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DANIEL

LESSON #13

THE WORST IS YET TO COME!
IT IS GROWING GLORIOUSLY DARK!

Chap. 11: 1-35

In a few moments we are going to open to Dan. 11, which is really a summary of secular history, for about 200 ~~xxxxxxx~~ years. It shows how Gods people related to it. It speaks of the tremendous suffering of the Jews. I want you to turn back to Deut. (5th Book of the Bible) 28 and I just want to read to you two or three verses.

The word of Moses to the Israelites written about 1400 B.C. Deut. 28: 58 (read) and 59. Now he goes on and on, speaking of the diseases of Egypt in V. 60 and then other sicknesses in V.61. In V. 62 (read) and then in V. 64 (read). V.65 through 67 (read) here was the prophecy of Moses to his people, long before it happened. That if they failed to hear the Lord, and to obey the Lord, they were gonna be scattered and suffer as no people have ever suffered. We see this being fulfilled in Dan. 11.

Not only in Dan. 11, but it will culminate in the Great Tribulation and there will never ^{be} a time, until after the Great Tribulation and the coming of the Kingdom in history, that the Jews will not severely suffer because they rejected the Messiah. The lesson to us today is if we fail to hear; if we fail to do what the Lord says, we will suffer as a nation - we are suffering today; because we have turned our hearts, basically, upon ~~xxx~~ the Lord.

That's one reason I underline the need for us to pray and humble our hearts and to cleanse our souls this week before God. I have a Rama at 7 o'clock; I hope you can stay with us. I have a special teaching for the body at 7 o'clock related to this. Now let's turn back to Dan. 11.

Remember in the 10th chap. of Dan., Daniel is praying concerning the welfare

of his people. If you will recall - you who have been studying with me - Dan. discovered in reading the Book of Jeremiah the captivity of the JEws would last seventy years, in BABylon. Dan. concluded that would end their suffering, but the Lord said 'no'. Daniel is in deep prayer; his prayer is delayed (or the answer to it) for 21 days, by the prince of Persia.

That was the devil who delayed the prayers of Daniel and is stated in Dan. 10:13. But finally the angel came to Dan., after 21 days (Dan. 10:14) look at it and read. He says 'the vision is for many days' (or for the future). Now he simply tells him in the 10th Chap. he is gonna give him the future of his people but he doesn't give him the details of the vision at all. That's in the 11th Chap. We take up at Dan. 11:2 because the 1st verse of Dan. 11, we've already expounded. Because it goes with Chap. 10, as I told you.

V. 2 (read) the angel is speaking and giving the details of the vision or what's gonna happen to the Jews, Gods people. 'Stir up' means 'rally the troops' . Here in one sentence he pulls out some significant history of the great Persian Empire. He speaks of three kings. This is not all the kings of Persia, there were really eight. But then he moves quickly to a fourth, whom he says is far richer than all of them and by his strength, through his riches, he will rally the troops against Greece.

You know who this is? Secular history identifies all this. This is the famous Xerxes, who had the largest army of ancient times, an army of two million. This is the same man that is called Ahasuerus in Esther 1:2. Now I want you to note Dan. is writing about 535 B.C. What we're reading here that he prophecies (or the angel gives it to Dan. and he writes it down for us) occurred 200 Yrs. later. Now many of you are S.S. teachers and if you read it all - if you read it ALL - especially on Dan., you will discover

there is a broad school of thought that says Dan. is a forgery; Dan. did not write Dan.; Dan, indeed, lived about 535 but somebody about 165 B.X. decided he would ~~wix~~ write the book of Dan. and claimed it was the historic Daniel. Daniel 11 is the reason critics claim this. They read Dan. 11; all of this secular history, which, literally, came to pass 200 yrs. after Dan. prophesied and they said 'impossible. Daniel could not have known this. He had to be looking BACK. It HAD to happen after the history actually took place.

The first man ever to attack the Bible was a man by the name of Porphyry. He says 'Daniel is a forgery.'. He wrote in the third century. He says: Daniel cannot be, because Daniel, in 11th chapter (and here's where Porphyry got his ammunition) Daniel is prophesying things that happened two hundred years after he lived'. And he, of course, did not believe that was ~~im~~possible. Liberal scholars do not believe this is ~~im~~possible.

