

God's People in Exile and Their Return to the Land

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This class is designed to follow last year's focus on 1 and 2 Kings—the history of Israel and Judah in the Land. This term we will consider the radical changes God's people faced in the cosmopolitan culture of Babylon and later Persia. For the minority who did return to Judah, the challenges of being a persecuted minority were equally daunting. In both cases, the lessons for us are powerful.

24 September - Review of history: the broken covenant meant exile; promise of return (Isaiah 43:14-18; 44-45; Jeremiah 29; Daniel 9; Ezekiel 37)

1 October – Ezra 1-6 – return

8 October – Phillips out of town—will plan for continuity!

15, 22 October - Haggai and Zechariah 1-6

29 October - Zechariah 7-14

5 November – Missions Week [NO CLASS]

12, 19 November – Esther

26 November – Nehemiah 1-7

3 December – Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 8-13

10 December – Malachi