

Bethel Bible Series

History Itself is the Judgment of God

Week 19

There is only one thing you can't do in Heaven – bring someone to Christ. - PK

Welcome

Opening - Why did God allow the Babylonians to destroy His chosen people?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer
InDepth Concept Review

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *The Exile*

*Two large swords in the foreground
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*

How did God try to get His people to return to Him?
How did God decide to punish Israel's faithlessness?
Who was king during the first deportation to Babylon?
What was taken to Babylon with the first exile?

What major prophet spoke to the first exiles in Babylon?
How did this prophet speak against the despairs of the exiles?
 God is punishing us for our fathers' sins.
 God has brought us here to die.
 God has abandoned us without hope.

Who was king during the second deportation?
What was taken to Babylon with the second exile?
How did Jeremiah escape this exile?

If the Babylonians took everyone, who did Gedaliah govern?
What happened to Gedaliah?
What were the remaining Jews afraid of?
What did they decide to do?
What happened to this group?

What happened to the land during the exile?
How did the synagogue differ from the temple?

Who was Belteshazzar?
How did he become an advisor to Nebuchadnezzar?
What did he do in the 70th year of captivity?

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Lesson - *History Itself is the Judgment of God*

Jeremiah's Messages of Comfort to the Exiles (Page 119)

Jeremiah 24:1-8
Jeremiah 9:7, 24
Jeremiah 29:10-14
Jeremiah 29:4-7

God's Plan

Have we been studying God's failed OT plan that He corrected with Jesus?

Ephesians 3:8-12

Was God's promise and destiny only for the Jews?

Galatians 3:6-9, 14

Romans 2:28-29

When did God add Gentiles (non-Jews) to His plan as heirs of the destiny?

Ephesians 3:4-6

Was God's Law given only for the Jews?

Romans 3:9-10, 19-20

How does the Law and the Prophets (Old Testament) testify to God's plan of righteousness?

Romans 3:21-24

Romans 7:7-13

Romans 3:28-31

Globe on blueprint

Hand crashes through blueprint

Bethel: *We have been watching the purpose of God unfold in the historical experiences of this people and hence acquainting ourselves with God's will for His world.*

God's Justice

What does God require of His faithful people?

Micah 6:8

How important is justice to God?

Deuteronomy 16:20

How did God demonstrate His justice?

Romans 3:25-26

How did God's people respond to His requirement for justice?

Zechariah 7:8-14

How does God respond to injustice?

Amos 8:4, 7-8

Isaiah 10:1-4

Hand hold scales of justice

Bethel: *From Genesis to Malachi, we see the Creator as a God of love who is jealously concerned over the welfare of His children. He will permit no person or nation to exploit that creature whom He has fashioned after His own likeness. A holy and righteous God, HE DEMANDS JUSTICE!*

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How do God's judgments result in the world's history?

Judges 3:12

Jeremiah 25:8-9

Jeremiah 51:11

Isaiah 5:26, 28

Calendars of time

Can we expect God's judgment in our daily lives?

Isaiah 3:10-11

Jeremiah 4:18

Two gavels between calendars

What other time can we expect God's judgment?

Romans 14:10-12

Revelation 20:11-12

Small gavel beyond surface of globe

God's Judgment - Positive or Negative?

How does God use negative judgment in response to man's revolt of sin?

Jeremiah 5:26-29

Small gavel on left

How does God use positive judgment to save His people and protect His plan?

Psalms 76:8-9

Isaiah 1:25-27

Isaiah 26:9

Large gavel on left

Why does God judge His people?

Hebrews 12:5-11

Flowers on large gavel

Discuss examples of God showing His love through judging for both negative and positive purposes:

Numbers 12:1-15

Numbers 16:1-50

Matthew 23:13-36

Open Discussion on any Old Testament topics

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *The Restoration*

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Old Testament Bethel Study Topics

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-Deut | - 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) Numbers 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, Ezekiel, Daniel | - The Exile |
| 19) Genesis - Malachi | - History Itself Is the Judgment of God |
| 20) Ezra, Neh, Hag, Zech | - The Restoration |