

Daniel Lesson 18
Daniel 11:1–21
Sixty Puzzle Pieces

In Daniel 11, a warrior angel gives Daniel a very specific overview of future history. This overview is presented in three parts. This morning, we will consider part 1 found in verses 1–20. These 20 verses describe the rise and fall of nations and kings over a span of about 360 years beginning in 539 BC. Part two (verses 21–35) zeroes in for a close up look at 11 years beginning in 175 BC. Part three (verses 36–45) jumps forward to the final years of the last king of the empire of man.

Although everything in part 1 was in the future for Daniel, for us it is all ancient history. So, we can treat Daniel 11:1–20 like a stack of puzzle pieces which can be neatly placed in the framework of world history before Christ.

1. A Look Back (Daniel 11:1)
2. From Cyrus to Alexander the Great (Daniel 11:2–4)
3. From Alexander the Great to Seleucis IV (Daniel 11:5–20)
4. Introducing Antiochus Epiphanes (Daniel 11:20)

Application