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Lesson 122

1. Earlier I began an overview of the book of Daniel. We are going to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material on page two.
2. Daniel was written by Daniel from Babylon in about 534. Daniel from Babylon tells of the struggles of the exile while providing remarkable prophecies of five world empires and their relationship to Israel.
3. So far I have given you an expanded translation of chapters one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine where we found a history of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being taken hostage by Nebuchadnezzar, adjusting to their new surroundings and prospering as young men under various trials and triumphs.
4. Chapter one recall tells of the exile of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, their training and acceptance as men of outstanding character.
5. Chapter two tells of Nebuchadnezzar's dream where he saw a giant statue; Daniel not only tells the King what he dreamed but the meaning of that dream.
6. Chapter three tells of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego being tested and placed in a fiery furnace.
7. Chapter four tells of Nebuchadnezzar's zoanthropy, his recovery and salvation testimony.
8. Chapter five tells of the writing on the wall, Daniel's explanation and the demise of Babylon; the Medes and Persians are seen replacing Babylon as an empire just as Daniel predicted in chapter two.
9. Chapter six tells of Daniel being tested in the lion's den and Darius' positive reaction.
10. Chapter seven tells of Daniel's vision of the sea creatures which provide further information about the five gentile empires.
11. Chapter eight teaches specifically of the Medes/Persians as a powerful empire until they meet the Greeks under Alexander the Great; next Daniel tells of the death of Alexander and the rise of four Generals who will take over Alexander's hegemony. Particular emphasis is placed on Antiochus Epiphanes, a type of Antichrist, who will be particularly cruel to Israel.

12. In chapter nine we reviewed a long prayer by Daniel as he asks God to send His people back to the "Holy Land."

12.1 The chapter also details the events of the seventieth week where we learn of the coming of Christ at the first Palm Sunday, His death, burial and resurrection, the seven year Tribulation and His Second Advent.

13. We are now ready for Daniel chapter ten where Daniel gets another visit from Gabriel who will prepare Daniel for several prophecies. The verse will also teach the importance of eschatological doctrine.

14. Daniel Chapter Ten - A time of trial for Israel is introduced

Dan 10:1 In 535 B.C., the third year of Cyrus the Great's reign, Daniel received a message from God. The message, delivered by Gabriel, concerned a time of trial in which Israel would greatly suffer.

Dan 10:2 Hearing of the difficulties to be encountered by those who would return to the land, I mourned for three weeks.

Dan 10:3 I was so upset I ate only soft foods and seldom got out of bed. I ate no meat and drank no wine. After three weeks I was able to resume my duties.

Dan 10:4 On 24 March I was on assignment from the king. I was standing on the banks of the Tigris River.

Dan 10:5 Suddenly before me stood a man. He was dressed in fine white linen. Around his waist was a belt of fine gold.

Dan 10:6 His body shined like a transparent stone. His face flashed like lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and legs looked like highly polished brass and his voice roared like the sound of thunder. It was apparent to me I was being visited by a Theophany.

Dan 10:7 I was the only one who could see or hear the Theophany. The men who were with me were mysteriously overcome with fear; in fact, they were so overcome that they ran away and hid themselves.

Dan 10:8 I was left alone, gazing at the magnificent vision; I turned deathly pale, fainted and fell to the ground.

Dan 10:9 Before I could record what the Theophany had said I lapsed into a deep trance, with my face to the ground.

Dan 10:10 I lay prostrate for some time. Suddenly I became aware of the angel Gabriel standing over me. He first awakened me and then helped me to my knees. There I was trembling on hands and knees.

Dan 10:11 Gabriel complimented me. "Daniel, in God's eyes you are highly esteemed and dearly loved. I want you to listen carefully to what I am about to say. It was God Himself Who sent me to you. Now get up." I raised myself to a standing position, but I was still trembling.

Dan 10:12 Gabriel saw my trepidation. "Stop being afraid. Since the first day that you asked about Israel's future, I was ordered to leave the third heaven and make my way to planet earth.

Dan 10:13 But on my way, the demon assigned to influence the kings of Persia resisted me. I was delayed for three weeks. Then Michael, the elect angel assigned to protect Israel, came to my assistance.

Dan 10:14 Do not be afraid. I have come to explain what the future holds for Israel. That which you saw in your vision concerns a time yet to come."

Dan 10:15 As Gabriel spoke, I bowed my head, looking only at the ground. I was unable to speak. My difficulty was obvious to Gabriel.

