

# OT - Exile & Return to Jerusalem

## Confirmation - Lesson A16

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse:** "And I will give them one \_\_\_\_\_, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of \_\_\_\_\_ from their flesh and give them a heart of \_\_\_\_\_." **Ezekiel 11:19**

### Reading the Prophets

- Know \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet was located, to \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet was speaking, and \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet was speaking (Pre-exile, Exile, Post-exile)
- God continued to call Israel & Judah back to Him, but they refused. They worshipped other gods and were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
- \_\_\_\_\_ BC - Israel (North) was captured and taken into captivity by the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ BC - Judah (South) was captured and taken into captivity by the \_\_\_\_\_

The prophets revealed God's judgment prior to captivity, but also provided \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Isaiah 11:12** - He will raise a banner for the nations and \_\_\_\_\_ the exiles of Israel; He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

### Exile & Life in Babylon

- King \_\_\_\_\_ removed the best and brightest Israelites and integrated them into their own society.
- God encouraged the Jewish people to \_\_\_\_\_, work, marry, have kids (Jeremiah 29)
- The religious freedom the Jewish people experienced, depended upon which foreign \_\_\_\_\_ was in power.

God used the exiled Israelites to reveal Himself to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

### Persia conquering Babylon & prophecy about Persian return

- **Jeremiah 25:11-12** - 11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste.
- **Isaiah 44:28-45:5** - \_\_\_\_\_, the Persian emperor, is predicted to overthrow the Babylonians and send the people back to Jerusalem--- \_\_\_\_\_ years before Cyrus took power!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ details how the Israelites were supported and sent back to rebuild the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ details how another group of Israelites was sent back to rebuild the \_\_\_\_\_ and settle in Jerusalem.

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ period, Biblically, of \_\_\_\_\_ years between the last recorded OT prophet and the first and only NT prophet, \_\_\_\_\_.

- Persian culture gave way to Hellenistic (Greek) culture and then the Roman empire
- Herod the Great builds the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple

**Main Point:** God continues to weave His amazing story through \_\_\_\_\_ people!

**Reflection Time-** *Use this space to silently reflect on these 4 questions:*

1) How did God give hope during a really hard period of time for the people of God?

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2) What do you hope in during hard times? How can you trust in God?

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3) In what ways did God work through unlikely people during the Babylonian exile?

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4) What does it mean to stand up for your faith & how do you do this?

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5) What questions do you have about what we discussed today?

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