

There is an interesting contrast in the force of these clauses.

11:9...This certainly depicts a widespread desolation and probably not much more needs to be said.

PARENTHETICAL NOTE; PRELIMINARY SUMMARIZATION

A judgment is apparently coming, or at the least a very severe test.

Those who should care for the flock will not do it...

So the Lord seeks to minister but,,,

His ministry is not received, so...

He allows nature to take its course and the trials come with great devastation.

One can see the transfer of action from chapter i. There the nation is protected while the Greeks (my concept) march through the land. It is then promised that her own king will come and in the light of this promise a great victory is assured with the subsequent regathering of the peoples. But chapter 11 has little that sounds triumphant about it and it seems to me that one has the same kind of prophetic construction seen often in this sort of literature. A great overview with an explanation of events within its scope. Some aspects that are chiasmic no doubt.

11:10...The action in this verse seems to be the result of the previous verses.

וַיִּצְרֹק "cut it asunder" "hew"

לְעֵשֶׂת "to break", clause of purpose

וְעַמֵּי הָאֶרֶץ "the peoples" the Israelites