St. Jerome answered him and says: 'you're wrong. Prophecy means the man DOES know the future.' But liberal critics do not believe this. If you study in some schools today; some seminaries, your professor will tell you in one minute that Daniel was written in 165 and it's a forgery. It's amazing! I read of a student who challenged this on the basis that Jesus called Daniel a prophet and you know what the professor said?

He said 'I know a great deal more about Daniel than Jesus knew'. You need to know these things, because this is what's happening in the intellectual world. There are one hundred and thirty five specific prophecies in what we're gonna study tonight. All of them, which were literally fulfilled. The liberal critics do not doubt this. The history of Persia; the history of Syria; the history of Egypt and of Greece, all document these things.

There's no question but what these things came to pass. It's just a question of whether Daniel really wrote it 200 yrs. in advance. So in V. 2, we meet the great Xerxes who attacked the country of Greece. This is a matter of history.

V. 3(read) you know who the mighty king is? Alex. the Great. Perhaps, the most remarkable military man of all history. Who extended his empire in the West from Egypt ~~to~~ ^{and} Greece clear to India. Tradition has it he was weeping one day and someone said 'why are you weeping?' He said 'because there's no more worlds to conquer'. He spread Greek civilization over the world. That's the reason our N. T. is written in Greek, is because he spread the Greek language over the Greco-Roman world, until everyone who was reading at all, was reading Greek.

That's the reason the Gospel is in Greek. This is Alex. the Great. But he did not continue long. Just 336 to 323 B.C. Died in a drunken stupor. Died at 33.

V. 4(read) 'he' (Alex. the Great) that is when he will be at the height of his power, and his kingdom WAS literally broken - it literally happened. You know what 'be divided toward the four winds of heaven' means? It means his kingdom was tossed to four generals. I studied this at Wake Forrest Univ. YEARS ago about Alex. the Great's kingdom being given to his four generals. I didn't know it was in the Bible at that time. I had no earthly idea of this. I'd read through the Bible but I didn't know this was in the Bible, like this.

All of his heirs were murdered, history tells us. 'According to his dominion' (that is, they would not rule with his authority - not a one of them) with

which he ruled). 'For his kingdom shall be plucked up' and 'plucked up' - what's the antecedent of those? His ancestors. The kingdom did not go to any of his blood kin, whatsoever, for they were all murdered. It went to his four main generals.

Beginning in V. 5, the angel deals with two of those generals or two of those kingdoms. The other two are not mentioned. The one he deals with is the king of the North, which we know today, as Syria. But in that day, it did not have the name of Syria. The king of the South, which would be Egypt down here, and now for about 15 verses, we're gonna see the battle between the king of the North and the kingdom of the South. Why are they chosen?

Here is Palestine right here and they're gonna make Palestine a battlefield. The Jews are going to suffer under these pagans as they war back and forth and as they ~~inter~~ intermarry and as they even go out into the Mediterranean Sea and meet the Romans. Let's try to move ~~XXXX~~ through this and try to get through, if we can, by approximately 6:30.

V. 5(read) 'South' (Egypt; and these are the famous Tolemees you read about in History. He doesn't mention Tolemee; he doesn't mention Antiochus, who is in the North, but that's who it is). 'One of his princes shall be strong' well, ~~was~~ one of his princes was especially strong. 'Strong above him' that is, the prince shall be strong above the king of Egypt and 'have dominion'. You know what happened?

A prince of Tolemee in Egypt, becomes powerful and becomes ruler up in Syria. All of this is documented in ancient history and this is one of the -- let me say to you: if you have an opportunity in the University to study ancient ~~ancient~~ history, oh, study ancient history! One of the most valuable courses

on earth is a course in Greek and Roman history. I've never studied anything that's been more valuable to me in my life, than Roman and Greek history. All of these things are documented.

V. 6(read) 'end of years' that is, after some years... no's 'they'? Syria and Egypt. How they gonna do it? 'Kings daughter of South shall come to the king of the North to make an agreement' in other words, here's a political marriage. We know who this woman was. It was a woman by the name of Berraniece. She is married to the king of Syria by the king of Egypt - for political purposes. She's ~~pmk~~ 23 years younger - we know this from history.