Dan 10:16 Then Gabriel touched my lips and my speech returned. "Gabriel, I am overcome with anxiety because of what I have seen; I am absolutely helpless and without discernment.

Dan 10:17 I have so many questions, but how can I, your servant, talk with you? My physical strength is gone and I am having difficulty breathing."

Dan 10:18 Gabriel once again touched me, and I immediately felt better.

Dan 10:19 "O man, do not be afraid. God considers you very special. There is no reason to be afraid. Be strong!" His words greatly encouraged me. "Speak, my lord, your words have given me strength."

Dan 10:20 Given my swooning and inability to speak, Gabriel asked, "Do you know why God sent me?" Before I could answer, he continued. "I am here to tell you what the future holds for Israel. Because I have revealed much about the Persians and their defeat by Alexander and since I am about to prophesy even more about the activities of the descendants of Ptolemy and Seleucus, I will be resisted by the demon princes of both Persia and Greece.

Dan 10:21 After I deliver my message concerning what the future holds for Israel, I will leave planet earth. On my return I will need the help of Michael, the guardian angel of Israel. With his help, I will be able to return to the third heaven."

Daniel chapter eleven -- In Daniel chapter eleven we will see numerous remarkable prophecies.

Daniel is informed of events that will occur right after Alexander's death, up to and including Antiochus Epiphanies' pogroms of the Holy Land. The actions of six Egyptian kings and seven Syrian kings affecting Israel are chronicled by Daniel.

<u>EGYPT</u>		<u>SYRIA</u>
Ptolemy I	I	Seleucus
Ptolemy II	I	Antiochus II
Ptolemy Euergetes	I	Seleucus Callinicus
Ptolemy Philopator	I	Seleucus III
Ptolemy V	I	Antiochus The Great
Ptolemy Philometor	I	Seleucus Philopator IV
	I	Antiochus Epiphanies

Dan 11:1 Gabriel began his message about Israel's future: In the first year of Darius the Mede, I supported and protected him. I tried to get him to mentor your people, Israel. I was reasonably successful.

Dan 11:2 After Darius the Mede, three mediocre kings will rule Persia (Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis and Darius I), and then a fourth (Xerxes I) will become more powerful than all the others. When he reaches the zenith of his power and wealth, he will stir up all of Persia against the kingdom of Greece. He will authorize a military expedition to attack both Macedonia and the city states of Achaia.

Dan 11:3 The attack against Greece will prove unsuccessful. Later, a Grecian king (Alexander the Great) will consolidate all of Greece under his rule. Alexander is determined to punish Persia for their earlier indiscretion.

He will move westward with a well-trained army. Alexander will conquer Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and India. In twelve years Alexander will complete his remarkable conquest.

Dan 11:4 Alexander will die prematurely at age 32. His heirs will be murdered and his kingdom divided. Ultimately Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus will rule four Hellenistic empires. The Hellenistic empires will never attain the power enjoyed by Alexander.

Dan 11:5 Ptolemy, ruling from Alexandria, Egypt, will prosper and become militarily strong. Seleucus will join forces with him, and together they will defeat Antigonos, dividing his kingdom. Seleucus will ultimately become stronger than Ptolemy. Little Israel lies precariously between the voracious jaws of Ptolemy, ruling Egypt and Seleucus, ruling what was once the Persian Empire minus Egypt.

Dan 11:6 Several years later, in about 252 B.C., the daughter of the king of Egypt, Berenice, will be given in marriage to the king of Syria, Antiochus II. Ptolemy II, king of Egypt, will push the marriage in order to strengthen his ties with Syria. He will offer his daughter to the already-married Antiochus II. Neither the marriage nor the alliance will last.

Dan 11:7 Berenice's brother, Ptolemy Euergetes, will take over as king of Egypt. He will attack and defeat the eastern forces of Seleucus Callinicus. Ptolemy, by successfully defeating the eastern armies of Seleucus, will acquire significant territories east of the Holy Land.

Dan 11:8 He will also seize their idols and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt. For several years there will be a tenuous peace between the two empires.

Dan 11:9 Later, however, the king of the north, Syria, will invade Egypt and suffer defeat. Seleucus Callinicus will be forced to retreat to his own country.

Dan 11:10 The successors of Callinicus, namely Seleucus III and later Antiochus the Great, will prepare for war. Antiochus will lead a large army south, pushing the forces of Egypt into retreat. They will advance as far south as Gaza.

