

# Divided Kingdom, Captivity & the Coming Kingdom

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## Goals for this series:

- **PRIMARY GOAL:** Application, **LIVE GOD'S WORD DAILY**  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; John 13:17; James 1:22-25*
- Create curiosity and desire to read, study, memorize, and meditate on God's Word
- Remove some of the mystery and confusion of the Old Testament and help you see the Big Picture
- Show you the connect between the Old and New Testament and that the entire story is about **JESUS!**

Simple message of the Bible: **GOD LOVES YOU!**

*John 3:16*

## Divided Kingdom

D - <b><u>DIVIDED KINGDOM</u></b> <i>1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25 (pg 226)</i>	P - <b><u>PROPHETS</u></b> Speak <i>17 Books of Prophecy (pg 321)</i>
M - Mostly <b><u>BAD</u></b> Kings	

Summary of the message of the prophets: **SHAPE** up or **SHIP** out!

## Captivity & the Coming Kingdom

I - <b><u>ISRAEL</u></b> - Scattered <i>2 Kings 17-18 (pg 263)</i>	Z - <b><u>ZERUBBABEL</u></b> - Temple <i>Ezra 1-6 (pg 321)</i>
J - <b><u>JUDAH</u></b> - Exiled <i>2 Kings 25 (pg 270)</i>	E - <b><u>ESTHER</u></b> - Queen <i>Esther 1-6 (pg 340)</i>
J - <b><u>JUDAH</u></b> - Returned <i>2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1 (pg 320)</i>	E - <b><u>EZRA</u></b> - People <i>Ezra 7-10 (pg 326)</i>
	N - <b><u>NEHEMIAH</u></b> - Walls <i>Nehemiah 1-6 (pg 329)</i>

\*page numbers based on Zondervan's NIV Bible

Final step in the storyline of the Old Testament: **WAIT - CHRIST**

*Malachi 4:5-6; Galatians 4:4-5; John 1:29*

## Jesus in Divided Kingdom & Captivity

- The Temple **PREFIGURES** Jesus *Matthew 12:6; John 1:29*
- God remains faithful to His covenant with David: Jesus the Messiah is David's direct  
**DESCENDANT** *2 Samuel 7:16; 1 Chronicles 1-9; Matthew 1:1-17*
- Imagery of Elijah & Elisha *Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:14*
  - ◇ Elijah ("*Yahweh is my God*") is a type of John the Baptist *1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 1-2*
  - ◇ Elisha ("*God is Salvation*") looks forward to Christ *1 Kings 19:16 - 2 Kings 13:20*
- Imagery of Zerubbabel, Ezra & Nehemiah
  - ◇ Zerubbabel is part of the messianic line *Matthew 1:12-16*
- Imagery in the book of Esther *1 John 2:1*

## Recommend Resources:

[What You Need to Know About the Bible](#) by Max Anders

[30 Days to Understanding the Bible](#) by Max Anders

[The Bare Bones Bible Handbook](#) by Jim George

[Structure of the Old Testament](#)

### Memory Verse (*Topic: God's Timing*)

*And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

*Esther 4:14b ESV*

## My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize Esther 4:14b.
- Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll pick a part of the story that interests me most to read this week.
- I'll commit to spend time in God's Word each day.
- I want someone to help me understand the Bible.
- I'll invite a friend to join me next week.
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_