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Lesson 123

1. Earlier I began an overview of the book of Daniel. We are going to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material page 2.
2. Daniel was written by Daniel from Babylon in about 534. Daniel from Babylon tells of the struggles of the exile while providing remarkable prophecies of five world empires and their relationship to Israel.
3. So far I have given you an expanded translation of chapters one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and parts of chapter eleven where we found a history of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being taken hostage by Nebuchadnezzar, adjusting to their new surroundings and prospering as young men under various trials and triumphs.
4. Chapter one recall tells of the exile of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, their training and acceptance as men of outstanding character.
5. Chapter two tells of Nebuchadnezzar's dream where he saw a giant statue; Daniel not only tells the King what he dreamed but the meaning of that dream.
6. Chapter three tells of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego being tested and placed in a fiery furnace.
7. Chapter four tells of Nebuchadnezzar's zoanthropy, his recovery and salvation testimony.
8. Chapter five tells of the writing on the wall, Daniel's explanation and the demise of Babylon; the Medes and Persians are seen replacing Babylon as an empire just as Daniel predicted in chapter two.
9. Chapter six tells of Daniel being tested in the lion's den and Darius' positive reaction.
10. Chapter seven tells of Daniel's vision of the sea creatures which provide further information about the five gentile empires.
11. Chapter eight teaches specifically of the Medes/Persians as a powerful empire until they meet the Greeks under Alexander the Great; next Daniel tells of the death of Alexander and the rise of four Generals who will take over the kingdoms of Alexander. Particular emphasis is placed on Antiochus Epiphanes, a type of Antichrist, who will be particularly cruel to Israel.

12. In chapter nine we reviewed a long prayer by Daniel as he asks God to send His people back to the "Holy Land."

12.1 The chapter also details the events of the seventieth week where we learn of the coming of Christ at the first Palm Sunday, His death, burial and resurrection, the seven year Tribulation and His Second Advent.

13. In Daniel chapter ten we saw Daniel getting another visit from Gabriel who taught the prophet several near term prophecies and the importance of eschatological doctrine.

14. Last week we analyzed Dan 11:1-35 where Daniel is taught several highly specific near term prophecies occurring between the Old and New Testaments.

15. We are now ready to look at an expanded translation of Dan 11:36-45 where the events of the intertestamental period are shown to be a foreshadowing of that which will take place during the Tribulation.

Dan 11:36 Like Antiochus, the Antichrist will do as he pleases. He will magnify himself above every power, both on earth and in heaven. He will, however, display a particular hatred toward the God of Israel. The demon-possessed Antichrist will say blasphemous things against the Trinity. As a world leader he will be successful until the middle of the Tribulation. At the appointed time in God's infinite wisdom, his reign will be brought to an end.

Dan 11:37 The Antichrist in the last half of the Tribulation will openly flaunt his hatred of both true and apostate religion. Particularly will he ridicule the hope of a coming Messiah. He will finally declare himself to be a god.

Dan 11:38 Early in his ministry he will glorify raw power, placing his trust in military might, wealth and international power. The Antichrist will reward his military commanders with gifts of gold, silver and precious stones. He will be unparalleled as a world leader, infatuated with military might.

Dan 11:39 Initially he will attack and defeat those nations that do not submit to his program of world domination. With the help of the False Prophet, he will procure favor from the Jews in the land. He will initially aid and protect them. In fact, all who support his rise to power will be promoted and rewarded.

Dan 11:40 In the middle of the Tribulation, a Pan-Arabic block led by Egypt will break the peace established by the Antichrist. These Arab nations are led by a man-called elsewhere in Scripture-the king of the south. By his military might he will attempt to take over Israel. With mechanized infantry, he will start to move his forces overland through Gaza and into Israel. This political and military indiscretion will precipitate a response from the Soviet Union. The leader of the Soviet forces is called-elsewhere in Scripture-the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out against the Pan-Arabic coalition with infantry, armor, air and sea power. From the Bosphorus will come a naval force, and from the area west of the Caspian Sea will come a large contingent of armor and infantry with tactical fighter support. The king of the north will sweep through Turkey, Syria and Iran like a flood.

