Daniel 11:1-4

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539 to 164 bc covered in verses 1-35

Daniel 11:2 Verse 2 "And now I (GABRIEL) will tell you the truth. (This refers to the content of the "writing of truth" in Daniel 10:21)

Before we moved on to the Historical Development of Daniel's vision, let's note what we have learned about ANGELS.

Angelology

What we learn about angels from Daniel 11:1-2

- 1. Angels are real
- 2. Angels have volition as to their actions
- 3. Angels fight with One Another: Saved Angels fight fallen angels
- 4. Angels fight over *mankind*
- 5. Angels encourage One Another
- 6. Angels protect One Another
- 7. Angels deliver the Word of God to man: (also book of Revelation)

Daniel 11:1 and in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, GABRIEL took my stand A DELIBERATE VOLITIONAL STAND IN COMBAT to be an encouragement and protection for him MICHAEL.

Michael is fighting against the Princes—demons over Persia to keep Daniel from receiving from God, this final vision. Michael is the great prince who stands guard over all Israel throughout all history Daniel 12:1

¹ "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Time frame of 11:2-35 cover from Darius the Mede to Antiochus 1V Epiphanes—who as we will see, the reason for God revealing this to the Jews through Daniel is that Antiochus IV is a type of the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation or in Daniel 70th week.

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² "And now / GABRIEL will tell you the truth. THIS REFERS TO THE CONTENT OF THE "WRITING OF TRUTH" IN 10:21 Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia.

There is so much history involved in these Kings. Cambyses Combined,

Cambyses and Cyrus expanded the Medo-Persian empire to it's maximum. Cambyses first military endeavor was to invade and conquer Egypt. He ruled over Persia from 529-522 BC

Over a period of 35 years Cyrus and Cambyses created the largest empire the world had ever known, an empire that stretched all the way from the Aegean Sea to the Indus, an empire that ever since acted as a vehicle for exchanging western European thought and goods, and Oriental thought and goods. the Media-Persian was the meeting ground for them both.

Cambyses was the first of the three Kings prophesied in Daniel 11:2

In 522 BC a usurper claimed to be Cambyses brother Bardiya, whom Cambyses <u>secretly</u> assassinated. He was also known as Smerdis. This imposter seized the throne with the full backing of the Magi and Zoroastrian priest. In the midst of this coup Cambyses was mysteriously murdered.

After the death of Cambyses, there was all sorts of political intrigue. There was a man named Pseudo-smerdis (you can look him up on Google and read of a lot of intrigue). He ruled just 7 months. By the way. he got this name because he posed as someone else.

First King: Cambyses

Second king: Pseudo-smerdis

Third king: Darius Hystaspes

He (*Darius Hystaspes*) ruled from 521-486 bc.

He was a powerful leader instituting many programs and building greatness, but he was never able to bring the kingdom up to the glory of Cyrus the Great and Cambyses. He was a legal genius and reorganized the legal system.

He standardized the coins, weights and measures and built up a dynamic economic system based on trade and commerce. So what happened? Well he shaved the coinage, which of course produces inflation, which caused him to interfere with government control, to control the inflation.

One of his great building programs was the building of the great city of Susa, where he moved his palace.

As to his expansion, he made gains in Egypt. He thought the Greeks were perverted and moved into colonies on the Aegean. In 490 he sent a military force against Athens. The Athenians met him at Marathon where they defeated the forces of Darius. He was angry and intended a massive return, but he died first leaving the major assault against Greece to his son, Xerxes.

This has brought us to 486 bc.

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