

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

This workbook is designed for use in middle to high school Bible classrooms and is intentionally flexible to meet a wide range of ages and maturity levels. Lessons are organized in sections that increase in depth and complexity, allowing teachers to adjust pacing and emphasis based on their students' needs. Each lesson contains enough material to fill a 30–45 minute class period.

Lessons begin with **Rapid Recall**, a brief set of questions to review the previous lesson and connect it to the day's topic. This should take only a few minutes. Next, **The Big Picture** introduces the main focus and goal of the lesson, helping students understand what they will be studying.

The **Content** section forms the core of the lesson. It includes questions tied directly to Scripture. Teachers may assign passages for students to read ahead of time or read/summarize them together in class, depending on age, preparation, and reading ability. Younger or less-prepared students may spend more time here, while older or well-prepared students can move through this section more quickly.

Each lesson also includes a **Gospel Message**, which intentionally connects the lesson to Christ and the gospel. This section encourages discussion and personal application, helping students see Scripture as more than information and guiding them toward Christ-like living.

The **Digging Deeper** section is designed for further application and discussion. This portion works especially well with older or more mature students and can take up a larger part of the lesson when time allows.

Some lessons include additional review activities such as maps or drawings. These tools help reinforce learning and can be used as appropriate for the class level.

Teachers are encouraged to adapt each lesson as needed, emphasizing different sections to best serve their students while keeping the overall goal of biblical understanding and gospel-centered application in view.

WHY THE PROPHETS?

THE BIG PICTURE

- 1 What do you think of when you hear the word "prophet"? _____
- 2 What made a person a prophet? What was their work? _____
- 3 Do you think being a prophet was a hard or easy job? Why? _____
- 4 The prophets are frequently categorized as either "major prophets" or "minor prophets." Open your Bible to the prophets (Isaiah–Malachi). Look at the size of each prophetic book and the order of the prophetic books. Write down which five books you think are the major prophets and which twelve books are the minor prophets:

MAJOR PROPHETS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

MINOR PROPHETS:

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

- 5 Write down some of the other prophets you learned about that do not have a book of the Bible named after them: _____

THE WORK OF A PROPHET

- 6 Read 2 Peter 1:20–21. What did the prophets do? Where did their words come from? _____
- 7 Where did the prophet's words not come from? How did they know what to say? _____
- 8 Read 2 Chronicles 24:19. Why did God send prophets? What was their work? _____
- 9 Read Jeremiah 7:25–26. Why did God send prophets? Did the people listen to them? _____

10 Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. What else were the prophets proclaiming? _____

11 Read Hebrews 1:1. Who gave the prophets the messages they proclaimed? _____

12 Read Jeremiah 25:4-7. What happened when the people ignored the prophets? _____

13 What have you learned about God's purpose through the prophets? _____

SEEING JESUS

14 Read Deuteronomy 18:15-18. What does Moses promise will eventually come to the people? When he comes, what are the people to do? _____

15 Read Acts 3:19-23. Who does Peter apply the prophecy of Deuteronomy 18:15-18 to? _____

16 Read Matthew 21:11, Luke 7:16, John 6:14, and John 7:40. What did many people think Jesus was? _____

17 What conclusion did the disciples on the road to Emmaus conclude about Jesus in Luke 24:19? _____

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- Read Luke 10:23-24. What does Jesus say about his arrival and work in regard to the prophets? What is special about where we are in the timeline of world history?
- Read Acts 3:22-24. What does Peter say all the prophets were pointing to and preaching about?
- Read Ephesians 2:19-21. What is the household of God built upon? Who is cornerstone of this foundation?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Matthew 5:17-18. What does Jesus mean that he did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but came to fulfill them? What is Jesus saying about himself regarding what the prophets spoke?

- Read Luke 16:27-31. What do we learn about the power of words of the prophets to convince people to seek and obey the Lord?

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2. How did God speak to the world in the past? Does God still use prophets today? How is God speaking to the world now?

Below is a map of the Babylonian Empire. The Babylonian Empire is the world power during the lives of most of the major and minor prophets in the scriptures. Take note of the following locations:

- Jerusalem (capital city of Judah)
- Ninevah (capital city of Assyrian Empire)
- Babylon (capital city of the Babylonian Empire)

IMPORTANT: Come back to this map throughout your study to remind yourself about where the prophets are when they are delivering God's messages.



