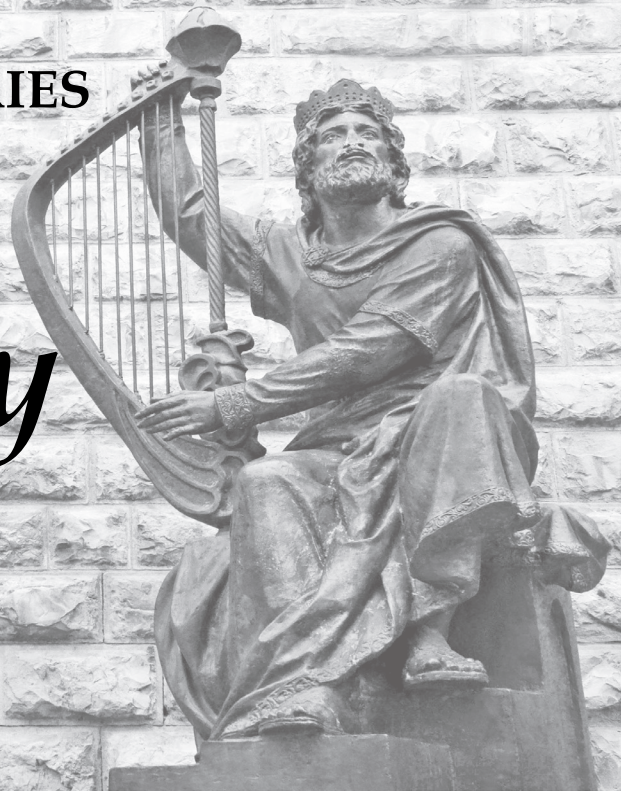


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Lecture Theme:

God's promises bring privileges, but they also bring obligations. God's people learn that rebelling against him and breaking this covenant results in the mercy of chastening to train them in his ways and to turn them back to himself.

Memory Text:

“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

—1 Peter 2, verses 11 and 12.

Structure:

1. Introduction.
2. The history of the Exile.
 - a. God's warning.
 - b. Exile.
 - c. The cause for the exile.
3. Theological themes from this period of the Old Testament history.
 - a. God keeps his promises.
 - b. God's sovereign disposal of nations.
 - c. God's sovereign disposal of all the details of the world.
 - d. God's intentions in the future.
 - e. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The connection between the prophetic period of exile and the New Testament.
 - a. The Old Testament reformation under Hezekiah and Josiah provide enduring patterns for the church in all ages.
 - b. We must not forsake our own mercies.
 - c. God-fearing Jews in exile.
5. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. How should we read history and understand the events of the past and present?

2. When and how did God forewarn his people about the threat of exile?

3. What was the cause of their removal from the promised land?

4. How does this history show that God keeps his promises, both the blessing and the curse of the covenant?

5. How do we know that “God uses even the enemies of God’s people to accomplish his good intentions toward his people”?

6. How does the ordinance of church discipline in the New Testament parallel with their removal from the land?

7. What are the enduring patterns for the church in all ages found in the Old Testament reformation under Hezekiah and Josiah?

8. According to John Calvin, by what two things chiefly is it that “the Christian religion has a standing existence among us and maintain its truth”?

9. What is the purpose of God’s discipline toward his people? What are the practical instructions for us?

10. How does the example of the believing, God-fearing Jews in exile relate to the experience of the contemporary Christian?

Further Applications

1. Try to draw a parallel timeline for this portion of Bible history and world history.

2. According to the theological themes taught in this lecture, meditate upon the Book of Daniel.
