



DANIEL 11 PART I

Do you know God?

32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. 33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

- Daniel 11:32-33

Israel was exiled into Babylonian captivity for their rebellion. After the 70 years, Daniel is crying out to God praying and fasting for an answer as to why his people are not returning to the promised land. As we look at Deuteronomy 4:25-30, we find that God warns his people that they will not remain in the promised land if they embrace sin. He does not bless sin, rather He punishes it. It is possible that the people remained scattered because they were not seeking God with their whole hearts, and their captivity has more to do with being captive to sin rather than man. Paul writes in Romans 7:23 “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.” Sin is what holds us captive, and the truth will set us free. But only if we abide in that truth. This world will get more and more difficult to live as a Christian as the end of days is getting close. Some of the final words of this prophecy in Chapter 11 read, **“Those who know their God shall be strong.”** Are you strong in the Lord, or living with one foot in the Word and one in the world?

What does it mean to truly know God?

Discussion Questions

1. Daniel Chapter 11 shows us some amazing prophecy fulfilled some 300 years after it was written with precise detail. What does this say about God’s Character?
2. What do you make of Biblical scholars or critics who claim these chapters were written after the fact? (Around 160 BC vs around 530 BC) Is it possible to be a Christian and believe this?
3. In analyzing the prophecy, why do you believe some kingdoms (east and west) were left out? Does this help the authenticity of the prophecy in any way?
4. The enemy, (satan) wants us to be deceived, believing our own delusions. His goal is to create mass confusion around who God is and what His word says. He accomplishes this by empowering deceptive False Teachers. How can we know the truth of God in a world of Chaos? (1 John 2:18. 2 These 1-3)
5. Now is the time to ‘press in’ to God’s word more than ever. How much time do you spend reading or meditating on the word vs. how much should you be? What are some practical ways to spend more time with God in your daily life?