

sermon notes

Oct 7, 2026 | Daniel Armstrong, Messiah Bible Church | **Every Knee Shall Bow**
“History in His Hands” | **Daniel 11:1–45**

1) God’s people _____ by _____
(11:2-20)

2) God’s people _____
(11:21-35)

3) God’s people and their _____
(11:36-45)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

In today’s lesson, the prophetic statements given to Daniel in chapter 11 were compared to real historical events of the Seleucid and Ptolemaic kingdoms. Read back through chapter 11 looking for events and details that are very specific. How did these same events and details play out in history? Write down any specific fulfillment you remember from the lesson. Are there any inconsistencies?

What do you believe about God’s sovereign control over world events? What about God’s control over individual people’s circumstances? Read Acts 17:24-26, Daniel 4:31-35, Proverbs 16:9 and 21:1.

GET PERSONAL

How does a fulfilled prophecy inspire joy, awe and faith? What changes between prophecies for positive outcomes (blessings) and prophecies for negative outcomes (judgments)? How do you react to fulfilled prophecy? How do you react to unfulfilled prophecy?

Read James 1:1-18. When we as God’s people experience suffering and hardship, how should we view our circumstances? What hardship or suffering has God allowed in your life? What kind of time did God allot for your suffering? What result did that suffering have for you?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

God is always faithful to His promises and His Word is always true. What promises from God do you know from Scripture? Are there any of God’s promises that you let yourself doubt?

Consider these things regarding the following promises in scripture: John 6:40, Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 8:1 and 8:28

ADVANCED QUESTION

The historical figure of Antiochus Epiphanes was established by God to mimic the coming Antichrist in many ways as a “type.” What similarities between Antiochus described in today’s message and the Antichrist can we find from Biblical descriptions? (Daniel 7:20-25, Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15) What is distinctly true about only the Antichrist and not Antiochus Epiphanes?