

FITTING IT AL TOGETHER Session 3
EXILE AND AFTER

INTRODUCTION

The Lord made great promises to Abraham (Gen 12). The Lord then created a people (Gen 12-Ex19), gave them a rule (Ex 20-Deut), placed them in a land (Joshua) and has replaced the judges by a monarchy. To David he makes another set of unconditional promises. But in judgement the people are scattered from the land.

1). DURING THE EXILE, Daniel

However Daniel chapters 1-6 tell the story of Daniel (and three friends) throughout the whole period of the exile.

Daniel 1

- Placed in a strange land, v1-7
- Determined to stand firm, v8-14
- Learning who's king, v15-21

Daniel 2

- A situation that threatens the exiles
- A dream that encourages the exiles

Daniel 3 and 6

- The arrogant law of the king
- The pressure to compromise on God's rule
- The vindication of God's rule

Daniel 4

- The king changed through God's humbling

Daniel 5

- The king rejects what he knows from he past
- The king is judged by the true King

Some observations

- A faithful remnant of God's people are preserved
- The Lord is with his people even in exile
 - The Lord demonstrates that the previous promises are still on track
 - The Lord shows that he is the King over all the earth
 - Blessing comes to the nations of the earth

2). RETURN FROM EXILE

a). The return and the rebuilding of the temple, Ezra 1:1-6:22

b). Ezra's return and reforms, 7:1-10:44

c). Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the city walls, Nehemiah 1:1-6:19

d). The returnees rededicate themselves to the Lord, 7:1-13:3

e). How the history of the OT ends, 13:4-31

- temple abuse, 13:4-13
- Sabbath defiled, 13:14-22
- mixed marriages, 13:23-28

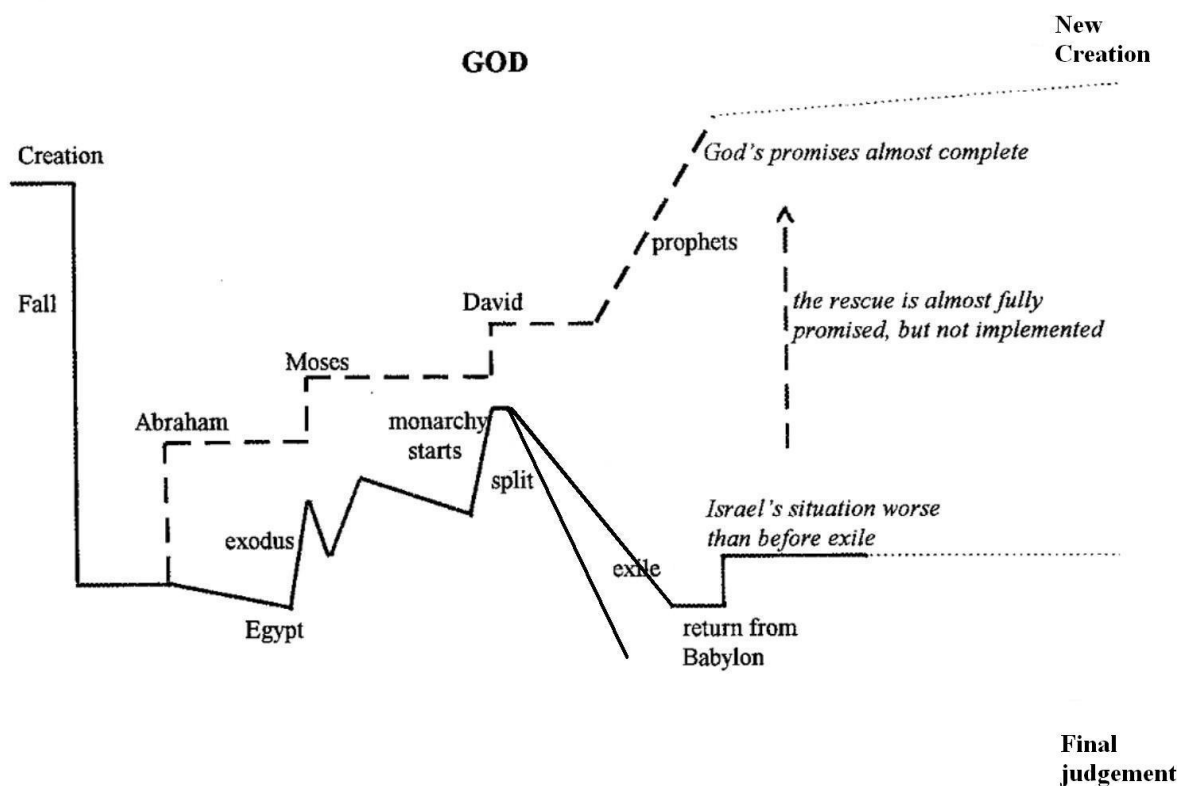
1-2 Chronicles fits in here!

The three post-exile prophets, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi fit here too!

Some observations from the post-exilic period

The remnant of Judah kept during the exile was significant

- The building project enabled the people to live under the Mosaic Law
- The judgement of exile had not changed the heart of man and therefore the heart of the problem
- The return from exile in Ezra-Nehemiah is nothing like the fulfilment of the promises to Abraham or David
- The end of OT history leaves us waiting for the promises to Abraham and David (and the prophets) still to happen



3). THE REAL RETURN

a. Jesus, the King is the fulfilment of everything, Mark 1:1-15

- a). The Davidic covenant to be fulfilled in Jesus, v1 (2 Sam 7)
- b). The Promised Lord and exile-end is starting, v2-8 (Malachi 3, Isaiah 40)
- c). The Expected Servant is here, v9-11 (Is 42)
- d). The Awaited Kingdom is near, v14-15
this is the gospel!

Jesus shows who He is: Mark 1:16-8:29

- His amazing authority
- His powerful word
- Like a second Moses
- But is only 'seen' by a miracle,

What Jesus will do: Mark 8:30-16:8

Die for helpless people, who must follow him
 The king comes to a rejecting people
 The now and not yet of the kingdom
 The real Passover
 The king is dead

But..... he is alive, at last disciples will see and follow,

b). The gospel for all the nations, Acts

c). The epistles: how to live now

- They explain the past
- They teach us how to live in the present
- They tell us of what is to come in the future

d). Revelation

Introduction and conclusion, 1:1-3:22, 22:6-21:

- What John wrote (1:1-11):
- What John saw (1:12-16):
- What John heard (1:17-3:22):

a). Heaven's Lord, 4:1-11

- what John saw
- what it means

b). History's Lord, 5:1-8:1

- what John saw
- why does John weep
- what John heard
- what John saw, part 2
- the seven seals

c). Warnings for the nations, 8:1-9:21

d). Witness to the nations, 10:1-11:14

- John's witness
- two more witnesses

e). King of the nations, 11:15-18

f). The war of the trinities, 11:19-15:4

g). The great divide, 14:1-15:4

- the security of God's people
- the judgement of God's enemies

h). The tale of two cities 15:5-22:5