

# Daniel 11:21-35

## **Antiochus IV and The Great Dragon**

Three weeks ago we covered a summary of the Maccabean war against Antiochus Epiphanes. You will recall how the Selucids opened war against the Jews and Antiochus IV desecrated the temple by offering pigs on the altar and the family, which became known as the Maccabeans (hammerers) revolted and defeated Antiochus and dedicated the cleaned temple in the feast of the lights called Hanukkah.

Then we studied *Daniel 8:8-13*.

Today we begin our study at *Daniel 11:21*.

*Daniel 11:21-35* is more details on Antiochus IV. In 167 bc he conquered Palestine, defiled the Temple sanctuary and dedicated hogs in the Temple dedicated to Zeus Olympus. In 164 bc the temple was purified. This is the period of the 2300 evenings and mornings in chapter 8 verse 14.

***11:21 “In his place a despicable person***

Antiochus IV, Epiphanes – type of the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation and we have already studied why he is called a despicable person.

*will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred,* no one wanted him to be king but through flattery and lies he took over the kingdom. *but he will come in a time of tranquility* political and economic tranquility *and seize the kingdom by intrigue.*

The Hebrew word for *intrigue* means that he secured his position by flattery and through hypocrisy.

**22** *“The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.*

*-the overflowing forces* Egypt, and forces throughout the country or kingdom of the Selucids *will be flooded away before him* that is Antiochus IV will overflow these forces like a flood the *covenant* is the Mosaic Covenant and *prince* is the High Priest of Israel.

When Antiochus IV (Epiphanes, the type of the Anti-Christ in The Tribulation) took over the rule of the Selucid empire, in **174 bc** the

Jews were having confrontations over their High Priest. This was perfect timing for Antiochus IV to appoint a new High Priest, named Jason.

This appointment however was that Jason would be allowed to remain as High Priest as long as he could deliver Jewish money to Antiochus to pay off Rome according to the terms of the Peace of Apamea. If Jason did not raise the taxes to meet the sum of money, Antiochus would replace him.

As it turns out in **171 bc** Antiochus was not pleased with Jason and Antiochus replaced him and appointed a man named Menolos, who actually conspired against Jason to become High Priest.

The year 171 bc is an important year in the book of Daniel and in the history of Judea. 171 BC begins the seven years of the abomination discussed in *Daniel 8:14 For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.* When Antiochus IV started appointing the High Priest, the office was no longer to glorify God, but just a political appointment to pay homage to Antiochus IV and to raise money through high taxes for Antiochus IV.

For example, Menolos, who was appointed high priest by Antiochus IV in 171 BC, was not of the tribe of Levi, which

means he was not qualified to be a legitimate High Priest of Israel.

**23** *“After an alliance is made with him* Get ready Jews of The Tribulation: the Jews in Jerusalem will make an alliance with Antiochus IV, just as in The Tribulation.

Many Jews will favor an alliance with the dictator of Revived Roman Empire.

*he will practice deception*, in the actual dealings of the alliance, just as is happening this very day (2014) in the Middle East, and will happen at the beginning of The Tribulation. Only to be broken 3 ½ years later in the middle of The Tribulation.

*and he* Antiochus IV *will go up and gain power* rule in Jerusalem *with a small force of people.*

**24** *“In a time of tranquility* relative peace and the people had no idea of what he had planned for them or against them

*he* Antiochus IV *will enter the richest parts of the realm*, to gather the wealth and distribute it as he wishes...much like what is happening in USA today

*and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors;* exactly what will happen in the Tribulation *he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them,* redistribution of wealth *and he will devise his schemes against strongholds,* cities with some kind of military *but only for a time.*

Mattathias will have had enough and he and his 5 sons will lead a successful revolt.

*25 “He* Antiochus IV *will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South* Egypt *with a large army;*

The first time Antiochus IV entered Egypt, he did so privately and under the pretense of flattery.

