

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** we continue with the ministry of Ezekiel as we encounter his restoration prophecies. Twenty years have passed since the first captives were deported from Judah and the dreaded exile has started. Now the city of Jerusalem has fallen, and the exile of the nation continues with greater magnitude. It will be another 50 years before the exile will end.

It is evidently some 6 months before one of the survivors of the Jerusalem slaughter finally makes his way to the prophet Ezekiel in Babylonia. Ezekiel gets a few hours' advance warning of Jerusalem's fall when, on that evening before the messenger's arrival, Ezekiel is suddenly unable to speak. Undoubtedly, he recalls the day the siege against Jerusalem began – the day of his wife's death – when God told him that his mouth would be opened when the messenger from Jerusalem arrived with news of the fall. Just as promised, Ezekiel's temporary muteness disappears the following morning before the messenger arrives.

With this dramatic confirmation of his earlier predictions regarding Jerusalem, Ezekiel sets about once again to take God's Word to the people. He reminds them that the desolation has not yet ended, but assures them that it will end soon, and that the promised RESTORATION will begin. The time for healing will come quickly, and so Ezekiel changes his focus to COMFORT a scattered and defeated people. The climax of Ezekiel's restoration prophecies takes his hearers not only to the new Kingdom of the GOOD SHEPHERD (Jesus) but apparently to the time when the forces of evil will be destroyed forever (Judgment Day).

Is **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** making a difference? One mom wrote this to me recently: "My children are enjoying our family Bible study. We do it together every day. Your **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** is one the whole family enjoys." Perhaps the Old Testament overwhelmed you and you are not currently involved in **BSME**. Coming up is an excellent opportunity to jump back into **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** as we leave the Old Testament and kick off with the New Testament on October 1st. With the transition to the New Testament, **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** will undergo an improvement to make it even more meaningful and EASY to follow. Grab your copies of the New Testament lessons available beginning September 20 and let's study together! You can also receive the lessons every Monday by email. Speaking of improvements, 2-MINUTES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT is undergoing an improvement this month. After a one-month hiatus, the daily dose of encouragement will resume on October 1st.

Are you excited about the possibilities of growth here at 70 West church of Christ via HOUSE TO HOUSE SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM program? Count me in too! Start getting those names of family & friends who you want to see converted to Jesus and let's grow together!

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!

~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Tom Shelton
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

R#4 - "To God Be the Glory"
R#508 - "A Wonderful Savior"

Prayer.....Michael Cox

R#701 - "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Thomas Livingston
(West: James Bonde; Corben Nickolson; Michael Nichols; Will Livingston)
(East: Nathan Bonde; Xander Collier; Aaron Donnell; Austin Purvis)

SC- "Light the Fire"

Scripture Reading.....Trace Powell
Sermon.....Josh Romo

"Using Our Talents"
Matthew 25:15

R#917 - "I Bring My Sins to Thee"
R#666 - "I Am Thine, O Lord"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Tom Shelton
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

B#234 - "Higher Ground"
B#359 - "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Prayer.....Will Livingston

B#268 - "I Gave My Life for Thee"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Thomas Livingston
(West: Jason Powell; Bryce Ellis)
(East: Thomas Morvant; Casen Morvant)

B#333 - "In the Land of Fadeless Day"

Scripture Reading.....Trace Powell
Sermon.....Josh Romo

"Let's Get Started"
I Corinthians 12:18-20

B#347 - "Jesus Is Calling"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
Michael Cox
Room#118
Old Testament History
-Andy McCormick
Room#112/Library
First Principles
-Danny Griffith
MPB-1st floor
Young Professionals
-Tim Togami

Children's 9AM Bible Classes:

MPB-2nd floor:
9th - 12th
Josh Romo

Room#113: 5th -8th
Will Livingston

Room#114: 1st -4th
Stephanie Johnson

Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean

Room#107: 3yrs
April Bonde/Keri Powell

Room#104: 1-2 yrs
Kerry McCormick
Hannah Landrum

Room#106: 3-18 mo.
Cradle Roll
Angela Livingston

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Our Record: 8/30/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....141
10:15 AM Worship.....203
PM Worship.....101
Wednesday Bible Class.....93
Contribution.....\$7,221.25

SEPTEMBER ELDERS / DEACONS

DANNY GRIFFITH
TOM SHELTON

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:

Pennie Garner & Kim Nickolson

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Welcomes You!

Say to them:
'As I live,'
says the Lord God,
'I have no pleasure in the
death of the wicked,
but that the wicked turn
from his way and live.
Turn,
turn from your evil ways!
For why should you die,
O house of Israel?'

Ezekiel 33:11

**WHERE DID SOLOMON GO WRONG?**

The son of King David, Solomon, is a prominent figure in the Bible. He is often talked about, referring to his wisdom, fame, wealth, and many wives. When he is brought up, many only focus on the fact that he was led away from God because of his many strange wives, and while that is the case, Solomon did not start this way. Solomon, believe it or not, had one of the greatest starts to reigning over the children of Israel than many of the other kings, mirroring his great father, David, but there was a specific turning point in his reign where his focus/priority seemingly changed.

