

The Book of Daniel Syllabus

Keys To Understanding A Must Read!!!!

I. Rightly Dividing the Word

2Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
(KJV)

The Bible is the Word of Truth.
It must be rightly divided.
If it can be *rightly divided*; it can also be *wrongly divided*.
Error comes from a wrong division of the Word of God.

To, or About Whom is it Written?

To rightly divide Scripture, one must determine to or about whom it is written. Remember: All the Bible is for the church; but not all the Bible is about the Church.
Scripture can be to or about a group of people.

Brim note: I learned this important fact from listening to Kenneth E. Hagin. (Some of you may remember my potato-peeling story.) But just lately I came across a statement by E. W. Bullinger, commentator of *The Companion Bible*. This amazing scholar wrote in the preface to his book, *How To Enjoy The Bible*:

I pointed out that there was a precept which specially set forth our responsibility to the Bible as being "the Word of Truth" (2 Tim. ii.15), and that was that it must be *rightly divided*. This command to rightly divide, being given us in connection with this special title "The Word of Truth," spoke to us, if we had ears to hear, and told us that **unless we rightly divided the Word of Truth we should not...get the truth...**

I showed that, if we would indeed *enjoy the Bible* it was absolutely necessary that we should rightly divide all that it contained, in connection with its subject matter, as well as in connection with its **times and dispensations.**

II. The Jews, The Nations, and the Church

1Cor. 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. (KJV)

The three primary groups of peoples to or about whom Scripture is written are:

1. The Jews
2. The Nations
(*Hebrew: Goyim*, meaning nations)
N.T. Gentiles or Greeks
3. The Church

Kenneth E. Hagin, *Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage*, page 18

“When I first got saved and started in the ministry, I heard someone give this simple rule of Bible interpretation, and it registered on me. In studying the Bible, always ask yourself. ‘Who’s doing the speaking?’ ‘What are they speaking about?’ ‘And to whom are they speaking?’

It’s very easy to take some of the things that God said and say, ‘Well, now, *God* is saying this.’ But you have to look at whom God was talking to. Sometimes He was speaking to the Jews; and what He said didn’t even apply to anyone else.

Brim note: The Book of Daniel reveals much about the character of God, which blesses all. But its primary focus is God’s dealing with Israel. We learn much from its prophetic message concerning Israel, the Jews, Jerusalem, the Holy Temple, etc., which allows us to obey Jesus’ command in Luke 21 to “watch the fig tree and the other trees” (the nations). But the church is not the subject here. While it is not included in its prophecies, a time space for the church is allowed between *Daniel’s 69th and 70th Weeks* (Chapter 9).

1. The Nations

The first of the three groups introduced to us in Scripture is the *Goyim* (nations).

By the law of first mention, the biblical account of the roots of this group is of utmost importance.

After the flood, the Bible introduces the nations (*goyim*) in the progeny of Noah’s three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

In Genesis 10, we meet them as the 70 foundational nations. (To arrive at 70, do not count Noah's three sons, nor the Philistines of verse 14.)

God's Will and Instructions After the Flood

Gen. 9:1 AND GOD pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (Amp.)

The Rebellion of the Goyim (Nations)

God commanded what they were to do when the waters receded. To fill the earth they would have had to move through the earth, but 340 years after the flood they still were together. Concentrated in present-day Iraq. In the Bible, *Shinar* is Babylon.

Gen. 11:1 ¶ And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

Gen. 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Gen. 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

Gen. 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. (KJV)

Open rebellion against the commandment of God.

Gen. 11:5 ¶ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

Gen. 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Gen. 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Gen. 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Gen. 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. (KJV)

Instigators of the Rebellion

Satan means adversary. he is the ancient adversary of God, and the author of confusion. Satan, certainly was behind the rebellion of the nations. The human instrument he used was Nimrod.

