

# The Exile, Return & the Prophets / Part 1

## Understanding the Old Testament: Part 10

JUDAH  
(southern kingdom)

Judah falls in 586 B.C.

ISRAEL  
(northern kingdom)

Israel falls in 722 B.C.

### **Obadiah**: a prophet to Edom

-Those in Edom were descendants of Esau & captured & turned over to Babylon those who fled Judah. (v11,13b,14)

-Edom is warned that they would be judged & that the Israelites would be restored. (2,3,7,20)

### **Ezekiel**: prophet to those in exile.

597 B.C.

593 B.C.

586 B.C.

Ezekiel the priest exiled to Babylon / Ezekiel called by God / Jerusalem is Destroyed

-The presence of God and His glory is a key theme in the book of Ezekiel

-God's glory is revealed (Ez. 1:26-28)

-God's glory/presence leaves the temple because of their sin. (Ez. 10:18-22)

-God's glory/presence will one day dwell with them forever. (Ez. 37:24-28)

-Ezekiel said that God was working "for the sake of his name". (Ez. 36:22-23,32)

-50 times the phrase, "for the sake of my/his name" appears.

-70 times the phrase, "that they (or you) may know that I am the Lord" appears.

-God promises to change hearts and bring new life. (Ez. 36:24-29b & Ez. 37:4-6)

### **Daniel**: A life in exile and a glimpse of the future.

-Daniel & his friends are an example of how to remain faithful & live wisely in troubled times.

-1 food / 2 dream / 3 fiery furnace / 6 lions den

-God is in control over human history and those in power. (same as above)

-Human pride is sinful and will be judged by God. (4 neb. / writing on the wall – we didn't study these)

-God's Kingdom will conquer over evil influence in the end. (2 – vision / 7- beasts / 9 – Christ)

*"Many centuries have passed since the times described in Daniel's prophecies, and God's people must continue to wait and trust that God in Christ will indeed destroy all evil and consummate his perfect kingdom when the time is right."*

-Boyd Seavers in the book *What the Old Testament Authors Really Cared About*, p.418