

These who had not fled to the wilderness he put an end to their sacrifices, "and an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it continued, and prospered." And then ever in the interpretation in § 8:23 it says. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." "A king of fierce countenance" - he was absolutely ruthless in his treatment of those who opposed him. "Understanding dark sentences" - he was a highly trained man who had been for 14 years in Rome, who had been chief ~~magistrate~~/ magistrate in Athens for a time, -- "he understood dark sentences." "And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and continue, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also shall he cause deceit to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many" -- he misled many He offered to them every/inducement to give up their religion and to worship himself as God. "He shall also stand up against the Princes of princes, but he shall be broken without hand." And when Antiochus was in the east trying to plunder some temples to get money to carry on his conquest further, he was taken with some mania of mind and he died; we don't know just what happened to him; he was broken without hand. This gives a little picture of what happened to him. "The vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true; therefore, shut thou up the vision; and it shall be for many days. And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up and did the king's business and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it."

So here we have a survey of events after Daniel's time up to -- through the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, and a brief account of how this man tried to destroy the truth and how he/was broken without hand. You see it is a very brief summary. We have it however (given in )more detail in ch. 11 which I was / hoping to cover it in the first 45 minutes

I am going now to take a break for about 20 minutes and then we'll take up ch. 11. I want also to go into ch. 7 and give you a glance at ch. 9, so I may go through ch. 11 faster. We'll meet again in about 20 minutes.