

Chronological Bible Study

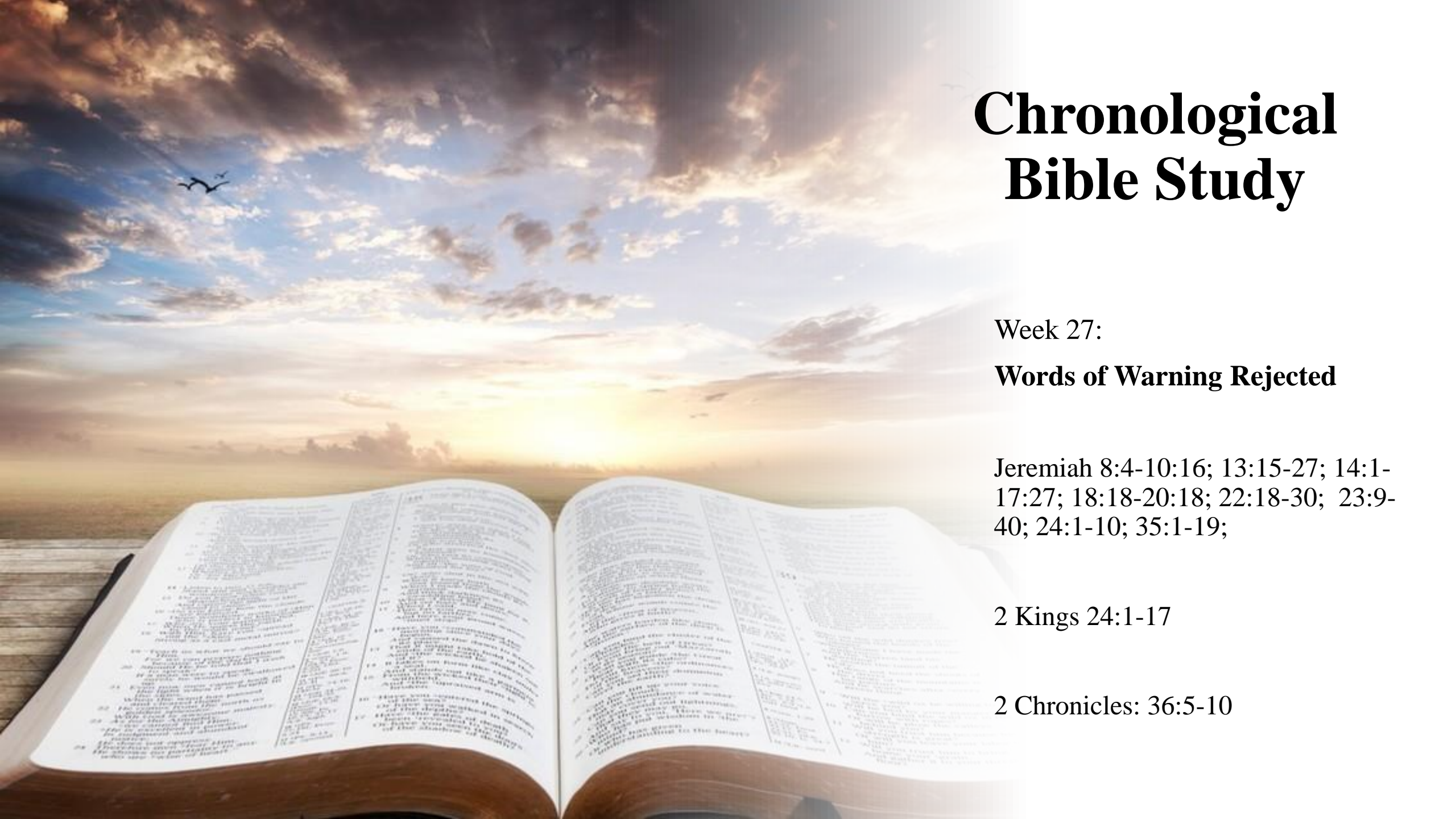
Week 27:

Words of Warning Rejected

Jeremiah 8:4-10:16; 13:15-27; 14:1-17:27; 18:18-20:18; 22:18-30; 23:9-40; 24:1-10; 35:1-19;

2 Kings 24:1-17

2 Chronicles: 36:5-10



Opening Reflection

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Introductions

As a child what was your favorite Sunday activity? What does an ideal Sunday look like for you today?

