

Biblical Messengers

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezra

And the Babylonian Exile



Next Stop: Babylon

The Babylonian Exile was a foundational event in the history of the Western world and in the development of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The tragedy of the destruction of Judah and the subsequent exile of many of its inhabitants to Babylon led directly to the transformation of Israelite religion into Judaism. The Bible itself emerged out of this searing historical disaster.

In this series of talks we'll explore the archaeological and historical evidence that illuminates the period before and after the Exile. We'll focus on three of the most famous people in the Bible: the prophet Isaiah, the prophet Jeremiah, and Ezra the Scribe.

Through their lives, prophecies and actions we'll discover the geopolitical, cultural and religious forces that led to the Exile, the Return to Zion and the foundation of the Second Temple.

Sessions

Isaiah and the Assyrian Crisis What do history and archaeology have to tell us about the prophet Isaiah in the context of the Assyrian empire?

Jeremiah: Prologue to Exile. What was the historical context of the Babylonian Exile and how is it reflected in Jeremiah's prophecies?

Ezra, Nehemiah and the Return to Zion. What was going on in the land of Israel when the exiles returned, and what challenges did they face as a result?



Biblical Messengers was developed by Dr. Christopher Farrar for Congregation Beth Tikvah in Worthington Ohio. The lecture series is now available to churches, mosques and synagogues of all denominations. Dr. Farrar has been a lay student of Biblical Archaeology for over 20 years and has studied under Israeli archaeologist Dr. Avi Ofer, formerly of Tel Aviv University. He's the author of the historical novel *By The Waters of Babylon*, available now at Amazon and other on-line retailers. To discuss offering this course in your congregation contact Dr. Farrar at christopherdfarrarllc@gmail.com or visit christopherfarrar.com.