

REBUILDING

“Life in Babylon”

Deuteronomy 28:47-52 (ESV)

- A. Babylon Invades Judah and Captivity Ensues
 - Slide Thousands killed and cities destroyed
 - Slide Everything radically changed for the Israelites
 - Slide Deuteronomy 28:47-52

- B. Life in Babylon Begins
 - Slide Israel integrated into Babylonian life
 - Slide They could move around and own homes (Jer. 29:5; Ezek 3:15)
 - Slide The language was similar (Aramaic similar to Hebrew)
 - Slide Some Israelites rose to power in Babylon

- C. The Questions Begin
 - 1. Is Yahweh really all powerful?
 - 2. How does Israel maintain their religious identity?
 - 3. How can God continue to be worshiped?
 - 4. How does Israel understand themselves as the people of God?
 - 5. Are God’s promises sure?

- D. Developments Because of Life in Babylon
 - 1. Israel’s writings began to be canonized
 - 2. The synagogue developed
 - 3. Understanding events from a theological perspective
 - 4. The concept of the Suffering Servant developed