



CONFIRMATION 2.0

WEEK -12-



1ST

LAMENTATIONS, EZEKIEL, DANIEL

Lamentations: This is a poetic reflection on the siege of Jerusalem and the exile. It's a memorial to the pain and confusion these events brought.

Ezekiel: Ezekiel explains why God's glory left Israel and how his glory would return.

Daniel: This book is designed to give hope to God's people in the midst of their exile.

WEEK 12

2ND

THE SECOND ARTICLE

In the second article, we believe that Jesus has become our Lord by redeeming us.

WEEK 12

✓ LAMENTATIONS

The Bible gives a sacred dignity to human suffering. Laments are a form of protest and are a way to process emotion and voice confusion.

Lamentations 3:22-24 contains a bold proclamation of hope in the midst of suffering.

✓ EZEKIEL

Ezekiel is called to accuse and warn Israel. God has abandoned his temple and people because of their idolatry. Ezekiel does some weird street theater to get his message across to the people (Ezekiel 4-5). In the midst of judgment Ezekiel ends his prophecy with powerful pictures of hope such as a new David, the defeat of evil among the nations, a new cosmic temple, and a restored creation.

✓ DANIEL

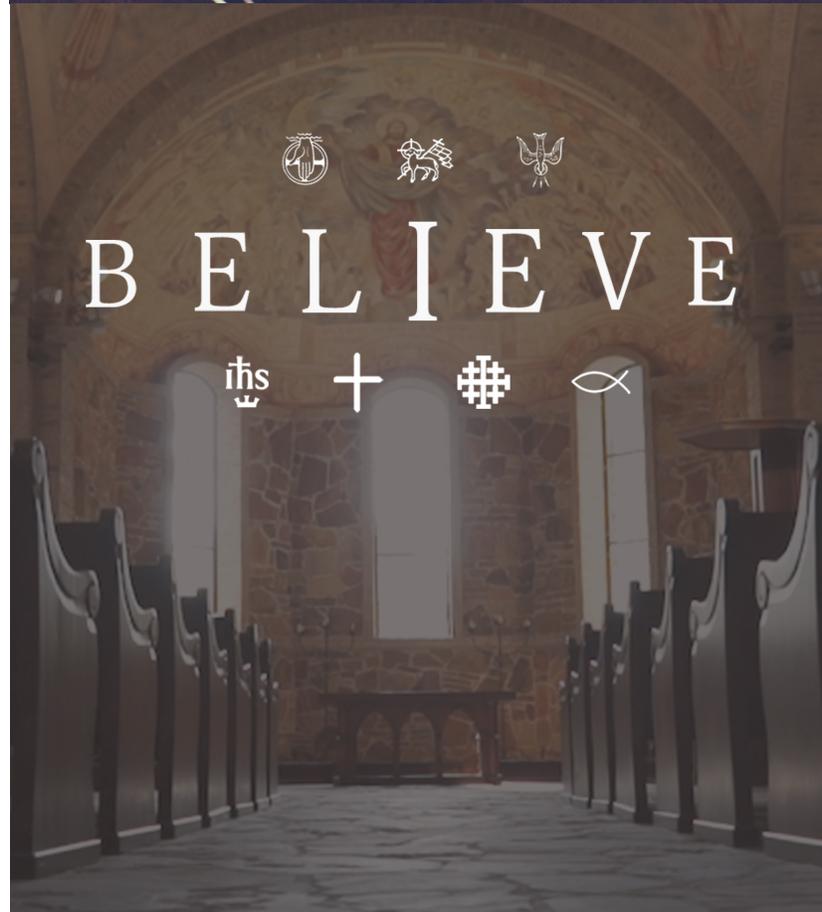
There are some cool stories in here about fiery furnaces, a lions' den, and men who eat only vegetables and get really strong. There are also some strange visions, that even Daniel himself struggles to make sense of. At its core this book is a picture of what it looks like to be God's people in the midst of a culture that is hostile to God, and what it looks like to live with hope in the midst of exile.

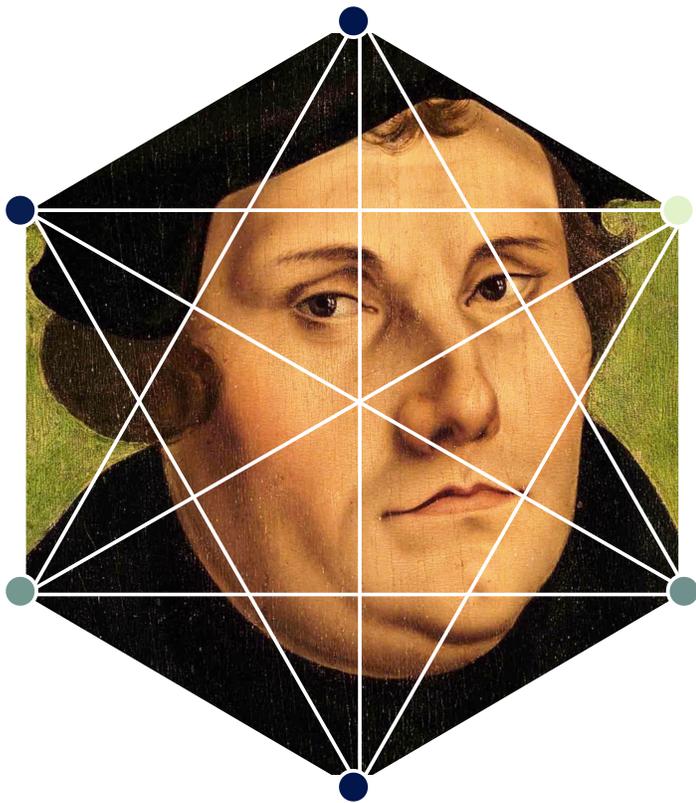
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THE SECOND ARTICLE

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose [again]; he ascended into heaven, seated at the right hand of God, the almighty Father, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

THE APOSTLES CREED





Luther

What is this? Answer:

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

THE FIRST ARTICLE