

## **Daniel 11,Part 2 -“The kings of the Earth”**

We are going to continue with Daniel 11, part 2. If you remember the last sermon, we ended with verse 19 where Caesar died by assassination. And so now, we are going to learn of some new names that are going to step up on the world scene. So, let us begin with Daniel 11:20.

**Daniel 11:20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.**

As we know, Julius Caesar had died, so Octavian, (later called Augustus) the son of Cleopatra and Caesar, became Augustus Caesar who stood as a ruler and was a raiser of taxes. He “reformed the taxes” in his administration. This was during the time of Christ’s birth. Luke 2:1 actually says, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed." (It was this tax that eventually brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.)

Augustus would die though rather quickly and that is what the Bible said, “within a few days shall be destroyed”. He only ruled 13 years. Roman rulers were elected for life. 13 years was not a long time for a Roman ruler. Even his father, Julius Caesar, who was cut short in assassination in 44BC, ruled 56 years. And some of you who may not know this, but when God speaks of days, a day equals a year. See Numbers 14:34 or Ezekiel 4:6.

Augustus did die peacefully in his bed while visiting the place of his father's death (August 19, 14AD). He died of natural causes: either by disease or old age. It was most assuredly not in battle, nor in anger that he died. He was 77 at death. It has been implied by some sources that his fourth wife, Livia, poisoned him to have her son, Tiberius, rule in his stead and this is why the Bible said the following, “neither in anger, nor in battle”.

**Daniel 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.**

When we look into the verse where it says, “in his estate,” it is referring to Octavian (Augustus) who would be replaced after his death by a vile person. This vile person was Tiberius.

Tiberius was considered a dark and gloomy person who had bouts with severe depression and dark moods. He was not loved by his people. He also allowed himself to come under the influence of unscrupulous men, which did, in fact, soil his image throughout history. He was very intelligent but widely misunderstood and unloved. It has also been implied in historic sources that he was a drunk who lived in a continual state of drunkenness 24 hours a day.

And the kingdom that he would rule over, the Bible says, “they shall not give the honour of the kingdom”. History literally shows this. Tiberius was not originally in line for the throne. He had to be adopted to be considered an heir to the throne due to the fact that there was no one else to rule because of untimely deaths. He didn't want the position but reluctantly agreed when the Senate insisted. He was not very fond of the "honors" offered to him by Rome. Some claim that

it was his modesty that prevented him from accepting the honors, others accused him of political hypocrisy. In any event, he was not loved or honored by his peers.

Furthermore, when Augustus died, Tiberius was adopted into power without conflict or assassination and that is why it is said in this verse, “he shall come in peaceably”.

Tiberius was convinced "by words" of others to rule. His age and ill health also factored into his acceptance. Still, he was not traditionally honored to be there. He gained the throne by the political influence, or "flatteries" of his mother Livia. And this is why it is Biblically said, “obtain the kingdom by flatteries”. And so, he ruled from 14-37AD.

**Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.**

When we look into this verse where it says, “arms of a flood,” history reveals to us that Tiberius was successful in many military campaigns against Germany and the East and in the east on the frontiers of Armenia and Parthia. However, the Bible says he “shall be broken”. Tiberius rested at Micenum. His illness had caused him to appear to be dying or at the worst, dead. Caligula thought to take possession of the empire, when Tiberius suddenly revived. But Marco, the praetorian prefect, had him suffocated with pillows.

And as stated, Tiberius reigned from 14-37AD. This means it was he that installed Pontius Pilate as governor when Jesus was crucified. This is why the verse said, “yea also the Prince of the covenant, which is Jesus Christ”. You got to love how this all history wonderfully flows with Biblical statements.

**Daniel 11:23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.**

Rome was known to join themselves with other nations for political gain as well as to "absorb" them into their number eventually. Remember Daniel 2 and 7 along with other statements from Daniel how Rome would mingle themselves with the seed of men? And so, we can see this happening today as they did during the time of her coming to power and such. And so, during Tiberius' reign (14-37AD), the Bible clearly states that the Romans allied themselves with the Jews. This is why the Jews often stated, "we have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15).

And where the Bible had stated, “after the league”, Tiberius at that time, and then all Roman emperors thereafter; hence league.

Furthermore, when this verse is talking about how “he shall work deceitfully”, history shows that Tiberius and all Roman emperors were well known to break or withdraw from all their political promises throughout their history. A perfect example would be their alliance with the Jews at this time which later allowed Rome to conquer the Jews in 63BC.