*so the king of the South* Ptolemy Philometor of Egypt *will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.*

In 168 BC one of the Ptolemies died and his successor decided that he was going to take Palestine back away from Antiochus IV. You will recall that Palestine had been lost in the days of Ptolemy IV when Antiochus III had destroyed Ptolemy IV in the battle of Ponias north of the Sea of Galilee (Daniel 11:13-15).

While in Egypt (168 bc) Antiochus IV once again wined and dined and made many deceitful ordinances with those in leadership (11:28).

After this victorious visit to Egypt Antiochus IV went back home, only to return to Egypt again in 11:29.

**26** *“Those in Egypt who eat his Antiochus IV choice food will destroy him,* Ptolemy Philometor; his own army generals sat and wined with Antiochus IV and will plot against Philometor



(Ptolemy VI Philometor; a King Of Egypt; He reigned from 180 to 145 bc) *and*

*his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.*

**27** *“As for both kings,* Ptolemy Philometor of Egypt and Antiochus IV of Syria *their hearts will be intent on evil,* against each other *and they will*

*speak lies to each other at the same table;*

Politics never changes; they gathered in a big banquet at Memphis Egypt, where they ate together and talked about securing peace and stability for the entire empires, but each was plotting his own kingdoms welfare.

*but it their plotting will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.*

# Wisdom of Daniel

**God is in control!!**

**Not Antiochus IV, Not Egypt, Not Rome!  
But The Only True God.**

*28 “Then he Antiochus IV will return to his land Syria with much plunder;* from Egypt; but as he returns to Syria he goes through Jerusalem once again

*but his* Antiochus IV *heart will be set against the holy covenant*, not the covenant he made with Egypt, but the Holy covenant that God made with Abraham recorded in Genesis 12, where they were made a distinct and peculiar people, having laws and holy feast and ordinance different from all others, for which reason they were hated by other nations. Just as Christians who study and live by the Word of God today are hated by the world.

*and he will take action* against all the Jews in Judea;

According to Maccabees he ordered his army to slaughter Jews wherever they met them, showing no mercy, killing men, women and children, including all virgins, the point here is that they did not take them sexually but had distain against them all.

Just as it was in WWII where the German men, did not rape the Jewish women, having distain because they were Jewish.

And in an 3 day span some eighty thousand Jews were slain, forty thousand bound and sold into slavery. He went into the temple stealing all the valuable articles with unclean hands. When Antiochus continued on to Syria there was great mourning

throughout the land.

*and then return to his own land.* Return to Antioch with all the wealth from Egypt and Judah. You must remember that Antiochus IV is a type of the coming dictator of the RRE, and this is especially true in the way he will treat the Jews.

**29** “*At the appointed time* by God *he* Antiochus IV *will return* to Egypt and come into the South, Egypt *but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.* Before he was victorious but not this time.

**30** “*For ships of Kittim* means ships from beyond Cyprus and Crete or from Macedonia and refers to the navy of Rome *will come against him;* Antiochus IV.

## **What is happening historically?**

Antiochus IV in his second invasion of Egypt but unfortunately for him, Rome was victorious in the third Macedonian War and now they put all their emphasis against Antiochus IV in Egypt which Rome considered their territory. And Egypt had sent for help by Rome against Antiochus IV. So the Roman senate dispatched an envoy to Egypt to meet with Antiochus IV. And in

charge of this Roman envoy was **Lucias Linus**. What is so special about this man? Well, Linus had been the roommate of Antiochus IV years ago when Antiochus was hostage in Rome, where he grew up as friends with Lucias. So, in sending Lucias, Antiochus mistakenly thought that Rome was going to be favorable to him in sending Lucias as head of their envoy. But you must also remember two things: first, Antiochus was not Roman and he was despised by everyone in Rome for his manner of life.

So, as Lucias stepped off the boat in Alexandria Egypt, Antiochus IV approached Lucias with his hand in friendship, Lucias took a rolled up scroll from the Roman senate and put it into Antiochus's outstretched hand. Antiochus unrolled the scroll and read that the Roman senate demanded Antiochus to get out of Egypt, and get out now!

