

incorporated it into the regions they controlled, thus beginning a new period of captivity that would continue until A.D. 1948, when a Jewish state was reestablished.

### **Unspecified Interval**

Antiochus' character and accession were described in verses 21-23; an account of his activities followed in verses 24-31; there was an account of the fate of the true believers in verses 32-35. Next come three similar passages, in which the character and attitudes of a king are described in verses 36-39, his specific activities are outlined in verses 40-45, and the fate of the true believers is depicted in 12:1-3. Most of those who do not accept the Maccabean view of the origin of the book of Daniel are convinced that at least the last two-thirds of this second series of passages must deal with someone other than Antiochus and describe events that even now are still future, and that therefore an interval of many centuries must occur somewhere in the chapter.

All interpreters agree that chapters 10, 11 and 12 form a continuous account of one vision, but it could hardly be suggested that the resurrection described in 12:2 has yet occurred. Therefore from any viewpoint a very long interval must be assumed somewhere between 11:20 and 12:2. There are serious objections to Jerome's idea that this interval occurs between verse 21 and verse 22, but no such difficulties are involved in finding one between verse 35 and verse 36 (or between verse 39 and verse 40). Many interpreters, even including some who deny the possibility of finding such an interval anywhere in chapter 2 or 9 tacitly agree that in chapter 11 an interval of at least two thousand years must be found at or near this point, since they are convinced that the latter verses of the chapter describe the activities of "the man of lawlessness" (2 Thes. 2:3) shortly before the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven.

Supporters of the Maccabean viewpoint attempt the difficult task of trying to relate the remainder of chapter 11 to the career of Antiochus Epiphanes.