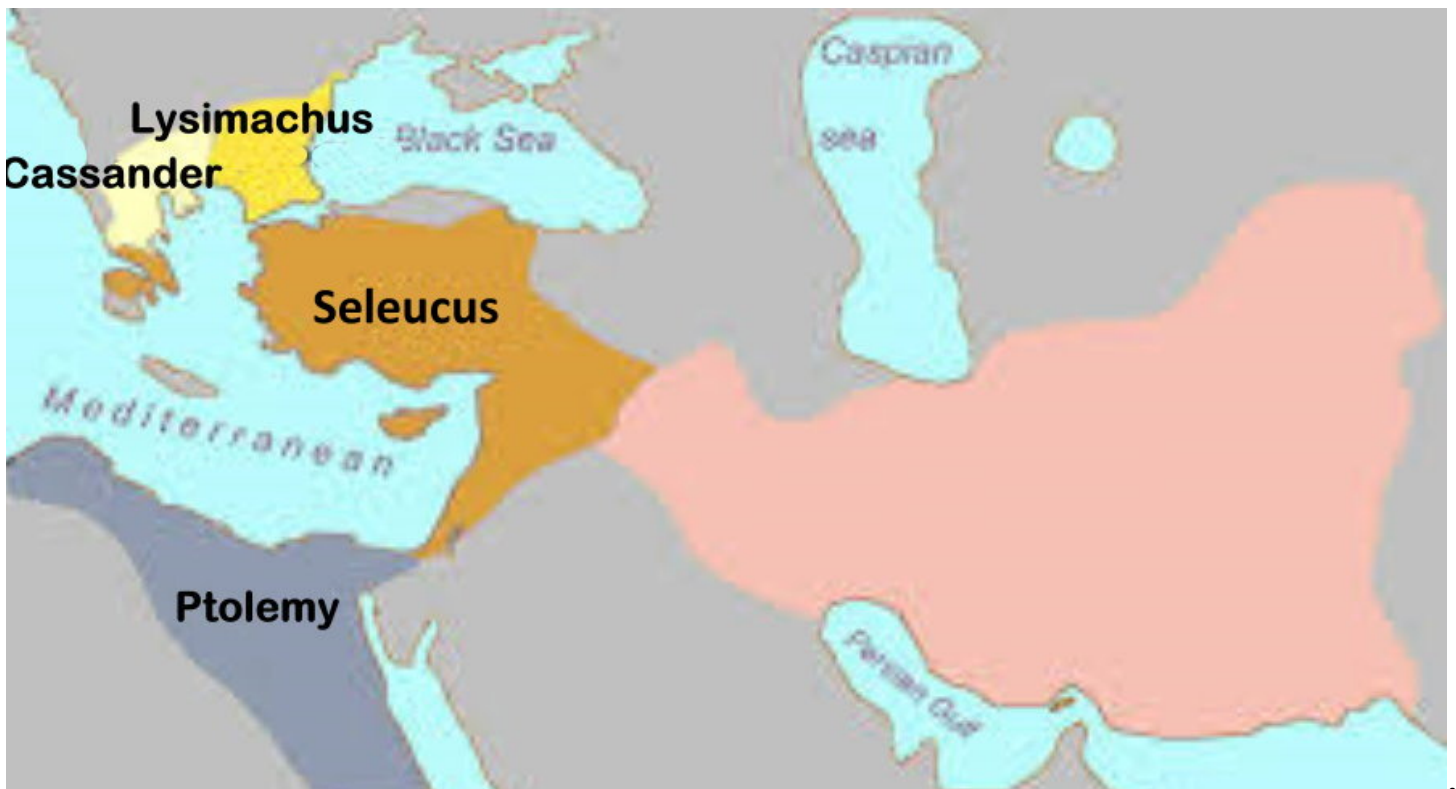
But all this is setting them up for the worst period of their lives.

Again, just as in **The Tribulation**.

*Ancient Maps of the
Alexandrian and Post-Alexandrian Era
are found on the next page.*



Alexander Greco-Macedonian Empire Map



Always Remember - God Is In Control