

Today's lesson is jam packed with valuable treasure from God's word. No wonder Paul told us in 2 Cor. 4:7 *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, (why?) that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."*

Brother Blades brought out in this lesson the answer to our discussion last week. Why are we spending so much time studying Israel's program>

He said: "The more we study & understand the prophets Isaiah – Malachi, (the 5<sup>th</sup> course of punishment prophets), the more we will understand that *the Disp. Of Gentile Grace* is NOT the issue in Matt. Mark, Luke, John & the opening chapters of Acts. IGNORANCE (unaware) is the key word here. Satan does not want the believer to study Israel's program for that very reason, because he doesn't want us to be fully equipped for the ministry.

Why are we spending 20 weeks studying Israel's program? Because God gave gifts to the CBOC. God gave *"evangelists, pastors & teachers."* (Which one are you?) For what? *"For the perfecting (maturing) of the saints, for the work of the ministry ("the (ministers) of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18), for the edifying of the BOC." Until we all come to the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (mature) man (not remain Corinthian babes) unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."*

Well, why is that? Satan's policy of evil wants to keep the believer *ignorant* about what God has done in the past, present & future. Satan's goal is doctrinal corruption: Why Study Israel's Program? *"That we henceforth (from this point forward) be no more children, tossed to and fro, & carried about with every & sort of teaching, by the sleight of men, & cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive"(Satan's ministers). But speaking truth in love, may GROW UP into HIM in ALL THINGS, which is the head, even Christ."* Eph. 4:11-15.

You see ignorance of the prophets, ignorance of God's history with Israel, ignorance of the gospel accounts, (IGNORANCE) is the greatest disease affecting the church today. *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"* 2 Cor. 2:11.

And that is why Paul said 6 Times "Now I would not have you ignorant brethren."

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That is exactly why we.... *“study to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed (as we stand before the judgment seat of Christ), rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 2 Tim. 2:15

Why do we study Israel’s Program? *“All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

*“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, (not our obedience) that we through patience might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.”* Wherefore receive ye one another as Christ also received us to the glory of God.” (Rom. 15:4-7).

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear . Having a good conscience; that whereas they speak evil of you (and they will), as evildoers do, they may be ashamed that they falsely your good conversation (manner of life)1 Pet. 3:15*

And the true measure of our ministry is 2 Timothy 2:1-2:

*“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me (that is you & I saints) among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*

THAT IS WHY WE STUDY THE SHORT HISTORY OF ISRAEL!

To God be the glory! And don’t’ forget, you are sending a godly impact into the heavenly places in the face of Satan & to God’s honor & glory!

“KNOWING THE TIME...REDEEM THE TIME” SAINTS!