

The Big Story

Lent and Holy Week

Week Six

34 Monday

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14

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and the people lived in exile, far from their land; and the prophets spoke of a future hope, of God's sure and gracious plans, of redemption from slavery; and the prophets spoke of a new covenant, of law written on hearts not on stone, of iniquities remembered no more ...

35 Tuesday

Daniel 3:16-25

Romans 8:31-39

And in Babylon the exiles were made to worship the king and gods of that land instead of The Lord their God; and three exiles refused to worship as the world around them, and they were thrown into a furnace of blazing fire; and yet the flames did not touch them and there was one like a son of God who walked with them in the fire ...

36 Wednesday

Isaiah 53:1-12

Philippians 2:5-11

and generations passed, and God's people waited for the redeemer of whom the prophets spoke, a suffering servant by whose wounds we are healed, one pierced for our transgressions and wounded for our iniquities, a lamb going willingly to sacrifice ...

37 Thursday

2 Chronicles 36:20-23

Joel 2:25-29

and generations passed, and Babylon fell to Persia; and God moved the king of Persia to send the exiles home, and they returned and started to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem; and the prophets spoke of a time when God's spirit would dwell not in temples made of stone, but would live in the hearts of all God's people ...

38 Friday

Nehemiah 4:1-6, 15-17

Luke 10:25-37

and there lived in the land some who had not gone into exile, and they had mixed with the nations around and worshipped foreign gods alongside The Lord, and they built a temple in Samaria; and the people of Samaria opposed those who built the temple in Jerusalem, and there was bitter hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans ...

39 Saturday

Micah 5:2-4

Matthew 11:2-6, 28-30

and the prophets still spoke of a new Moses, a new David, a new Elijah: born in the city of David, of the house and line of David; who would come as a king on a donkey, as a shepherd to lost sheep, giving sight to the blind and life to the dead; who would beat weapons into farming tools and redeem God's people, Messiah ...

40 Palm Sunday

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Matthew 16:13-16

but generations passed and the Messiah did not come, and the voices of the prophets were stilled, and the Word of The Lord was heard no more; and God's people wandered in the soundlessness for four hundred years; and all creation waited. In the silence.

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