

Faith Under Fire – Lesson 10

Spiritual World Revealed – Daniel 11: 2 – 12:13

If God is in control of all things, what is our responsibility in changing the world?

History in the near Future

- The History involved in chapter 11 would take days to teach.
- Kings will rise and empires will fall.
- Alexander the Great to Cleopatra is revealed.
- From the regions of Syria to Egypt at war throughout the years.
- The knowledge of what is to come expresses that God is in Control.

Key Issues and debate in this Passage:

- A. Did Daniel write about this vision or an unknown author later in history.
- B. Daniel 11:35-45 is difficult to interpret based on the history.
 - Prophecy of near future and prophecy of the end of times is intermixed. V40 “In the time of the end....
Ex. Jesus and the Destruction of the Temple in Luke 21

Key points from Daniel 12:1-13

- There will be hope for the righteous
- There will be doom for the wicked.
- Verse 8 – 9, Daniel stated, “I do not understand?” and the angel replied, “Go your way...”
- Only God knows when the End of Times will come.
- Verse 13 – Go your way and you will rest and then rise again to receive your inheritance.

Major Theme: The Sovereignty of God and Our Responsibility

What is our role when God is in control of all outcomes?

What did God’s Sovereignty mean to the people in Daniel’s day?

Hope for the future leads to Joy in the present.

Does God being in control mean that we have no control and thus no responsibility?

Philippians 2:12 – We are responsible to obey God’s commands and to follow God.

Elections and Our World Today:

What emotions are you feeling as a result of the elections?

- The people of Israel had no control of their King and were held captive, yet because of God's sovereignty they had hope and joy.
- Story of Joseph – Evil intentions were used for the greater good. And the brothers eventually repented and Joseph remained faithful despite his hardships.
- God always uses his people to bring about his victory. Ex. Gideon and the army reduced from 32,000 to 300. God provided the victory, but still used his people to be involved in the process.

Conclusion:

1. God Is in Control of all things.
2. You are called to a relationship with God.
3. As a result of your relationship with God, you are called to love God and those in your world.

Truth: God is in Control and you have a responsibility to follow and obey God.

How are you going to respond to the elections in our country?