

	EZRA-NEHEMIAH	CHRONICLES	DANIEL
KING	<p>Build and prepare for the king no matter the opposition. Be faithful as you await the coming of the LORD.</p> <p>Building of the temple typified Christ's human nature, the church, and Heaven.</p>	<p>Remember that your history is God's history of His covenantal faithfulness to His people. Though God's people are exiled (death), the restoration-resurrection has begun (2 Chron. 36:23)</p>	<p>As you live in exile, "dare to be a Daniel". Walk in wisdom and faithfulness in this present age, knowing that the King and His Kingdom will come!</p>
COVENANT	<p>The King is coming to redeem His people, and fully restore-resurrect His people from exile-death. God is faithful (Nehemiah 9).</p>	<p>We are God's covenantal people; He has not forgotten us. He will return and restore. We will live repentantly and expectantly.</p>	<p>The Covenant of Grace will be consummated in the Coming of the King, His atoning sacrifice, and the establishment of His eternal kingdom that will have no end (Dan. 9)</p>
DWELLING	<p>Preparing Jerusalem's walls and building the 2nd temple is typological-necessary-eschatological work to remind the people that God is with them and will be with them in Christ very soon (1 Peter 2:4-5; Rev. 21:3-4).</p>	<p>God has not forsaken His people. He is the sovereign over history. In time, God will dwell with His people with David's Greater Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>One like the Son of Man will come to take His eternal throne (Dan. 7:13-14) and will cause all believers to rise from the dead in resurrection glory (Dan. 12). Thus God will dwell with His people forever and ever.</p>

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN EXILE: Pastoral/Practical Wisdom and Application for the Class

ESV Ezra 1:1-5: *In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel- he is the God who is in Jerusalem. ⁴And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and*

gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." ⁵ Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem.

EZRA-NEHEMIAH: "Prepare the way of the LORD!" (Haggai/Zechariah)

Call to build in the face of fierce opposition
Call to hope in God's promises

CHRONICLES: "Remember the Covenant and Your King"

Call to remember God is the Covenant LORD and sovereign over history
Call to remember that Israel is part of the Adamic-Human Race as well as the Chosen Race of God by faith in Messiah (Chronicles 1 begins with genealogies).
Call to hope as Jehoichin, the King-Son of David's Dynasty is released from prison, command is given to build temple in Jerusalem, and the Davidic House will be restored-resurrected.
Call to await the full consummation.

DANIEL: Living Consecrated to God in the Anti-City (cf. Jeremiah 29)

ESV Jeremiah 29:1-14: *These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:*

⁴ *"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD. ¹⁰ "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile...*

Call to worship consecrated to God
Call to serve consecrated to God
Call to suffer consecrated to God
Call to live consecrated to God in a godless culture
Call to be light consecrated to God in a godless culture
Call to lead consecrated to God in a godless culture (Prime Minister/Chief Magi)
Call to wait consecrated to God

BABYLON → MEDES-PERSIANS → GREEKS → ROMANS

Daniel teaches us that the final kingdom that will be the setting of God setting up His King's Eternal Kingdom will be Rome.

^{ESV} **Daniel 2:44-45:** *And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."*

Jonathan Edwards wrote: "It pleased God to order it in His providence, that earthly power and dominion should be raised to its greatest height, and appear in its utmost glory, in those four great monarchies that succeeded one another, and that each one should be greater and more glorious than the preceding, before He set up the Kingdom of His Son.

By this it appeared how much more glorious His spiritual kingdom was than the most glorious temporal kingdom [of man]. The strength and glory of Satan's kingdom in these four mighty monarchies, appeared in its greatest height; for being the monarchies of the heathen world, the strength of them was the strength of Satan's kingdom ...

... God suffered one of those great monarchies to subdue another, and erect itself on the other's ruins, appearing still in greater strength, and the last to be the strongest and mightiest of all; that so Christ, in overthrowing that, might as it were overthrow them all at once. The stone cut out of the mountain [Daniel 2:30-46] without hands, is represented as destroying the whole image, the gold, the silver, the brass, the iron, and the clay; so that all became as the chaff of the summer threshing-floor.

... Thus the power of the heathen world which was Satan's visible kingdom, was raised to its greatest height, after it had been strengthening itself more and more from the days of Solomon, which was about a thousand years. **Now the heathen world was in its greatest glory for strength, wealth, and learning**" (A History of the Work of Redemption, Part VI).

Babylon v. New Jerusalem

Babylon/Rome: The Anti Unholy-City (City of Man)

New Jerusalem: The Holy-City (City of God)

UNHOLY OLD BABYLON (THE ANTI-CITY)

^{ESV} **Genesis 10:8-11:** Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man.
⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh...

