

# Bible Top 5

## God Restores His Fallen People

### Week 4

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

#### Top 5 Concepts - God Prepares His People

Creation  
Divine Intentions  
Disharmony  
Pronouncement of a Destiny (Selection)  
Ardent Dreams of a Destiny (Separation)

#### Top 5 Concepts - God Empowers His People

United for a Destiny (Uniting Factors)  
An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland  
A Destiny Insured (Insuring Factors)  
Empowered for A Destiny (Atonement)  
The Conquest

#### Top 5 Concepts - God's People Turn From Him

Judges Forestall Threats  
The Philistine Menace  
The United Kingdom  
The Crumbling North  
The Crumbling South

**Concept Question** - Why was it important for God to raise prophets during the period of the kings?

*Recalling a Destiny*

*Figure in red robe* = The prophet

*Second figure* = Israel

*Darkening sky in background* = Prophets were sent during age of decline, preceding exile

*Israel focused on "I Will Bless You"* = Israel felt secure in God's promises

*Torn manuscript on the ground* = Israel forgot responsibility *to be a blessing*

*Prophet holds fragments before Israel's eyes* = Prophet reminded Israel of destiny

*Israel clasps mortar bowl & pestles to bosom* = Traditions became *ends in themselves*

*Tent of tabernacle symbol* = Temple made reason for false security

*Law symbol* = Law became a stumbling block to justice

*Separation symbol* = Separation turned into a curse

*Sharp rock symbol* = Circumcision became a fetish

*Mirror symbol* = Holy land put to unholy use

*Yoke symbol* = Past was glorified at expense of present & future

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**Concept Question** - Why did God have His prophets give promises of hope amongst their calls to faithfulness?

### Pointing Ahead

*Figure in center* = The prophet speaks to Israel  
*Withered tree & barren earth* = Prophets often spoke during time of crisis  
*Young boy points to green tree on horizon* = Prophet gave hopes for Israel's future  
*Six manuscripts* = Six specific promises of hope were given by the prophet  
*The coming of a Messiah out of David's seed*  
*The Birth of a New Era*  
*The Restoration of Paradise*  
*The Exaltation of Mount Zion*  
*The Return of a Remnant*  
*The Suffering Servant*

### Memory Concepts

You Defiled My Land	= Jeremiah 2
The Lord's Controversy With Israel	= Hosea 4
You Who Turn Justice To Wormwood	= Amos 5
Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters	= Amos 5
You Who Hate the Good and Love Evil	= Micah 3
What Does The Lord Require of You ?	= Micah 6
He does not retain his anger forever because He delights in steadfast love	= Micah 7
The Exultation of Mt Zion	= Isaiah 2
A Remnant Shall Return	= Isaiah 10
A Shoot From The Stump of Jesse	= Isaiah 11
The Birth of a New Era	= Isaiah 32
Paradise Will Be Restored	= Isaiah 51
The Suffering Servant	= Isaiah 53
A Young Woman Shall Conceive and Bear a Son and Shall Call His Name Immanuel	= Isaiah 7
His Name Will Be Called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace	= Isaiah 9

**Concept Question** - Why did God allow the Babylonians to destroy His chosen people?

### The Exile

*Two large swords in the foreground* = Two deportations by powerful Babylonian forces  
*Burning city in the background* = Jerusalem is pillaged and destroyed  
*Masses moving out of the burning city* = Judah's citizens are taken into exile  
*Expression of despair on face* = Destruction & exile bring great despair  
*Ezekiel and Jeremiah scrolls* = These prophets spoke before & during exile  
*Woman carries infant in arms* = Prophets renew hope stating that a remnant shall return

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**Concept Question** - What causes God to intervene with man so that history is really His Story?

*History Itself is the Judgment of God*

Was God's promise & destiny only for the Jews? = All believers are heirs of promise  
When did Gentiles become part of God's plan? = From beginning, revealed thru Christ

*Globe on blueprint* = God has a divine plan for His world  
*Hand crashes through blueprint* = Hand of God through history  
*Hand hold scales of justice* = God's judgment ensures justice

*Calendars of time* = History itself is the Judgment of God (Nations follow God's call)  
*Two gavels between calendars* = Judgment is administered while we live  
*Small gavel beyond surface of globe* = All are judged beyond the grave

*Small gavel on left* = Negative aspect of judgment is to condemn evil  
*Large gavel on left* = Positive aspect of judgment is to save the lost  
*Flowers on large gavel* = God judges because of His love for all people

**Concept Question** - How could God use the Exile to help His people fulfill their Destiny?

*The Restoration*

*Broken chain* = Babylonian bondage is broken when Persians conquer Babylon  
*Golden seal* = Cyrus issues "The Edict of Restoration" freeing the Jews  
*Trumpets* = God's people who proclaimed hope and led the returning exiles  
*Haggai & Zechariah trumpets over bricks* = Haggai & Zechariah pushed rebuilding temple  
*Nehemiah trumpet over city walls* = Nehemiah led rebuilding of city walls  
*Ezra trumpet over law tablets* = Ezra initiated law reforms

**Top 5 Concepts - God Restores His Fallen People**

Recalling a Destiny  
Pointing Ahead  
The Exile  
History Itself is the Judgment of God  
The Restoration

Closing Prayer

Next Week - God Sends the Savior

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### Old Testament Top 5 Concepts

#### *In The Beginning*

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| 1. Genesis 1 | - Creation          |
| 2. Genesis 2 | - Divine Intentions |
| 3. Genesis 3 | - Disharmony        |

#### *Blessed to be a Blessing*

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| 4. Genesis 12             | - Pronouncement of a Destiny | (SELECTION)       |
| 5. Genesis 12-50          | - Ardent Dreams of a Destiny | (SEPARATION)      |
| 6. Genesis 12 - Exodus 20 | - United for a Destiny       | (UNITING FACTORS) |

#### *The Emerging Nation*

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| 7. Exodus 12 - Deuteronomy | - An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland |                    |
| 8. Exodus 1 - Joshua 5     | - A Destiny Insured                             | (INSURING FACTORS) |
| 9. Leviticus               | - Empowered for a Destiny                       | (ATONEMENT)        |

#### *The Developing Nation*

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| 10. Num 13 - Joshua          | - The Conquest             |
| 11. Judges - Ruth            | - Judges Forestall Threats |
| 12. 1 Samuel 1-12            | - The Philistine Menace    |
| 13. 1 Samuel 11 - 1 Kings 11 | - The United Kingdom       |

#### *The Declining Nation*

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| 14. Prophets                | - Recalling a Destiny |
| 15. 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17 | - The Crumbling North |
| 16. 1 Kings - 1 Chronicles  | - The Crumbling South |
| 17. Prophets                | - Pointing Ahead      |

#### *The Resurrected Nation*

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| 18. Jer, Lam, Eze, Dan   | - The Exile                             |
| 19. Genesis - Malachi    | - History Itself is the Judgment of God |
| 20. Ezra, Neh, Hag, Zech | - The Restoration                       |