

Brazil School of the Prophets: January-February 2019

9. The Millerite's Error - (14/01/19).

- We spent time on 1 Cor 15
- Vs 20-23 is repeat and enlarge
- But we want to see the technique Paul is using: repeat and enlarge. We saw a unique form of it is Chiasm.

- Purpose: example (vs 21 and 22):
- Who's the man of vs 21? (doesn't say directly)

1Co 15:16 *For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:*

1Co 15:21 *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

1Co 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

- Because of vs 16 you could assume the man is Christ. (that would be proof texting). But sometimes it's not so easy.
But if you couldn't work that out and saw the pattern of vs 21 and line it up with vs 22 you can prove that association. That's not grammar, not logic, not context, not assumptions, not Hebrew. Once you get to the level of seeing this structures, you don't even have to use those thing and neither understand: you just state it as a fact. Because the Bible is defining itself.
- Bible define itself : various ways it does that. One is R&E. This is rule 5. We often think of proof text, but that's just another way that the Bible defines itself. In the wrong hands it is a disastrous tool. He spoke about the danger of proof texting wrongly.

Dan 11:40

- Proof text rule: you can't proof text the subject word, but you have to search an associated word (example of Sabbath and 7th day in Exodus and Genesis to prove that the Sabbath is the 7th day).

- We saw a proof text example yesterday: Dn 11:40. We proof texted 'him'. What do you assume to proof text that?
 - o You have: S- him : N - him. Most obvious and natural reading is that is the same 'him'. That's what proof text does for you. And it's wrong. Who that comes from? Uriah Smith? It actually comes from the Millerites. Just like the argument of having 3 persons on vs 40. This is not Uriah Smith's work. He comes 40 years later, and he is more abstract.
 - o The rules they said they used they were not using. If they were using the 14 rules, they

would have been self checking. Why did this happen? At simple level: preconceived ideas.

- Why did they do this? If we understand why we can understand why we have done it and prevent future mistakes.
- Their focus is the 2nd coming. They use Dn 8:14 and (EGW makes a hard connection with) Rev 14:6,7.
- 1st am says 'the sanctuary is about to be cleansed'. Dn 8:14 is connected to time. And in Rev 14:6,7 we see the time in 'the hour of his judgment is come'. And when does the work of the 1st angel begin? 1798.
- 1799: they're looking at history and prophecy, they seem to line up, so they come to a conclusion. But the words of the Bible don't match with what they see. They know it can't be coincidence. And what do they have to do? Just tiny modification: destroy a chiasm and change 'the king' to 'a king'. Can you see how dangerous it is? And

Uriah Smith

Dan 11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

- We changed that word. We want to change that to 'and'. We don't even use a Hebrew scholar like Smith.

We are inclined to deal with 3 things at a time

- History
- Prophecy
- The words of the Bible
- We need to be careful on how to integrate those things.
- The safety = the rules. They're not so straightforward
- Example: bad seed does not produce good fruit. It does in Paul's mind. And it contradicts Jesus' teachings.
- In dealing with the fight of the KS and KN