

EXILE

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.



CREATION PATRIARCHS EXODUS CONQUEST JUDGES KINGDOM EXILE RETURN SILENCE GOSPEL CHURCH MISSIONS FUTURE

Let's summarize the EXILE era:

God loved the people of Israel and wanted them to turn from their sin and back to Him, but they refused. Because the Israelites worshiped other gods and sinned against the Lord (2 Kings 17:7), God allowed their enemies to conquer them. They were taken into exile by Assyria and Babylon. God was still at work and used prophets to send messages of hope to His people.

Where is it found?

2 Kings 17, 24-25
Daniel

Names to know:

Daniel
Jeremiah
Nebuchadnezzar

What are the major stories?

(2 Kings 17 & 25) God loved the Israelites, but they sinned and were not sorry about it. Because they refused to listen to Him, God allowed Israel to be conquered by their enemies and taken from their homes.

(Daniel 3 & 6) Some Israelites were tested when the foreign kings made rules against worshipping the one, true God. The penalty for disobedience was death, but God protected His faithful people. He proved He was more powerful than a fiery furnace and a den of lions.

(Daniel 2 & 4) God gave Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, dreams about what would happen in the future. God helped Daniel interpret the dreams so that the king would know the one, true God.

(Jeremiah 29) God promised the Israelites that their exile in Babylon would only last 70 years. He reminded them through prophets, like Jeremiah, that He loved them and still had good plans for them.

How does the EXILE era point to Jesus?

God had promised David that someone in his family would rule forever. He protected David's family from being destroyed by enemy kings. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promised that He would rescue and shepherd His people (Ezekiel 34:11-12). Many years later, Jesus was born into David's family. Jesus taught that He is a good shepherd who cares for His sheep. He would even lay down His life for them (John 10:11, 14). When we believe that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, died for our sin and rose again three days later, God forgives us and makes us a part of His family forever.