Questions?

Comments?

Summary of This Week's Readings

- The Drought
- Jehoiakim's Rebellion Against Babyklon
- The Rekabites
- False Prophets
- Jehoiachin
- Zedekiah

Jeremiah

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PROPHET JEREMIAH
— FAITH —



Drought in Judah

- Drought was common in Judah
- Jeremiah prays for Judah
- God tells Jeremiah pray for those who reject God's counsel
- False prophets preach a happier message than Jeremiah and Judah follows those prophets
- God says these other prophets lie but the people believe them.
- Obedience to God is important

The Bad News and the Good News



- Jeremiah forbidden to marry.
- Jeremiah was not to socialize with his Jewish brethren.
- He can't be close to the wicked because they will perish.
- God promises restoration

Sabbath

- Sabbath unique to Israel.
- It is part of God's covenant with the people
- It is part of God's design for humanity.
- The coming exile is due, in part, to failure to observe Sabbath.



Sabbath

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Sin and Punishment

- Repentance will bring forgiveness and mercy.
- Religious leaders are misleading the people and the people are willfully refusing to submit to God.
- They believe the law will protect them
- The people will be left in despair by the false teachings.
- Both Jeremiah and God mourn the coming exile.





The Rekabites

- A nomadic people with strict rules
- Descendants related to the Midianites
- The people of Judah were to learn a lesson in obedience from the Rekabites
- They serve as an example of steadfastness and obedience to God.

Prophecy in Judah

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Dr. Henry Abramson
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Lying Prophets

- Jeremiah speaking to the people during a time of moral compromise and political and religious upheaval.
- Jeremiah depicted the nation's sin as adultery against God.
- The false prophets were giving Israel a false sense of security.
- They would suffer the same fate as the people they misled.





Discussion

How can we discern false messages that we want to hear from Biblical truths?



The Plot Against Jeremiah

- After preaching the destruction of Jerusalem the people turn against him.
- Jeremiah appeals to God
- God has Jeremiah preach a message of destruction for Jerusalem.
- A clay flask is broken to symbolize the coming destruction of Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah arrested and put in stocks
- Jeremiah then has an honest conversation with God that expresses his frustrations to God.



Discussion

Faithfulness to God does not necessarily lead one to happiness.
Where do we see this today?

Why is King Jehoiachin Important?

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**Why Is King Jehoiachin
Important?**

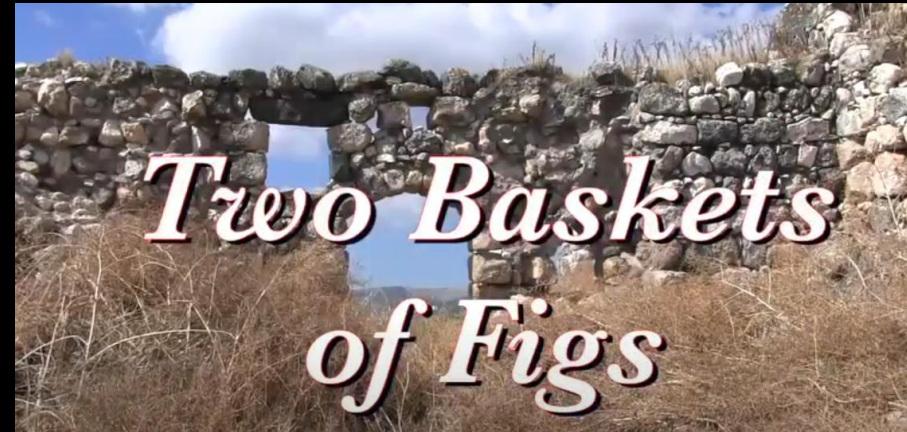
Baskets of Figs

- Babylon had exiled some people after the conquest and others stayed in Jerusalem.
- The fig baskets represent the two statuses: the good figs represented the exiles; the bad figs represented those who stayed.
- Judgement will come upon Judah as a whole – the entire nation will feel the pain
- Return from exile will foreshadow the New Covenant.