He had to divorce his wife, Layodice, and marry her. So they think they gonna come together on the basis of political marriage. But look what it says... 'she shall not retain the power of the arm' and that is to say 'she'll not be able to accomplish what she wants to accomplish'. 'Neither shall he stand' - later on, he divorces her and remarries his wife, Layodice, and she poisons him. Indeed, he didn't stand!

History tells us all about this. But 'she shall not retain the power of the arm;' and 'neither shall he stand' 'not his arm, but she shall be given up (he divorced her) they that brought her (would be her attendants) and he that begat her (literally, her child) and he that strengthened her in ^{these} ~~this~~ times (that would be her father).

You know what happened to her, her attendants, her child and her father? Every one of them were murdered. We have this here, stated by Dan. 200 yrs. before it happened. A political marriage. But look at

V. 7(read) who's her? Barraniece. One of her ancestors - it was her own

brother 'shall ~~enxand~~ one stand up in his place.....'. What do we have here in this verse? Her brother, in Egypt, is mad at the way they've treated his sister and so he rallies an army and invades Syria. You'll be reading this one day, if you study Ancient History and you'll be amazed ~~ixxg~~ as you go back and check Daniel.

V. 8(read) So the brother really whipped Syria real good. When you read in the Bible the religious belongings of a people are captured by another nation, ~~xxx~~ that's the most humiliating thing in the world and that's what they did. This brother took many things. Forty thousand talents, history tells us. One of the greatest loots of all times, we read in the history books. Dan. recording this 200 yrs. before it happened.

V. 9 (read) after he conducted this campaign, he goes back home. But his sons

V. 10(read) one of the kings sons is stirred up and this verse describes a campaign of this one son of the brother.

V. 11(read) 'cholen' or anger. King of the north would king of Syria and he (that's still the king of Syria) Absolutely, if you had a translation of this in which the pronouns were replaced by the name of the kings or the country, it'd be fairly east to follow. The difficulty is in following the antedecence and know who they're talking about. But you don't have to know all the details; you get the picture of exactly what's going on here.

V. 12(read) or not be strong. This was Tolemee of the king of Egypt and he was a playboy. He won a tremendous military victory and he just blew all of it. Just a playboy. History tells all about this playboy. Gives his name,

where he lives ... we know all about this playboy ruler.

V. 13(read) and V.14(read) Egypt had many, many enemies. Phillip of Masadau attacked them. They were attacked by many and it's recording it here in V. 14 and 'in those times' -(now how in the world did Daniel know this?) there shall many stand up against the king of the south. Also the robbers of thy people (that means Daniels people - that would be Jewish people who really sided with the Syrians)....

V. 15(read) 'cast up a mount' (really build up ramps)..... 'neither his chosen people (that would be the Jews).... 'neither strength to withstand'.. see, you just have a continual back and forth of Syria and Egypt.

V. 16(read) 'he' that would be Syria.. What's the 'glorious land'? That's Palestine. He shall stand in the glorious land. Not in a few moments we're gonna really see how Antiochus Epiphanes ravages the land. He's the type of the antichrist. I'll show you ~~xxx~~ 9 things he did to it. But here it is speaking of him now, in the glorious land. They were going back and forth here, over the Jews all the time. We don't know ALL they did.

We know a great deal of what Antiochus Epiphanes did and we're gonna spend most of the time on him, in just a few moments. Latter part of V. 16 : it speaks of the destruction of Gods people.

V. 17 (read) 'upright ones with him' that means really those making an equitable turn(???) that is not a good Hebrew translation. What we have here is another political marriage. 'Shall give him the daughter of women' - this is the king of ~~XXXX~~ Syria. 'Shall give him' and him would be Tolemee, the king of Egypt - the daughter of women. You know what the 'daughter of women'

means? A daughter of eminence. YOu know who this is? Cleopatra. One of the most prominent women of ancient times.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 'He shall give the king of Egypt, Tolemee, the daughter of women, an eminent woman, corrupting her' literally to destroy Egypt. Is what most scholars translate this. What you have here is the king of Syria marries Cleopatra to Tolemee, the King of Egypt, saying 'I'll get him this way. I'll get my own daughter in the court'. You know what happened She loved Tolemee. History records what a tremendous marriage they had and she's not a spy at all.

