

2 Daniel (session 2)

the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she . . . strengthened her in these times." Now there is a very condensed summary of something that happened about 50 yrs. after the kingdoms of Seleucus and of Egypt were established. They kept fighting back and forth and then the king of the north was defeated by the king of Egypt in a battle and he forced him to divorce his wife and to marry the sister of the king of Egypt, and she married him and then his divorced wife managed to get sufficient power to overcome him, and she was killed and they were driven out and she took over again. So that is briefly summarized here and for somebody living in these days it would show how accurately God had revealed -- what little he had revealed -- about these tremendous events that took place in that time.

Then 11:7: "And out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up . . . and shall prevail, and shall also carry captives into Egypt . . . and he shall continue more years than the king of the north." You see we have detail about these various ones. If we had a whole day instead of half a day we could go into detail and it show how out of the great multitude of events that took place some of the most striking are summarized in these chapters here. The Scofield Bible has in the margin the names of these particular rulers. All the characters recognize that even though it is very sketchy, you pick certain incidents it fits exactly with the relation between Ptolemy and the Seleucids during this long period. Of course the modernists say that it is so accurate it must have been written after it, and therefore the Book of Daniel was not written they say until a later period. And one very conservative book I have which takes a very conservative attitude toward most of Daniel says, We don't find anywhere in the Bible so much detail about precise events later on as this, and therefore he thinks that this part of this chapter -- that most of this chapter is a later insertion into the Book. Now of course we do not take that view. We believe it is part of God's Word given to Daniel and it fits perfectly with our belief because it would be a great encouragement to the people to see these few outstanding events brought into strong relief in this way, to give the people an idea of what was coming and something of when it was coming. But it goes on and describes these different relations between the Ptolemys and the Seleucids and it comes up to Antiochus III and