Dan 11:41 The king of the north will also invade Israel on his way south in blitzkrieg fashion. He will leave carnage and destruction in his wake. Eastern Turkey, Syria and Lebanon will fall.

Those countries east of Israel, like Jordan and the Persian Gulf nations, will be spared. The Russian forces seem intent on staying close to the Mediterranean shoreline thus permitting maximum support from their naval armada.

Dan 11:42 The forces of Russia will very quickly drive the army of the king of the south into Egypt.

Dan 11:43 The Soviets will gain control of Egypt and her North African allies, not just defeating them, but taking all of their wealth as earned plunder. The Pan-Arabic block will be annihilated and militarily embarrassed.

Dan 11:44 While the king of the north is mopping up in the south, he receives an alarming report. Air reconnaissance indicates a large armada of Asians is moving across the Euphrates, heading toward Israel. Naval intelligence indicates a large naval armada under the flag of the European Union has left Italy, rapidly moving east toward Israel. Rumor has it the Antichrist commands this EU fleet. This demands quick action on the part of the king of the north. He orders his entire army back into Israel. He also orders his naval forces to turn north. They are to engage the EU's fleet and determine their intentions.

Dan 11:45 The Russian ground forces will return through Egypt, across Gaza and into Israel. They will meet token resistance from the remaining Israeli Defense Forces. The IDF will retreat in the direction of Jerusalem. Their plan will be to defend the holy city or die. After securing all the surrounding countryside, the king of the north will establish his command post just west of Jerusalem, near Megiddo. It is there the Soviets will plan to meet the Asian forces and the European Union's expeditionary force just north, northeast of Jerusalem.

The Antichrist will come ashore to meet with the king of the north, king of the south and the leader of the Asian armies. Using his Satan-supplied gift, the Antichrist will negotiate a settlement. Plans will be made to attack the city of Jerusalem and destroy God's remnant. Suddenly, a vast darkness will cover the land and the last battle of Armageddon will begin. The Lord Jesus Christ with His angelic army will descend from the heavens. With a fury Christ will destroy the armies of the world, and the remnant of Israel will be delivered.

Daniel, Chapter Twelve - A conclusion and a summary of the last days for Israel.

Dan 12:1 During the Tribulation, Michael, Israel's guardian angel, will establish himself as the protector of your people. Although Israel will experience great distress, Michael will make certain that all things work for the good of God's people. Though Israel will suffer greatly in that period of great persecution, in the end, true Israel will be delivered. All whose names are in the Book of Life will not only be delivered but they shall rule with Christ on earth for one thousand years.

Dan 12:2 Before the beginning of the Millennium, there will be a judgment of Israel. All Israel will stand before the Throne of Christ. Some will be raised and live forever in ecstatic happiness and others will be raised for judgment, shame and everlasting contempt in a lake of fire.

Dan 12:3 Throughout the ages there have been many Jews who wisely believed on their Messiah. These true believers will shine like the brightness of the heavens. Those who led others to the Lord will receive a special reward; they will shine like the stars forever.

Dan 12:4 Close up and seal the scroll until the time of the end. From then until now, your people will travel all over the world seeking knowledge, but they will not acquire an understanding of eschatology. It is only during the time of the Great Tribulation that Israel will receive comfort when they see all these prophecies come true.

Dan 12:5 Then I looked up, and there before my eyes were two angels, one on my side of the river and one on the other side. With them was the man wearing the linen garment.

Dan 12:6 The man wearing the linen garment was standing in the middle of the river on top of the water. He was asked by one of the angels, "How long will it be before these astonishing things come to pass?"