Look what it says in the last of this verse: 'she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.' She was with her husband. So the king of Syria- he didn't get far with this marriage. It simply did not work out. But here's the famous Cleopatra, who flirted with the Romans and everyone else.

V. 18(read) 'he'(this is Syria or Antiochus) turned his face to the isles' (and I take it that he made exploits out into the Mediterranean Sea) and shall take many..... 'prince' - and you historians will shout, if you know what this is --- 'and a prince' - 'but a prince shall cease the reproach offered by him to cease' is the way it should be translated. You know who the prince is? That's the Roman Sipeo who defeated Hannabal at Carthage. One of the most famous generals of all times. He began to get into Roman territory and when he did, Sipeo said 'oh, no, you won't, brother. You just go right back'. You see, you didn't mess with Rome.

You didn't mess with Rome; they were the Israelis of the ancient world and Rome was in charge of the Mediterranean Sea and was a world power and here you have Sipeo, who had defeated ~~xxx~~ Hannäbal at CArthage, that great

Phoenician Kingdom on the Northern coast of Africa. That pagan land ruined, defeated... Hannabal. Sipeo was the general and it's agreed the prince here was Sipeo. 'But a prince shall cause reproach offered by him to cease'.

V. 19(read) sure he did - to go back home. 'Shall stumble and fall and not be found' - don't know what happened to him. He suddenly disappeared from history - we believe he was ~~XXXXXXXX~~ assassinated. The secular historians just speculate. He's wiped out just almost immediately after that.

V. 20(read) 'estate' or place. 'A raiser of taxes' here's one of the most interesting things in the whole thing. Rome always levied tribute upon those it conquered. They would defeat a nation and they would levy an annual tax on them. 'All right, we defeated you, you've got to pay a tax into the treasury in Rome. So after this bird had blown it and Rome had forced him back home and he ~~died~~ died or got assassinated, they said 'all right, we got this tax levy on us, we got to put a man in office who can raise taxes.'

Can you imagine anything of such detail? It plainly says that in V. 20. 'But in the glory of the kingdom' - who's that? That's Palestine. When you see 'the glory' mentioned, that's Palestine. They ~~levied~~ levied a tax on the Jews. To help them pay the tax to the Romans. But 'within a few days, he shall be destroyed' - he didn't live but about a year, history tells us.

'Neither in anger nor in battle' - he wouldn't be killed in a battle. We believe he was assassinated. He didn't last but a year. He was collecting taxes. You see, it's dangerous to collect taxes in any age. Nothing new about this. This IRS man just didn't get along too well. He really didn't. He lasted about a year. Then, when we come to V. 21, we come to Antiochus Epiphanes, ~~the~~ one of the most important characters for us in our study of Daniel.

He is the type of the antichrist - not the antichrist - but if you want to know what the antichrist is going to do, you have to study Antiochus Epiphanes. Let me share with you a few things here. I hope I haven't gone over this too quickly. It's involved and yet, you can see what the point is, I hope. All right.

There are five divisions in the chapter :

1. Prophecy concerning Persia - V.2.

2. Prophecies concerning Greece - this is 300 B.C. and covers a period of Greece 336 -323 B.C. Daniel wrote it in 535.

3. Prophecies concerning Egypt and Syria. I've just gone through this: 5 and 20. Note Egypt, that's the king of the south - Syria, king of the north. I've already pointed that out. These two are singled out because Palestine lay between them. Wars between these two nations greatly affected the Jews. And fulfilled Moses prophecy in Deut. 28.

4. Prophecies concerning Antiochus Epiphanes. Now this was the name he took. Epiphanes means 'the illustrious one'. How great I am idea, you know? The man who wrote his biography. Antiochus Epiphanes, that's what he would name his biography. Or autobiography: 'How Great I Am'. Or 'Dear Me'. He said 'I'm Epiphanes, the illustrious one'. Now people called him 'Epiphamanes' which means 'madman'. Because he, indeed, was mad.

