

ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 2 | LESSON 13

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY – The Promise Preserved Through Failed Leadership




God is a PROMISE Protecting God

God 1) **PROVIDES** “shadow | type” rulers who 2) fail to **RESCUE** His people 3) **DEFEAT** His enemies and 4) **KEEP** them in the Land 5) so that His people would be with Him for their **JOY**. 6) God, however, shall **FULFILL** all of His promises in **JESUS**.

“The Assyrian Dispersion of Israel and the Babylonian Deportation of Judah” “He Gave them all into [the Hands of King of the Chaldeans]”

2 Chronicles 36:15-18

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; ¹⁶ but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. ¹⁷ **Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans** who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; **He gave them all into his hand**. ¹⁸ All the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon.

	<p>THE HEAD – Do you know you cannot keep the LAW? You must accept the simple idea that you CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF. As a consequence of your inability, you will go into judgment.</p>
	<p>THE HEART – If you accept your inability to keep the LAW and God’s JUDGMENT against it and THEN look to JESUS, you can be saved. Do you believe this in your heart (Rom. 19:9, 10)?</p>
	<p>THE HAND – How might you show your faith in Jesus?</p>

EMPHASIS

Because Israel lived in transgression of the MOSAIC CODE [I.e. Law | VASSAL TREATY] and did not allow the land to rest during the SABBATH YEAR, God would force them into captivity in order that the land would rest. This forced sabbath rest would last 70 YEARS for the 490 YEARS they violated the LAW.

[Note **the biblical context** for the scriptural support of this idea.]

God, however, would remain faithful to His unconditional promise of a SEED. He would fulfill the promise of a SEED, A LAND, AND A BLESSING in JESUS.

In the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE, THAT SEED would keep all of the stipulations and conditions of the VASSAL TREATY, thus enabling the Nation and Nations to receive all of its blessings.

LITERARY CONTEXT

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

“The **Jewish diaspora** (Hebrew: תְּפוצָּה, romanized: *təfūṣā*) or **exile** (Hebrew: גָּלוּת *gālūt*; Yiddish: *golus*) is the dispersion of Israelites or Jews out of their ancestral homeland (the Land of Israel) and their subsequent settlement in other parts of the globe. In terms of the Hebrew Bible, the term "Exile" denotes the fate of the Israelites who were taken into exile from the Kingdom of Israel during the 8th century BCE, and the Judahites from the Kingdom of Judah who were taken into exile during the 6th century BCE. While in exile, the Judahites became known as "Jews" (יְהוּדִים, or *Yehudim*), "Mordecai the Jew" from the Book of Esther being the first biblical mention of the term. The first exile was the Assyrian exile, the expulsion from the Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) begun by Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria in 733 BCE. This process was completed by Sargon II with the destruction of the kingdom in 722 BCE, concluding a three-year siege of Samaria begun by Shalmaneser V. The next experience of exile was the Babylonian captivity, in which portions of the population of the Kingdom of Judah were deported in 597 BCE and again in 586 BCE by the Neo-Babylonian Empire under the rule of Nebuchadnezzar II.”¹

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

We will place our **structural study** under the BIBLICAL CONTEXT. In our next Lesson, we will explore the structure of 2 Chronicles 36.

1. One of the stipulations of the agreement between YHWH and the Nation was for the land to rest every seventh year.

- Exod. 23:11 but on **the seventh year you shall let it rest** and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.
 - Lev. 25:4 but **during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.**
2. Allowing the land to rest was an expression of faith in YHWH to provide and it obeyed one of the conditions of the VASSAL TREATY.
 3. The Sabbath year was a year where debt was cancelled and Hebrew slaves set free.
 - Deut. 15:9 "Beware that there is no base thought in your heart, saying, '**The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,**' and your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he may cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you.
 - Deut. 15:12 "If your kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, is sold to you, then he shall serve you six years, but **in the seventh year you shall set him free.**
 4. Those who returned with Nehemiah committed to the seventh year and its implications concerning debt.
 - Neh. 10:31 As for the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day; and we will forego the crops the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.
 5. It is also of interest to note that part of the **DEPORTATION** was in the seventh year.
 - Jere. 52:28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away into exile: in the seventh year 3,023 Jews;
 - Ezek. 20:1 Now in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.
 6. Jeremiah the Prophet served in the days of King Josiah until the fifth year of the Exile (Jere. 1:1-3). He prophesied of this 70 year captivity.
 - Jeremiah 25:10 'Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 'This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 **'Then it will be when seventy years are completed** I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation. 13 'I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

- Jeremiah 29:9 'For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,' declares the LORD. 10 "For thus says the LORD, '**When seventy years have been completed for Babylon**, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
7. Second Chronicles speaks to the land resting.
- 2 Chron. 36: 20 Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, 21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, **until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths**. All the days of its desolation **it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete**.
8. Daniel the Prophet, served during the 70 year exile in Babylon.
- Daniel 9:1 ¶ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans-- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to **Jeremiah** the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy years**.

JESUS IN THE TEXT

Thankfully, where the nation failed, Jesus would succeed. As the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE, He would keep the VASSAL TREATY perfectly. Not almost or close, but P-E-R-F-E-C-T-L-Y! it is because of His obedience to that LAW, His people would no longer face CONDEMNATION (Rom. 8:1).

APPLICATION

1. What the Nation could not do, God can, and Jesus did.
2. He succeeded where the Nation would fail.
3. We all wish to obey and please God, but no matter what, we will fail. Only Jesus obeys and pleases God perfectly and fortunately for us, God the Father gives us the merit of His obedience thus receiving God's good pleasure.
4. Such truth given to us, works in us, and through us, to those around us. Thank God we desire to obey and please God all because of Jesus.
5. Are you looking to Him for your obedience or are you trying to do this on your own?

VISUALS

MEMORY VERSE

2 Chronicles 36:17

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RESOURCES

ENDNOTES

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_diaspora