Antiochus, like most politicians, wanted time to think about it. Lucias took a stick and drew a circle around Antiochus, in front of everyone and said "Antiochus, you give me an answer before you step out of that circle" humiliated in front of his own army, the Egyptians and Romans, Antiochus immediately agreed to leave Egypt.

*30 therefore, he will be disheartened humiliated and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant*

*and take action;*

This explains what happened after Antiochus was humiliated in getting kicked out of Rome.

## **What does this sound like?**

In the middle of The Tribulation, Satan will be kicked out of heaven. Humiliated, Satan will come back to earth and he is enraged against the Jews. He is set to *take action* against Israel and all the Jews. In Satan's thinking all the Jews are gathered in Israel and it is a perfect time to annihilate all the Jews, something he has been wanting to do since the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. All the Jews are in one place, so all he has to do is to gather all the armies of the world against Israel and destroy Jerusalem.

TODAY (AD 2014) SATAN DESIRES TO TAKE CONTROL OF JERUSALEM THROUGH THE MUSLIMS, BUT THAT WILL NEVER COME ABOUT, MAKING SATAN EVEN MORE FRUSTRATED. HE AS ALL THE NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AGAINST ISRAEL, AND HE IS MOVING TO HAVE USA AND UN AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF JERUSALEM. So all the events are falling into place for him to *redeem* himself, after being humiliated by being kicked out of

heaven, he will come and destroy all the Jews, then God would not be able to keep His word in the Covenants promised to Israel.

*Revelation 12: 7 and there was war in heaven,  
Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon.  
The dragon and his angels waged war,*

*8 and they dragon and his angelic forces were not strong  
enough, and there was no longer a place found for  
them in heaven.*

*9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the  
serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who  
deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the  
earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

note all (4) designations for Satan. One of the reasons for Daniel 11 is that Israel might see and understand what is going to happen in their history, *and the great dragon* Satan, but in our understanding of Daniel 11 this is a picture of Antiochus IV, Epiphanes.

*Was thrown down* this is analogous to Antiochus and all his forces were made to leave Egypt.

*Revelation 12:13 and when the dragon Satan, Antiochus IV saw that he was thrown down to the earth, both were humiliated, Satan being kick out of heaven, and Antiochus being kicked out of Egypt he Satan (Antiochus IV) persecuted the woman Israel who gave birth to the male child. Jesus Christ.*

This is why Satan hates Israel, because she brought in the Messiah who would be victorious over him. (on Wednesday nights we are studying the 3 hours of darkness on the cross, and are getting ready to look at Satan in the darkness. We will see what happened to Satan in 3 hours of Darkness.)

What is happening to Antiochus IV in Daniel 11:30 is a picture of what will happen to Israel in the middle of The Tribulation.

*Daniel 11:30 “For ships of Kittim will come against him; that is Rome coming against Antiochus IV in Egypt therefore as a result of being ordered to get out of Egypt he Antiochus IV will be disheartened humiliated and will return and become enraged Now to see this –being enraged look at*

*Revelation 12:12* “*For this reason, rejoice,* victory of JC at end of The Tribulation great singing in heaven over victory by Jesus Christ in the Angelic Conflict.

*O heavens* angels *and you who dwell in them.* Believers in heaven *Woe to the earth and the sea,* why earth and sea?

Because in Revelation 13:1 the Dragon comes out of the sea; the sea, the deep, is where God cast all the fallen angels after the victory at end of Pre-historic world; now, as the earth; in Revelation 13:11 another beast, the false prophet is said to come out of the earth, that is out of Jerusalem.

*because the devil has come down to you,* that is to the earth but mainly Israel *having great wrath,* this is parallel to Daniel 11:30 where Antiochus, after being kicked out of Egypt is *enraged* against Israel.

*knowing that he has only a short time.”* For a comparative study of the type and the anti-type. In describing the rage against the Jews of the Great Dragon in The Tribulation.