ISAIAH AND HIS WORK

RAPID RECALL

- 1 What is a prophet? _____
- 2 What did Moses call Jesus and what did he tell everyone to do when he came? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

To understand Isaiah's prophetic work, we need to see who Isaiah is preaching to and why God sent him to preach. In this lesson, you are going to see how God called Isaiah to do his prophetic work and how his mission would cause God's judgment.

HISTORICAL SETTING

- 3 How many chapters are in the book of Isaiah? _____
- 4 What kings are ruling when Isaiah gave his prophecies (Isaiah 1:1)? Write down if these were good kings or bad kings. _____
- 5 Who is Isaiah prophesying to (Isaiah 1:1)? _____
- 6 Write down the sins that Judah is condemned for in Isaiah 1:2-4. _____
- 7 What cities are compared to Jerusalem (1:9-10)? Write down what you know about those cities. Why is it surprising that Jerusalem would be compared to these cities? _____

8 Why is God tired of the people's offerings and sacrifices (Isaiah 1:10-15)? _____

9 What needs to change with the people (Isaiah 1:16-17)? _____

10 What is God's offer to the people (Isaiah 1:18-20)? _____

ENCOUNTERING GOD (ISAIAH 6)

11 Describe what Isaiah saw when he saw the Lord in his vision (6:1-2). _____

12 What does Isaiah hear in verse 3? What does this proclamation mean? _____

13 What happened when the voice spoke (6:4)? _____

14 What was Isaiah's response (6:5)? Explain why he feels this way? _____

15 What is God's solution to Isaiah's response (6:6-7)? How does this give us hope? _____

16 What is God's question and what is Isaiah's response (6:8)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- Read John 12:37-41. In this scripture, John quotes from Isaiah 6:9-10 and Isaiah 53, the suffering servant prophecy. Who does John say Isaiah saw in Isaiah 6:1-7?
- What does this teach us about who Jesus is? What do we learn?

ISAIAH'S MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

RAPID RECALL

- 1 What sins does God condemn in Isaiah 1? _____
- 2 What does Isaiah experience in Isaiah 6? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

There are many messianic prophecies giving pictures of what God was going to do to save the world from their sins. In your study, you are only going to study just a few of those many prophecies. The whole lesson will be an effort to see Christ and what Christ will do when he came to the earth.

CHRIST'S BIRTH (ISAIAH 7)

- 3 Who is the king and what is he afraid of (7:1-9)? _____
- 4 What is the sign that is given (7:10-17)? _____
- 5 What is the messianic promise (7:14)? _____
- 6 Read Matthew 1:18-25. How was Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled? _____

CHRIST'S RULE (ISAIAH 9)

- 7 What will be the spiritual condition of the nation when Christ comes (9:1-2; cf. Matthew 4:15-16)? _____
- 8 What names are given for the Christ (9:6)? _____
- 9 What will Christ do (9:7)? _____



CHRIST'S CALL (ISAIAH 35)

10 What reversal is described in Isaiah 35:1-2? How does this imagery represent people spiritually? _____

11 What is to give struggling people strength (35:3-4)? _____

12 What will happen to the people when Christ comes (35:5-7)? Explain the imagery. _____

13 How are the people described as they come to the Lord (35:8-10)? _____

CHRIST'S REVERSAL (ISAIAH 61)

14 Write down what the Lord is going to do when he comes (61:1-3). _____

15 Read Luke 4:14-21. How was this scripture fulfilled? _____

16 Write down all the ways the conditions of God's people will be reversed (61:3). _____

17 What will God's people be called (61:3)? What will be the purpose of God's people? _____

18 What work will God's people do once Christ comes (61:4)? What does this mean? _____

19 How else are God's people described after Christ comes (61:6)? _____

ISAIAH'S SUFFERING SERVANT

RAPID RECALL

- 1 Write down what you remember from last week's lesson about how Christ is described and what he was going to do when he came? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

One of the most detailed pictures regarding Christ is found in Isaiah 52-53. This section of Isaiah's prophecy shows how Christ's suffering would be necessary to redeem the world from their sins. Carefully consider the pictures of Christ, described as "my Servant," in this study and be moved by all that he endured to save us from our sins.

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

- 2 What is described about Christ in Isaiah 52:13? Read John 12:27-33 and write down one of the ways this prophecy would be fulfilled. _____
- 3 Why would many people be astonished at the Christ (Isaiah 52:14)? _____
- 4 Read John 19:1. What did Jesus experience? What does this tell us about the suffering Jesus experienced before he was crucified? _____
- 5 What else would the Christ do (Isaiah 52:15)? _____
- 6 Isaiah 52:15 and Isaiah 53:1 present a contrast. What was not told to foreign kings that they are going to see and understand? Read Romans 15:20-22 where Paul quotes this scripture to help understand what this means. _____
- 7 Isaiah 53:1 is a contrast to Isaiah 52:15. This scripture is quoted in John 12:37-38. Who did not believe in Jesus in John 12? Romans 10:16 confirms this conclusion. What is the contrast?

