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“Divine Director”

“He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.” (Daniel 2:21 NLT)

The Vision

Daniel 10:1, 20 – (1) “In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future—times of war and great hardship.

(20) He replied, ‘Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come. (21) Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth...’ (NLT)

Drama Kings – See Them Come & Go

Act 1 End of Persia (11:2)

Daniel 11:2 – “And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.”

Act 2 Rise & Fall of Alexander (11:3-4)

Daniel 11:4 – “And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.”

Act 3 Scene 1 – Northern Kingdom vs Southern Kingdom (11:5-20)

Daniel 11:11-13 – (11) “Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand. (12) And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. (13) For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.”

Act 3 Scene 2 – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (11:21-45)

Daniel 11:21 – “In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.”

Daniel 11:36-38 – (36) “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. (37) He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. (38) He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.”

Daniel 11:45 – “And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.”

Futility of Foolish Powermongers (Isaiah 40:23-24)

Daniel 11:3-4 – (3) “Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. (4) And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.”

Daniel 11:12, 14 – (12) “And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. (14) In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.”

Daniel 11:17 – “He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.”

Daniel 11:19-20 – (19) “Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found. (20) Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.”

Personalized Precision

Psalms 31:14-15 – (14) “But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ (15) My times are in your hand...”

Psalms 139:16 – “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)