

Lesson 16 – Chapter 11: 20-35 - Continuation of the Concluding Vision beside the Tigris River

I. Brief review from previous 2 classes:

- A. A vision that started with a _____ in linen, and an angel who _____ Daniel, allowing him to receive and absorb the rest of the vision.
- B. 4th Persian king after Darius the Mede: _____ who led his whole kingdom against _____.
- C. Early rivalry of 2 _____ that descended from _____ the Great’s generals: Ptolemies & Seleucids
- D. This is all pre-recorded history in the LORD’s book of _____. He foreknows the _____ of rulers. Conflicts associated with their rule can serve a _____ purpose.

II. Emergence of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (vss 20-32a)

- A. A concerted effort:

- B. Revisiting the family tree:

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| | Antiochus III | <i>(humbled by Romans at Magnesia in 190 BC by Lucius Scipio Asiaticus; vs 18)</i> |
| Cleopatra I | Seleucus IV | |
| | | <i>Antiochus IV (usurped throne 175 BC; vs 21)</i> |
| Demetrius I | Antiochus | Antiochus V |

- C. Seleucus IV and Heliodorus (vs. 20; 2 Macc 3:7-40)

- D. Smooth talker (vs 21; recall 8:25a)

- E. Onias III, Jason, and Menelaus (vss 22-24; 2 Macc 4:7-50)

- F. 1st invasion of Egypt (vss 25-28)

- G. 2nd invasion of Egypt, Popilius Laenas, and those who forsake the covenant (vss 29-30)

- H. The abomination (vss 31-32a; recall 8:11-13)

III. Emergence of the Maskilim (vss 32b-35)

- A. Recall saints' plight in 7:25, 8:24

- B. The people who know their God

- C. The *wise* among the people (*Heb. root 'skl'*)
 1. Stumble:

 2. Helped:

 3. Two other characteristics:

 4. Until the appointed time:

IV. Closing story:

- A. Introduction:
 1. My traditional view of this chapter's 'maskilim' text

 2. A balance observed in Hebrews 11:32-38

 3. Issues of faith worth dying for in time of Antiochus IV

- B. Final hours of Eleazar the scribe (2 Macc 6:18-31; 4 Macc 5:1-7:23)

Next Sunday: Please read and ponder 11:36-12:1. This text appears to be transitioning away from Antiochus IV to a similar but end-of-time ruler who shall threaten Israel's existence and eventually 'come to his end' (vs. 45).