

Bethel Bible Series

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Week 17

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What happened to the southern kingdom of Judah and why?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *The Crumbling South*

How did the nations compare geographically? = Israel - fertile land, trade routes
How many dynasties ruled in each nation? = Israel - 9, Judah - 1
How did the nations contrast in their faithfulness? = Israel - bad, Judah - some good

Which of the 4 *Civil Strife* kings were faithful? = Asa & Jehoshaphat
Volcano on Rehoboam = Egypt threatens Judah (Shishak raids Jerusalem)
Why did war return during Asa's later years? = Looked to Syria for help, not God
Peace flag on Jehoshaphat = Civil strife between north & south end during Jehoshaphat
Wedding ring under flag = Peace results from marriage between North & South royalty
Smudge on ring = Marriage brings Baalism to Southern kingdom

Which of the 3 *Baalism* rulers were faithful? = None
Snake on Jehoram, Ahaziah & Athaliah = Baalism embraced during all 3
What was Jehoram's first action as king? = Killed his brothers to protect throne
How did God punish Jehoram? = Battle losses, family taken captive, painful bowel disease
How was Ahaziah killed and why? = By Jehu purge of Ahab's family (visiting Uncle Joram)
What was Athaliah's first action as queen? = Killed grandsons to purge David's line

Which of the 4 *Golden Age* kings were faithful? = Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham (all 4)
How was Joash protected from grandma Athaliah? = Hidden in temple by Jehoida
Why did Joash become unfaithful in his later years? = Jehoida died, Joash forgot
How did Joash respond to God's message from Jehoida's son? = Had him killed
Golden color of Uzziah = Wealth & prosperity reaches peak under Uzziah
Why were the kings of this era given wealth, power & success? = Faithful
Isaiah & Micah banners = Prophesied to Judah from Uzziah to Hezekiah
How did Amaziah lose favor with God? = Kept Edomite gods after victory
How did Uzziah lose favor with God? = Entered temple to burn incense
How was Jotham prepared for kingship? = Ruled as father was quarantined for leprosy

Which of the 4 *Decline* kings were faithful? = Hezekiah
How evil was Ahaz? = All other gods, sacrificed sons, closed temple, Baal altars every corner
Manuscript peg on Ahaz = Alliance with Assyria against Syria & Israel
Coins on Ahaz = Judah became vassal to Assyria
Volcanos on Hezekiah = Allies with Egypt & Babylon against Assyria
What reforms did Hezekiah make? = Purified temple & priests, dedicated people, Passover
What did God do to show Hezekiah he would be healed? = Sun's shadow back 10 steps
How did Hezekiah's reforms stand up under Manasseh? = All reversed
What did God plan as a result of Manasseh's evil? = Turn Judah over to enemies
What happened to Manasseh as a captive in Babylon? = Repented & returned to power

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Lesson - Pointing Ahead

Review of Last Week - *The Crumbling South* (continued)

What reforms did Josiah make? = Purged gods, repaired temple, read Law, Passover

What prophesy did Josiah fulfill? = Defiled Jeroboam's altar in Bethel

Did Josiah's reforms change God's plan to wipe out Judah? = Postponed

Volcano on Josiah = Babylon replaced Assyria as world power

Jeremiah banner = Spoke to Judah from Josiah through the exile

What happened to King Jehoahaz? = Deported to Egypt by Pharaoh Neco

"E" Coin on Jehoiakim = Judah becomes vassal of Egypt

"B" Coin on Jehoiakim = Judah becomes vassal of Babylon (Egypt falls to Babylon)

What ended Jehoiakim's reign? = Stopped tribute to Babylon, deported by Nebuchadnezzar

Battered sword on Jehoiachin = Surrender to Babylon, First Exile (key people)

Deep red color on Zedekiah = Final exile in 586 BC when Zedekiah revolts

Great hands crush the kingdom = Southern kingdom is destroyed by Babylonian hordes

The Prophet - Review of Studies 14, 15, 16

What did Study 14 say was the cause of Israel's problems? = Forgot the destiny

What was the role of the prophet in Study 14? = Remind Israel of the destiny

What messages did prophets speak to the northern kingdom?

