

EXILE AND RETURN Lesson 17

FIRST DAY

Read Lesson 16 Notes

SECOND DAY:

Read Zechariah 1:1

[Zec 1:1] In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

Question 3a

Nehemiah 12:1-7;

Priests and Levites

[12:1] These were the priests and Levites who returned with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and with Jeshua:

Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

[2] Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

[3] Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

[4] Iddo, Ginnethon, Abijah,

[5] Mijamin, Moadiah, Bilgah,

[6] Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

[7] Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah and Jedaiah.

These were the leaders of the priests and their associates in the days of Jeshua.

Nehemiah 12:12-16;

[12] In the days of Joiakim, these were the heads of the priestly families:

of Seraiah's family, Meraiah;

of Jeremiah's, Hananiah;

[13] of Ezra's, Meshullam;

of Amariah's, Jehohanan;

[14] of Malluch's, Jonathan;

of Shecaniah's, Joseph;

[15] of Harim's, Adna;

of Meremoth's, Helkai;

[16] of Iddo's, Zechariah;

of Ginnethon's, Meshullam;

Question 3b

Haggai 1:1;

A Call to Build the House of the LORD

[Hag 1:1] In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

Haggai 2:10, 20;

Blessings for a Defiled People

[10] On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai:

Zerubbabel the LORD's Signet Ring

[20] The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:

Question 4a

Ezra 4:23-5:5;

[23] As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read to Rehum and Shimshai the secretary and their associates, they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop.

[24] Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezra 5

Tattenai's Letter to Darius

[5:1] Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. [2] Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, helping them.

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[3] At that time Tattenai, governor of Trans-Euphrates, and Shethar-Bozenai and their associates went to them and asked, “Who authorized you to rebuild this temple and restore this structure?” [4] They also asked, “What are the names of the men constructing this building?” [5] But the eye of their God was watching over the elders of the Jews, and they were not stopped until a report could go to Darius and his written reply be received.

THIRD Day:

Read Zechariah 1:2-3

[2] “The LORD was very angry with your forefathers. [3] Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the LORD Almighty.

Question 5b

Psalm 103:8;

[8] The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Proverbs 24:12;

[12] If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

Nahum 1:2;

The LORD's Anger Against Nineveh

[2] The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies.

Question 5c

John 3:36;

[36] Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.”

Romans 5:10;

[10] For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

1 Timothy 1:15;

[15] Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Question 6b

James 4:7-10;

[7] Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

FOURTH DAY:

Read Zechariah 1:4-5

[4] Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. [5] Where are your forefathers now? And the prophets, do they live forever? [6] But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers?

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FIFTH DAY

Read Zechariah 1:6

[6] But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers?

“Then they repented and said, ‘The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”

Question 10b

Psalms 32:1-5;

Of David. A maskil.

[32:1] Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

[2] Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

[3] When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

[4] For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Selah

[5] Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Selah

Romans 2:4;

[4] Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

1 John 1:8-9;

[8] If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

SIXTH DAY:

Review Zechariah 1:1-6

Zechariah 1

A Call to Return to the LORD

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