5. Prophecies concerning the antichrist - beginning in V. 36. We'll deal with this next Sunday. And this is one of the greatest studies in the book of Daniel. There are twelve astounding things given us about the real antichrist, who's gonna come in the time of the Great Tribulation. You have Daniel stopping with Antiochus Epiphanes, moving clear to the antichrist. He

does not deal with the church age. You say 'is that strange?' NOT if you read the Bible. Often you will have in one verse of Scrip. a prophecy that will be here and it'll skip thousands of years. For instance, Isa. 9:6 (read) that's the first coming of JC. - that's His birth, in the flesh.

Then he immediately says, in the same verse 'the government shall be upon His shoulder' - he skips clear to the millennium. You have to understand the way the Bible is written. The government has NEVER been upon His shoulder; it will be in the millennium. You have the same thing in Dan. 11. I've already pointed this out to you: the greatest proof that God knows the minute details of the future is this chap. probably.

Accurate prophecies are given of the history of Persia, Greece, Egypt and Syria 200 yrs. in advance. This is why the liberal critics, beginning with Porphry. Dr. Criswell, on his book 'Why I Believe the Bible is Literally True' spends page after page talking about Porphry. If you deal with Biblical criticism, you go back to the beginning when the Bible began to be attacked. Porphry is the daddy of every bit of it.

He started with Daniel. St. St. Jerome answered. Indeed he did. This is why liberal critics say Dan. had to be written after the events happened. Now look at this right at the bottom: this is the best definition of History I've ever found: 'History is His Story'. That's the reason it's so valuable. ~~That's the reason it's so valuable.~~ I hope we can get history back into our schools and mathamatics and language. Listen, if you want an education, mathamatics and language, literature - that's an education.

That makes character; that trains the mind. We desperately need to come back to basics in America, in education. I was so encouraged at the Federal

report this week. I hope it'll get us thinking. I was encouraged at what Wayne Haver and what Wallace Floyd said; they said in Fort SMith, we've never departed from the basics. I think that's basically true. My boys studied mathamatics and language, history, when they were going through the schools here and I think we're well off here, compared to some areas.

Now, there were five great kings of Daniel 11. Believe it or not, I've illiterated(??) them. You can illiterate most anything. There were five outstanding kings of Dan. 11:

1. XERXES. The famous Xerxes, He's Ahasuerus - that's Ahasuerus of ~~EXX~~ Esther 1:2.

2. ALEXANDER THE GREAT OF GREECE. Then you have

3. ANTIOCHUS THE GREAT. That was the main bird up here in Syria.

4. ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES. Of Syria.

5. THE ANTICHRIST. The coming world dictator.

Now, I want us to look at Antiochus Epiphanes, as quickly as we can, beginning at V. 21, because he, indeed, is more important than anything that we've seen because he is the type of antichrist.

V. 21(read) 'vile' means contemptable person. 'Honor of the kingdom' in other words, he does not have royal blood. He did not inherit the throne. He got it by treachery. There was another man that should have had the throne and he was murdered. But 'he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries' or by intrigue. This is the way Antiochus Epiphanes got the throne. He did not inherit it as he ought to.

He came in peaceably. That's the way the antichrist will start his reign in

the first 3½ yrs.

V. 22(read) 'arms of a flood' (or overwhelming arms or army). 'Overflown' his army shall just sweep them away. You know who the prince of the covenant is? That's the High Priest of Israel. That's Onias the Third, who was murdered by Antiochus Epiphanes. There's another ~~xxx~~ ^{detail} that's recorded. Onias the Third was murdered. The High Priest of the Jews, by Antiochus Epiphanes.

V. 23(read) first part: they made a covenant with him; the people. The Jews did but he broke it. This is one of the main characteristics of the antichrist. We've already discussed this to some extent in Dan. 9:verses 24 through 27, that famous passage on the Seventieth Week of Dan. or the time of the Great Tribulation.

'for he (Antiochus Epiphanes) shall come up and become strong, with a small people' now isn't that amazing! Syria. NOT large at all. He's gonna do all this but he's not head of that large a country. With a small people. That's Syria.

