

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 |