

Babylonian Captivity, The Restoration

Volume 2 - Unit 12

I. The Babylonian Captivity (586-516 B.C. or 606-536 B.C.)

A. Scripture

1. Ezekiel
- 2, Daniel
3. Obadiah
4. Jeremiah (overlap)

B. The City of Babylon

C. Benefits to the Jews

1. Revival of Monotheism
- 2, New Respect for Law of Moses
- 3, Birth of the Synagogue
- 4, Revival of Personal Religion and Responsibility
- 5, Quickening of Messianic Hope

D. Writing Prophets

1. Daniel (c. 605-536 B.C.)

a. Personal history

b. Summary of book

(1) Chapters 2, 7

Babylon

Media-Persia

Greece

Rome

Messianic kingdom

(2) Chapter 9 - 70 "weeks"

(3) Chapters 11-12 (cf. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:51f.) - End-time events, return of Messiah, resurrection, etc.

2. Ezekiel (c. 593-550 B.C.)

a. Fall of Jerusalem (1-24)

b. Doom for Other Nations (25-32)

c. Glorious Restoration (33-48)

3. Obadiah (6th century B.C.)

II. The Restoration (536-c. 400 B.C.)

A. Historical Background

B. Return Under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-6)

C. Esther (Between Ezra 6, 7)

D. Haggai (c. 520-500 B.C.)

E. Return Under -Ezra (458 B.C.) (Ezra 7-10)

F. Return Under Nehemiah (445 B.C.)

G. Zechariah (c. 520-480 B.C.)

1. Eight Night Visions (1-6)

2. Judgment on Gentiles, Deliverance of Israel at Messiah's Return, Great Blessings in Messiah's Kingdom (9-14)

H. Malachi (c. 430-420 B.C.)

The 6-Point Indictment:

1. Israel doubted God's love.

2. Israel despised God's name (polluted sacrifices).

3. Israel tolerated divorces and foreign marriages.
4. Israel wearied God by charging injustice.
5. Israel robbed God of tithes and offerings.
6. Israel charged that it doesn't pay to serve God.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Zechariah 4:6 – “This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Note: This was the secret of Zerubbabel's success in the rebuilding of the temple, and it is the secret of success for anyone who wants to succeed in the Lord's work today.