

The Captured and Restored Kingdom

Ezra - Esther & Joel - Malachi

Israel fell to the Assyrians in 722 B.C.

Judah fell in three waves of conquest by Babylon.

605 B.C. King Josiah 597 B.C. King Jehoiakim
586 B.C. final destruction King Zedekiah

Jews returned in three waves.

536 B.C. *Ezra 1-6* *Esther 484-473* 458 B.C. *Ezra 7-10*
444 B.C. *Nehemiah Hag. & Zech.* 410 B.C. *Malachi*

Applications:

Being *captured* by sin **OR**
being *restored* is often *IN* steps or waves.

Valley of Dry Bones

Daniel fasts & won't be defiled

Daniel & the 3 pray / dream

Men in the Furnace

Daniel Reads the Wall

Daniel in Lions Den

Temple Completed

Jews are called to fast for 3 days

Jews saved / Purim

Wall done in 52 days

Ezekiel 37

Daniel 1

Daniel 2

Daniel 3

Daniel 5

Daniel 6

Ezra 6

Esther 4

Esther 9

Nehemiah 6

Differences between Visionary Prophets:

Daniel was a "statesman"
from the royal line
of Judah

He mixed prophetic
visions with historic
content. **D 2**

Focuses on Gentile kings
& kingdoms until the
Messiah sets up
His kingdom.
D 2:44

Emphasis on Gentile
Kings & the Antichrist /
only slightly
mentioning the Messiah.
D 9:26

Zechariah was a priest
from the lineage of Levi
& Aaron

He mixed his prophetic
visions with advisory
exhortations. **Z 2**

Focuses on future Israel;
rebuilding the Temple;
cleansing the nation &
restoring holiness &
righteousness. **Z 1, 3, 12**

Emphasis on the coming
Messiah / only slightly
mentioning the
Antichrist. **Z 11:16**

How do you survive being in a place you didn't choose?

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:4-7