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## Times Are Crazy, Live For God?

Daniel 10:1- *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.*

2-*At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.*

3-*I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.*

4-*On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris,*

5-*I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist.*

6-*His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.*

7-*I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; the men with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves.*

8a-*So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision;*

8b- *I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.*

9-*Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.*

10-*A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.*

11-*He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.*

12- *Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.*

13-*But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.*

14-*Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."*

15-*While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless.*

16- *Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I am helpless.*

17-*How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."*

18-*Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength.*

19-*"Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."*

20-*So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;*

21-*but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.*

11:1-*And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him").*

## DANIEL 11, 12: PROPHETIC SUMMARY

Daniel 11:2a -Three more kings of Persia - then a fourth king: Xerxes - the king of the book of Esther - he will stir up everyone in a great (unsuccessful) campaign against Greece  
vs 3 - A mighty king will appear over Greece (Alexander the Great) - His Kingdom will be divided among the four leaders that succeed him.

Daniel 11:5-35 predicts the reign of the Kings of the South and the North  
(Overview from *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old Testament*, Victor Books)

### The South: The Ptolemies-In Egypt

11:5 Ptolemy I Soter (323-285BC)

11:6 Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246BC)

11:7-8 Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-221 BC)

11:11-12,14-15 Ptolemy IV Philopator (221-204 BC)

11:17 Ptolemy V Epiphanes (204-181 BC)

11:25 Ptolemy VI Philometer (181-145 BC)

### The North: The Selucids-In Syria

11:5 Seleucus I Nicator (312-281 BC)

Antiochus I Soter (281-262 BC)

11:6 Antiochus II Theos (262-246BC)

11:7-9 Seleucus II Callinicus (246-227 BC)

11:10 Seleucus III Soter (227-223 BC)

11:10-11,13,15-19 Antiochus III the Great (223-187 BC)

11:20 Seleucus IV Philopator (187-176 BC)

11:21-32 Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163 BC) The evil ruler from Daniel 8 - not a legitimate king - but a deceiver who established the Abomination of Desolation.

### Daniel 11:36-45

In verse 36 a break occurs in the prophecy built off the phrase "*the time of the end*" in verse 35. This section moves onto the latter days and the Antichrist and tribulation period. These verses provide additional details of the 70<sup>th</sup> week in Daniel 9. An attack from the South will be an excuse for the Antichrist to enter and occupy the Holy Land.

### Daniel 12

Daniel 12:8,9,13 Summarizes Daniel's dilemma of the end times: *I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My Lord, what will the outcome of all this be?" He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end....As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."*

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