

Daniel 11:2-11:35 (part 2) – “Back To Future”

- I. **Going Back In Time In Daniel 11 – Going back to the future...**
- The challenge of going back in time to events that were prophesied & have already happened.
 - 11:2-20 are so precise that liberal scholars do not deny their _____.
 - From King Cyrus to the emphasis on 2 of the divisions of Greek Empire – dead on.
 - To the south – _____/Ptolemaic; to the north – _____/Seleucid
 - In the middle – Israel, Jerusalem...
 - Liberal scholars deny predictive prophecy – Daniel must be written much later...WRONG!
- II. **Daniel 11:21-27 – The Despicable One (The Antichrist of the OT)...**
- Antiochus IV is the ____th Seleucid ruler (Epiphanes or Epimanes? Manifest one or Madman?)
 - He took the throne even though it did not rightly belong to him...
 - His reign relied on deception, intrigue, wickedness...
 - The Beautiful Land of Israel got caught up in all of his deceptions & wickedness.
 - Antiochus would plunder the treasures from Judea (Jerusalem).
- III. **Daniel 11:28-35 – It Only Gets Worse...**
- Antiochus goes to Jerusalem, finds an insurrection, puts down the rebellion – __,000 massacred.
 - He loots the Temple with the help of the evil high priest, Menelaus.
 - In ____ BC, after humiliation in Egypt, goes to Jerusalem again – attacks & plunders the city.
 - He rewards the apostate Jews.
 - He suppresses religious practices – no sacrifices, no Scripture, no more circumcision.
 - He erects an altar or idol-statue to _____ in the Temple – abomination
 - He offers animal sacrifices (including _____) on the altar.
 - Many Jews were persuaded to follow such practices.
 - Faithful Jews, especially Mattathias, refused to forsake God – leads to _____ Revolt.
 - Revolt gains steam; recaptures Jerusalem (164 BC) – the Temple is rededicated to Yahweh.
 - This rededication is known as the Feast of _____ or the Feast of Dedication.
 - Many faithful Jews lost their lives during & after this time.
 - Key Verse 35 – these struggles for the purpose of cleansing, purification, & purging.
 - Uncertainty of verse 35 – what do “the end time” & “the appointed time” refer?
- IV. **Daniel 11:-35 (part 2): Back To The Future Matters...Greatly**
- More than just last week’s truths – veracity of God’s _____; God’s power, providence, sovereignty
 - Notice all the “time” passages – God controls time for His purposes; under His superintendence...
 - The times of the world leaders today (like Antiochus IV) are established by God...
 - “I am the first, I am also the last...” (Isaiah 48:12-13)
 - “All _____ are as nothing before Him...” (Isaiah 40:17)
 - “He it is who reduces rulers to _____...” (Isaiah 40:23)
 - “The people who know their God” stand strong; refuse to worship pagan gods; teach others...
 - People who know God are “jealous” for God, which in turn makes them “_____” for God.
 - People who know God must be concerned with the glory of God above all else.
 - Our lives should _____-focused, _____-centered, & _____-empowered.
 - God gives His own a “heads-up” to the times to come – trying times, fiery ordeals...
 - Does it sometimes seem like evil is triumphing? Why are the wicked flourishing?
 - Why is wrong now considered right? Why are Christians undergoing severe persecution?
 - Evil may seem to hold sway – it did some 2000 years ago – but like then, Jesus triumphs!
 - Take _____ – I have overcome the world! (John 16:33)
 - I _____ you out of the world (John 15:18-19)
 - Share the sufferings of Christ (1 Peter 4:12-13)
 - We too undergo trials, afflictions in order to refine, purge & purify (see _____ 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5)
 - Trials, afflictions also help to distinguish “true faith” from “_____ faith.” (See Parable of Soils)
 - God sometimes disciplines us – peaceful fruit of _____ (Hebrews 12:11).
- Do you really love God? Do you really know God?*