- 8 Was there anything special about Jesus' appearance (Isaiah 53:2)? Did he possess any physical qualities that revealed that he was someone to listen to or follow? _____
- 9 The "dry ground" (53:2) symbolically represents the spiritual condition of the nation of Israel when the Christ appeared. What would this "dry ground" represent? _____
- 10 What will people do to the Christ (53:3)? Will people value him or honor him the way they should for who he is when he came? _____
- 11 What will Christ do for us (53:4)? _____
 Even though Christ will do this work, how will people consider him? What will people say God thinks of the Christ? _____
- Read Matthew 27:39-44. What did people say about Jesus? _____
- 12 Why would the Christ experience so much suffering (53:5)? _____
- 13 What is our condition before God (53:6)? Why did our sins have be laid on Christ? _____
- 14 What happen to the Christ (53:7)? How will the Christ handle what he experienced? What are some ways we see Jesus do this in the New Testament? _____
- 15 Will the Christ experience justice when put on trial (53:8)? Why will the Christ die? _____
- 16 What will happen to the Christ after his death (53:9)? Read Matthew 27:57-60 and write down how this was fulfilled. _____
- 17 Was the death of Christ against God's plan and will (53:10)? What will Christ's death accomplish? _____
- 18 How would the Christ "see his offspring" after he is made a guilt offering (53:10)? What is Isaiah saying will happen after Christ's death? _____
- 19 What will the Christ do for the people (53:11-12)? _____

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- Read Galatians 2:20. How did the crucifixion of Christ change Paul? How is the crucifixion of Christ to change us?

- Read Mark 8:34-38. What did Jesus expect us to do in order to follow him? Explain what this image means.

- Read Titus 2:11-14. What does the grace of God teach us?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- The imagery of the suffering servant is to teach us about how to be followers of Jesus. Read 1 Peter 2:19-25. What lessons do we learn from Jesus and how to handle suffering? How are we supposed to live because Jesus suffered for our benefit?

- Paul quotes from Isaiah 53 in Romans 10:16 where Israel is described as hearing the good news but rejecting it. What does Paul say is the way God gives faith in Romans 10:17? Does hearing just mean hearing the words (Romans 10:18)? Why did Israel hear but reject (Romans 10:21)? What do we learn and how can we make sure we have the genuine faith?

JEREMIAH AND HIS WORK

RAPID RECALL

- 1 Write down what you remember from last week's lesson that Isaiah taught Christ would do and what he would experience when he came:

THE BIG PICTURE

In this lesson we are going to learn about another prophet, Jeremiah, who preached to the people of Judah for decades. Pay careful attention to his age and the time in which he preached so you can appreciate the challenges he faced as he went about doing God's prophetic work.

HISTORICAL SETTING

- 2 How many chapters are in the book of Jeremiah? _____
- 3 What kings are ruling when Jeremiah gave his prophecies (Jeremiah 1:1-3)? Write down if these were good kings or bad kings. _____
- 4 Who is Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:1-3)? _____
- 5 Approximately how long was Jeremiah's prophetic ministry? _____

THE CALL OF JEREMIAH

- 6 What is God's first message to Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5)? _____
- 7 What is Jeremiah's response to God's commission (Jeremiah 1:6)? _____
- 8 What does God think about Jeremiah's excuse (Jeremiah 1:7-8)? _____

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9 Consider how long Jeremiah was a prophet, how young do you think he could have been when God called him to be his prophet? _____

10 Are you too young to be doing the Lord's work? _____

11 Does Jeremiah 1:8 indicate if his prophetic work will be easy or difficult? What does Jeremiah 1:18-19 say about the difficulty of his work? _____

12 What will be the content of Jeremiah's prophetic messages (1:9-10)? _____

13 Who is the object of God's judgment (1:15)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- Read Luke 2:41-52. How old was Jesus at this time? _____
- Where was Jesus spending his time and what was he doing there (Luke 2:46)? _____
- Did Jesus know the scriptures at this age (Luke 2:47)? _____
- Look at Jesus' answer to his parents regarding their concern that he was missing (Luke 2:49). What did Jesus say he would be doing with his time that his parents should have known? _____
- Can God use you to do his work? _____

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- The Lord tells Jeremiah that he will put his words in his mouth in Jeremiah 1:9. Jesus also made this promise to his apostles (cf. John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13). We are called to know the word of God well enough so that we can speak God's very words to others. Consider the scriptures below and write down how we are to have God's word in our mouths.
- Colossians 3:16 –
- 1 Peter 4:11 –
- Romans 10:8-10 –

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- What are some excuses that people your age make for why they do not help in doing God's work or engaging in the weekly worship?

