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“Typically cultures go from bondage to spiritual faith; and then from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; and then from dependency back to bondage”

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"And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these many years.

"Deuteronomy 8:2

Daniel 11 is historical

Most of it has already happened

It's about wars and oppressors

It's history

For Daniel they were all yet future

Review of Daniel

Daniel had been reading the prophet
Jeremiah

It said Israel would be captive for
70 years

Daniel prayed

Some did return to Israel

Only a few returned

Review of Daniel

Daniel prayed and fasted
He got an answer, but it wasn't the answer
he wanted
The chastening of Israel will continue all
the way through history

Crop-duster view

Regents of Persia

The ruler of Greece

Rivals north and south

The rogue of Syria

Persia

Angels protecting and ministering
God sends angels to those who inherit
salvation to serve us (see Hebrews 1:14)
34 books in the Bible mention angels
There is conflict between angels and
demons that effects what happens on the
earth (see Daniel 10)

Persia

There will be three kings followed by a fourth

There were more kings

The angel is picking out a section of four at
a crucial period of time

Cambyses, Son of Cyrus

Pseudo-Smerdis (he was an imposter)

Darius I Hystaspes

Xerxes (Ahasuerus)

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He's the king who from the
book of Esther

He was very wealthy

He had a huge army

He attacked Greece and lost the war
150 years later, Greece took revenge
under Alexander the Great

Grecian Empire

Alexander the Great

He was one of the most remarkable military
leaders

In 332 BC he seized the entire Persian
Empire

Within ten years, he conquered the world
Then he wept because there were no more
worlds to conquer

He died that same night

Grecian Empire

His kingdom was divided
Alexander the Great had a half brother who
was mentally retarded

He had an illegitimate son
He had a baby that was born to him after
his death

All three of them were murdered
They divided the kingdom among his top
four generals

Grecian Empire

His kingdom was divided

Cassander took Macedonia and Greece
Lysimachus to Asia Minor and Thrace
Seleucus took Syria and Mesopotamia
Ptolemy took Egypt--North Africa and
Arabia

Egypt and Syria--rivals north and south

Directly effect Israel

Geography in the Bible places Israel right in the middle (see Ezekiel 5:5)

Jewish writings like the Mishnah and the Midrash say that the temple in Jerusalem is at the center of the world

Egypt and Syria--rivals north and south

Israel, in the middle, gets the brunt
of all their battles

King of the North, King of the South refers to
not one king but whoever is the king of the
dynasty at the time

The southern dynasty grew stronger quickly,
but eventually the northern kingdom became
very strong

Egypt and Syria--rivals north and south

An alliance was made through marriage
Glorious land, glorious kingdom--refers to
Israel

For hundreds of years, Israel is in the middle
getting beat up by these kingdoms until King
Antiochus the Fourth

Antiochus Epiphanes, a vile person

He was an illegitimate king--he seized the throne by flattery

He called himself Theos Antiochus Theos Epiphanos; loosely translated means I am god most gloriously manifest

The Jews called him Antiochus Epimanes-- the mad one

Antiochus and warned him--they publicly humiliated him

Antiochus Epiphanes, a vile person

On his way back home, through Jerusalem, he did the abomination of desolation

He placed soldiers around the temple area

He forbid people to worship

He forbid people to sacrifice

Antiochus Epiphanes, a vile person

He sent his soldiers through Jerusalem to
kill as many babies as they could find

On another occasion, they killed as many
women as they could find

Antiochus Epiphanes, a vile person

He made idolatry mandatory, he erected a statue of Zeus, killed a pig on the altar of sacrifice, forced the Jewish priest to eat pork, sprinkled the juices of the pig all over the temple

He made nudity public

Judas Maccabeus and a group of priests

Those who trust God is a reference to the deliverers who would come-Judas Maccabeus and a group of priests

Drove out Antiochus Epiphanes

Reestablish worship in the temple

It is still celebrated today--Hanukah

Why would God allow all that to
happen?

Refine

Purify

Make white

Nothing is more effective in driving
people to God like suffering

1 Peter 1:7

Why the detail of this chapter?

To highlight the survival of the Jewish people

To highlight the similarity of the Antichrist

It highlights the sovereignty of God

Can you come to church week after week and
see God's power in His Word and remain
unmoved?