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The Book of Daniel  
Chapter 9-The End of Exile

# Sin – Exile - Restoration

- Recurring and overarching theme
- Adam and Eve
  - Sin - Rejected God
  - Exile - banished from the garden
    - famine, danger, God's presence
  - Promise of restoration thru Jesus

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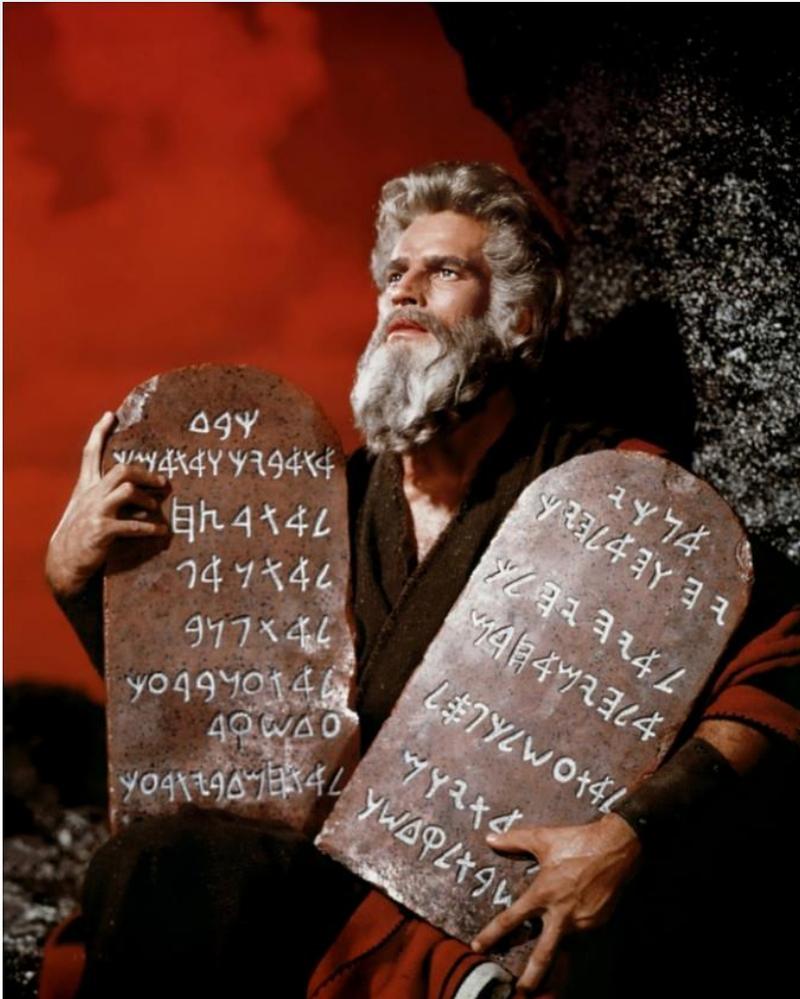
# Daniel 9

## Sin –Exile - Restoration

- Daniel living in exile, result of sin
- Prays to God to restore the blessing
- God's answer points to future and new covenant

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# God's Covenant with Israel



- Israel's Role
  - 10 commandments
- Blessings for obedience
  - Prosperity, land and people fruitful
  - Peace, protection from enemies
  - Place of honor among nations
- Curse/consequence of disobedience
  - Famine
  - Defeated by enemies
  - King deposed, people scattered
  - Shame

- Moses – from Egypt to Canaan
- Conquest and settlement
- 1050 - 1010 BC King Saul
- 1010 - 970 BC King David
  - “Golden Age”
  - Prosperity
  - Peace
  - Honor



