

Bethel Bible Series

The Exile

Week 18

Welcome & Announcements

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

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *Pointing Ahead*

What warning did the prophets give?

What hopes did the prophets give?

Figure in center

Withered tree & barren earth

Young boy points to green tree on horizon

Six manuscripts

The coming of a Messiah out of David's seed

What promise had God given David that led to hope?

What kind of messiah would the Jews expect?

Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to tell others who he was?

Did the disciples understand Jesus' mission?

The Birth of a New Era

How would the world differ under this new era?

The Restoration of Paradise

How would paradise be restored?

The Exaltation of Mount Zion

What was Mount Zion?

Why was Mount Zion important to the Jews?

How would Mount Zion be exalted?

How did Jesus clarify Zion's role?

The Return of a Remnant

How did the promise of a returning remnant comfort the Jews?

The Suffering Servant

What role of God's calling had the Jews forgotten?

How would God's new servant suffer for others?

Did the prophets understand what God told them to say?

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Lesson - The Exile

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Burning city in the background
Masses moving out of the burning city
Expression of despair on face
Ezekiel and Jeremiah scrolls
Woman carries infant in arms*

God's Judgment of Judah

How did God try to get His people to return to Him?

Jeremiah 25:4-6

Was God's message effective?

Jeremiah 25:7

Why didn't God's people find it necessary to return to God?

Micah 3:11b

What did God decide to do as a result of Judah's continued faithlessness?

2 Kings 21:10-13

How would God do this?

Jeremiah 25:8-11

How would the 70 years of captivity be ended?

Jeremiah 25:12

The First Deportation

How did God begin to bring about this destruction?

2 Kings 24:10-12

What did Nebuchadnezzar take back to Babylon with the first exile?

2 Kings 24:13-16

The Response

How did the Jews respond to this?

Lamentations 1:1-2; 2:11; 5:22

What prophet was taken into exile with Jehoiachin?

Ezekiel 1:2-3

Why was Ezekiel compelled to warn the Jews even though they were already receiving His punishment?

Ezekiel 33:7-9

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Ezekiel Answered Doubts of Exiles

God is punishing us for the sins of our fathers.

Lamentations 5:7

Exodus 34:6-7

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 20

Matthew 23:29-36

Our guilt is too great. God has brought us here to die.

Lamentations 1:8-9

Ezekiel 33:10-11

Ezekiel 18:23, 26-27

God has abandoned His people Israel. We have no hope.

Lamentations 3:1-3, 7-11, 18

Ezekiel 37:1-4, 10

Ezekiel 37:11-14

The Second Deportation

How did God bring about the final exile?

2 Kings 25:1-7

What did Nebuchadnezzar take back to Babylon with the second exile?

2 Chronicles 36:15-20

How did those of the first exile hear of the final destruction & exile?

Ezekiel 33:21

What happened to anyone who escaped the exile and stayed in Judah?

Ezekiel 33:27-29

2 Chronicles 36:21

Jeremiah

Jeremiah prophesied during the reigns of which kings of Judah?

Jeremiah 1:1-3

How was Jeremiah allowed to remain in Judah instead of going to Babylon?

Jeremiah 39:11-12; 40:1-6

What happened to Jews who had fled to nearby countries before the exile?

Jeremiah 40:11-12

What happened to Gedaliah?

Jeremiah 40:13-14; 41:2-3

How did the few left handle the assassination of Babylon's appointed ruler?

Jeremiah 42:1-3

What answer did Jeremiah return with?

Jeremiah 42:9-16

What did the Jews do with God's instructions?

Jeremiah 43:1-7

How did God punish this disobedience?

Jeremiah 44:13-14

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During the Exile

- Synagogue was developed
 - Needed since temple no longer existed
 - Synagogue focused on instruction & prayer
 - Temple had focused on sacrifice & worship

Memories of older people were recorded

Daniel

- Who was Belteshazzar and how was he trained to serve in the king's palace?
 - Daniel 1:3-7
- How did Daniel and his friends become trusted advisors to Nebuchadnezzar?
 - Daniel 1:18-20
- How long did they serve the Babylonians?
 - Daniel 1:21
- Did Daniel know Jeremiah's prophecy that the exile would last 70 years?
 - Daniel 9:1-3

Summary - *The Exile*

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *History Itself is the Judgment of God*