Solomon is given great advice by his father, David, even before he is made king of Israel. In 1 Kings 2:1-9, David is giving his farewell speech to his son. He is telling him to focus on God and walk in all of His ways (1 Kings 2:3), describing that a good king makes their primary focus God, and if they do this, they and the kingdom they are ruling will be greatly blessed in return. God favors and blesses those who remain faithful to Him (Deut 7:9, 1 Sam 2:9, Psa 31:23), so it is only right that David would be exhorting his son to remain faithful to the almighty God. David is also warning Solomon of possible troubles so that he does not make the same mistakes as he once did. David passes away, and his son takes over as king, ruling the nation of Israel (1 Kings 2:12).

Solomon starts his reign by getting rid of potential future problems such as Adonijah, Joab, Abiathar, and Shimei (Shimei caused his death by disobeying the king's orders). Solomon would then go on to do great works for the Lord and His people. He built God's temple and made it glorious (1 Kings 7:48-51). God's people prospered under his rule (1 Kings 10:23-29). He was seemingly a great king, but not everything was good under the surface.

Although Solomon started in a good manner, his biggest mistake, which seemingly led him to turn away from the almighty God, began in 1 Kings 3:1. Solomon allied with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and in doing so, married his daughter. This is a problem because God specifically told the children of Israel not to make coalitions with other nations (Exo 23:32-33) and not to intermarry with them (Deut 7:3-4). Although in the specific context of Exo 23:32-33 and Deut 7:3-4, Egypt is not mentioned, the principle is still there; that Israel was not to form alliances or marry into nations that would turn their hearts away from God (Exo 34:15-16). This is exactly what happened later on in the life of Solomon (1 Kings 11:1-2). If only Solomon had followed what Deut 17:17-20 stated, he would have continued to be a great king who was fully devoted to God. While the marriage to Pharaoh's daughter did not immediately lead him into idolatry, his pattern of foreign marriages violated God's command and led him to compromise later on in life (1 Kings 11:4-6).

Everyone can learn lessons from the life of Solomon, and the biggest one that man can draw from his life is that man can do great things in their lives, but they must remain focused on God. Solomon started great, but the moment his mind was clouded by the things of this world instead of God, he began to go astray. The moment man turns to the secular things of this life for their answers, pleasures, trust, hope, etc., they create distance between them and the Father of Heaven. Man should take heed to the life of Solomon and choose God over anything that this life has to offer (1 John 2:15-17, Matt 6:24, Jas 4:4) and when God gives warnings of what not to do, they should adhere to those warnings (Heb 2:1). Solomon was a great man but the point where he went wrong is self-evident for all to see and from which to learn.

~Willie Bagwell

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UPCOMING EVENTS (Please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)**TODAY!!! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- ♦ ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO BE DOOR GREETERS – PLEASE MEET MICHAEL COX ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE AUDITORIUM 5 MINUTES AFTER AM WORSHIP SERVICE ~THANK YOU!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- ♦ SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY! • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118
- ♦ JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO • 5:30PM • MPB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- ♦ SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY! • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON • 11:30AM • TBD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118
- ♦ JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO • 5:30PM • MPB

Prayer Requests**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

⇒ Perry Richardson & Family, his mother, Betty Richardson passed away on Wednesday, September 2. Services: @Smith Family Funeral Home Visitation: 10AM Funeral Service: 11AM Interment: Friendship Cemetery in Amity

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen • Tyler Baker • Bill Cooley
Nancy Dunn • Bob Garner • Calvin Gordon
Jean Kazimier • Walton/Elaine Kyle
Scott/Carla March • Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall
Glenda Pannell • Karen Pate • Leslie Pate
Stuart Reeves • Freddie Sharpe
Patty Sudmeyer • Neva Tharp • Festus Ugbade
Ann White

- ♦ Brooks, Steve –Prayers for Steve & his family
- ♦ Burns, Wendell & Charlie –Continued prayers for Wendell & his daughter, Jennifer Baker
- ♦ Cormier, Pris –Hypertension
- ♦ Hannah, Maxine –Health
- ♦ Pannell, Glenda –Health
- ♦ Pate, Randy –Home now, being referred to a liver transplant team. No visitors at this time please
- ♦ Wedsted, Ken –PET scan looked good, but may follow up w/a pulmonologist to see if a biopsy is needed

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer • Mike/Shirley Baka
Henry Cook • Pauline Crenshaw
LaVonne Depew • Ola Freibolt
Lorene Mount • Charles/Virginia Parker
David Pendleberry • Wes Poole
Barbara Reding • Judy Walters
Linda Woeppel

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Charlee Gordon • Gloria Miller • Avery Pozarek • John/Marsha Pruett
Don Rutherford • Wanda Smith
Bob Troutman • Harrel Walters • Kay Ward
♦ Wahsburn, Sr., John [grandfather of Tessa Boettcher (-A.Romo's friend)]
He is in ICU

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker • JL Bice • Jim Blagg • Allen Constant • Jerry Harris
Jack Haywood • Terry Horne • Kirsten James • Jeff Janus • Sandy Land Brenda
Lavender • Deborah Long • Daryl Macon • Delorious Tolleson
Bettie Lou White • Frankie White

- ♦ Baker, Jennifer –(W.Burns' daughter) Final stages of cancer

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- ❖ Pacific Islands -Randy English
- ❖ Philippines -Alex Coloma