Gen. 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

Gen. 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

Gen. 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (KJV)

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Before Nimrod there were neither wars nor reigning monarchs. He subjugated the Babylonians until they crowned him (v.10), after which he went to Assyria and built great cities (Radak; Ramban). The Torah calls him a mighty hunter, which Rashi and most commentators interpret figuratively: Nimrod ensnared men with his words and incited them to rebel against God (R. Hirsch). His first conquest, which laid the basis for his subsequent empire building was Babel, which became the center of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire. It was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world.

With this rebellion began the Babylonian System—and all things Babylon.

Kenneth Copeland, in teaching about the Babylonian System called it, "Man's attempt to meet his own needs without God."

2. The Jews, The Separated Nation

The Jews are the second group of peoples to be introduced in God's Word.

Only two of the three groups appear in the Old Testament:
The Jews and the Nations.

Not willing that the nations perish, God initiated the plan He'd designed long before its need manifested. He separated a nation unto Himself for His use. A Holy Nation. With a Holy Call. He would use the separated nation to reveal Himself to the rebellious nations.

Gen. 12:1 ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen. 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen. 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (KJV)

God called a man who would live by faith to be the Patriarch of a "great nation" separated, holy unto God.

He rewarded Abraham, the first Jew, and his natural seed by promising them a Land. And He proclaimed a blessing upon them.

God promised to personally bless those who bless them.
God promised to personally curse him who curses them.

In many ways, the families of the earth are blessed in Abraham and his seed. Foremost in the Seed Who is the Messiah.
But, also, in the Millennium and the ages to follow, the blessings of the earth and the sheep nations are tied up in the blessings of Israel.

Israel's Purpose and Call

The call that Israel as a nation has upon it is: To reveal God to the nations.

First, to the rebellious nations of Genesis 11, and subsequently to their progeny.

In Romans 9, 10, and 11—a revelation of “the mystery of Israel” to the church—the Lord declares that He has not withdrawn that call.

***Rom. 11:25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

***Rom. 11:26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

***Rom. 11:27** For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

***Rom. 11:28** As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

***Rom. 11:29** For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. (KJV)*

(We often use verse 29 to show that if one is called by God into a certain office, God never repents, or changes His mind, regarding the call. And that is all right to do that, for this verse shows the character of God. However, the verse is not to be removed from its first meaning, that God does not repent of His call upon Israel.)

Plan “A”

God’s Plan “A” was for Israel to reveal God to the nations by living in the Promised Land and demonstrating God and blessings upon them there. This ancient map shows the strategic location of that Land:

Read all of Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Deut. 28:10 *And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.*

Deut. 28:11 *And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee...*

Deut. 28:14 *And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (KJV)*

Israel's strategic location as a land bridge between three continents made it an easier route for caravans and armies. When they traveled through, the nations were to see a people who worshiped the One True God who blessed them. All the blessings of Deuteronomy were material, physical, and financial. They could be seen. Thus the Chosen People—chosen to reveal God—could fulfill their calling.

Plan "B"

Deut. 28:64 *And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other...*

If Israel did not hearken to the commandments of God in obedience, He would scatter them from one end of earth to the other. And then in the "end of days," He promised to gather them back to their Promised Land. In the evident keeping of His Word to bring them home, the nations would be provided a revelation of God.

God Prophesied Through Moses What Would Happen

Deut. 30:1 *¶ And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Jehovah thy God hath driven thee,*

Deut. 30:2 *and shalt return unto Jehovah thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul;*

Deut. 30:3 *that then Jehovah thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return*

and gather thee from all the peoples, whither Jehovah thy God hath scattered thee.

Deut. 30:4 *If any of thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will Jehovah thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:*

Deut. 30:5 *and Jehovah thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.*

Deut. 30:6 *And Jehovah thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

Deut. 30:7 *And Jehovah thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee.*

Deut. 30:8 *And thou shalt return and obey the voice of Jehovah, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.*

Deut. 30:9 *And Jehovah thy God will make thee plenteous in all the work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, for good: for Jehovah will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers;... (ASV)*

The Scattering and The Ingathering are dealt with in most of the O.T. Prophets.