

Series: The Prophecy of Daniel

Title: Sifting out a Remnant Though Suffering

Text: (Dan 11:1-35)

Ch 11 is a vision man kind's rebellion against God

Ch 11 the time of man's rebellion will extend from Daniel's time until the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Within this larger picture of the world's rebellion against God, something else is going on, and that is the chastening of the nation Israel.

God is punishing Israel for its lack of faith & disobedience.

Israel in the OT is clearly called God's chosen people,

They disobeyed repeatedly.

They were idolatrous.

They worshipped false gods.

They lived in immorality.

They defied God's law.

They spurned His love.

As a result, God set about to chasten the nation Israel, to punish them for their sin & disobedience.

They were warned of this.

(Duet 4:25-30)

(Deut 4:62-68)

God would use other nations to chasten Israel

(2 Sam 7:14) I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

God would use Chastening to sift out the Rebels from the Faithful.

(Amos 9:9-15) Repopulate the Promised Land of the Millennial Kingdom with the Faithful.

Ch 9: Daniel understood the end of 70yr Captivity was close.

That year the Edict from Cyrus Frees the Jews.

2 years later in Ch 10: Daniel was discouraged.

2 years after the edict by Cyrus, only a few returned.

Daniel obviously was Discouraged & Disillusioned.

Daniel began to Pray, 21 days

Jesus meets Daniel with a message

We are not told what Jesus said to Daniel.

An Influence Angel strengthens Daniel & gives him an additional message about his People & Nation.

(Ch 10) The angel said, "I was held up by a demon, and Michael had to come and deliver me." in the third year of Darius

(Ch 11:1) "But two years before that, in the first year of Darius, I had to go and help Michael." So they work together. Why is this mentioned?

That was when the decree was given for the people to return to the land.

The Fallen Angel, called the prince of Persia wanted to stop them from going back at all;

“We prevailed over the Prince of Persia, that is why there Edict went out.”

We get a little bit of an insight into how God’s holy angels are busy preserving His people and carrying out His will for His people in spite of demonic activity.

Daniel is alerted then to the fact that he’s going to have information about what God has planned for His people.

Daniel gets the whole flow of history;
Daniel thought the Chastening of Israel would end at 70 yrs.

(Lev 26:28) Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

The Angel tells him, the nation of Israel & their suffering they will endure is far from over.

Israel’s Chastening & Suffering would extend until the coming of the Messiah as King of Kings.

The 40K that went back represents the REMNANT.

The small percentage that was left after a separation.
What is left after a Sifting.

(Amos 9:9) For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

God uses the Chastening of Israel to sift out a Remnant

A CHRONOLOGY OF UNGODLY KINGS Daniel 11
38 fulfilled prophecies:

The details of this prophecy, particularly from verse 2 to 35,
They are so accurate,
They are so remarkable,
They are so verifiable,
It is PreWritten History.

Persian Empire: (Daniel 11:2)

The rule of four Persian kings (11:2)
Cambyses, Smerdis, Darius Hystaspes

AHASUERUS: 4th Persian king's war with Greece

By far the most wealth, power (Esther 1:1-4)
Who is in the Middle getting Suffering? ISRAEL

Grecian Empire: (DANIEL 11:3-20)

150 yrs later:
Greece would remember the great Persian Insult.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT: (11:3-4)

The Leopard Beast: (Dan 7:6)

The He Goat: (Dan 8:5-8)

Who is in the Middle getting Suffering? ISRAEL
He would die suddenly in his prime.
His Heirs would be Murdered.

His Armies would battle, his 4 Generals would emerge.

The Empire divided by his 4 Generals: (11:4)

Four Heads & Four Wings: (Dan 7:6)

Four Notable Horns: (Dan 8:8)

Who is in the Middle getting Suffering? ISRAEL

The eventual alliance of two of these four Kingdoms (11:6)
The Egyptian plunder of Syria (11:8)
The unsuccessful retaliation of Syria (11:9)
The civil war in Egypt (11:14)
The Syrian occupation of Palestine (11:16)
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ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES (DANIEL 11:21-35)

The Little Horn of (Dan 8:9-14)
He ruled in Jerusalem from 175-164 BC.
He attacks Egypt, the Roman Army arrives by Ship (Vs 30)
He heads back north in a Rage
He invades the Holy Land & Israel Suffers.
He was a cruel, Jew-hating Syrian king

Temple desecration by a Syrian king (11:31-32)
Sept 6th, 171 BC, he began his blasphemy against the Temple.

The supreme insult took place on Dec 15th, 168,
when he sacrificed a huge Pig on the Jewish Temple altar,

In three days he murdered over 40,000 Jews.

The Maccabean revolt (11:32)
Dec 25, 165
2,300 days after Sept 6, 171; just as (Dan 8:13-14) was told.

The Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem & the Syrian occupation ended.

The Occupation by Rome.

The eventual defeat of the Maccabean's (11:33)

Israel would suffer through the Roman Occupation & the Sacking of Jerusalem.

God uses Chastening & Suffering to Purify his people.

(Dan 12:10)

(Is 10:20-23)

This prophecy is ultimately fulfilled in the Day of the Lord

God has not punished Israel w/o a cause or an End Goal.
(Exek 14:21-23)

God is preparing his people for the Day of the Lord,
(Rom 9:27)
(Rom 11:1-7)

At the Time of Christ's Reign, a Remnant will be called.
(Joel 2:31-32)
(Jer 23:3)

(Heb 12:5)
Quoting (Job 5:17)

(Heb 12:6-13) God uses Chastening to Turn our heart back to Him.

Doing it for Our Good:

(Ps 94:12-13) *Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; 13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.*

(Ps 119:67) *Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.*

(Ps 119:71) *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.*

(2 Tim 2:8-12)

God allows Suffering to Purify Us

(Titus 2:14)

(Rev 2:10) Earthly Suffering for Christ brings Heavenly rewards.

Israel is still under the Chastening of the Lord.
God is Calling out a Remnant of Faithful people.

Is God calling you?

Have you answered God's Call for Salvation?

Christian! are you under the Chastening Hand of God?

He is Calling you to Repentance and Restoration.

God is calling out a Remnant, a People for His name?

Are you one of the Faithful?