Dan 11:11 The Egyptian king, Ptolemy Philopator, will bring up reinforcements and lead an army north to the border where he will engage and defeat Antiochus the Great.

Dan 11:12 Ptolemy Philopator, instead of pursuing Antiochus, will stop at the border. He will make no effort to finish the fight.

Dan 11:13 Antiochus the Great will assemble another army much larger than the first; this time he will successfully defeat the Egyptian forces.

Dan 11:14 Antiochus the Great learns of a Jewish rebellion against the Egyptian forces occupying Jerusalem. Philopator will be particularly surprised given the favorable treatment Egypt had afforded Israel.

Dan 11:15 The Egyptian forces occupying Israel will be no match for the armies of Antiochus. The cities of Israel shall fall to Antiochus. A last-ditch effort by three Egyptian armies to save the army of Scopas, trapped in Sidon, will prove unsuccessful. Israel will be occupied by Antiochus the Great's forces and will rue the day they rebelled against Egypt.

Dan 11:16 Antiochus will do as he pleases; neither the armies of Israel nor Egypt will be able to stand against him. Antiochus will become an absolute dictator.

Dan 11:17 Feeling pressure from Rome, Antiochus the Great will offer his young daughter Cleopatra I in marriage to the new king of Egypt, Ptolemy V. The new king will be but seven years old. It will be Antiochus's intention to use the marriage to control his old adversary and strengthen his position against Rome. Unfortunately, Cleopatra will not cooperate. Instead of siding with her father, she will support the decisions of her minor husband.

Dan 11:18 Antiochus the Great will make a terrible mistake by attacking Greece. The Romans, under Scipio, will come to the aid of Greece. Scipio will defeat Antiochus, first at Thermopylae and then at Magnesia in Asia Minor.

Dan 11:19 After these defeats Antiochus the Great will return home where he will lead an expedition east to Elam. His forces will be defeated, and he himself will be killed.

Dan 11:20 The successor to Antiochus the Great, Seleucus Philopator IV, in order to maintain his accustomed royal splendor, will need revenue, so like all good politicians he will send out a tax collector. Soon, however, he will meet his demise, but not in battle; he will be poisoned.

Dan 11:21 Seleucus IV will be succeeded by the contemptible Antiochus Epiphanies who, though not in line for the throne, will wrest it from the rightful heir. He will arrive in Antioch, Syria, posing as a representative of young Antiochus, son of Seleucus the IV and a mere infant.

Dan 11:22 Antiochus will put together a large army that he will use to defeat the remaining forces of Heliodorus and an expeditionary Egyptian force in Asia Minor. He will attack Egypt, where he will gain additional territory to go with the earlier conquest of Israel. After taking over Israel he will murder Israel's High Priest, Onias.

Dan 11:23 Antiochus, by defeating Egypt, will be able to place his nephew Ptolemy Philometor on the throne and thus control much of Egypt.

Dan 11:24 The several kingdoms surrounding Syria will be lulled into military complacency. Antiochus will invade and defeat them. He will distribute the spoils of victory among those who can best assist him. Antiochus will then plot the overthrow of Egypt.

Dan 11:25 With a large army he will successfully attack the new king of Egypt, Ptolemy Philometor.

Dan 11:26 Many of those aligned with Egypt will refuse to help Ptolemy; even Rome will refuse to intervene.

Dan 11:27 Antiochus and Ptolemy Philometor will agree to sit down and discuss an armistice. However, the intention of neither king is to keep their agreements; their deceit, though intricate and designed to support their purposes, will, as a truth, be part of God's divine plan for Israel.

Dan 11:28 After signing the treaty, Antiochus will return home with great wealth; his heart, however, will be set against Israel. Antiochus, on his return home, will travel through Israel, all the while plotting its destruction.

Dan 11:29 Later, in about 168., Antiochus will again invade Egypt, but this time the outcome will be significantly different.

Dan 11:30 The Roman senate will send a naval and marine force under the command of Gaius Popillius Laenas. Gaius Popillius will confront Antiochus and demand his surrender. Antiochus will accede, taking his forces north through the Holy Land. On his way home he will vent his fury against Israel. In Israel he will select a cadre of Jewish sycophants to rule the Jewish state.

Dan 11:31 The army of Antiochus is ordered to desecrate the Temple and abolish the system of sacrifices. Antiochus also will order a statue of Zeus to be set up in the Holy of Holies.

Dan 11:32 Antiochus will win over many Jews who are ready to surrender their faith for positions of power. Many will succumb and take positions of leadership; but many others will remain faithful and resist Antiochus's apostasy.