- Jeremiah is going to bring messages of judgment and hope. How does Jesus bring to the world messages of judgment and hope?

- The Lord tells Jeremiah that he knew Jeremiah before he formed him in the womb and before he was born (Jeremiah 1:5). What is the Lord teaching Jeremiah? What do we learn from this? Do we learn anything about God's knowledge and his relationship to us?

JEREMIAH'S PROPHECIES

RAPID RECALL

- 1 Write down what you remember about who Jeremiah is, how he was called to be God's prophet, and how Jeremiah responded to his calling:

THE BIG PICTURE

In this lesson we are going to look at some of the prophecies Jeremiah proclaims to the people of Judah. Pay attention to why God is condemning his people and what he expected from his people when he called on them through his prophets.

BROKEN CISTERNS (JEREMIAH 2:1-13)

- 2 What is the Lord's first proclamation (2:1-3)? Notice the past tense of the verbs. _____
- 3 How did the people fail (2:4-8)? _____
- 4 What have God's people done that others in the world have not done (2:9-11)? _____
- 5 What two appalling things have God's people done (2:12-13)? Explain what the people have traded and why the exchange was foolish? _____

SCARECROWS (JEREMIAH 10)

- 6 How are idols like scarecrows and why is idolatry foolish (10:1-5)? _____
- 7 What important teaching is made in Jeremiah 10:23? What does this mean in our lives about how we live and make decisions? _____

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ANCIENT PATHS (JEREMIAH 6)

- 8 What does the Lord call for the people to do (6:16)? _____
- 9 What was the response of the people (6:16)? _____
- 10 Why do the people reject the ancient paths (6:10)? _____
- 11 How does God describe how he feels about his people's rejection of his word (6:11)? _____
- 12 Instead of listening to the Lord, what did the teachers tell the people (6:13-14)? _____
- 13 Jump forward to Jeremiah 8. Did the people think they had left the Lord or were ignoring his word (Jeremiah 8:8)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

Read John 7:37-39.

- What was Jesus offering? Explain the offer. _____
- How did a person receive what Jesus offered? _____
- What will happen to the person who receives the offer? _____
- What is to flow from your heart? What does this mean? What does this look like? _____

GOSPEL MESSAGE

- Jeremiah sadly proclaimed that the people had forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters (Jeremiah 2:13). Read Romans 1:22-32. Write down all of the outcomes and sins the apostle Paul lists when we exchange “the glory of the immortal God” and “exchange the truth about God for a lie”:

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Jeremiah describes the foolishness of worshiping idols as submitting to a scarecrow in a cucumber field (Jeremiah 10:5). Think carefully about our lives and what we see in the world today. Do we still see idolatry? What are some of the idols that people worship today? Why is such worship as foolish as worshiping a scarecrow?

- Jeremiah told the people that the way to return to the Lord was to look for the ancient paths and to walk in them (Jeremiah 6:16). Read Ephesians 6:17-24. How does the apostle Paul teach us how to not walk? How are we to walk? What does Paul say this walk will look like in our lives?

JEREMIAH'S FUTURE HOPE

RAPID RECALL

- 1 What were the two appalling things that God's people had done? _____
- 2 How did Jesus describe himself in John 7:37-39? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

Jeremiah contains important future promises regarding the coming of Christ and the work he would accomplish.

RESTORING GOD'S PEOPLE (JEREMIAH 31:15-18)

- 3 What hopeful message is given for God's weeping people? _____
- 4 Read Matthew 2:16-18. What was happening after the birth of Jesus which would have led to the people weeping? _____
- 5 But what was the hope? Would Herod succeed? _____

RESTORING GOD'S WORSHIP (JEREMIAH 7:8-11)

- 6 What were the people condemned for doing? How does God through Jeremiah describe what is happening in his temple? _____
- 7 Read Mark 11:15-17. What point is Jesus making in his actions? _____

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NEW COVENANT (JEREMIAH 31:31-34)

- 8 Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. Who will God make a new covenant with? _____
- 9 What will the new covenant not be like? What is this referring to? _____
- 10 What will be the nature of this new covenant? What will it be written on? _____
- 11 What will the people in this covenant no longer say to each other? Why? _____
- 12 What will God do for the people who are in this covenant? _____

