

## EXILE AND RETURN Lesson 2

### FIRST DAY

#### Read Lesson 1 Notes

### SECOND DAY:

#### Read Ezekiel 36:16-23

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#### Question 4a

**2 Corinthians 5:20;** [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

### THIRD Day:

#### Read Ezekiel 36:24-38

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[33] “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. [34] The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. [35] They will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.’ [36] Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’

[37] “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, [38] as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

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### Question 6

**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?

**2 Corinthians 7:10;** [10] Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

### FOURTH DAY:

#### Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

##### The Valley of Dry Bones

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[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. [8] I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

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### FIFTH DAY

#### Read Ezekiel 37:15-28

##### One Nation Under One King

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### Question 12

**2 Samuel 7:12-16;** [12] When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [14] I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. [15] But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

**Jeremiah 50:5;** [5] They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

### **Matthew 1:1;** The Genealogy of Jesus

[Mt 1:1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

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