^{ESV} **Genesis 11:9** Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

^{ESV} **1 Peter 5:13** She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

^{ESV} **Revelation 16:19** The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

^{ESV} **Revelation 17:5** And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."

^{ESV} **Revelation 18:2** And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

^{ESV} **Revelation 18:10** They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come."

^{ESV} **Revelation 18:21** Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more..."

HOLY NEW JERUSALEM (The TRUE HOLY CITY OF GOD)

"But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother"
(Gal. 4:26; cf. Heb. 11:8-16)

^{ESV} **Revelation 3:12** The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the

name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

^{ESV} **Revelation 21:2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Until this time, believers are in exile, awaiting the full revelation and glory of the King and His Kingdom!

^{ESV} **1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are *elect exiles* of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cap-padocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

^{ESV} **1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, *I urge you as sojourners and exiles* to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

^{ESV} **Daniel 5:13** Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, *one of the exiles of Judah*, whom the king my father brought from Judah.

Like Daniel, we live faithfully in exile, trusting in God's promises! The King will come, the very Incarnate of God, and take His eternal throne after He puts an end to all sin, through the atoning sacrifices by His own precious blood of the covenant. This will bring in everlasting righteousness to all peoples, nations, and languages who covenant in faith with Him, and He will rule forever and ever. Amen!

^{ESV} **Daniel 7:13-14:** I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came *one like a son of man*, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that *all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion*, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

^{ESV} **Daniel 9:24-27:** "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, *to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness*, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷ And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall *put an end to sacrifice and offering*. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

Interpreting Daniel's "Seventy Weeks" (Daniel 9)

- Daniel is reading the Prophecy of Jeremiah concerning the seventy-year exile (cf. Lev. 26; Deut. 27-28).
- Decree of Cyrus with its link to the seventy weeks of Daniel and the seventy years of exile in Jeremiah reveals that real return from exile-restoration-resurrection will not occur until the Messiah comes.
- Daniel prays for the people to live repentantly, learning from the difficult discipline of God (Dan. 9:3-19).
- Seventy Weeks beginning with Cyrus' decree in 538 BC is to be understood prophetically-figuratively-symbolically, not literally (scripture interprets scripture; Daniel 9 uses "weeks" in a metaphorical way).
- Seventy weeks refers to a the symbolic pattern of the jubilee: every 7 days there is Sabbath; every 7 years there is Sabbath; every 7 times 7 years (49) there is Sabbath. The Eternal Sabbath therefore begins with the coming of Jesus Christ as predicted truly, yet prophetically-symbolically in the seventy weeks (cf. Psa. 90:10; Isa. 23:15).
- Final week of Daniel's seventy weeks, or the final week seems to be the climax of the life, death, resurrection and ascension, the beginning of the new, the passing away of the old, including the beginning of the end of Israel's temple and world history.
- One final, eschatological week or seven days: $3 \frac{1}{2}$ = death of Jesus Christ / $3 \frac{1}{2}$ = destruction of temple in Jerusalem (70 AD). Overlap of ages and the beginning of the end of exile for God's people.

THE SEVENTY WEEKS WILL USHER IN THE ULTIMATE JUBILEE IN JESUS CHRIST! HALLELUJAH! REDEMPTION ACCOMPLISHED.

What did the People of God Leave Behind to Prepare for the Future?

- Holy Scripture/OT Manuscripts/Messianic predictions
- Influence on philosophy and astrological students (Magi)
- Synagogues for worship
- Enduring saga of grace that continued though much opposition and cruel persecution (e.g. Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria)
- General preparation/influence on Gentiles/Nations
- Rabbinical teachers/interpretation of OT Scriptures (like Ezra)

TO BE CONTINUED... FALL 2019 New Testament Biblical Theology Class, when we hear:

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. – Matthew 1:1

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." - Mark 1:14b-15

Ezra-Nehemiah: Though greatly opposed, the King comes to establish an Eternal Temple in His body, and to Prepare Holy and Heavenly Jerusalem for His people to enjoy with Him.

Chronicles: The King, David's Greater Son comes to fulfill the Old Testament and consummate all of history.

Daniel: The King, the Son of Man comes to proclaim the gospel and take up His eternal throne through death and resurrection.

Let us all sing together from Revelation 5:9-13:

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,* ¹² *saying with a loud voice,*

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

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	Torah	Former Prophets	Latter Prophets	Writings	Jesus Christ
King					
Covenant					
Dwelling					