

OT – EXILE & RETURN to JERUSALEM

CONFIRMATION - LESSON 16

Name: _____ Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week:

“And I will give them one _____, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of _____ from their flesh and give them a heart of _____.” **Ezekiel 11:19**

Reading the Prophets

- _____ – One who boldly reveals the will of the Lord and calls people to follow Him!
 - _____ prophets (book size) – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ekeziel & Daniel
 - _____ prophets – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi
- Know _____ the prophet was located, to _____ the prophet was speaking, and _____ the prophet was speaking (Pre-exile, Exile, Post-exile)
 - _____ BC – Israel (North) was captured & taken into captivity by the _____
 - _____ BC – Judah (South) was captured & taken into captivity by the _____
- Most prophets have a similar structure---Call to _____ (turning back to the LORD) & _____ or a warning of _____.
- The prophets apply to the people in their _____ situation, but also apply to _____!

Exile & Life in Babylon

- King _____ removed the best and brightest Israelites and integrated them into their own society.
- God encouraged the Jewish people to _____, work, marry, have kids (Jeremiah 29)
- God used the exiled Israelites to reveal Himself to _____ people.

Persia conquering Babylon & prophecy about Persian return

- God promised His people would be restored in the _____ He'd given them!
 - **Jeremiah 25 –11** *This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon _____ years. 12 Then after 70 years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste.*
 - **Isaiah 44:28-45:5** – _____, Persian emperor, is predicted to overthrow the Babylonians & send the people back to Jerusalem--- _____ years before Cyrus took power!!!

_____ details how the Israelites were supported and sent back to rebuild the _____.

_____ details how another group of Israelites was sent back to rebuild the _____ and settle in Jerusalem.

- There is a _____ period, Biblically, of 400+ years between the last recorded OT prophet and the first and only NT prophet, _____.

Main Point: God continues to weave His amazing story through _____ people & situations!

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) How did God give hope during a really hard period of time for the people of God?

2) What do you hope in during hard times? How can you trust in God?

3) In what ways did God work through unlikely people during the Babylonian exile?

4) What does it mean to stand up for your faith & how do you do this?

5) What questions do you have about what we discussed today?

FAMILY TIME

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Your Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____
(Write your first & last name legibly)

Scripture is one of the main ways that God has revealed Himself to humanity. As followers of Jesus, we should be intentional about time in Scripture, seeking God for meaning, and then applying it to our lives. I've never met a mature Christian that doesn't have consistent time in the Bible!

We understand life is busy! If possible, try to read the passages and answer the first page separately. If time doesn't allow, feel free to answer together! It can be really cool to see how God speaks through the same passage of Scripture, differently, to different people!
ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE SIGN ABOVE!

This week's passage:

- **Daniel 3 (sorry it's a bit longer---but it's an engaging and applicable read!)**

STUDENT

PARENT

Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why: 1) _____ _____ _____ 2) _____ _____ _____	Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why: 1) _____ _____ _____ 2) _____ _____ _____
What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life? 1) _____ _____	What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life? 1) _____ _____
One question I have from the Scripture that I read was: _____ _____	One question I have from the Scripture that I read was: _____ _____

Complete this next section **TOGETHER:**

1) God speaks to different people in different ways, through the same passage. What is one thing that surprised you when you compared your answers from above?

2) How does this section of Scripture apply to our lives today?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

3) Reread Daniel 3:16-18. Do you feel pressure to turn away from God because of our culture? Why or why not?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

4) Reread Daniel 3:28-30. We don't know if King Nebuchadnezzar came to saving faith, but we know that the actions of the 3 men greatly impacted the people around them. Does your life more positively or negatively reflect Jesus to the people around you? Give an example.

5) Pray together! (Seriously, don't just skip this step!!) Pray that you can stand up under the pressure to deny God. Pray that your words and actions further the Kingdom of God!

**Close your time in prayer, using something that came up during your discussion.
PARENTS---MAKE SURE YOU SIGN AT THE TOP, ONCE IT'S COMPLETE!**