

Daniel 11:1-45

Daniel 11 records stories of wars and tribulations that will take place in the future. Amidst these chaotic times, what is the word of God that His people need to know?

First, God is the Sovereign Lord of History

In Daniel 11, God's name and His direct intervention do not appear explicitly. It almost gives the impression that history unfolds in God's absence. However, upon closer examination, we see that this history has not yet occurred, but God has already planned and foreseen it. Through it, God's will and His divine work unfold (verses 27, 35, 36).

God is in control of history. He is the Lord of all history, and ultimately, His will shall be fulfilled. We must believe that God holds and leads this world.

When we hold this faith, we recognize that God also governs our church, our families, and our personal lives. Even in difficult, challenging, and confusing times, we can trust that God is guiding us. With this faith, we can entrust our lives to the Lord, who knows and upholds us.

Believing in God's sovereignty and providence allows us to be grateful in times of prosperity. It enables us to endure hardships, trusting in God's love. Since everything is in His hands, we believe that nothing happens outside of His will.

Second, God Sees the Church and His People as Glorious and Precious

Today's passage focuses on the history of two kingdoms among the four that emerged from the Greek Empire—Seleucus and Ptolemy. At first glance, Jerusalem and the Jews seem almost invisible in this narrative. But why does God highlight the history of these two kingdoms? It is because they ruled over Israel.

Look at the way God describes them—He calls the Seleucid dynasty the "king of the north" and the Ptolemaic dynasty the "king of the south." What is the reference point for these names? It is the land of Judah and Jerusalem. This reveals that God's perspective on history is centered on Jerusalem and His people.

In verses 16 and 45, God refers to Jerusalem as the "glorious land" and the "glorious and holy mountain."

The sovereign Lord of all creation sees the Church and His people as most important in this world. He calls them glorious.

It is a blessing to see as precious what God considers precious. May we, as members of Hanwoori Church, see our church and fellow believers through God's eyes and heart. The church should be precious and glorious in our sight. The brothers and sisters beside us should be seen as valuable and honorable.

Third, We Must Live as the Remnant on This Earth

Daniel 11:21-45 describes the tribulations that Jerusalem and God's people will endure under Antiochus IV Epiphanes. During this time, many Jews pledged loyalty to Antiochus IV, defiled the temple as he commanded, worshiped Greek gods, and even revered Antiochus IV as a god (verses 30-32).

However, verse 32 states that those who know God will grow strong and take action. In verse 33, they continue to teach God's word to the people despite persecution and hardship. In verse 35, they undergo refinement, purification, and are made white through their trials. These faithful ones are known as the Hasidim, meaning "the pious ones."

Times of turmoil distinguish true believers from false ones. In difficult times, God's people must strive to know Him more, hold onto His Word, and restore pure faith.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

**Bible
Reading**

3/31(Mon)	4/1(Tue)	4/2(Wed)	4/3(Thur)	4/4(Fri)	4/5(Sat)	4/6(Sun)
Judges 10-12	Judges 13-15	Judges 16-18	Judges 19-20	Judges 21, Ruth 1-2	Ruth 3-4, 1 Samuel 1	1 Samuel 2-4

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Quiet Time Passage

3/31(Mon)	4/1(Tue)	4/2(Wed)	4/3(Thur)	4/4(Fri)	4/5(Sat)	4/6(Sun)
Numbers 7:10-89	Numbers 8:1-13	Numbers 8:14-26	Numbers 9:1-14	Numbers 9:15-23	Numbers 10:1-10	Numbers 10:11-36

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share an experience of God’s grace in your life through last week's sermon or your personal devotional time.

2. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?

3. Share your prayer requests and pray for one another.