

God has a plan: for you, for me, for everyone by Gerald Jones
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The 2nd Temple (1 class)

The new direction for God's covenant and the salvation of the world:

Jeremiah 7:1-15

The 1st temple period was from 1200 to 586 BCE-

- Destruction- Destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
 - Falling down- They substituted ritual for righteousness.
 - Disobedience- Jeremiah 26
 - Assyria- The Northern Kingdom
 - The Prophets
 - Elijah
 - Elisha
 - Amos
 - Hosea
 - Jonah
 - Babylon- The Southern Kingdom
 - The Prophets
 - Obadiah
 - Joel
 - Isaiah
 - Micah
 - Jeremiah
 - Zephaniah
 - Huldah
 - Nahum
 - Habakkuk
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Haggai
 - Zechariah
 - Malachi

Ezekiel 40:1-4 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on that very day, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me there. 2 He brought me, in visions of God, to the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, on which was a structure like a city to the south. 3 When he brought me there, a man was there, whose appearance shone like bronze, with a linen cord and a measuring reed in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway. 4 The man said to me, "Mortal, look closely and listen attentively, and set your mind upon all that I shall show you, for you were brought here in order that I might show it to you; declare all that you see to the house of Israel."

- Exile- This gives the Tribe of Judah an opportunity to connect again with God and learn to trust in him.
 - Persia
 - In Exile- how long are they in exile?
 - 598 BCE- 538 BCE
 - 70 years??? Dan 9:1-2 In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus, by birth a Mede, who became king over the realm of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according

to the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah, must be fulfilled for the devastation of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

- Return- Jeremiah 30:1-3 @ 538 BCE The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. 3 For the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors and they shall take possession of it.
 - After the defeat of the Babylonians by the Persians
 - Ezra, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel
 - Safety and security- Nehemiah arrives second.
 - The rebuilding of the wall
 - Why are the Samaritans and the Jews enemies?
 - Consecration- Ezra 3
 - Before the Second Temple is finished @ 520 BCE
 - Completed the temple @ 515 BCE.
 - While they are doing the work- Ritual and Righteousness
 - What's missing-How significant is it that God does fill the temple with His Glory?
 - Herod repaired it in 20-18 BCE.
- The Promise- The coming of the Messiah- verses filling the temple with God's presence.
 - The Resurrection of the Dead
 - Dan 12:1-4 "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and the book sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be running back and forth, and evil shall increase."
 - Matthew 27:50-53 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.
 - Who will know?
 - Daniel 12:8-9 I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" 9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end.
 - Acts 1:7-8 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Questions:

- What are the differences you notice between the 1st and 2nd Temples?
- What is the historical significance of knowing when these things occurred?
- Does it make a difference?
- What is the difference between ritual and righteousness in your life?
- Are we called too ritual? Does that make us righteous?