

The Reign of Rebellion

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel
- B. Israel would be chastened. (Deuteronomy 4:25; 28).
- C. The chastening of Israel would continue until the arrival of the Messiah.
- D. Daniel accurately prophesies history. He predicts five major kings.

II. Ahasuaris.

- A. He would stand up against Greece.
- B. The fourth king led a major attack against Greek.

III. Alexander.

- A. He retaliated for what had been done in Greece.
- B. He conquered the known world.
- C. He was an absolute sovereign monarch.
- D. His kingdom was shattered into four parts after dying at a young age. He had no posterity, so the kingdom was divided between his generals.
- E. There was bantering back and forth and one of them eventually prevailed.

IV. Antiochus the great would stand in the land of Israel.

- A. He set forward to attack Greece.
- B. He had to raise taxes as Daniel predicted.

V. Antiochus Epiphanes.

- A. He obtained the rule illegitimately.
- B. He has indignation against the holy covenant.
- C. His forces pollute the sanctuary and slay a pig on the altar. He abominates the Temple to make it desolate.
- D. The people that really know God resisted.

VI. Antichrist.

VII. Conclusion. There will always be a remnant from Israel because God is gracious. (Romans 11)

Application Questions:

1. How does the chastening of Israel play itself out in this text?

2. Which historical touchstone in Daniel do you find the most remarkable? Explain.

3. How does Romans 11 demonstrate that God will preserve a remnant from Israel that will be saved? Explain.