V. 24(read) first half: now what is he gonna do? ~~xxxx~~ It goes on to say.... 'shall scatter among them the prey and spoil and riches' now what does that say? He is going to take wealth from the rich and give to the poor. It's all politics. His fathers would never have thought of what he did. It's kind of a Castro - an ancient Castro - kind of a communist approach. He took the wealth from the rich, just spread it, in order to gain a reputation.

All political. He had no love for them at all. It was all a political ~~king~~ scheme. 'Yea, he shall forecast his devices against his strongholds, even

(or only) for a time' - ONLY is the way to translate that. YOU know why it's stated that way? Because God's gonna stop it. And that's EXACTLY what God will do with the antichrist. This is stating he will do this but not forever. Only for a time, the Hebrew says. God will stop him. That's implied here.

V. 25(read) 'but he (and that's Egypt or Tolemee) shall not stand; "for they (and that's his own people) shall forecast devices (or they shall devise plans) against him'. That is: the Egyptian people, including the Egyptian Army, were traitor to their king. He was unable to stand because they were a fifth column in the army.

V. 26(read) 'feed of the portion of his meat'(see?) they that eat of his own meat) shall destroy him'. His army will be swept away and many 'shall fall down slain' there's the defeat of the Egyptian Army. Because of internal intrigue and being traitors.

V. 27(read) 'to do mischief' indeed neither one of them was righteous. 'They shall speak lies at one table' - isn't that AMAZING? When I read that, I thought of what's going on today in Geneva and what's going on in diplomacy. They gathered ~~around~~ around a table, supposedly to make a treaty, but they just spoke lies. You see, if you know history, your feet always on the ground. You know, it ought to be a requirement of the President of the U.S. to know history.

It really ought to. It ought to be written in the Constitution. He ought to know history. Because, you see, history has already reflected all of man's depravity and sin. It's written in history. Here is one of the greatest insights -- I think of Yalta - Oh, I think of Yalta with a bleeding heart.

When Roosevelt, an old man, and Churchill, an unregenerate man, met with Stalin and gave away Poland. I thought about that this morning, as I heard the news at 7 o'clock. Thousands of people - that was done at a table.

Berlin divided today; Germany divided - at a table, at a table. A table of lies and that was the worst thing in the world because in the East, if you were around the table and having refreshments, your feet were under the same table and your hands on the same table, and to break that was the greatest treachery in the world. But it says this is what happened and it's still happening.

'But it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed' and that is simply saying nothing they did would really be the final word. That God would have the final word. This runs throughout the narrative.

V. 28(read) what's the Holy Covenant? All the law, the Holy institutions, the religion of the Jews. It says he went back home but ~~ix~~ he really played havoc upon the people of God. That's the reason we have this history. It all relates to the Jews.

V. 29(read) And V. 30(read) you know what the 'ships of Chittim' are? That's / bme. Sometimes refers to the Isle of Cypress out in the Mediterranean but this refers to the Roman fleet. Could read 'for the fleet of Rome shall come against him'. When he came down this time, Antiochus, he faced the Roman Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, which is out here, of course, to the left. Of course, you did not go one inch further when Rome said 'stop' - man, you stopped! The mightiest military power of all history and the Romans said 'no going, buddy, you get back home and you get back quick'.

And this is a matter of history. But look what it says 'therefore he shall be grieved' - the Hebrew word is 'dejected' - and return'. 'Have indignation' - that's a very strong word of persecution - 'against the holy covenant'. What does that mean? He vents his anger and frustration against the Romans, upon the defenseless Jews. In a few moments I'm gonna show you what he did to them. We know this from Josephus and we know it from other records.

'He shall even return ~~for intelligence~~ and have intelligence (or communication) with them that forsake the holy covenant'. There were apostate Jews. He says - that's simply saying he made a league with those. Of Dan. own people, who had turned their back on the Holy covenant.

