# **Prayer Requests**

People To Remember

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# **Upcoming Events**

Check Your Calendar

**FEB 13** Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am) **FEB 14** Spaghetti & Bible Study (5:45 pm; 6:30 pm)



FOR ALL AGES

CENTRAL KIDS Cradle roll - Pre-school (1st Floor)
CENTRAL KIDS Elementary (2nd Floor)
CYG Middle & High School (2nd Floor)
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PROPHETS (6)
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# **Scripture Reading**

Žechariah 6:11-15

"Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both." ' "Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."" (Zechariah 6:11–15, NKIV)



The sections below contain "starting points" for biblical and historical discussions that cannot be discussed at length in the sermon. Technical terms are used to help look for specific information.

#### BABYLON

Note how Babylon is referenced throughout the Bible

#### **FXII F**

Note various exiles in Bible history. Are Christians in exile today?

### 2nd TEMPLE JUDAISM

How was life different for Jews following Babylonian captivity?



## **PROPHETS**

The Messengers From God

### PATHWAY TO THE PROPHETS

- The kingdom of Israel split after the reign of Solomon, and corrupt leaders led the people away from God (1 Kg. 12:20-31; Ezek. 20:10ff).
- God used prophets to warn His people in the hope they would turn them from their wicked ways (Isa. 1:16-20; Jer. 3:12-14; Joel 2:12-13).
- Even the most shocking messages failed to turn the people back to avoid captivity (Isa. 20:2-4; Ezek. 4:1-8; Hos. 1:2; Jer. 25:11-12).

#### THE TIMES OF THE PROPHETS

- Pre-exilic: Jeremiah, Hosea, Micah, and Hosea warned the people of the consequences of rejecting God (Jer. 1:16-19; Am. 2:4-8).
- Exilic: Ezekiel and Daniel ministered to people in exile with messages of judgment, hope, and restoration (Ezek. 1:1-3; Dan. 1:1-2).
- Post-exilic: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi ministered to people who returned to Jerusalem (Hag. 1:1-2; Ezra 1:1; Mal. 4:5-6).

### THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS

- God is seeking people who worship Him wholeheartedly rather than with mere external rituals (Isa. 1:10-17; 29:13; Am. 5:21-24).
- God is seeking people who love righteousness, justice, and show mercy to their neighbor (Jer. 22:1-5; Mic. 6:6-8).
- God understands the condition of the heart and knows the only hope for humanity is a heart transplant (Deut. 30:6; Eze. 36:26; Jer. 17:9; 31:33; cp. Col. 2:11-12; Tit. 3:5).