This prophecy is quoted twice in the book of Hebrews:

- 13 Read Hebrews 8:6-13. What was wrong with the first covenant, according to Hebrews 8:7-8? What happens to the first covenant when the new covenant was established? _____
- 14 Read Hebrews 10:4-18. What was wrong with the first covenant, according to Hebrews 10:4? Who came and did God's will? What did he do to accomplish God's will? How are we sanctified/made holy? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- Read Luke 22:19-20 or 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. What does Jesus say we are to remember when we participate in drinking the fruit of the vine? What is the blood reminding us about regarding Christ's work? What did the writer of Hebrews say this new covenant accomplishes for us?

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- Read Jeremiah 31:34. What does it mean that God will never again remember our sins? How can God not remember? What hope is being given to us?
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19 ESV)

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Both Hebrews 8:13 and Hebrews 10:9 describe that the first covenant would be made obsolete, replaced by the new covenant of Christ. Many churches and religious groups today, however, will go back to the first covenant (Law of Moses) and follow the commands given there. Write down commands, teachings, or allowances that are found in the old covenant that are sometimes followed by churches and religious groups today.

- What does it mean that God will write his law on our hearts? What would that look like? How do we allow God to write his laws on our hearts?

- What would it look like to not have God's law written on our hearts?

LAMENTATIONS

RAPID RECALL

1 What hopeful prophecy did Jeremiah proclaim God would do when Christ came? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

The book of Lamentations was written after the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Lord's temple. Jeremiah is commonly considered the author of this book, writing five poems of grief over what has happened. In this lesson you will learn about what to do in grief and how to have hope when life brings overwhelming sadness.

LAMENTATIONS 1

2 How is the city of Jerusalem described (1:1)? What has happened to the city and to the nation (1:2-3)? _____

3 Why has the city of Jerusalem been destroyed (1:5, 8-9, 18)? _____

LAMENTATIONS 2

4 Who has brought the judgment and destruction on the people and city (2:1-8)? _____

5 What are the people told to do because of their sins (2:18-19)? _____

6 Who failed to lead and warn the people (2:14)? What did they fail to do? _____



LAMENTATIONS 3

7 What does the writer say he will remember to have hope (3:21-22)? _____

8 What is the hope in verse 23? _____

9 What is the hope in verse 24? _____

10 What is the hope in verse 25-26? _____

LAMENTATIONS 4

11 Who are condemned for failing the people (4:13)? _____

12 Who else will God judge (4:22)? Does God show favoritism? _____

LAMENTATIONS 5

13 What is the hope for the people (5:19)? _____

14 What is the prayer of the people (5:21-22)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- The book of Lamentations ends with the question of whether the Lord has completely rejected his people and will remain angry with them forever. The answer to this question was the Lord sending his Son for the sins of the people. The Lord would provide the only solution for the people's sin. The death and resurrection of Jesus would be the way to restore the relationship broken by sin. Read Acts 3:19-21 and write down what the people needed to do to be able to receiving refreshing and restoration:

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- How does the book of Lamentations show our need for a Savior?
 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 ESV)
- Why must God punish sins? What is God teaching?
- How can there be hope in the midst of such sadness and judgment for sins?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- One of the messages found in the book of Lamentations is how the prophets and priests failed to teach the people about their sins. Instead, the prophets and priests proclaimed that there would not be any consequences for their sins. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2. What does Paul charge Timothy to do? When is Timothy to do this? Write down the three command words Paul states Timothy must do in his preaching work.

- The problem for the people was not only a failure by the prophets and priests but also on the people themselves. There are many prophetic scriptures condemning the people for not wanting to hear the truth. Jeremiah was mistreated and persecuted for telling the people about their sins and the coming judgment. Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4. After charging Timothy with the important work of preaching, what does Paul say will be the problem with the people to whom he preaches? What are some ways that we would be like these people Paul speaks about in 2 Timothy 4:3-4? What can we do so that we are not like these people Paul warns about?

EZEKIEL'S WORK

RAPID RECALL

1 What was the book of Lamentations about? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

During the second Babylonian invasion against the nation of Judah, Ezekiel and many other people were captured, removed from their home, and now are forced to live in Babylon. God calls Ezekiel to prophesy to these captured exiles to teach them what God has done and what God will do in the future for his people.