Two Baskets of Figs

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Discussion

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann claims that the crisis of Judah's downfall is "the dominant and shaping event of the entire Old Testament". What might be the dominant and shaping events for our society today? What is the church's prophetic role in speaking truth about these events?



Next Week

Readings For 4/16-22: Keeping His Word

- Daniel 1:1-4:37
- 2 Kings 24:18-25:3
- 2 Chronicles 36:11p12
- Jeremiah 25:15-38; 27:1-28:17; 29:1-32; 48:1-49:39; 50:1-52:6;
- Ezekiel 1:1-3:21

Closing Song: God Help Me

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Words of Warning Rejected

APR 8-15, 2024

JER 8-10, 13-20; 22-24, 35; 2 KI 24-25; 2 CH 36

Week 27

Jeremiah continues to warn God’s people that those who do not turn away from evil will face severe consequences. Despite over 40 years of emotional appeals, Jeremiah’s words continue to go unheeded. Along with words of discouragement about judgment, there is also encouragement in Jeremiah’s message. God is our potter; he is in control of our circumstances. Faithfulness to God’s way will always overcome the failures of sin in our lives. In captivity, Daniel shows uncompromising faith in God’s sovereignty and power.

Weekly Reading Plan: (Pg. 730-751)

Day 1: JER 14:1-17:27
Day 2: JER 8:4-10:16
Day 3: 2 KI 24:1-4; JER 35:1-19
Day 4: JER 23:9-40; 18:18-20:18
Day 5: 2 KI 24:5-9; JER 22:18-30;
JER 13:15-27
Day 6: 2 KI 24:10-17; 2 CH 36:5-10
Day 7: JER 24:1-10

Outline

The Drought [Day 1-2]
Jehoiakim’s Rebellion Against Babylon [Day 3]
The Rekabites [Day 3]
False Prophets [Day 4]
Do Not Hope in King Jehoiachin [Day 5]
Jehoiachin Taken Captive [Day 6]
Priestly Account: Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin [Day 6]
Prophetic Account: Zedekiah and Jeremiah [Day 7]

Key Characters

Jeremiah	Jehoiakim
Nebechadnezzar	Rekabites
Pashhur	Jehoiachin
Zedekiah	Daniel
Ashpenaz	

Key Locations

Judah
Jerusalem
Babylon

Key Terms

Punishment
Judgment
Prophecy
Obedience
Captivity
Word of the Lord
Faithless/Faithful

Key Verses

Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.”
[JER 9:23-24]

Like these good figs, I regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians. My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them. ..They will be my people and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart. [JER 24:5-7]

EPOCH 5
(930 - 586 BC)

Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

Jer14: There is no water in the cisterns. O LORD, do not forsake us! I will destroy them by sword and by famine. Can any idols bring rain?

Jer15: Send these people away from my presence! Who will mourn for Jerusalem? O LORD, I suffer insult for you. I am with you, says the LORD.

Jer16: The LORD said to me: Do not marry or have children. Why has the LORD pronounced evil against us? You have followed your evil hearts.

Jer17: Cursed are those who trust in man. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD. If you keep the Sabbath, Jerusalem will remain forever.

Jer8: Why do these people refuse to return? They have no shame. The LORD has doomed us because we have sinned. Is there no balm in Gilead?

Jer9: No one speaks the truth. I will scatter these people, says the LORD. The sound of wailing is heard from Zion. I act with justice.

Jer10: Do not learn the ways of the nations. The LORD is the true God. Listen, a great commotion from the north! They have devoured Jacob.

2Ki24: The LORD sent raiders against Judah. Jehoiachin ruled and Nebuchadnezzar took all Jerusalem captive. Zedekiah ruled and did evil.

Jer35: The Rechabites refused to drink wine. The LORD said to Judah: The command of Jonadab has been obeyed, yet you have not obeyed me.

