Daniel 11 (Part 1) (Verses 1-15)

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"...<u>THERE IS GREAT NEED TO SEARCH THE BOOK OF DANIEL...AND LEARN THE TEXTS THOROUGHLY, THAT WE MAY KNOW WHAT IS WRITTEN</u>." {9MR 358.3}

• Daniel 11:1-2

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all SPEAK THE SAME THING, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

"THY WATCHMEN...SHALL SEE EYE TO EYE..." (Isaiah 52:8)

HOW IS THIS TO BE DONE?

By following the simple rules that have been given to us

LET'S FIRST READ THE FOLLOWING QUOTE:

"THE GREAT CONTROVERSY SHOULD BE VERY WIDELY CIRCULATED...IT BEARS A POWERFUL TESTIMONY IN BEHALF OF THE TRUTH. I AM MORE ANXIOUS TO SEE A WIDE CIRCULATION FOR THIS BOOK THAN FOR ANY OTHERS I HAVE WRITTEN; FOR IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, THE LAST MESSAGE OF WARNING TO THE WORLD IS GIVEN MORE DISTINCTLY THAN IN ANY OF MY OTHER BOOKS." (CM 127.1) Letter 281, 1905

NOW LET'S GO TO THE GREAT CONTROVERSY AND SEE THE SIMPLE RULES BEFORE GETTING INTO DANIEL 11:

"CONCERNING THE POPULAR SYSTEM OF INTERPRETING, OR MISINTERPRETING, THE SCRIPTURES, WOLFF WROTE:

"THE GREATER PART OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAVE SWERVED FROM THE PLAIN SENSE OF SCRIPTURE, AND HAVE

TURNED TO THE PHANTOMIZING SYSTEM OF THE BUDDHISTS, WHO...SUPPOSE THAT WHEN THEY ARE READING JEWS

THEY MUST UNDERSTAND GENTILES; AND WHEN THEY READ JERUSALEM, THEY MUST UNDERSTAND THE

CHURCH; AND IF IT IS SAID EARTH, IT MEANS SKY..." {GC 360.1}

"THE WHOLE BIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE JUST AS IT READS. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THEM NOT TO HAVE BIBLE INSTRUCTION AT ALL THAN TO HAVE THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURES THUS GROSSLY MISREPRESENTED." (GC 521.2)

"THE TRUTHS MOST PLAINLY REVEALED IN THE BIBLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DOUBT AND DARKNESS BY LEARNED MEN, WHO...TEACH THAT THE SCRIPTURES HAVE A MYSTICAL, A SECRET, SPIRITUAL MEANING NOT APPARENT IN THE LANGUAGE EMPLOYED. THESE MEN ARE FALSE TEACHERS. IT WAS TO SUCH A CLASS THAT JESUS DECLARED: "YE KNOW NOT THE SCRIPTURES...MARK 12:24. THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE SHOULD BE EXPLAINED ACCORDING TO ITS OBVIOUS MEANING, UNLESS A SYMBOL OR FIGURE IS EMPLOYED...IF MEN WOULD BUT TAKE THE BIBLE AS IT READS...A WORK WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THAT WOULD MAKE ANGELS GLAD AND THAT WOULD BRING INTO THE FOLD OF CHRIST THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS WHO ARE NOW WANDERING IN ERROR." {GC 598.3}

"With intense interest he (Miller) studied the books of Daniel and the Revelation, EMPLOYING THE SAME PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION AS IN OTHER SCRIPTURES...HE SAW THAT THE PROPHECIES, so far as they had been fulfilled, HAD BEEN FULFILLED LITERALLY; THAT ALL THE VARIOUS FIGURES, METAPHORS, PARABLES, SIMILITUDES,

ETC., WERE EITHER EXPLAINED IN THEIR IMMEDIATE CONNECTION, OR THE TERMS IN WHICH THEY WERE EXPRESSED WERE DEFINED IN OTHER SCRIPTURES, AND WHEN THUS EXPLAINED, WERE TO BE LITERALLY UNDERSTOOD..." {GC 320.2}

"HOW TO KNOW WHEN A WORD IS USED FIGURATIVELY. IF IT MAKES GOOD SENSE AS IT STANDS, AND DOES NO VIOLENCE TO THE SIMPLE LAWS OF NATURE, THEN IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD LITERALLY, IF NOT, FIGURATIVELY." {1842 WiM, MWV1 22.3}

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS FROM MILLER'S 11th RULE of HIS 14 RULES of INTERPRETATION THAT WE ARE COUNSELED BY THE PROPHET THAT WE MUST STUDY AND KNOW THESE RULES TO MAKE SURE WE ARE FOLLOWING THE VOICE OF THE TRUE SHEPHERD.