THE PROPHETIC CALL (EZEKIEL 1-3)

2 Where is Ezekiel (1:1-3)? How did he get there? _____

3 What was Ezekiel's occupation (1:2-3)? _____

4 Read Ezekiel 1:4-28. What did Ezekiel see? _____

5 Try to draw below some of the things Ezekiel saw:

6 What happened to Ezekiel after he saw this (1:28)? _____

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7 How are the people that Ezekiel will preach to described (2:1-6)? _____

8 How does God describe what Ezekiel's prophetic work will be (2:1-8)? _____

9 What is Ezekiel's mission (3:16-21)? What is his responsibility? When is he accountable? _____

THE GLORY OF THE LORD (EZEKIEL 10-11)

EZEKIEL 10-11 RECORDS THE MOVEMENT OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD WHICH YOU READ ABOUT IN EZEKIEL 1.

10 Where does the glory of the Lord move to in Ezekiel 10:3-4? _____

11 Where does the glory of the Lord move to in Ezekiel 10:18-19? _____

12 Where does the glory of the Lord move to in Ezekiel 11:22-23? _____

13 What do you think is the meaning of the glory of the Lord moving out of the Temple to outside the city? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- When the glory of the Lord leaves the temple, we never see the glory of the Lord return. Even when the exiles return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple to the Lord, we do not read about the glory of the Lord returning to Jerusalem or to the temple. However, Ezekiel 43 prophesied that the glory of the Lord would return and fill the temple (cf. Ezekiel 43:5).
- Read John 1:14. When would the glory of the Lord return?
- Read John 2:18-22. Who is the temple of the Lord?

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- Read Ezekiel 18:20-24.
Will you be judged for the sins of your family?

Does the righteous acts of your family transfer to you?

What must we do to avoid judgment and live?

What happens if a righteous person turns away and commits the same sins as the wicked?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Ezekiel 15. How are the inhabitants of Jerusalem described? What is God saying about the people by using this image?

- Read John 15:1-8. How does Jesus describe himself? What makes Jesus "true"? Why was Jerusalem a useless vine?

- Continue looking at John 15:1-8. What does Jesus say we must do so that we are not useless? What must we do to bear fruit? Explain how you can do this in your life.

EZEKIEL'S FUTURE HOPE

RAPID RECALL

- 1 Where does Ezekiel see the glory of the Lord go? _____
- 2 Describe Ezekiel's prophetic ministry. Would it be easy or difficult? Why? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

Ezekiel has provided the reasons for why the glory of the Lord has left his people, bringing judgment on them for their sins. The Lord also moves Ezekiel to see visions of the future hope that his people will experience when Christ comes.

THE NEW HEART (EZEKIEL 36)

- 3 Read Ezekiel 36:22-27. What does God promise he will do? _____
- 4 What does it mean to have a heart of stone (36:26)? What does it mean to have a heart of flesh (36:26)? _____
- 5 What does God say will happen when God puts his Spirit in his people (36:28)? _____

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES (EZEKIEL 37)

- 6 Describe what Ezekiel sees in his vision found in Ezekiel 37:1-14. _____
- 7 Who do the bones represent (Ezekiel 37:11)? _____
- 8 What does God say he will do for his people who are dead in their sins? _____

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9 When will the people enjoy this transformation from dead bones to new life (Ezekiel 37:14)? _____

RIVERS OF LIFE (EZEKIEL 47)

EZEKIEL 40-48 RECORD THE VISION OF THE NEW TEMPLE. EZEKIEL 43 RECORDS THE GLORY OF THE LORD RETURNING TO THE TEMPLE, WHICH WE NOTICED IN THE LAST LESSON.

10 What does Ezekiel see coming out of the temple (47:1-12)? _____

11 What is happening to the water as Ezekiel continues measuring it (47:1-12)? _____

12 What is the flowing water doing to the land and vegetation (47:1-12)? _____

13 What is the flowing water doing for the living creatures (47:1-12)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- Read John 7:37-39.

How does Jesus connect himself to the imagery in Ezekiel 47:1-12?

When would the Spirit come, according to John 7:39? When would this be?

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)
- What have we been taught to put away? What does that look like in your life?
- What does the new self look like? What would be different about you, how you talk, and how you act?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Revelation 22:1-5. What does John see in his vision of the throne of God? How is this vision similar to the vision Ezekiel saw regarding the temple?

- Read Romans 8:5-11. What is the result of setting our minds on the flesh? What is the result of setting our minds on the Spirit? What does it look like in your life to set your mind on the Spirit so that you can have the life offered in Christ Jesus?

