

APPLICATION

5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

1

_____ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

_____ from the Cycle of History – don't _____ it!

1 Corinthians 10:6 – “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.”

Romans 15:4 – “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

2

Deep Ties to _____

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Heartfelt Community _____

A monthly meal with fellow believers from church.

3

Courageous Testimony: _____ but _____

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

4

Reliance on _____: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Heartfelt Community _____

A commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.

5

Gardening with an Eye on the _____

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

History is a _____ of things yet to come!

... So Pray Diligently and Build a _____ Community

1 Peter 4:7 – “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging...”



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

Part 19: “Echoes of the End: The Cycle of History”

TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 11:1-35

11:1 – The _____ War Behind _____

- King Darius (aka “Gubaru”) was strengthened by _____!
More about Darius? Daniel Part 11: “Surrounded by Lions”
Preached 2/15/2026
- A Spiritual War around Daniel's appointment as a _____
- A Spiritual War around Cyrus's decree to rebuild the _____
- A Spiritual War around the _____
Daniel 6:22 – “My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me...”

11:2 – Persia's demise will begin with a ‘ _____ ’

“4th King” = Xerxes the Great

History: Also known as “King Ahasuerus” from the book of Esther. Ruled 21 years (486 - 465 BC). He was extremely wealthy, consolidated the power of the Persian Empire... then lead a huge multi-ethnic army into Greece, capturing and burning Athens to the ground. Eventually had to retreat after the naval battle of Salamis. 150 years later, a Greek (Alexander the Great) would conquer Persia.

11:3-4 – Greece will be _____ at its pinnacle

History: Alexander the Great invaded the Persian Empire in 334 BC and captured Babylon and Persepolis by 330 BC. He conquered all the way to the Himalayas – then died in 323 BC in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar, in Babylon, at age 32. His empire didn't go to one of his children, but ended up split between competing generals (*the Diadochi*) – just as prophesied!

The Coming _____ of History

11:5-20 – Competing _____, Politics, War, Taxes, and _____

History: These prophecies cover, with incredible accuracy, about 200 years of history of the Diadochi. The King of the South (Ptolemy I) and the King of the North (Seleucus I) start as allies, then go to war. Later, Berenice, the daughter of Ptolemy II, married Antiochus II to try to make peace between North and South... but this plan ends in a flood of intrigue and murder. The war shifts to Egypt, and the balance of power shifts back-and-forth. Then more marriages and more betrayals. After all this war, taxes go up incredibly high... till they poisoned the king.

11:21 – Chaos opens the door for a vile _____

History: Out of this chaos, the “Little Horn” from Daniel chapter 8 arises. Antiochus Epiphanes. He uses flattery and schemes to gain power. [See: *Daniel Part 14 – “The War Against God”* 4/12/2026]

11:22-30 – A _____ Peace, More Treachery, and _____

History: Antiochus makes a lot of treaties to his own advantage. He has a successful war in the south – but is betrayed by his own men. He then tries to resolve the conflict with a conference, but both sides just lie to each other. He resumes the war in Egypt – but is defeated by the rising power of Rome (*Ships of Chittim*).

11:30-31 – A Direct Attack on _____

History: Furious and frustrated, Antiochus directs his anger at the Jewish people. He works with apostate Jews (*“has intelligence with them that forsake the covenant”*) ends the daily sacrifices, and sets up idol worship in the temple (*“the abomination of desolations”*).

11:32-34 – Both Deep _____ and Spiritual _____

“Corrupt” = *ḥānēp* = profane, defiled, polluted, godless

Jeremiah 23:11-12 – “For both prophet and priest are profane (*ḥānēp*); yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers... they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

History: The shockingly bold wickedness of Antiochus Epiphanes provokes the Maccabean revolt. Some Jews side with the Greeks, others with the Maccabean resistance – resulting in a terrible time of slaughter but also of spiritual revival.

11:35 – To the Time of the _____

“Time of the end” = *’ēṭ qēṣ* = Time/opportunity of the End/conclusion

“For a time appointed” = *mô’ēḏ* = appointed time, sacred season

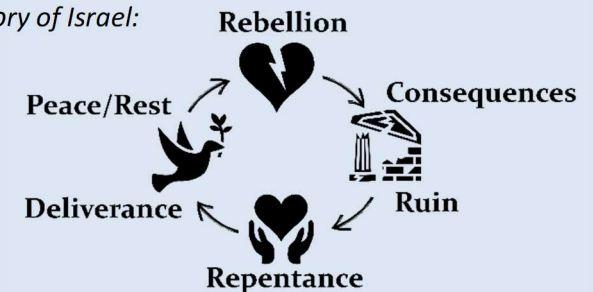
Cycles of History: Prophetic Echoes of the End

✧ History _____ itself:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 - “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”

Isaiah 13:19 - “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.”

The Whole History of Israel:



✧ History is an _____ of things still yet to come:

Matthew 24:37 - “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Luke 17:29 - “But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

✧ History is an _____ and a _____ of things still yet to come:

2 Peter 2:5-22 – “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly... But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

1 Corinthians 10:11 – “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”