V. 31(read) 'arms shall stand on his part (that is, he'll have a mighty army) and shall pollute the sanctuary of strength' - literally, the Temple fortress and that would mean the entire Temple area. ~~Exxx~~ Which was highly fortified. It's a lot like the Vatican City. Quite a complex. 'Shall take away the daily sacrifice (he's gonna stop the daily offering of the animal sacrifices, which had been going on since a thousand B.C.) and they shall place (or set up) the abominations that maketh desolate'.

Turn to Matt. 24: 15(read) Jesus speaks of the abomination of the desolation. What is the Abomination of Desolation? It was first, set up by Antiochus Epiphanes. In a few minutes, I'll tell you what it is because this is very, very, important of our study of the antichrist. The Abomination of Desolation.

V. 32(read) he's gonna further corrupt these apostate Jews by his own tricks and flattery. 'Exploits' or take action. There was a group of people and they were basically the Macabeans, Judas Macabeus and his five sons,

opposed Antiochus Epiphanes. Quite a war. Quite a conflict.

V. 33(read) 'they that understand (literally they that be wise among the ~~peop~~ people) shall instruct many'. These are the true and faithful Jews.

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.....captivity.' Some were put in dungeons. 'And by the spoil and and plundering of their property. All of these things were done by Antiochus Epiphanes. ~~NXXXXXX~~

V. 34(read) 'holpen (helped) with a little help'. YOU know what this is? Judius MAacbeus and his five sons. That's the help they had. That's ALL the help. Judius Macabeus - this is the famous Macabean Revolt - this is a reference to the help the faithful had. The Macabean father and the five sons.

'But many shall cleave to them with flatteries' and some of the them -

V.35(read) 'shall fall' and here's the reason for the suffering: 'to try them; to purge them; to make them white, even to the time of the end..... on to the end of verse. The angel is saying the suffering will continue and continue and continue and the purpose of the suffering will be to prepare the Jews for that final moment. This is gonna take place in the time of the Great Tribulation.

The Jews are gonna go through the greatest sufferings you've ever known and in our lifetime, you will see Jews suffer, suffer, suffer! Their population in Israel, today, is decreasing. There's no people that's suffering more

today and being persecuted more than Jews. It will not decrease. It will increase and increase and increase and increase until finally, the Lord will come and take the Church out; the antichrist will appear as thie true Messiah and will deceive them for 3½ yrs. and the last 3½ yrs. will attack them severely. And all these things Antiochus Epiphanes did, this is but a S.S. picnic compared to what the antichrist is yet to do with the Jews.

In fulfillment of Moses prophecy, ~~axfxfxfxfxfxf~~ 1400 yrs. before Christ.

ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES, TYPE OF ANTICRHIST: Here's what he did:

1. PUT GUARDS AROUND THE TEMPLE. He put his own soldiers and guards around this fortress.

2. STOPPED THE DAILY SACRIFICES. This is specifically mentioned in the text.

3. ON A SABBOTH, SLAUGHTERED CHILDREN. Every child he could find, he slaughtered on a Sabbath Day.

4. SLAUGHTERED WOMEN ALSO. On the Sabbath Day.

5. MADE HEATHEN IDOLATRY MANDATORY. Know what he did? He erected a statute of Zeus and placed it in the ~~Wix~~ Holy of Holies, in the Temple. Who's Zeus? The major Greek God. Antiochus Epiphanes did that.

6. TOOK ATHLETES IN THE NUDE AND STATIONED THEM AROUND THE TEMPLE. So anyone that went in there would have to look at a naked man. Knowing the Jewish horror of that and their great teaching against the sanctity of the body. He did that.

7. ERRECTS THE STATUTE ZEUS ON THE ALTAR. I've already mentioned that.

8. SLAYS A PIG ON THE ALTAR. Now there are liberal critics who say the Abomination of Desolation - that this is what it was. It's past nad never will come. But you see, next Sunday, when we get to Dan. 36 through 45, it mentions a king; a ruler; a dictator that's going to arise. YOU link that with Rev. 13 and you've got a prophetic figure. It's NEVER occurred in history. NEVER! Only in type.

We have the types but it's not the ultimate antichrist. He slays a pig on the altar. Of course, you know how Jews hate pigs and pork.

9. MAKES THE PRIEST EAT THE PORK. The people called him Antiochus Epiphanes -- no, HE called himself Antiochus Epiphanes and the people called him Antiochus Epiphamanes - the madman!