Now onto

Daniel 11:2-15

NOTE: To see these verses more in detail, you can go to the DANIEL 11 TAB in the Google Link and look at the Daniel 11 verse-by-verse dissertation on each of these verses

THE PLAYERS IN THE VERSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Verse 2:

- 3 Kings in Persia = They come after Cyrus because verse 2 says "yet" which means after Cyrus, who was already reigning (see Daniel 10:1)
 - <u>Cambyses</u>
 - False Smerdis
 - Darius the Persian (made the 2nd decree)(not the Darius the Mede of Daniel 5:30-31)

4th King richer than they all =

• Xerxes The Great AKA Ahasuerus of the book of Esther/her husband

Verse 3:

Mighty king = Alexander the Great

Verse 4:

Alexander's kingdom divided by his 4 generals towards the 4 winds of heaven (see → Jeremiah 49:36)

- West = <u>Cassander</u>
- North = Lysimachus
- **East** = Seleucus
- South = <u>Ptolemy</u>
- Year = approx. early 300's B.C

Verse 5:

- King of south = Ptolemy I (Soter)
- One of his princes = one of Alexander's princes (King of North = Seleucus Nicator)

Verse 6:

- They = The King of the North at this time (<u>Antiochus Theos/Theus</u>) and
 The King of the South (Ptolemy II (Philadelphus)
- The King's daughter of the south = Berenice (daughter of Ptolemy Philadelphus)

She was murdered by Antiochus Theos' 1st wife (Laodice)

• **Year =** B.C. 246

Verse 7:

- Out of the Branch of her roots = out of Berenice's family tree which was her brother Ptolemy III(Euergetes)
- King of the North = <u>Seleucus Callinicus</u> (Laodice's son)

Verse 8:

- **He** = <u>Ptolemy III (Euergetes)</u> (King of the South)
- King of the North = Seleucus Callinicus

Verse 9:

King of the South = Ptolemy III (Euergetes)

NOTE: Year = B.C. 246 (Verses 7-9)

Verse 10:

- **His sons** = <u>Seleucus Callinicus'</u> two sons:
 - 1. Seleucus Ceraunus
 - 2. Antiochus Magnus
- One shall certainly come = Antiochus Magnus

Verse 11:

- King of the South = Ptolemy IV (Philopater)
- King of the North = Antiochus Magnus
- Year = B.C. 217

Verse 12:

- He = <u>Ptolemy IV (Philopater</u>)
- Shall cast down many ten thousands = Philopater killed 40,000-60,000 Jews in Alexandria Egypt

Verse 13:

• King of the North = Antiochus Magnus

Verse 14:

- Many = Antiochus Magnus, King Philip of Macedon, and others
- King of the South = Ptolemy Epiphanes,

who was 4-5 years old when he became king He was the son of Ptolemy Philopater

- Robbers of Thy People = the Romans(pagan) coming on the scene as a small people
- Year = approx. B.C. 200 when Romans come to protection of the infant King of the South

Verse 15:

King of the North = still Antiochus Magnus

Chronological Order of Historical Events:

Verses 4-5 - Alexanders Kingdom broken and divided into 4 (early 300's B.C.)

Verse 6 - Laodice murders Berenice in (246 B.C.)

Verse 7-9 - (246 B.C.)

Verse 11 - Ptolemy Philopater wins in Battle of Raphia against King of North(Antiochus Magnus) (approx 217 B.C.)

Verse 14 - King Philip and Antiochus Magnus attempt to take kingdom from infant king Ephiphanes, but a small roman people stop them in their tracks **(approx 204-198 B.C.)**