The Hebrew word is **za-am** and word means **to be enraged**, indignation, the root of the Hebrew is to **foam at the mouth**. Now describing the rage of the Dragon in middle of The Tribulation

**thumos** also means the word is seen in the foaming of the mouth. Great—physical magnitude, and wrath, means anger, indignation, expressed in violent behavior.

So to be sure you see all this: **Daniel 11:30** in describing Antiochus IV attitude toward the Jews, after being kicked out of Egypt **became enraged**; and describing the Gt. Dragon's attitude toward the Jews after being kicked out of heaven:

**Revelation 12:12** *having great wrath.*

Antiochus IV is in 165 bc, while the Dragon in The Tribulation is now over 2000 years later yet they so perfectly fit each other. We take up the historical events of the Great Dragon in **Daniel 11:36-45.**

Now back to **Daniel 11:30** “**For ships of Kittim** Roman **will come against him**; Antiochus IV who is in Egypt, Roman territory **therefore he will be disheartened** humiliated at being embarrassingly kicked out of Egypt **and will return** to Jerusalem **and become enraged at the holy covenant** that

is the Abrahamic Covenant that established the race of the Jews and promised them a long heritage through history. And if Antiochus can destroy the Jews, he destroys the promise of God to the Jews.

THE US HAS A GROWING HATRED TOWARD  
CHRISTIANITY. WHY?

CHRISTIANITY PROCLAIMS A MORALITY THAT  
IMMORAL AMERICA HATES. CHRISTIANITY  
PROCLAIMS PROPHECY THAT PRONOUNCES A DOOM FOR  
EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS  
CHRIST. CHRISTIANITY TEACHES OF THE WRATH OF  
GOD, WHOM THE WORLD REJECTS. CHRISTIANITY  
TEACHES OF A TRUE AND ETERNAL HEAVEN AND  
HELL, WHICH MOST AMERICANS REJECT.

CHRISTIANITY PROCLAIMS SAVIOR, MESSIAH AND  
THAT *ONLY* IN HIM CAN ONE ESCAPE THE FIRE OF  
HELL AND ENTER INTO PEACEFUL HEAVEN WITH GOD  
WHICH IS A GRACE TEACHING OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

SO IN EFFECT, CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM, IN  
THE VIEW OF THE MODERN WORLD ARE NEGATIVE,  
THEY ARE AGAINST SO MANY ACTS OF IMMORALITY;  
THEY ARE AGAINST EVERYONE BEING SAVED, THEY  
ARE AGAINST DIFFERENT WAYS OF BEING SAVED,  
THEY ARE BEING SEEN AS THE REAL TROUBLEMAKERS

OF THE MODERN WORLD, WHILE THE MUSLIMS TEACH A HATRED AND KILLING OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT AGREE WITH THEM, AND THEY ARE APPEALING TO THE MODERN WORLD.

*and take action;* These are frightening words to the Jews of Israel at this time in history and in The Tribulation. It means that he will take strong action against all the Jews of Israel.

### **Back at the ranch:**

While Antiochus IV was in Egypt, some interesting things were happening in Judea. Rumors were spreading throughout Judea that Antiochus IV had been killed. Jason took had **Menolos** (high priest appointed by Antiochus IV) thrown out as high priest and Jason was now the high priest. There were celebrations all through Judea, celebrating the death of Antiochus IV and a rightful Jew as high priest. But Antiochus IV had not been killed, he was greatly humiliated but was very much alive and angry.

And as Antiochus was retreating from Egypt he passed through Judea and saw how they were celebrating his death and had overthrown his appointed high priest.

So in his anger, he *went into action.* He decided that “these Jews are perpetual rebels” And so he decided to do two things to them.

## **First:**

He will treat Jerusalem as a captive city, and making sure that they would never revolt again. So on a Sabbath day, he gathered all the citizens of Jerusalem and ordered soldiers to tear down the walls of Jerusalem.

This was not nearly as bad as the **Second** thing he did, discussed in *verse 31*.