Jer23: I will raise up a righteous Branch, says the LORD. The prophets fill you with false hopes. I did not speak, yet they have prophesied.

Jer18: The LORD said: Go to the potter. You are clay in my hand, O Israel. My people have forgotten me. O LORD, they have dug a pit for me.

Jer19: The LORD said: Buy a clay jar. These people have burned sacrifices to foreign gods. Then break the jar. So I will smash this nation.

Jer20: Pashhur put Jeremiah in the stocks. Everyone mocks me. But the word of the LORD is a fire in my bones. Cursed be the day I was born!

Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

Jer22: Proclaim at the palace: I will make you a desert. Shallum will not return. They will not lament for Jehoiakim. Coniah is cast away.

Jer13: The LORD told me to hide a sash in the rocks. So I will ruin the pride of Judah, says the LORD. All Judah will be carried into exile.

2Chr36: Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah ruled. Then Nebuchadnezzar burned the temple and took Judah captive for seventy years.

Teachings About God

- God provides hope and restoration.
- God will judge false prophets.
- God is omnipresent and all-powerful.

Teachings About Humanity

- People's trust and confidence must be in God.
- Humans, including great leaders, are capable of both evil and greatness.
- It is important for individuals to come to terms with their personal significance.

Teachings About Salvation

- The consequences of rebelling against God cannot be postponed indefinitely.
- Redemption will happen only after judgment.

Reflections of Christ/Holy Spirit

- Jeremiah refers to God's word being like a burning fire in his heart (JER 20:9), as the Holy Spirit is within the hearts of God's people.
- Jesus often quoted Jeremiah.

Literary Genres/Techniques

- Jeremiah contains historical narrative prose and poetry.
- 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles are selective historical accounts written in Hebrew.

Author/Date of Writing/Audience

- Jeremiah prophesized to Judah for 40 years c 626-c586. The book was likely compiled c585 BC.
- Jeremiah was written for the people of Judah during Jeremiah's lifetime.
- 2 Kings was also likely written by Jeremiah c 560 BC.
- 2 Chronicles was likely written by Ezra c450 BC to the Jews in Jerusalem after they returned from exile.

What did I learn about God?

- Does God have a greater creative plan underlying the Babylonian invasion and the destruction of Jerusalem? What is it?
- Why does God keep sticking with the Judean people even when they won't listen?
- What does the symbolism of the potter and clay (JER 18) say about the relationship between God's sovereignty and our freedom to make moral choices (free will)? How is God at work with us "for His pleasure"?
- In DA 1, what does the author specifically credit God with? What does this show about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

- The people in Jeremiah's time believed that God would protect them no matter what their actions were. Some say that many Americans believe similarly that "God is on our side." How would you respond?
- Read JER 8:22. What situations in the world today strike you as too advanced, too far gone, to be healed? What places is the greater Church perhaps absent or turning away from the wounds of the world?
- If Jeremiah is any indication, faithfulness to God does not necessarily lead one to happiness. How do you respond? How do you see people respond to being ridiculed for witnessing to their faith?
- Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann claims that the crisis of Judah's downfall is "the dominant and shaping event of the entire Old Testament". What might be the dominant and shaping events for our society today? What is the church's prophetic role in speaking truth about these events?

What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- Would you want to be charged with the responsibility to speak God's word to priests, kings, and nations (or the modern equivalent)? Why? What challenges are there? What good is there?
- The temple represented the religious faith of Israel. Is there a symbol or particular location that represents the Christian faith for you?
- Read JER 15:16-18 (pg. 729). Have you ever had similar feelings about God in the face of personal crisis? When have you experienced times of despair when you were unable to sense God's healing presence? What things seemed to block you? How do you respond to God's words of reassurance in the face of Jeremiah's despair in JER 19-21 (pg. 730)?
- Daniel and his friends excelled in what they were taught. What does this teach you about being "in the world but not of it"? How are you preparing not only to survive living in an ungodly culture, but thrive as an influence? What about Daniel's approach to the problem can you learn from and apply?

Insights about the time and/or customs?