What is wonderfully interesting about the statement made by the Bible is when it said they “shall become strong with a small people”. History records that Rome often imposed upon their smaller allies to perform their conquests for them. They were too small to stand alone at this time. Once their allies helped them, they absorbed them into their kingdom. They no doubt used the much smaller Jewish nation as well, but on the "religious" end of things so as to also have control over the churches as well. Rome ruled over them before, during and after the time of Christ.

**Daniel 11:24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.**

The Bible states he, starting with Tiberius, Rome would move ahead as a global power.

And here, we see how the Bible states, “enter peaceably”. This is just as Rome does today, "by peace [they] shall destroy many." (Daniel 8:25) Remember? Most were unaware of Rome's preconceived plans to overthrow their allies because they came in bearing gifts and promises of friendship. Rome does this to this day. Her political movements allow her to gain kingdoms by craftiness or treachery, which Daniel also spoke of in 8:25. Look at how the masterfully created Islam and how they use this evil to do their dirty work and when their dirty work is over with, I am sure they have plans to destroy this power so they don't take control of everything, but before that happens, the Bible is clear that the world will end. History will no longer repeat.

The Bible also mentions “the fattest places”. Here, it is referring to wealth or the wealthy industrious nations like Phoenicia and Memphis in Egypt as well as other places.

The Bible also states how “his fathers have not done”, which we can see how the Emperors of Rome changed their political m.o. from this point forward. None of their Roman ancestors were as successful as these were in gathering wealth and friends.

Furthermore, Rome "spread the wealth" so as to assure friends in even the small nations, of which they then became stronger. Rome also granted their soldiers land in the territories they conquered, and this is why we read how the verse says, “scatter among them.”

And next where it says, “he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds”, well, rather quickly it became obvious that no one could stand up to the invincible armies of Rome. Satan clearly had his seat being established as Revelation 2:13 proclaims to be that of Rome where his seat is. And so, Rome had a preplanned (forecast) agenda that they worked towards behind closed doors as they love to do. They love to hide behind things. They love to do things in secret. Even when they elect a new pope, it is done in secret. They even have secret chambers. Anyhow, even though they appeared "friendly" to those they gave gifts unto, it was all designed to conquer their strongholds so as to eventually absorb them into the Roman Empire. This is exactly how Satan is doing it today throughout the world. It is through these same political tactics of the old day's method so to ensure his future New World Order.

And where it says, “for a time”, from Tiberius on, Rome moved politically by using pomp and circumstance as well as bribes and favors to influence all sorts of friends and allies throughout the world. But they could only do so "for a time." Rome eventually fell in 476AD and regrouped under the Roman church. But even here, they can only do as they do "for a time" because it is written in V45 that "he shall come to his end."

**Interesting NOTE:** a "time" = a year in prophecy. A year consisted of 360 days back then. This "time" had to begin when Rome had complete and utter rule over all kingdoms. This of course occurred in 31BC. If you add 360 years, you come to 330AD. This is the exact year Rome was no longer the city wherewith they ruled. Constantine moved the seat of power to Byzantium, which was later called Constantinople.

**Daniel 11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.**

**NOTE:** From previous verse. Gabriel now gives a brief summary of Roman history...

And he, referring to Pagan Rome, we find how Mark Antony would “stir up his power” looking to avenge Caesar's death. He went to Egypt to do so but fell to the charms of Cleopatra. He gave her province after province to please her. This angered Octavian to the point of war being declared on Egypt. Some sources also see this at the crusades against Muslims and Jews (for 150 years, 1095AD to 1250AD)

And the king of the south mentioned here is where we see the last of the Grecian empires, Egypt (Muslims)

This verse mentions “stirred up to battle”. Historians point out how Egypt was readying for a war against Rome’s invasion. Antony assembled a fleet of 500 ships with 200,000 soldiers and 12,000 horses at Samos.

And even though Octavian assembled far fewer men, unlike Antony, he had the pick of the lot, so to speak. His troops were far stronger than Antony's. As the battle raged on, Cleopatra became fearful and fled. Antony, being infatuated with her, saw her flee and went after her. Being a leader in battle, his leaving confused his men and cost him the battle. Octavian wins the fight, and Rome literally becomes both the king of the north and the south "politically" for a time and this is the reason why the Bible said, “he shall not stand”.

And as always, Rome had a preplanned (forecast) agenda that they worked towards all this. For years, Egypt was being "set up" so that they would be unable to win against them when they eventually attacked; hence, the Bible did say, “shall forecast devices against him”.

