An Approved Workman Podcast Daniel: The Times of the Gentiles

Lesson-14: Study Guide: Back to the Future - Daniel's Final Vision

Lesson Focus Passage: Daniel 11:2-45

Background: Daniel is coming to the end of his time in **Babylon**. The **Jews** have already been released to go back to their city to restore and rebuild the temple, but only a small minority of the Jewish people returned.

Daniel thought that when the Jews finished their seventy years of captivity they would return and restore **Jerusalem** to glory, but three years pass and nothing much happens. It took two years just to get the foundation of the temple completed. Daniel is so burdened by this that he fasts for three weeks, mourning in sorrow and praying to God to disclose his will for the people.

God answers by sending an angel, possibly **Gabriel**, who begins to tell Daniel what God has in store for His people. Daniel 11 offers the story of history, pre-written by the prophetic utterance of God and given to the angel to give to Daniel in response to his prayer.

Preparatory Questions

- 1. Read <u>Deuteronomy 13:1-5</u> and answer the following:
 - a. What warning concerning prophets is given by Moses?
 - b. What conclusion do you draw about the message a prophet brings?
 - c. What is the key factor in determining whether a prophet should be listened to or not? (Deuteronomy 18:21-22)
- 2. Read <u>Daniel 11:36-45</u>
 - a. Read <u>II Thessalonians 2:4</u> and <u>Revelation 13:5-8</u>. What similarities do you find between the subject of those passages and the person in Daniel's vision?
 - b. Who is the person in Daniel 11:36? How long will this person prosper?
 - c. Who has "determined: the things this person will carry out?
- 3. Read Romans <u>11:25-32</u>:
 - a. Why will Israel ultimately be saved from the destructive intent of the Antichrist?
 - b. What will Israel be recipients of at the final hour?