Dan 12:7 The Man in linen lifted both His hands toward heaven. He then swore by the Lord Jehovah, "It will go on for three and one-half years. When Israel has finally been brought to her knees, then shall the end come."

Dan 12:8 I heard everything the angel asked and I heard the answer from the Man in the linen garment. But I did not understand the meaning. So I asked, "My Lord, how will all this turn out?"

Dan 12:9 The Man answered, "Go, Daniel, and live your very own spiritual life. The prophecies concerning the end times are sealed until the Tribulation. The timing, though imminent, is indefinite."

Dan 12:10 During the Tribulation many will become believers; they will be made spotless and refined as the recipients of God's grace. But those who reject His offering of deliverance will continue in their sins. Unbelievers will not, and in fact, cannot, understand God's plan. But those who have become God's by faith alone in Christ alone, they will understand not only Daniel's vision but the whole realm of eschatology.

Dan 12:11 From the time the Antichrist rescinds the treaty with your people in the middle of the Tribulation and erects his statue in a wing of the temple until the Messiah destroys the armies of the world will be 1,290 days. The Lord will take 30 days to destroy Babylon, the Armies at Megiddo and Idumaea.

Dan 12:12 After the final battle of Armageddon, there will be a period of 45 days when the carnivorous birds of planet earth arrive to eat the bodies of those slaughtered.

Additionally, it is in this period our Lord will set up a judgment seat in the Valley of Jehoshaphat where Jews and gentiles surviving the Tribulation will be judged. Blessed most certainly are those who survive this judgment and follow our Lord into the Millennium. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

Dan 12:13 As for you, Daniel, don't be concerned about all of this; just go your way until the end. You will rest in Sheol in the bosom of Abraham until your Messiah Christ (at His First Advent) removes your soul to heaven. At His return you will get your millennial body and receive your allotted inheritance.

We are now ready for an overview of the book of Hosea.

Book of Hosea Outline

I. Hosea's Marriage: The Wayward Spouse (chapters 1-3)

A. The First Cycle: Hosea's Family (1:1-2:1)

B. The Second Cycle: Hosea's Divorce (2:2-23)

C. The Third Cycle: Hosea's Reconciliation (chapter 3)

II. Hosea's Message: The Wayward Nation (chapters 4-13)

A. The first Charge: No Acknowledgment of God (chapters 4-5)

B. The Second Charge: No Loyal Love Toward God (6:1-11:11)

C. The Third Charge: No Faithfulness To God (11:12-13:16)

III. Israel's Future Restoration (chapter 14)

1. Hosea was written by the prophet himself in about 725 B.C. from Israel in the north. He prophesied to the Northern Kingdom (Israel, or Ephraim) during the time that Isaiah was prophesying in Judah. His prophetic visions looked beyond exile to restoration, when a chastened people would again acknowledge the exclusive claims of the Lord. The remorse of God toward Israel gone "a whoring" is symbolically communicated in the relationship of Hosea to his wife.

1.1 Now let's see what we can learn from a summary of the prophet's life.

1.1.1 Hosea was an Old Testament prophet of the 8th century, the only writing prophet who lived in the northern kingdom, except possibly Jonah.

1.1.2 Hosea was the son of Beerli and a younger contemporary of Amos, he began his prophetic ministry before 753 when Jeroboam II (782-753) died.

1.1.3 Exactly how long his work of proclaiming God's judgment upon the sins of his country continued, is not known.

1.1.4 Objections to treaties made with Egypt (Hos 7:11; 12:1) may refer to King Hoshea's sending an Envoy to the king of Egypt (2Ki 17:4).

Hos 7:11 "Ephraim is like a dove, easily deceived and senseless-- now calling to Egypt, now turning to Assyria.

Hos 12:1 Ephraim feeds on the wind; he pursues the east wind all day and multiplies lies and violence. He makes a treaty with Assyria and sends olive oil to Egypt. 2Ki 1

2Ki 17:4 But the king of Assyria discovered that Hoshea (the last King of Israel c. 732-722) was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to So king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison.