**Daniel 11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.**

The Bible here said, "they that feed of the portion of his meat"; it refers to the household relatives and "trusted" friends. It is also interesting to note that in ancient times, those that ate the food provided by another were expected to remain loyal to them from that day forward. It was tradition like this that allowed Rome to gain the trust of many leaders they later planned to conquer and is the other reason why the Bible goes on to say, "shall destroy him". Those that were expected to be loyal did the opposite in betrayal, or their advice was structured in a way that caused the fall. Rome was infamous for this in that they would make friends, and then turn on them for political gain. In this case, Cleopatra deserted Antony, who due to his infatuation ran to her side. This caused his army to desert him and join Octavian. When Antony came to Libya, later he found that Octavian was declared Caesar. He then joined Cleopatra in death by suicide.

Then it later goes on to say that "his army shall overflow". Rome's military gained in power when Antony's men joined with Octavian and is the reason why the Bible says, "many fall down slain". Most of Antony's men and all of the treasure on board the ships perished when the entire fleet was destroyed in battle. Plus, all of Antony's supporters were eventually slain by Octavian.

**Daniel 11:27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.**

And both these kings, Octavian and Antony were in alliance at first. It can also be said, due to Antony and Cleopatra's alliance that Rome and Egypt can be seen as "both these kings" as well.

The Bible says that they "shall do mischief". Octavian and Antony both seek to rule Rome. Due to Antony's alliance with Cleopatra, one can say that both Rome and Egypt sought universal rule as well.

Furthermore, the Word of God goes on to say that they shall speak lies at one table, which revelation shows that leaders of both sides met and lied about their plans for each other's good so as to "forecast" an agenda they preferred for self instead. They played it up as if they were concerned for each other, when in fact, they were not. This lends itself to the "mischief" spoken of by Gabriel. However, right off, thanks to Antony being smitten by Cleopatra, Antony and Octavian, who were "political" allies at one time, were now secretly against each other due to both seeking to rule as Emperor of Rome.

And the Word exclaims as well that "the end shall be at the time appointed", which of course, prophecy will be fulfilled just as Gabriel told Daniel. No matter how big the plans of men are, God is always in control. When He appoints it to end, it will end. This is confirmed in Daniel 4:35 where it says, "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

**Daniel 11:28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.**

Octavian/Augustus took his spoils from Egypt back to Rome with him as the Bible did say, "Then shall he return into his land with great riches".

Here, we see how the Scripture says, "his heart shall be against the holy covenant", which, in a broad sense, this "covenant" here that Rome is against has to do with everything from the Gospel message, salvation, the promised seed, and the promised land of the Jews. All of this came to a head of course in 66AD when Rome invaded Judea and took the cities of Galilee, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, where our Lord had been rejected. But when they set their sights on Jerusalem and surrounded it, they were suddenly called back to Rome for some unknown reason. As Jesus predicted in Matthew 24:15, the Christians understood this sign and fled the city. Then in 70AD, Titus came back and took the city and killed everyone in it. They also destroyed the temple of the Lord just as Jesus predicted in Matthew 24:2. Another fulfillment of Rome's heart being "against the covenant" can be seen in Constantine who was most assuredly against the salvation Christ offered at Calvary. He even went so far as to mix Christianity with Paganism so as to bring all churches under one roof as the popes do today, post Vatican II. Hence, he gave birth to Roman Catholicism. Constantine also instituted the first "Sunday Laws" on March 7, 321AD which boldly struck at the "holy covenant" between God and His people.

And "the holy covenant" we know, Jesus Christ is the "Prince of the Covenant" (see V22) and so this covenant is what Christ instituted at Sinai and confirmed for eternity at Calvary and sealed it with His blood.

And later, he, Octavian, shall do exploits like all Roman emperors, was known for his military conquests. By the end of his reign in 19BC, his armies conquered northern Hispania (modern Spain and Portugal), the Alpine regions of Raetia and Noricum (modern Switzerland, Bavaria, Austria, Slovenia), Illyricum and Pannonia (modern Albania, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia), and extended the borders of the African Province to the east and to the south. Later, under Herod the Great, Judea was added to the province of Syria when Augustus deposed his successor "Herod."

**Daniel 11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.**

- at the time appointed = as is always the case, as God directs, mankind must follow. V24 stated that it would be only "for a time" and so it was.
- he shall return = Constantine
- Come toward the south = Constantine came against Adrianople in 323AD and defeated Licinius. He then renamed the city Byzantium, "Constantinople" after himself.
- it shall not be as the former, or as the latter = Constantine moved the capital of Rome to Constantinople, thereby weakening Rome to where it never recovered. It would eventually fall in 476AD. As prophesied, it was never as strong as Rome was before the move (the former), and it would be nothing like itself (the latter) in the future because it would become Papal Rome.