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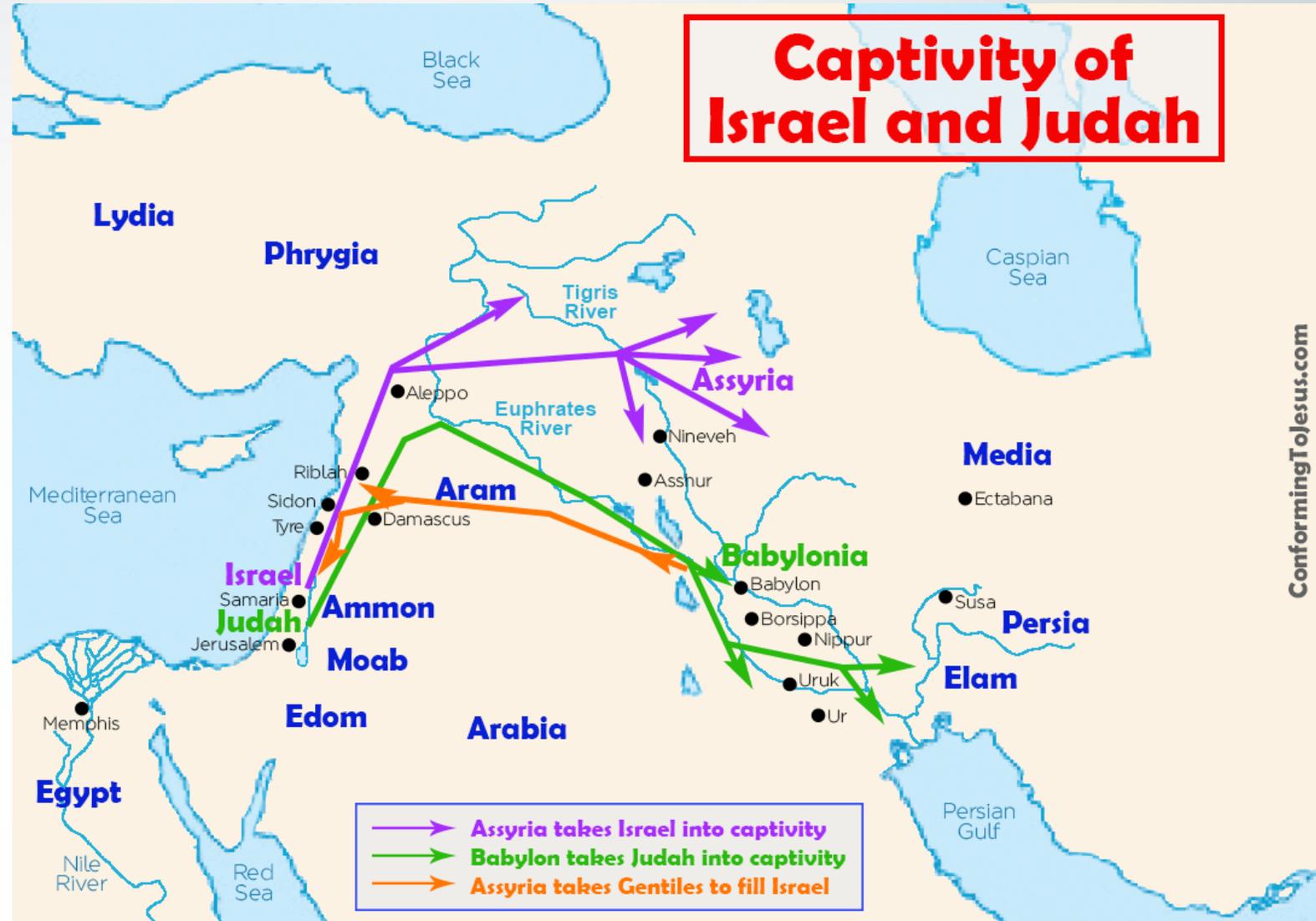
# Sin – Exile - Restoration

- 970 - 930 BC Solomon
- 930 BC Rehoboam
  - Kingdom divided - North (Israel) and South (Judah)
- Kings and people “did evil in the eyes of the Lord”
  - Rampant social injustice (widows, orphans, immigrants)
  - Worshipping other gods and practices (even child sacrifice)
- God sent prophets to warn them, but they don't listen

