

WORD3

kings and prophets

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Discussion
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"3 COME-BACKS"

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The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (REQUIRED)

Since this series is unique, PLEASE review each week with your group!

- Review the main points from *Word! 3*, and give a brief explanation:*

6. Kings

- Saul 40
- David 40
- Solomon 40
- Divided 400
- Prophets

7. Captivity

- Assyria Assimilates: Israel

• Babylon Brings: Judah

- Persia Permits: Judah

8. Return

- #1 House of Worship
- #2 Hearts of Worship
- #3 Help the Walls

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What one thing have you learned or discovered that is new to you from the *Word! 3* series?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

Since this series is unique, we're going to pick a few "point in time" verses to examine and discuss from the lives of the kings and prophets.

Esther:

- The Persian king ordered that all Jews in Persia be killed. Esther was a Jew, but she was also the queen, so her uncle Mordecai asked for her help. Read Esther 4:10-14. What was Esther's fear? How did Mordecai respond? What can we learn about God's purposes for our lives?
- Read Esther 4:15-16. How did Esther demonstrate faith? Do you struggle to trust where God has you? How can you respond in faith?

Nehemiah:

- Read Nehemiah 2:1-4a. For the king to ask Nehemiah what *he* wants is a big deal, yet a scary position! Have you ever been in a position where you have an *instant* decision to make? How did you respond?
- Read Nehemiah 2:4b-8. What was Nehemiah's FIRST response (4b)? How did God honor his request? How can we develop this response?

Malachi:

- After they returned to their land, it didn't take long for the Jews to again turn away from God. Read Malachi 1:10-11. How did God feel about their worship? Read Malachi 1:6-8; 1:12-14; 3:8-12. What was the problem with their worship--after all, they were doing it?
- We don't offer lambs as sacrifices, but how does this translate to *our* worship? What ways do you "offer blemished animals" or "rob God"?

The References

Main Passage: 2 Chronicles 36-22-23 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Any of you who are his people may go there for this task....

Esther 4:10-14 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter...Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?

Esther 4:15-16 (NIRV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Then I'll go to the king. I'll do it even though it's against the law. And if I have to die, I'll die."

Nehemiah 2:1-4a (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Nehemiah 2:4b-8 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king...

Malachi 1:10-11 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

"How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you," ...

Malachi 1:6-8 *too long to print, read passage in Bible

Malachi 1:12-14 *too long to print, read passage in Bible

Malachi 3:8-12 *too long to print, read passage in Bible