**Daniel 11:30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.**

Historians explain that Barbarian invaders from the Northern Mediterranean coastlands helped to break up the Roman Empire; hence, "ships of Chittim shall come against him". The Vandals,

from northern Africa, under Genseric, repeatedly came against the Roman Empire with their naval forces. Genseric led the Vandals to come against the coasts of Spain, Liguria, Tuscany, Campania, Luciana, Bruttium, Apulia, Calabria, Venetia, Dalmatia, Epirus, Greece, and Sicily. Thanks to Constantine moving Rome's capital, even Italy itself was not spared from Genseric. Genseric's career lasted from 428 A.D. to 468 A.D.

Furthermore, Rome's repetitive failures in battles with Genseric caused much grief and humiliation, especially when the original seat of Rome was ravaged by Genseric; hence, "he shall be grieved" the Bible exclaims.

Rome then starts to show their hatred of Christianity more openly now and is the reason why the Word reveals, "have indignation against the holy covenant".

The Emperors of Rome would start to meet with Bishops of Rome and form a church & state conglomerate as you see today. The little horn of Daniel 7:25 does rise up among the "ten horns" and begins to grow in power both politically as well as religiously and is the reason why Daniel 11:30 says, "have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant".

**Daniel 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

Here, we see the Scripture says, "arms shall stand on his part", which refers to the political force that will be used to help those that "forsake the holy covenant." Rome did this by creating Papal Rome wherein the Church and the State are joined as one. In 496 A.D., Clovis, King of the Franks, was converted to Catholicism. In so doing, he recognizes the Bishop of Rome as the head of the Christian church. He even acknowledges the blasphemous title "vicar of God on earth" (Vicarius Filii Dei) of the Pope, which brings about the little horn's desire to "speak great words against the most high" as Daniel 7:25 depicts. Clovis then places his armies at the disposal of the Pope to defend the faith as well as expand her borders in the religious realm by assuming the role as a "corrector of heresies."

And of course, "they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength", referring to the Heavenly Sanctuary. Pollute also means to "profane." (See Strong's # H2490). Converting to Roman Catholicism while claiming it to be Christianity boldly profaned the message of the Gospel to the core of many unsuspecting hearts. It mixed vile Paganism with the truth of Christ's Word and trampled His truth underfoot.

Then they would "take away the daily sacrifice" when Paganism was no longer the religion of Rome. Paganism was used by Satan to "daily" persecute Christians. But now Paganism was "baptized" into the church by mixing Christianity with Paganism. It was then instituted as the law of the land at this time (496AD) and was a forced conversion unto the people from Paganism to what they called Christianity or "Catholicism." By 508AD, all visible signs of Paganism were removed by Clovis. All images, statues and rituals of Paganism were then sanctioned as "Christian" icons.

They “shall also place the abomination that makes desolate” as the Bible proclaims when the political Pope began to stand supreme from inside the church to be declared that he is a "god on earth", just as the Caesars' of Rome did, thereby the pope making the faith of all that agreed desolate. The title "god on earth" was a stance formally held by Roman Emperors. This placing of the Roman Pope as the head of the church as well as the State caused the Vandals, Herulis and Ostrogoths to rebel. The Vandals and Herulis were quickly defeated. The Ostrogoths backed off allowing the Pope his way for a bit, but later laid siege to the city where Belisarius resided. They did this for one year, but they failed and retreated in 538AD and then disappeared from history. Hence, the prophetic statement that the little horn would "subdue three kings" in Daniel 7:24 was fulfilled. The Pope now stood unopposed as "god on earth".

**Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

The Bible here says that “they will do wickedly against the covenant” when they had broken the foundational agreement (covenant) which the Lord offered salvation by corrupting it with Roman Catholic doctrines of devils and traditions of man.

And then “he”, Pagan Rome, now became Papal Rome as the king of the North where it is even stated in Revelation 13:4. The "dragon gave power unto the beast" at this time. This also fulfills Daniel 7:23-25 wherein the little horn rises up to power.

