



Persia and the Fourth King Who Stirred up Greece

Study guide # 2

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| <p>Gabriel strengthens Darius the Mede</p> | <p>Vs. 1 - Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.</p> | <p>Because this verse begins with “also,” it is evident that Daniel 11:1 is a continuation of a conversation that began in the previous chapter.</p> <p>In Daniel 10:21, Gabriel refers to that which is noted in the scripture of truth. In the original language, “that which is noted,” means—that which is inscribed.</p> <p>The inscription of truth revealed to Daniel, tells us that what Daniel is about to be told is guaranteed to happen; it’s already etched in stone. It’s similar to a financial ledger. Once a transaction is written to the ledger, it cannot be changed. This is why I often call Daniel 11 the Ledger of Truth.</p> <p>Here, we see the angel coming to strengthen Darius the Mede. This reveals to us that God had a vested interest in ensuring that this king, who preferred Daniel above the presidents and princes, would fulfill his role within the panorama of Bible prophecy.</p> |
| <p>King Xerxes stirs up his Empire against Grecia</p> | <p>Vs. 2 - And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.</p> | <p>After Cyrus, the three kings who stood up (ruled) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambyses II • Bardiya (Legend has it that Bardiya was replaced by an imposter named Gaumata. However, some historians suggest that Gaumata was an excuse, made up by Darius, who succeeded Bardiya/ Gaumata after he killed him) • Darius I <p>The fourth king - This king was known as Xerxes. Most historians believe Xerxes was synonymous with King Ahasuerus, who was married to Esther.</p> <p>King Xerxes had more wealth than the three kings who ruled before him. However, the <i>Ledger of Truth</i> reveals that King Xerxes used that wealth to stir up his empire against the realm of Grecia; however, Grecia was also stirred up against the Persians.</p> |