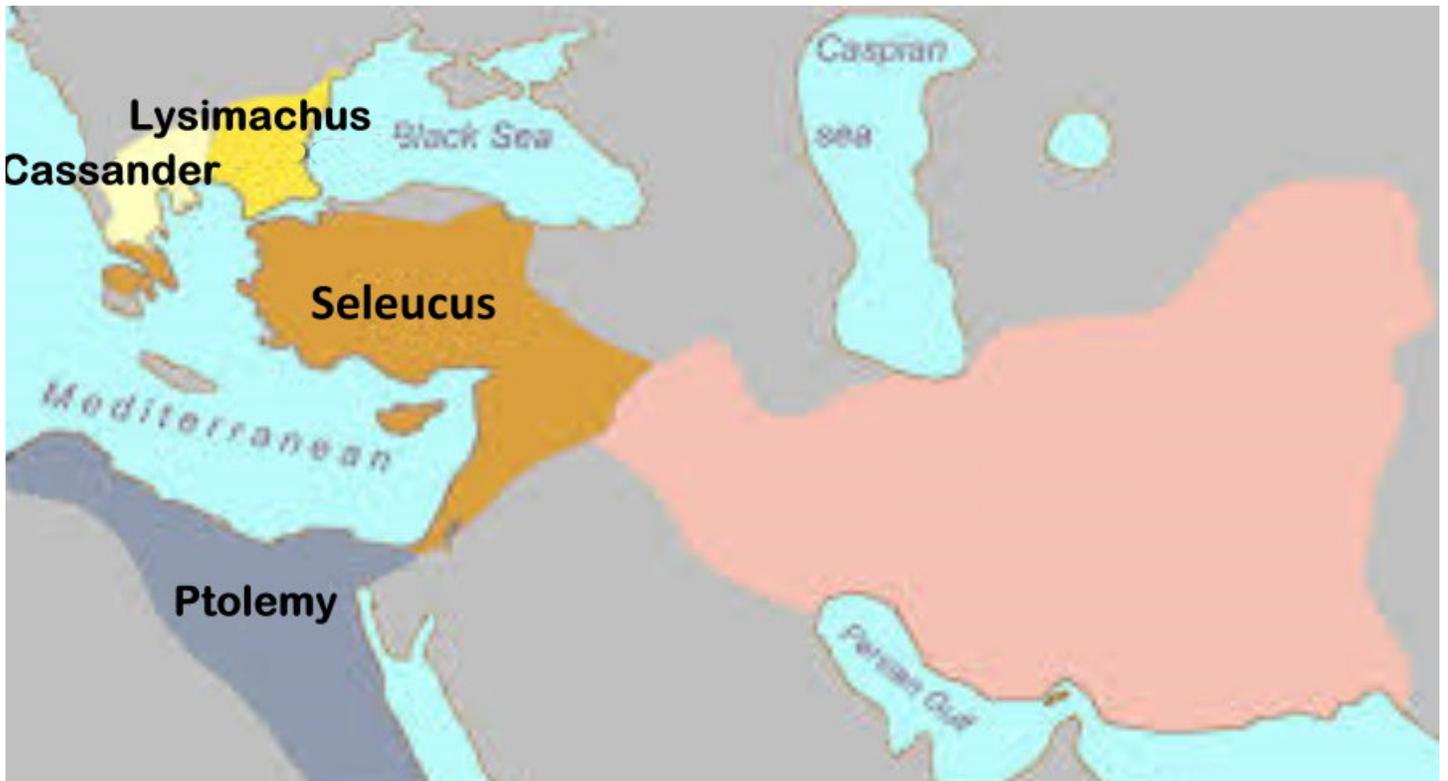
*so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.*

We have studied this group in Daniel's Seventh week in **Daniel 9:27** under *the many* this is a reference to the Jews who forsook the Holy Abrahamic Covenant and sided with Antiochus IV, as a type of those in The Tribulation who will forsake the warnings in the Word of God and make a treaty with the dictator of Revived Roman Empire, and who will not leave Jerusalem in the middle of 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**