
UNDERSTANDING AND EXPLAINING THE MISSION OF GOD

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE OVERVIEW – SESSION THREE

THE MISSION IN CRISIS (THE EXILE AND THE PROPHETS)

2 KINGS-MALACHI

TERM 1; SESSION 3 – JOHN RISBRIDGER

The Partial Kingdom (in decline)

The Prophets – decline, diagnosis and warning, disaster

Group discussion: What was the main role of an OT prophet?

Decline – the historical situation

1 Kings 10-12

Diagnosis and warning - applying the 'terms' of the covenant (Deut 28-30)

Example: Hosea – look in groups at these references to check your 'grid reference' themes in Hosea...

The story – 1:2-4

God's people become 'not my people'– 1:8-9

They are exiled from the place of his presence - 9:3&4

The covenant is broken (8:1) and the blessing forfeited. The nation called to bless the nations is 'swallowed up' and disgraced among them 8:8,10)

Disaster – when the unthinkable happens

Israel exiled to Assyria (722BC) 2 Kings 17

Judah exiled to Babylon (586BC) 2 Chron 26:15-19

The Prophesied Kingdom

Hope given (eg Isaiah)

Groups:

Isaiah's prophecy is predominantly addressed to the Southern Kingdom (Judah) and the latter sections are written for the exiles in Babylon. Look up these passages to see how the 3 themes of the Bible Overview are addressed.

God's people: Isa 54:4-8 49:5-7

In the place of his presence: Isa 52:9-10; Isa 65:17-25

Blessed (In covenant relationship with God) to be a blessing: Isa 55:1-5

The coming King...

Hope fulfilled? (Ezra-Nehemiah)

Hope dashed (Ezra 3, Nehemiah 13)

Passing it on (groups of 3):

Referring to the 'Bible at a glance' hand out, use what you have learned to explain one of the following elements in the Bible overview to others in your group, using the '3D Grid reference system':

The exile and its reasons

The prophet's message of hope