



SESSION 4 - THE PROPHETS & WRITINGS

RECAP: Where we've been



- God frees Israel from Egypt (Neh. 9:9-12)
- God makes a covenant at Sinai (Neh. 9:13-15)
- Israelites grumble in the wilderness (Neh. 9:16-17)
- The Golden Calf (Neh. 9:18-19)
- God's faithfulness in the wilderness (Neh. 9:20-21)

JOSHUA, JUDGES, 1 & 2 SAMUEL

Notes: _____

1. A DECLINING NATION



THE MISSION OF THE PROPHETS

The _____ of the prophets was to _____ and _____
Israel back to _____.

Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets." But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God. They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them that they should not do like them.

2 Kings 17:13-15

2. ESCALATING PROPHECIES



THE HOPE OF THE PROPHETS

The _____ of the prophets was to _____
a future _____.

MICAH'S PROPHECY:

The LORD _____ would _____ the _____ His
_____.

and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Micah 4:2

JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY:



The LORD would establish a _____: He would
_____ the Law on their _____.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY:

The LORD would _____ their _____ and put His _____
within them.

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

3. DASHED HOPES

ZERUBBABEL'S LETDOWN:

Rebuilds the _____, but it falls short of its former _____.

But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy,

Ezra 3:10

EZRA'S LETDOWN:

Sent to _____ the law, but is _____ by the _____ of the people.

As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled..."O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. "

Ezra 9:3, 6

NEHEMIAH'S LETDOWN:

Builds _____ and brings _____, but it doesn't _____

Because of all this, we make a firm covenant in writing...

Neh 9:38

"Why is the house of God forsaken?... What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath?.... Why do you lodge outside the wall?"

Neh 13:11, 17, 21

DISAPPOINTING ENDING, BUT THE STORY ISN'T OVER

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Cor 3:3

ASSIGNMENTS FOR SESSION 5

READ

- Matthew 4 & 5

WATCH

- [The Messiah](#)
- [Overview: Chronicles](#)

ASK

- How do you see Jesus using the Law in Matthew 4? What is each of the 3 temptations about and how does Jesus' response answer each one?
- How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5 correspond to some of the themes and topics we saw in the Pentateuch? Write down a few observations and come ready to discuss them.