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HANDBOUT



## Major Themes of 7-12

- the horror of human evil, particularly as it is concentrated in the state
- the announcement of a specific time of deliverance
- repentance that leads to deliverance
- the revelation that a cosmic war stands behind human conflict
- judgment as certain for those who resist God and oppress his people
- the equally certain truth that God's people, downtrodden in the present, will experience new life in the fullest sense.

- Course of history is driven not by some evolutionary force, but by God's divine directive toward his Kingdom
- See conflicts of earth as being part of the heavenly conflict—whether wars/or relational issues/or sin

- Revelation of a great Conflict—We are called into partnership —we witness and work on earth as he works in heaven
- We are encircled by His Glory—2 Kings 6:16:Those who are with us are more than those with them
- We are enabled by his touch—Highly favored/don't be afraid (two fears—alone/facing of disturbing future
- We are entrusted with his confidences—So much we don't know of earth, but we know the big picture.



- God's Word Desired: Only hear God's Word is prepared to hear, listen and respond
  - Only receive God's word if have attitude of confession, humility, obedience
- God's Word Experienced
  - Do we really want a visitation? Burden/Conflict—Are we open to God's perspective?
- God's Word Delayed
  - God Hears/Spiritual Warfare
- God's Word Made Clear—2 Promises—Strength/Peace
  - Word of Strengthening
  - Word of Assurance



- Recognize the real enemy
- Take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ—Does Jesus really have all of you?
- Battle is in our hearts, thoughts, motives
- Called to think and to put aside pride and self well
- Realize that God is after the heart of the other person and their hearts are won over like yours, with meekness, gentleness and the dying to self.



- Darkens the minds of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)
- Deceives the world (Rev. 12:9)
- Plants his weeds (Matt 13:39)
- Takes people captive to do his will (2 Tim 2:25)
- Plucks up the seed of the Word (Matt 13:4)
- Thwarts missionary activity (1 Thess 2:18)
- Throws into prison (Rev. 2:10)



# Temptation

- Shows the bait and hides the hook
  - Look at short term pleasure and not see long term misery
- Rationalize sin as a virtue
  - I'm not really greedy, I'm thrift. Or I not nosy, just concerned
- Showing you the sins of Christian leaders
  - He did it too, nobody is really that pure
- Over stressing the mercy of God
  - God will forgive you
- Making us Bitter over Suffering/I deserve this
  - Look at how hard I work, all the sacrifices—I deserve this
- Showing us how many bad people seem to be having great lives
  - I might as well do it, playing by the rules does not pay off
- Compare one part of your life to another
  - I'm very good over here, so it's ok if I slip up here



# Accusation

- Gets us to look at our sin more than our Savior
- Getting us to obsess over past sins that have done damage that can't be undone
- The troubles we are going through are punishment—God is mad at me
- If's I am a real Christian I would not struggle with these thoughts and desires.



- 70-7's 70 Sets of 7 (sets of complete times)
- 7-7's is a year of Jubilee
- Multiples fulfillment's
  - Antiochus Epiphanes
  - Cross/Resurrection of Jesus
  - Fall of Jerusalem
  - 2nd Coming
- Biggest issue is last week—the 3 1/2 days and 3 1/2 days



- Post-Exile Period
  - Anointed one Cyrus, Joshua, Zerubbabel
- Rebuilding under times of trouble
  - Onias III cut off
  - Antiochus Epiphanes
- Jesus death and Resurrection
- Destruction Jerusalem
- 2nd Coming
- “He”-Antiochus Epiphanes, Titus or Jesus
- 2nd 1/2 week—Time between Ascension and Return
  - Times/times 1/2 time tribulation before return
- 3 parts (7, 10, 70 and 1/2 of 7)
  - 7 7's
  - 62 7's (period restoration Jerusalem/coming anointed one)
  - Last 7 divided in half



- Cyrus the Great (559-530)
  - Cambyses (529-522)
  - Darius 1 (522-486)
- Babylon Falls to Persia (539) (Darius the Mede (539))
  - Cyrus Edict (538)
    - Rebuilding of Temple (536-516)
    - Zechariah (522-506) Haggai (520) Nehemiah (444-430) Malachi (465) Ezra (457) Joel (450)
    - Esther (478)
- Alexander the Great (356-232)
- Ptolemaic rule (323-198)
- Seleucidian rule (198-63) (begins ok...but...)
  - Antiochus IV desecrates the temple (175-163)
  - Mattathias (166)
  - Judas Maccabeus (166-160)
    - Rededication of Temple (166-164)—Hanukkah
    - Religious Freedom Gained (163)
    - Political Freedom Attempted (162-160)
  - Jonathan (160-143)
- Rome



- Historical—62 7's cover period to 171 BC when the legitimate high priest Onias was murdered and the last 7 represents the restoration of the Temple in 164 BC. Years and numbers taken literally.
- Qumran—symbolic numbers
- New Testament—Jesus reference to “abomination of desolation, more than Antiochus Epiphanes, still to come and in writings Jesus marked the beginning of the fulfillment of the coming kingdom announced. Jesus saw himself as “Son of Man”
- Early Church/Jewish/Messianic—Josephus—noted both Antiochus Epiphanes and Rome with fall of Jerusalem as the ending of the 70 weeks—at the end of 2nd Century AD Christians began to see 70 7's as to terminate in coming of Jesus —and the 3 1/2 with end of Temple or Jesus death—the second 3 1/2 with anti-christ (one or many (1 John 2:18-22, 4:3 —person or systems)
- Today—70 years all fulfilled in Christ (vs. 24). Christ Resurrection is at 1/2 way of mark of last week. Christ fulfilled sacrifice and he now is the temple—or 70 years all in future—with second coming of Christ and judgement as one event —Recognizable Pattern in history to note and see worked out in our lifetime—Matthew 24 and 25 do not underestimate the suffering to come and the time is not yet. Persecutor will meet deserved judgment-Jesus is our hope, His coming in glory.
- Dispensational Messianic—69 7's exact time of crucifixion—(depends on when start) Last week is dispensation of the church—with new world rule and Anti-Christ to come and 24ff are for the future with rapture 1/2 way through week. See a rebuilding of the temple.