- Read Hebrews 10:19-23. What images do you recognize from Ezekiel 36 in Hebrews 10:19-23. What does it look like to draw near to God with a true heart with our hearts sprinkled clean? What does it look like to have our bodies washed with pure water?

DANIEL THE PROPHET

RAPID RECALL

- 1 What did the valley of dry bones symbolize? _____
- 2 Who was the new temple that Ezekiel saw? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

Daniel and his friends were captured and taken back to Babylon during the first Babylonian invasion of Judah, which occurred in 605 BC. In this lesson, you are going to learn about how God was with his captured people and how Daniel showed his faithfulness to God during the upheaval of his life.

DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS (DANIEL 1)

- 3 What were characteristics of those captured by the king of Babylon (1:3-4)? _____
- 4 What were the given names of Daniel and his friends and what were those names changed to (1:6-7)? _____
- 5 What did Daniel resolve for himself (1:8)? _____
- 6 What did God do for Daniel (1:9)? _____
- 7 What was the concern regarding Daniel and his friends not eating and drinking the king's food (1:10)? _____
- 8 What test did Daniel and his friends offer (1:11-14)? _____

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9 What was the result of the test (1:15-16)? _____

10 What did God prove about himself through Daniel and his friends (1:17-21)? _____

DANIEL ELEVATED (DANIEL 2)

11 What happens to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (2:1)? _____

12 What does the king ask the Chaldeans to do (2:2)? Can they do it (2:3-9)? What do they tell the king (2:10-12)? _____

13 Why is Daniel able to reveal the dream and the interpretation (2:17-23, 27-30)? _____

Daniel interprets the statue as the four successive world kingdoms. The head of gold represents the Babylonian Empire (2:37-38). The chest and arms of silver represents the kingdom after Babylon, which was the Persian Empire (2:39). The torso of bronze represents the Greek Empire (2:39). The fourth kingdom of iron and clay represents the Roman Empire (2:40-43).

14 What does Daniel say will come during the days of the fourth kingdom (2:40-41)? _____

15 What will it do to the other kingdoms (2:40)? _____

16 What becomes of the stone that struck the image (2:35)? _____

17 What was Nebuchadnezzar's response (2:46-49)? _____

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SEEING CHRIST

- Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" (Matthew 21:42 ESV). Jesus is the stone that came to destroy all worldly kingdoms and to establish his own kingdom which will never be destroyed and never pass away. The book of Revelation shows Christ Jesus victoriously ruling over all nations and peoples that stand against him and his rule.

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14 ESV)
- Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:28-29 ESV)
- What are we to do when we belong to the kingdom of Christ?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Consider what you have read in Daniel 1-2. How do we see Daniel's faithfulness to the Lord in these two chapters? What do you learn about how to be faithful to the Lord even when in difficult circumstances? What would this faithfulness look like at home and at school?

- Read Daniel's prayer in Daniel 2:20-23. What does Daniel teach us about the character of God? What does Daniel teach us about how God operates in the world? How can you include these aspects in your prayer life?

DANIEL TESTED

RAPID RECALL

- 1 How did Daniel show faithfulness to God while in exile? _____
- 2 What was the message of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

The faithfulness of Daniel and his friends will be put to the test. What will they do when they are put in a position to decide between obeying God or obeying the king? How did they get put in these difficult positions? What does God expect from his people when their lives are put on the line? You will study what faithfulness does in hard circumstances in this lesson.

FRIENDS TESTED (DANIEL 3)

- 3 What does the king command (3:4-7)? What was the consequence for disobeying the command? _____
- 4 How does the king find out about Daniel's friends not bowing to the image (3:8-12)? _____
- 5 What do Daniel's friends tell the king (3:13-18)? _____
- 6 What is the king's response (3:19-23)? _____
- 7 What happens to Daniel's friends (3:24-28)? Who was with them? _____
- 8 What arrogant statement does the king declare in Daniel 3:15? What was the answer to the king's question, revealed in the outcome from the fiery furnace? _____

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DANIEL TESTED (DANIEL 6)

- 9 What are the Medo-Persian administrators trying to do against Daniel (6:1-4)? Are they able to succeed? Why or why not? _____
- 10 What do these administrators realize they must do if they are going to harm Daniel (6:5)? _____
- 11 What law is put into effect (6:6-9)? How long was this decree to last? What was the consequence for disobeying this order? _____
- 12 What is Daniel's response when he learns about the decree (6:10-11)? Does Daniel change anything about how he worships the Lord? _____
- 13 What happens to Daniel for refusing to change his pattern of worship (6:12-17)? _____
- 14 What does the king hope will happen for Daniel (6:16)? _____
- 15 What happens to Daniel (6:17-24)? How did this happen? _____
- 16 Why was Daniel delivered (6:23)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- Daniel's punishment foreshadowed Jesus being sealed in the tomb and then coming up out of the tomb because he trusted in his God. The enemies of Jesus challenged him while he was on the cross, "He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him" (Matthew 27:43). God showed that he did desire his Son and showed that Jesus' trust in the Father was not empty when he was delivered from death, rising from the dead three days later. Daniel's deliverance sets the stage for the prophecies in Daniel 7-12 which show the coming of Christ to rule over all creation (cf. Daniel 6:26-27).