Let me just share a little bit more with you, if I can and that is on the 'Abomination of Desolation': All these things that I've just mentioned, the nine things, make the Temple Desolate. Or desolated. That's the reason it's called the Abomination of Desolation. It was so polluted and so defiled until it became desolate. That is to say, no Jew went about it. And that's what Antiochus Epiphanes wanted.

They wouldn't even dare go about it. It had been so polluted; it was desolate. It was an abomination - all these things - that desolated the Temple; left it vacant. The people of God simply did not go to it. You know ~~xxxxx~~ what I believe? I can't completely prove it, but II Thess. 2 leads me to believe during the first 3½ yrs. of the Tribulation, the antichrist is going to help the Jews rebuild the Temple.

II Thess. 2 says he will set himself up as god. After he builds the Temple,

he's going to move into the Temple and say 'I'm god'. The Jews are gonna say 'oh, no, this is built for the worship of God'. The antichrist is gonna say 'you're looking at him'. That's when it's gonna begin - the Great Tribulation of the last 3½ yrs. and the great ultimate warfare against the Jews. He's gonna move in; he's gonna pollute it entirely and that will be the ultimate Abomination, which Desolates.

That is referred to by Jesus in this great prophetic passage of the End Time in Matt. 24. These crimes (notice the note down there) these crimes will be- or are to be ~~be~~ committed in greater degree against the Jews, in the Great Tribulation.

Next Sunday we will deal with the real omen. That's what we'll teach on: The Real Omen is Coming. Now the movie messed it up. The movie knew it had something that was in the psyche of the American people but you have the Real Omen described in DAn. 11: 36 thru 45 and there are twelve striking characteristics of the Real Omen; the real antichrist, of which Antiochus Epiphanes is only the type.

This lesson speaks to us today, in broad perspective. It tells us that history ~~is~~ his-story. Why all this history about Syria and Egypt? Simply to show the place of the Jews. To show how the history of Syria and Egypt was used of God to fulfill His purpose for the Jews. The things happening around us today, even communism, has a meaning for us, as Xtns. All history is for the church today. Everything's that happening is to teach us and to be used ~~to~~ purify us and to let us be what God intends for us to be.

We ought to look at it that way. One of the greatest lessons of all is the miracle of Scrip. It is God-breathed. God breathed it and man wrote it.

He breathed into the mind of Daniel in 535 B.C. the most minute detail of secular history which we KNOW to be true today. Can the Bible be trusted? Indeed it can! But we need, not just to say that, but what we desperately need is to read this Book and to do what it says.

You see, there are several attacks on the Bible today and I want to close with this. There is liberal attack - they take away from the Bible. There is the cultic attack - they add to the Bible; there is the atheistic attack - they deny the Bible. But you know the most serious attack on the Bible today? Is the believer's attack - it's those of us who say we believe the Bible is God-breathed and is the miracle book of all books - but we don't read it much.

We don't live it. You see, if I stand here before you, today and say the Bible is God-breathed, is infallible word - I'm saying something else. I'm saying I must read this Book and I must obey it. If I don't, I'm a hypocrite,, and I'm gonna have to answer to God. People better be careful in saying 'the Bible is the infallible Word of God'. If you really BELIEVE this, you better read it and you better live it. It doesn't do one bit of good to say 'the Bible is an infallible Book' when we don't believe it enough to ~~believe~~ read it, and to do it.

So I want to ^{leave} ~~believe~~ with you, a pattern which I have said a number of times, about the Bible: you need to read it through and SECONDLY: you need to think it clear and THIRDLY: you need to write it ~~on~~ down and FOURTHLY: you need to pray it back and FIFTHLY: you need to live it out and Sixthly: you need ~~exp~~ to pass it on. The 11th Chap. of Dan. convinces me more than I've ever been convinced, I believe in my life, that we have something we can bet our lives on - the Miracle of Holy Scrip. I Hope you can come with us next

Sunday when we deal with the antichrist because the entire chapter is for the pupose of bringing us to the ultimate antichrist - the Real Omen.

Let's stand and pray.