

DANIEL 2

DANIEL 7

DANIEL 8

GOLD

BABYLON



LION

NONE

SILVER

MEDO-PERSIA



BEAR



RAM WITH TWO HORNS

BRASS

GREECE



LEOPARD



THE GOAT

IRON

ROME



FIERCE BEAST

IRON AND CLAY

DIVIDED KINGDOMS



TEN HORNS

LITTLE HORN

STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS

STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

539 BC

Cyrus allows return of Jews to Israel to rebuild the temple; Medo-Persian authority

Ezra 1:1-4

458 BC

Artaxerxes decrees Jerusalem to be rebuilt. Likely beginning of Israel's 70 weeks.

Ezra 7:11-26  
Daniel 9:24-27

Neh. 13

433 BC

Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem from Shushan to find Jerusalem in wickedness

515 BC

Temple is finished building

538 BC

Zerubbabel leads first remnant back to Israel

Ezra 1:1-4

464 BC

Artaxerxes becomes king of Medo-Persia

444 BC

Nehemiah given leave to build the walls

Neh. 1

420 BC

Book of Malachi

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Ezra 1:1-4  
Jer. 25: 12-14;  
29:10

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Daniel 8  
Daniel 11:3

336 BC

Alexander the Great wars against Medo-Persia and conquers the known world

483-481 BC

Xerxes' unsuccessful campaign against Greece

See page 1 of timeline for more details

8 Yrs

530 BC

Cambyses takes the throne

Daniel 11:2

36 Yrs

486 BC

Xerxes I (Ahasuerus) takes the throne

Daniel 11:2  
Esther  
Ezra 4:6

145 Yrs

June 323 BC

Alexander suddenly dies and his kingdom is broken up between his 4 generals

Daniel 11:4  
Daniel 8:8

Ministry of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

522 BC

Smerdis takes the throne

522 BC

Darius the Great takes the throne

Ezra 4:5, 24

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

304 BC

Seleucus, a former prince under Soter (321-213 BC), becomes King of Syria in the North

Daniel 11:5

246 BC

Bernice's brother, Ptolemy III Evergetes, takes the throne and invades Syria in revenge

Daniel 11:7-9

303 BC

Ptolomy Soter is made Satrap in Egypt (323 BC) and then King of Egypt

Daniel 11:6

246 BC

Antiochus II, Bernice, her attendants, and her son are killed by Jealous wife Laodice

54 Yrs

June 323 BC

Alexander suddenly dies and his kingdom is broken up between his 4 generals

Daniel 11:4

250 BC

Bernice of Egypt (daughter of Ptolemy II Philadelphus) is given to Antiochus II Theos of Syria to seal an alliance

Daniel 11:6

223-187 BC

Seleucus Callinicus' sons rise to power; 1<sup>st</sup> Seleucus III Ceraunus (227-223 BC); 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiochus III the Great (223-187 BC)

Daniel 11:10

219 BC

Antiochus III the Great "overflows" Egypt and pushes them back to the Sinai Peninsula

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

217 BC

Ptolomy IV Philopater, enraged at Syria, gathers a massive army and defeats Antiochus at Raphia, but gained no territory

*Daniel 11:11-12*

14 Yrs

203 BC

“After certain years” Antiochus III attacks Egypt again with a larger force

*Daniel 11:13*

203 BC

Philip V of Macedonia, Antiochus III of Syria, and many dishonest Jews (robbers) rise up against Egypt

*Daniel 11:14*

197 BC

Antiochus III begins a vigorous campaign into the Aegean region, taking many islands

*Daniel 11:18a*

203-198 BC

Antiochus III takes Palestine by force and asserts Syria as the dominant world power

*Daniel 11:10*

219 BC

Antiochus III the Great “overflows” Egypt and pushes them back to the Sinai Peninsula

*Daniel 11:15-16*

197-193 BC

Antiochus III makes a league with Ptolemy Epiphanies which involved the marriage of His daughter, Cleopatra, to Ptolemy. Both sides intended to use this “agreement” deceitfully against the other. Antiochus’ daughter sides with Ptolemy and his deceit is thwarted.