GOSPEL MESSAGE

- 1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same understanding – because the one who suffers in the flesh is finished with sin – 2 in order to live the remaining time in the flesh no longer for human desires, but for God’s will. 3 For there has already been enough time spent in doing what the Gentiles choose to do: carrying on in unrestrained behavior, evil desires, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and lawless idolatry. 4 They are surprised that you don’t join them in the same flood of wild living – and they slander you. (1 Peter 4:1-4 CSB)

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Acts 4:17-21. What were Peter and John charged to no longer do? What was Peter and John’s response to the Sanhedrin’s charge?

- Read Romans 13:1-4. What does the apostle Paul command that Christians do?

- Why does Daniel disobey the king’s order? How do we reconcile what Daniel did and what Peter and John did with what Paul commands in Romans 13:1-4? What do we learn?

DANIEL'S VISIONS

RAPID RECALL

- 1 What happened with Daniel's three friends? _____
- 2 What happened with Daniel? _____

THE BIG PICTURE

Daniel 7-12 record amazing visions of God establishing his rule over the kingdoms of the earth. The visions can be fairly complex in their details. For this study, we will look at some of the important concepts that Daniel sees regarding Christ's kingdom rule.

VISION OF THE SON OF MAN (DANIEL 7)

Daniel 7:1-8 describes four consecutive kingdoms as different beasts. These are the same kingdoms that you saw in Daniel 2 (Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome).

- 3 Read Daniel 7:9-12. Who is the Ancient of Days? How is he described? What is he doing?

- 4 Read Daniel 7:13-14. Who does Daniel see going to the Ancient of Days? _____
- 5 How does he go to the Ancient of Days (7:13)? What does he receive (7:14)? _____

SEEING CHRIST

- What is the most common title Jesus calls himself (cf. Matthew 8:20)?
- Read Acts 1:9-11. How does Jesus return to the Father in heaven?
- Read Ephesians 1:20-22. What happened when Jesus rose from the dead? What did he receive? What did he do?

DANIEL'S PRAYER (DANIEL 9)

- 6 What was Daniel reading that caused him to offer this prayer (9:1-3)? _____
- 7 What does Daniel confess regarding the character of the Lord (9:4)? _____
- 8 What does Daniel confess on behalf of God's people (9:5-11)? _____
- 9 What does Daniel say about God and his actions (9:12-16)? _____
- 10 What does Daniel ask God to do (9:17-19)? _____
- 11 Did God hear Daniel's prayer (9:20-23)? _____
- 12 What is the basis that Daniel pleads to God (9:18)? What is not the basis of his plea?

SEEING CHRIST

- The answer to Daniel's prayer is recorded in Daniel 7:24-27. The message proclaims that the city of Jerusalem will be rebuilt (7:25). Further, Christ will come to finish transgressions, put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness (7:24). But the process of atoning for sins and bringing in everlasting righteousness would require Christ being cut off (killed) and the city of Jerusalem and the temple will be destroyed again (7:26). Christ will make a permanent covenant and put an end to sacrifices and offerings (7:27). In short, God will be faithful to his promises, send his Son to save people from their sins, and reconcile his people to himself.

GOSPEL MESSAGES

- Read Daniel 12:1-3. Then read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What is going to happen when Jesus returns? What is the hope for those who die faithful to Christ?
- Read Ephesians 2:4-9. What is the basis of our salvation? Is it our righteousness or something else?

APPLICATION

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Matthew 28:16-20. What does Jesus proclaim to his disciples after he rose from the dead? What is to be our response to his proclamation?

- Read Matthew 6:9-15. Write down how Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.

- Think about how Daniel prays in Daniel 9. Combine what you saw in Daniel's prayer with what Jesus taught about how to pray. What do you learn about how to pray? What can you pray about? What should you be praying about? What can you do to pray more often and more effectively?

SEEING THE GOSPEL



THE MAJOR PROPHETS

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