Dan 11:33 Many priests will faithfully teach the Word of God. Most of the faithful will be incarcerated, tortured and ultimately executed. Their homes and wealth will be confiscated by Antiochus. The booty will be given to Antiochus's followers as a reward for their infamous loyalty.

Dan 11:34 Those who resist Antiochus will be few in number. Most of Israel will take the easy way out and openly worship Zeus.

Dan 11:35 Those who remain loyal will be tested by suffering. Such testing will result in their being refined, purified and made spotless. In the end, they will receive a glorious reward in eternity future.

Dan 11:36 Like Antiochus, the Antichrist will do as he pleases. He will magnify himself above every power, both on earth and in heaven. He will, however, display a particular hatred toward the God of Israel. The demon-possessed Antichrist will say blasphemous things against the Trinity. As a world leader he will be successful until the middle of the Tribulation. At the appointed time in God's infinite wisdom, his reign will be brought to an end.

Dan 11:37 The Antichrist in the last half of the Tribulation will openly flaunt his hatred of both true and apostate religion. Particularly will he ridicule the hope of a coming Messiah. He will finally declare himself to be a god.

Dan 11:38 Early in his ministry he will glorify raw power, placing his trust in military might, wealth and international power. The Antichrist will reward his military commanders with gifts of gold, silver and precious stones. He will be unparalleled as a world leader, infatuated with military might.

Dan 11:39 Initially he will attack and defeat those nations that do not submit to his program of world domination. With the help of the False Prophet, he will procure favor from the Jews in the land. He will initially aid and protect them. In fact, all who support his rise to power will be promoted and rewarded.

Dan 11:40 In the middle of the Tribulation, a Pan-Arabic block led by Egypt will break the peace established by the Antichrist. These Arab nations are led by a man-called elsewhere in Scripture-the king of the south. By his military might he will attempt to take over Israel. With mechanized infantry, he will start to move his forces overland through Gaza and into Israel. This political and military indiscretion will precipitate a response from the Soviet Union. The leader of the Soviet forces is called-elsewhere in Scripture-the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out against the Pan-Arabic coalition with infantry, armor, air and sea power. From the Bosphorus will come a naval force, and from the area west of the Caspian Sea will come a large contingent of armor and infantry with tactical fighter support. The king of the north will sweep through Turkey, Syria and Iran like a flood.

Dan 11:41 The king of the north will also invade Israel on his way south in blitzkrieg fashion. He will leave carnage and destruction in his wake. Eastern Turkey, Syria and Lebanon will fall. Those countries east of Israel, like Jordan and the Persian Gulf nations, will be spared. The Russian forces seem intent on staying close to the Mediterranean shoreline thus permitting maximum support from their naval armada.

Dan 11:42 The forces of Russia will very quickly drive the army of the king of the south into Egypt.

Dan 11:43 The Soviets will gain control of Egypt and her North African allies, not just defeating them, but taking all of their wealth as earned plunder. The Pan-Arabic block will be annihilated and militarily embarrassed.

Dan 11:44 While the king of the north is mopping up in the south, he receives an alarming report. Air reconnaissance indicates a large armada of Asians is moving across the Euphrates, heading toward Israel.

Naval intelligence indicates a large naval armada under the flag of the European Union has left Italy, rapidly moving east toward Israel. Rumor has it the Antichrist commands this EU fleet. This demands quick action on the part of the king of the north. He orders his entire army back into Israel. He also orders his naval forces to turn north. They are to engage the EU's fleet and determine their intentions.

Dan 11:45 The Russian ground forces will return through Egypt, across Gaza and into Israel. They will meet token resistance from the remaining Israeli Defense Forces. The IDF will retreat in the direction of Jerusalem. Their plan will be to defend the holy city or die. After securing all the surrounding countryside, the king of the north will establish his command post just west of Jerusalem, near Megiddo. It is there the Soviets will plan to meet the Asian forces and the European Union's expeditionary force just north, northeast of Jerusalem. The Antichrist will come ashore to meet with the king of the north, king of the south and the leader of the Asian armies. Using his Satan-supplied gift, the Antichrist will negotiate a settlement. Plans will be made to attack the city of Jerusalem and destroy God's remnant. Suddenly, a vast darkness will cover the land and the last battle of Armageddon will begin. The Lord Jesus Christ with His angelic army will descend from the heavens. With a fury Christ will destroy the armies of the world, and the remnant of Israel will be delivered.

End Lesson