Elijah & Elisha = Return to God from Baalism

Hosea, Amos = Return from spiritual laxness during prosperity

What messages did prophets speak to the southern kingdom?

Isaiah, Micah & Jeremiah = Brought God's Word to situations of day

Were the prophets focused on the past, the present or the future?

= Understood what God had done, was now doing & promised to do

Besides recalling the destiny, what other messages did the prophet bring?

= Blessings for faithful, judgment for evil, promise of hope

Prophets Foretold Judgment and Hope

What warning did the prophets give against evil & unfaithfulness?

Amos 2:4-5 = I will send fire upon Judah for rejecting God and His Law

Micah 6:16 = For following Ahab, I will give you over to ruin

What messages of hope did the prophets also speak?

Amos 9:8, 14-15 = Israel will return, never again to be uprooted

Micah 5:2-4 = A great & powerful ruler will rise from Bethlehem

Prophets of other nations had foretold destruction, none had also foretold resurrection

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

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Six Specific Promises of Hope = This week's memory verses

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

Isaiah 11 = A shoot from the stump of Jesse
Isaiah 32 = The birth of a new era
Isaiah 51 = Paradise will be restored
Isaiah 2 = The exaltation of Mount Zion
Isaiah 10 = A remnant shall return
Isaiah 53 = The suffering servant

The Coming of a Messiah Out Of David's Seed

Where do we first learn that a messiah will come from Judah?

Genesis 49:1, 10 = Jacob includes prophesy in blessing for Judah

What promise did God make to David that included the promised messiah?

2 Samuel 7:16 = That his dynasty would last forever

How did the prophet remind the Jews that David's kingdom would never end?

Isaiah 9:6-7 = A messiah will come and reign forever

What kind of messiah would the Jews expect?

Jeremiah 23:5-6 = A King to reign wisely, do what is just & right

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

Matthew 16:13-20 = They'd have gotten the wrong idea of His purpose

How would the Jews have responded to Jesus' comment to Pilate?

John 18:36 = This isn't the real messiah

Did the disciples have a good grasp on Jesus' mission?

Acts 1:6 = They still didn't understand after Jesus' death & resurrection

The Birth of a New Era

What kind of new era did the prophet promise?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 = New covenant, Law in minds & on heart, forgive sins

What atmosphere would be characteristic of this new era?

Isaiah 32:16-18 = Peace and righteousness would prevail

The Restoration of Paradise

How would paradise be restored?

Ezekiel 36:25-28 = There would be Harmony with God

Micah 4:3-4 = There would be Harmony with Others

Isaiah 11:6-9 = There would be Harmony with Nature

Isaiah 35:10 = There would be Harmony with Self

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The Exaltation of Mount Zion

What was Mount Zion?

Psalm 2:6 = Zion was a hill in Jerusalem where the temple was built

How would Mount Zion be exalted?

Isaiah 2:2-3 = People from all over would come to Jerusalem (Zion) to learn of God

Why would non-Jews want to learn of God and His ways?

Isaiah 49:6 = The messiah would bring salvation to all people on earth

How did Jesus clarify the nature of this new kingdom?

John 18:36 = *My kingdom is not of this world* - Not a political kingdom

Matthew 12:6 = God doesn't confine (limit) Himself to an earthly temple

Matthew 28:19 = The church must go out and bring God's message to the world

The Return of a Remnant

What would happen to the survivors of the house of Jacob?

Isaiah 10:20-22 = A select remnant of the exiles would return

The Suffering Servant

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

Isaiah 41:8-10 = God called the Jews to be His servant

How would God's new servant suffer for the sake of others?

Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11 = Life as a guilt offering, carry our sins, justify many

Isaiah's Four Servant Songs

Isaiah 42:1-7 = Here is my servant, my chosen, he will establish justice on earth

Isaiah 49:1-6 = It isn't enough to restore Israel, also save the whole world

Isaiah 50:4-9 = Offer my back to be beaten, my cheeks to pull out my beard

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 = He was despised, rejected, bore our sins, suffered to save many

Did the prophets fully understand what God told them to say?

1 Peter 1:10-12 = No. They & angels have longed to understand.

Summary

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 17 and Assignment 18

Next Week - *The Exile*