*Daniel 11:17*

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

197 BC

*Daniel 11:18a*

Antiochus III begins a vigorous campaign into the Aegean region, taking many islands

176 BC

*Daniel 11:20b*

Seleucus IV Philopater dies mysteriously, most likely by assassination

187 BC

*Daniel 11:19b*

Antiochus III the Great dies

Daniel 11:21-35

Refer to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, eighth Seleucid King and a type of the coming Antichrist

191-188 BC

*Daniel 11:18b-19a*

Rome commissions the Roman General Scipio Asiaticus to halt Antiochus' progress through Greece. He is successful.

178 BC

Seleucus IV Philopater inherited a great empire with no money, so he heavily taxed Palestine through his prime minister Heliodorus

*Daniel 11:20a*

175 BC

*Daniel 11:21*

Antiochus IV Epiphanes seized the throne of Syria from Demetrius Soter through insidious flattery and bribery

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

## Daniel 11:21-35

Refer to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, eighth Seleucid King and a type of the coming Antichrist

## 171 BC

Antiochus makes a league with Egypt and Israel's High Priest Onias III is betrayed and killed

Daniel 11:22b  
Cf. 8:14  
\*\* See next timeline \*\*

## 170 BC

Antiochus IV ultimately fails to take Egypt and returns home with great wealth and wounded pride

Daniel 11:24-27

## 170 BC

The Jews hear a rumor that Antiochus was dead and throw a great celebration. On his return journey, Antiochus takes time to spoil the Temple and people in Jerusalem

Daniel 11:24-27

Daniel 11:21

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## 170 BC

Ptolemy Philometor brings his army against Antiochus IV at Pelusium and is severely defeated due to treachery. Philometor is captured, and treated very kindly by Antiochus. They both tried to deceive one another

Daniel 11:23

## 170 BC

Antiochus IV rescinds the league made between his father and Ptolemy through the marriage with Cleopatra

# Testa**INTER**mental Period

## Supplemental Timeline

### High Priest Lineage

- Jaddua (days of Alexander the Great)
- Onias I
- Simon I the Just (time of Ptolomy Philadelphius)
- Eleasar
- Manasseh
- Onias II
- Simon II
- Onias III (time of Antiochus Epiphanes)

### 174-171 BC

Jason usurps High Priesthood from Onias III by means of a league with Antiochus Epiphanes, promising to Hellenize the Jews, Contempt for Jewish customs began to arise.

### 171 BC

Menelaus promises Antiochus even greater riches for the High Priest office, and overthrows Jason.

### 170 BC

Jason re-takes the priesthood, thus slighting the will of Antiochus



# Testa**INTER**mental Period

168 BC

Antiochus IV returns to Egypt for a 3rd campaign. A Roman emissary, Popilius Laenas, meets Antiochus on his way and “drew a line in the sand”, forbidding him to war against Egypt. Antiochus turn around with his army and returns to Syria

*Daniel 11:29-30a*

December (15<sup>th</sup> of Chisleu), 168 BC

Furious at his embarrassment, Antiochus again stopped by Jerusalem on his way to Syria. He ordered his general, Apollonius, to occupy Jerusalem and stamp out every last trace of Judaism. He demanded that Israel become a Hellenistic society. Temple function ceased entirely and pigs were sacrificed on the alter. Antiochus erects a statue of Zeus (the “abomination of desolation”) in the temple of Jehovah in place of the brazen altar. Lines divided sharply in Israel. Many who had already rejected Jehovah were carried away by the flatteries of Syria, while many others remained true to Jehovah and His covenant.

168-165 BC

These events brought about the Maccabean revolt, led by Mattathias Maccabeus and his five sons. They would, over the course of many years, drive Syria from the land of Israel, and eventually purify the Temple on December 25, 165 BC,

*Daniel 11:31-35*

164 BC

Antiochus IV dies