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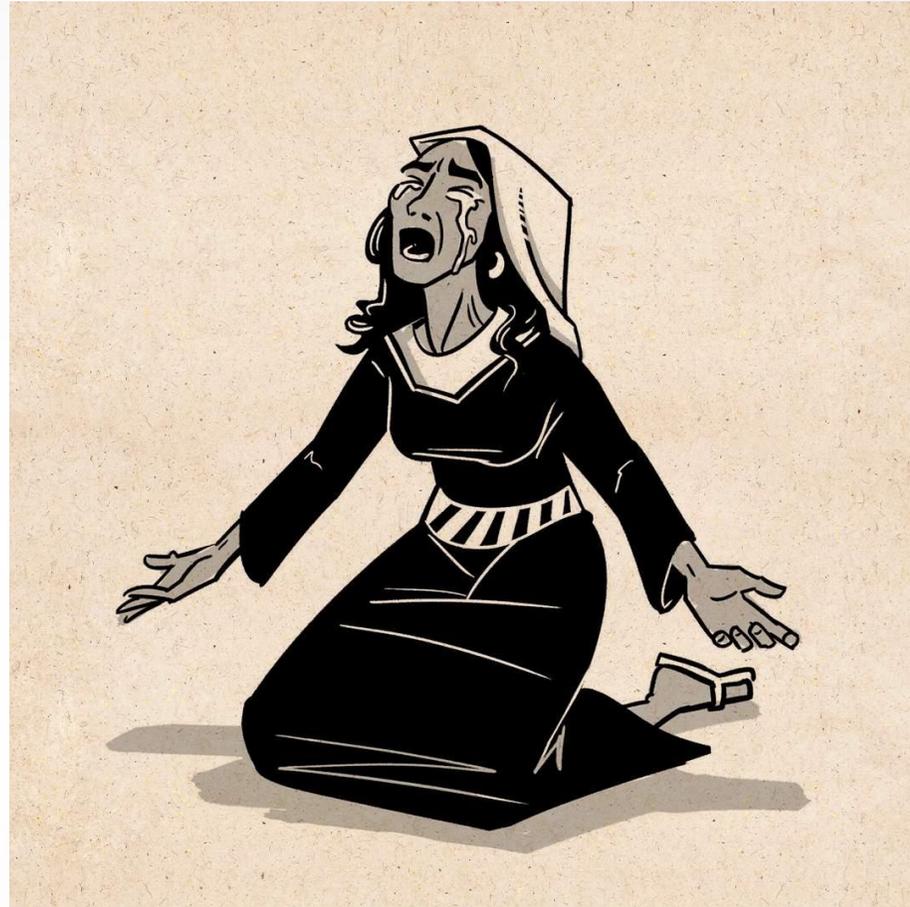
- Northern kingdom invaded by Assyria 722 BC
- Southern Kingdom invaded by Babylon
  - 605 Daniel deported
  - 597 King Jehoiachin deposed, sent into exile
  - 586 BC Jerusalem invaded, temple destroyed



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# Sin – Exile - Restoration

- Captives in exile, not slaves
- Homesick
  - Land
  - King
  - Temple



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# Exile will end

<sup>10</sup> This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill **my good promise to bring you back to this place.** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future.** <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will **seek me and find me** when you **seek me with all your heart.** <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will **bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.**”

Jeremiah 29:10-14

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# Daniel 9 – 539-538 BC

**9** In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, **I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.** <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in **prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “Lord, the **great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love** with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

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<sup>7</sup> “Lord, **you are righteous**, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem **and all Israel**, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> **The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving**, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, **refusing to obey you**.

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“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. <sup>12</sup> You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, **yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins** and giving attention to your truth. <sup>14</sup> The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the **LORD our God is righteous in everything he does**; yet we have not obeyed him.

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<sup>15</sup> “Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. <sup>16</sup> Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, **turn away your anger and your wrath** from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. **For your sake**, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. **We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.** <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, **do not delay**, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

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<sup>20</sup> While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill— <sup>21</sup> while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup> He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup> As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

<sup>24</sup> “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to **finish transgression**, to put an **end to sin**, to **atone for wickedness**, to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, to **seal up vision and prophecy** and to **anoint the Most Holy Place**.

‘seven’ = ‘week’ = 7 days or 7 years

70 weeks could be 70 sets of 7 years or 490 years

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<sup>25</sup> “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and **rebuild Jerusalem** until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. <sup>26</sup> After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. <sup>27</sup> He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

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# The answer to Daniel's Prayer

- Multiple interpretations
- What do the numbers mean??
- God's purposes will take longer than just 70 years
- There will be a time of complete forgiveness and acceptance

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# Sin – Exile – (return) - Restoration

- 538 BC Cyrus the Great allows people to return to Jerusalem
- 515 BC temple rebuild completed
  - God's presence never returns
  - Prophets tell the people this is not the promised return
  - Look to the future to the New Covenant

# Sin – Exile – Restoration

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law **in their minds** and write it **on their hearts**. **I will be their God, and they will be my people**. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because **they will all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “**For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.**”

Jer 31:31-34

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# New Covenant – complete Restoration

Through his blood, Jesus  
forgives our SIN,  
is “the way” out of *our* EXILE,  
and the path to complete RESTORATION with God.

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# Invitation

Ask yourself, where (or in whom) are you putting your hope?

## Pray like Daniel

- Humble yourself and ask for forgiveness and mercy.
- Acknowledge God's righteousness and faithfulness.
- Trust in God's ability and desire to answer prayer.
- Know and hold onto God's promises from scripture and prophetic words.

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