CALL to Prayer -

Pray for the Imani choir

Daniel 11:28-36 - The People Who Know Their God...

<u>Intro</u> – Last week's message was entitled IDK...this week we find a need to "be in the know." Chap. 11 is mid-conversation between Daniel and an angel. The angel discloses to him many details about the future. The bulk of the angel's content is unveiling a particular point in Israel's future. He blazes over about 300 years then parks at a certain point. We are at that point today, so we are going to look at some things <u>HISTORICAL</u>. Those specific historical things (which were in Daniels near future) are highlighted because they serve as a pattern for things that will happen in the far future (our future). So, we will also think about the <u>TYPOLOGICAL</u>. But these verses also serve as <u>PRACTICAL</u> instruction to prepare us for the future & promise great returns for people who are "in the know." The people who know their God will be strong and do exploits. HISTORICAL, TYPOLOGICAL, & PRACTICAL

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			<u>HISTORICAI</u>	<u>4</u>		
1.	A king	s is introduced that arises to			empire Alex the Great	> split 4 ways
	a.	8	(Syria / Seleucid) is	described		
		i. 11:21	11:23		11:32a	11:36
	b.	Unanimous consent that	this is Antiochu	s IV Epiphanes	(175-163BC)	
2.	Antio	chus marched against Egyp	t (again) but wa	s dissuaded by	the Roman navy	•
	a.	11:29-30				
	b.	The furious king took out	his frustration of	on Israel on his	s way back north.	
3.	These	events are pre-recorded in	Danieland pos	st-recorded in	1 Macc. 1-4; 2 Mac. 4	-7 & Josephus
	a.	Antiochus persuaded mai	ny Jews to forsak	ke God's law -	11:30C 11:32a	ì
	b.	His forces attacked on the	e Sabbath…slaug	ghtered 10's of 1	thousandsensla	ved
	c.	He forbade Sabbath keep	ing & circumcisi	on - hung babies	s around mother's necks	s in display
	d.	Burned the Bible				
	e.	25 th of month - the Temp	ple was desecrat	ed - offered pig	g on the alter	11:31
		i. God's Temple re-o	dedicated to Zeu	s - sexual deb	auchery within	
		ii. Forced a celebrati	on of Antiochus	' birthday on t	he 25 th of every m	ionth
4.	A few	faithful believers resisted	11:32			
	a.	Some were severely perse	cuted - mother	with 7 sons -	2 Macc. 7 scalp/tong	gue/limbs/burn
		i. 11:33	Heb. 11:35-38		11:35 ^(purpose)	
	b.	Maccabean revolt & even	tual restoration	of Temple (afte	er 3 years) 11:34	
	c.	Many fell away from faith	ı 11:30cinfiltrate	d the resisters	in insincerity 11:34	Ь
5.	Hanuk					
	a.	Josephus - Book XII - Chaj	pter VII - section	n 6 (pg. 367)	(2 Macc. 4:40-61)	
	b.	To this day the Festival of	f Lights is celebr	ated which me	emorialize these e	events
		i. 8-day festival in D	· ·		John 10:22-23	
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TYPOLOGICAL

> Those historical events are a pattern to be repeated in significant future events.

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	 Jesus said this 200 years <u>after</u> Antiochus and his abomination 				
	o There is an abomination to come that us "readers" should understand				
	 The events with Antiochus are typological something similar to happen in the future 				
>	2 Thess. 2:1-5				
	 Some big happenings before Christ comes and we are gathered (rapture) 				
	■ 1] the Apostasy Matt. 24:10-12				
	2] Man of Sin revealed shows himself in the abomination				
	Temple must be rebuilt				
>	Man of Sin will be uniquely prideful and blasphemous 3 years				
	o Rev. 13:5-6 Dan. 11:36 Rev. 11:2 Dan. 12:11				
>	Persecution3 yearsovercomers				
	o Rev. 13:5, 7 Dan. 7:21, 25				
	A faithful few will resist and overcome Rev. 12:11				
	Ingredients in the pattern				
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	<u>PRACTICAL</u>				
*	This historical pattern has some practical application for our most holy faith				
	are your mind for the inevitable				
	 Beware of the prosperity message that denies the "perilous times" message 				
	o 2 Tim. 3:1				
*	Apostasy				
	o Pray for revival but there will eventually be a wholesale retreat/rejection				
	o 1 Tim. 4:1 2 Tim. 4:3-4				
	O Persecution from friends and family - Matt. 10-34-36 Luke 21:16-18				
*	Overcomers "The people who know their God will:				
	O Be Strong Joshua 1:7 2 Tim. 2:1 Eph. 6:10 Col. 1:29				
	o Do exploits - stand for truth, resist lies, encourage the weak James 2:18				
	o Suffer - 2 Tim. 3:12 Acts 14:22				
	• Short time - 2 Cor. 4:17				
*	Perseverance in suffering brings assurance of a genuine faith – 1 Peter 1:6-7				
**	Do you know your God? It all comes down to Who you knownot what you know but Who you know o John 17:3				
	○ John 17:3○ 1 John 2:13-14				
	o 2 Peter 3:18				
	o Phil. 3:10				