1.1.5 Hoshea had become vassal to Shalmaneser. He had to pay tribute annually. About his sixth year, Hoshea sought independence from Assyria. He conspired against Shalmaneser by forming an alliance with Egypt; it was at this time he stopped paying tribute. Thus, naturally, arose the attack against Israel, and her fall.

1.1.6 If this is the occasion to which the prophet alludes, he ministered to the very closing years of the northern kingdom.

1.1.7 His mention of Hezekiah and his three predecessors may indicate he fled to the kingdom of Judah to close out his ministry.

Hos 1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah (767-740), Jotham (740-732), Ahaz (732-716) and Hezekiah (716-687), kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel:

17.1.8 Much of what can or cannot be learned of the prophet depends on the interpretation of chapters one and three.

Hosea's Wife and Children

Hos 1:2 When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, "Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD."

Hos 1:3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Hos 1:4 Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu (c. 841 murdered Ahaziah) for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel.

Hos 1:5 In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel."

Hos 1:6 Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them.

Hos 1:7 Yet I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them-- not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the LORD their God."

Hos 1:8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son.

Hos 1:9 Then the LORD said, "Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

Hos 1:10 "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.'

Hos 1:11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be reunited, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

Hos 2:1 "Say of your brothers, 'My people,' and of your sisters, 'My loved one.'

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Hos 2:2 "Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband. Let her remove the adulterous look from her face and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts.

Hos 2:3 Otherwise I will strip her naked and make her as bare as on the day she was born; I will make her like a desert, turn her into a parched land, and slay her with thirst.

Hos 2:4 I will not show my love to her children, because they are the children of adultery.
Hos 2:5 Their mother has been unfaithful and has conceived them in disgrace. She said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.'

Hos 2:6 Therefore I will block her path with thorn bushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way.

Hos 2:7 She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will say, 'I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.'

Hos 2:8 She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold-- which they used for Baal.

Hos 2:9 "Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens, and my new wine when it is ready. I will take back my wool and my linen, intended to cover her nakedness.

Hos 2:10 So now I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers; no one will take her out of my hands.

Hos 2:11 I will stop all her celebrations: her yearly festivals, her New Moons, her Sabbath days-- all her appointed feasts.

Hos 2:12 I will ruin her vines and her fig trees, which she said were her pay from her lovers; I will make them a thicket, and wild animals will devour them.

Hos 2:13 I will punish her for the days she burned incense to the Baals; she decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, but me she forgot," declares the LORD.

Hos 2:14 "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her.

Hos 2:15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor (a valley west of Jericho) a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.

Hos 2:16 "In that day," declares the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.'

Hos 2:17 I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked.

Hos 2:18 In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword, and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety.

Hos 2:19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

Hos 2:20 I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.

Hos 2:21 "In that day I will respond," declares the LORD-- "I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth;

Hos 2:22 and the earth will respond to the grain, the new wine and oil, and they will respond to Jezreel.

Hos 2:23 I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"

Hosea's Reconciliation With His Wife

Hos 3:1 The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

Hos 3:2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.

Hos 3:3 Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you."

Hos 3:4 For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol.

Hos 3:5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

1.1.9 Hosea married a woman named Gomer and she gave birth to three children. In time Gomer proved faithless and left her husband; later, Hosea brought her from her paramour and brought her home again.

1.1.10 The incidents recorded in these controversial chapters are related as though they were actual historical events. Most would agree they were.

1.1.11 Hosea's personal disappointments in love certainly contributed to his tender prophetic message. In Hosea, human experience became the channel of divine revelation.

1.2 The fifth cycle of discipline for Israel and any other nation without a pivot is also explained in Hos 4:1-4.

The Charge Against Israel

Hos 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

Hos 4:2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

Hos 4:3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

Hos 4:4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

Hos 4:5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

End Lesson