They also “shall corrupt by flatteries”. There are two ways the Papal power did this. First, they appealed to political leaders with wealth and power. Secondly, they appealed to the common man with "smooth teachings" that allowed them to believe that they would gain Heaven while still in sin. Whatever the flesh desires, Rome was always at the ready to supply to its converts. Just as we saw how Satan used this method with Pagan Rome to gain political friends and would later destroy physically, he used Papal Rome to do the same thing with its congregation spiritually. He gains them by enticing them with either wealth or eternal life while still in sin so as to destroy them later in hellfire.

Next, we see how the Bible uses the term “but”. Here, it is referring to the direct contrast to the previous group that was corrupted by Rome; we now see a new group of people.

Furthermore, however, “the people that do know their God” are the obedient striving commandment-keeping Christians who are warring against the flesh that Rome loves so much. The saints of God will not mingle with such abominations, "These are they which were not defiled with women; the Bible says and goes on to say, ‘for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.’” -**Revelation 14:4.**

Moreover, the faithful followers of Christ who refused to bow to Catholicism were blessed of God to keep the faith alive even if it meant torture and death! They performed amazing exploits of the faith with self-sacrifice and religious heroism. These obedient Christians were found in such groups as the Waldenses, Albigenses, Huguenots and others and is the reason why the Bible says, “shall be strong and do exploits”.



**Daniel 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.**

Understanding how the Word says, “And they that understand among the people shall instruct many” is referring to the leaders of the early Protestant movement who went from town to town and camp to camp preaching and teaching the Bible truths to those who refused to bow to Papal Rome. These missionaries kept the light of truth alive.

“And they”, at least 500,000,000 Christians were martyred by the Roman Catholic Popes from 538AD to 1798AD (exactly 1260 years).

And they “shall fall by the sword, flame, captivity and spoil”. Here, we can recall that the inquisitions of the Roman Catholic church murdered many true Bible-believing Christians because they refused to compromise their faith. They died by the sword, many were burned alive, some died in the dungeons of torture and starvation, and many died when their homes and belongings were taken so as to force them into the cold homeless.

Moreover, the Bibles says for “many days”, which will bring us to the 1260 years that Daniel 7:25 (time and times and the dividing of time = 3.5 years), Revelation 12:6 (a thousand two hundred and threescore days = 1260 days / 3.5 years), and Revelation 13:5 (forty and two months = 3.5 years) speak of. Both Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:6 declare "a day = a year" in prophecy. This means that the time period of 538AD to 1798AD is a perfect fulfillment of the prophecy.

**Daniel 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.**

So here, when the Word said, “they shall fall”, we find how some say 50,000,000 Christians died; some say 100,000,000. Foxe's book of martyrs says 500,000,000 Christian died. Clearly, they fell.

And they shall be helped with a little help = Revelation 12:16 says, "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." Plus, the great reformation where the Lord used Luther brought forth much help to many of the persecuted Christians in that it strengthened their faith, and in some cases, actually slowed Rome's forward movements against the truth they embraced and shared. In many areas, people were free to worship as Luther taught.

**NOTE:** Jesus said, "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:22. This explains why the signs in the "sun, moon, and stars" occurred before 1798 (May 19, 1780). How the Lord did it doesn't matter. My understanding is, after the reformation and during the period of "flatteries" wherein some were convinced to use violence against Rome, the people finally revolted in that they had generated hatred for the Vatican and political pressures prevented her from continuing persecution in many areas. In short, they had their hands full. As they sought to spin-doctor their actions into hiding, Napoleon eventually came to power, realized his mission, and stripped the Vatican's Statehood in the exact year of 1798! The fact it happened in that very year proves it

was "in the works" years prior because you cannot just waltz in and take over without some sort of political posturing well in advance. Rome was sufficiently weakened enough over those 18 years so as to allow Napoleon to gain victory.

And lastly, the Bible says that "many shall cleave to them with flatteries". Not only did Satan have his agents among the faithful to discourage them during the reformation, but he also convinced some to join their churches with the State as Rome did to take up arms and literally fight the Catholics in many bloody battles. I'm sure the "flattery" that they would be victorious for God and church lured many into union with the wicked. Still, all of this did eventually lead to many fleeing to America where prophecy stated true Protestantism would blossom for many years.

Just amazing to see how we can connect the path from the Word of God and line it up with historical facts. Prophecy is such a wonderful tool of our God that works wonderful faith in us. When I read and find things out like this, I feed off it and get energized. Endure brothers and sisters because we have a God in heaven who speaks to us and longs for us to be with Him in Heaven. Wait a while longer and the eastern sky shall part and that little black cloud will appear. Jesus is coming...Praise His mighty name. Blessed are those who labor for His cause, for great is their reward for not hiding the truth that has been revealed to you this day. Peace.