

# QUESTIONS

## FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - AUGUST 14, 2020

1) **Jeremiah 12:15 says, "But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring them each of them back to his own inheritance and his own country." Will each tribe get their land back in the millennium?**

The context of Jeremiah 12 is interesting.

- 1 **Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?**
- 2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: **thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.**
- 3 **But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee:** pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.
- 4 **How long shall the land mourn,** and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; **because they said, He shall not see our last end.**

The answer is yes, each tribe will get their land portion back. Ezekiel 48 gives the details (see the map on right from the book Messiah's Coming Temple: Ezekiel's Prophetic Vision of the Future Temple by John W. Schmitt & J. Carl Laney).

I also believe this promise of the land is eternal and will carry over to the eternal state.

"Then will all Your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever ..." Isaiah 60:21

"Saved Israel will be on earth in Jerusalem and Palestine generally during the eternal state, just as the Church will be in Heaven in the New Jerusalem in the order of God's tomorrow."

David Clifford, The Two Jerusalems in Prophecy, Loizeaux Brothers, 1980 rev. ed., p. 189

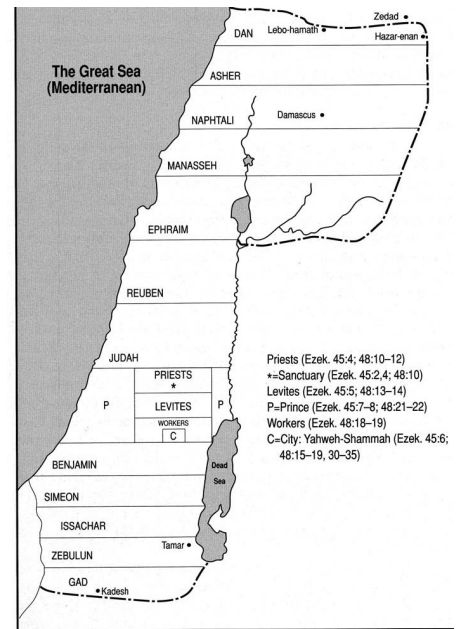


Fig. 10.1 Map of Israel in the Kingdom

The allotments and placement of designated territories are based on Ezekiel 47:13-48:35. Since no topographical changes are expected in preparation for the kingdom (Ezek. 47:1-12), the land area allotments can only be estimated.

2) **What will the ones that are raptured do in the millennial kingdom?**

Raptured believers will:

1. Reign with Jesus

Revelation 20:4,6

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Luke 19:12-19

"And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." Verse 17

2. Will worship Him

Psalm 22:27

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee."

**3) Do dogs go to heaven? Only mine**



"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."  
"And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."  
Revelation 19:11,14

**4) Who are the sons of God in Job 1:6 and Job 2:1?**

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them."

"Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD."

Who are the sons of God in the Bible? by Matt Slick 11/9/2018

"In the book of Job 1:6; 2:1 it seems that the sons of God are angels, possibly both good and bad. God speaks to Satan who was among them. So it's possible that the sons of God were only the wicked angels, but the context does not necessitate that position. Then later in the book, Job 38:7, it says the sons of God shouted for joy. This seems to be a reference to the good angels.

"So, the term sons of God has two basic meanings. It refers to the angels, both good and bad, in the Old Testament. But in the New Testament, the phrase refers to believers."

<https://carm.org/who-are-the-sons-of-god-in-the-bible>

**5) If a family member or good friend hurts you and you have forgiven them, do you still have to have them in your life?**

IF THE PERSON WHO HURTS YOU IS NOT SAVED:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?  
And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?  
And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Yoke speaks of the harness, wooden frame, that keeps two animals together. Believers are not to be harnessed with unbelievers (i.e. marriage, owners of a business, etc.)

Our fellowship should be with believers, but this doesn't mean we don't have times where we spend time with unbelievers in order to reach them for the Lord.

IF THE PERSON WHO HURTS YOU IS NOT WALKING WITH THE LORD:

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." 2 Thessalonians 3:6

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

IF THE PERSON WHO HURT YOU IS WALKING WITH THE LORD:

There is no biblical command to specifically "have [certain individuals] people in your life." But, we should be able to greet and fellowship with all believers who are in fellowship with the Lord."

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

One may choose not to "have someone in their life" but when in the presence of that person can you with a clear conscience embrace that person as a brother or sister in the Lord?

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## 7) Did God bring the northern tribes of Israel out of Assyrian captivity at some point as He did Judah from Babylon?

Many of the northern kingdom were not taken into captivity.

2 Chronicles 35:17-18                      623 B.C.

17 *And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.*

18 *And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

People from Israel, the ten tribes, kept the Passover. This was after the Assyrian captivity. The annals of the Assyrian Sargon, discovered by archaeologists, says only 27,290 people were taken into captivity. With the population of Israel being 400,000 - 500,000 at the time most of them remained in the land.

Ezra 6:17    516 B.C

*And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.*

When Ezra came back from Babylon an offering of 12 he-goats was made for the tribes of Israel. Obviously, all the tribes were represented, in Babylon and in Jerusalem at this time.

Many of the Jews who remained in the land after the Assyrian conquest re-united with Judah in the south. Technically, the northern kingdom never returned from captivity.

## 8) Who is the "great harlot" that is discussed in Revelation 17?

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters."  
Revelation 17:1

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."  
Revelation 17:5

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."  
Revelation 17:18

### I. Babylon

- A. It is a literal city - 17:18
- B. Worldwide importance - 17:15,18
- C. The anti-Christ is connected with Babylon - 17:3-5, 7
- D. Center of false religion - 17:4-5; 18:1-2
- E. Center of world commerce - 18:9-19
- F. Persecutes the Lord's people - 17:6; 18:20,24
- G. Completely destroyed - 18:8-10, 21-24

### II. Babylon - Religious and Economic capital of the anti-Christ

- A. Babylon is literally Babylon and not a symbolic reference
- B. Most mentioned city in Bible other than Jerusalem
- C. It fits the details of these chapters

"Babylon is indeed a prime prospect for rebuilding, entirely apart from any prophetic intimations. Its location is the most ideal in the world for any kind of international center. Not only is it in the beautiful and fertile Tigris-Euphrates plain, but it is near some of the world's richest oil reserves.

The nation of Iraq, which includes Babylon in today's geography, is the wealthiest and strongest of the Moslem nations. Its engineers, associated with top consultants from other nations, have developed the water supplies of the two great rivers through a series of dams and canals so that its agricultural and hydroelectric resources are rapidly expanding, as are its manufacturing industries. Realizing the tremendous tourist potential in a restored Babylon, the Iraqis have already made considerable progress on its reconstruction.

However, the instabilities of the Middle East situation, the radical nature of the Iraqi government and its Russian connections, plus the hostility of Iraq and other Moslem nations to Israel, all make this current venture uncertain. The real potential of Babylon is in the more distant future and involves far more than tourism.

Computer studies of the Institute for Creation Research have shown, for example, that Babylon is very near the geographical center of all the earth's land masses. It is within navigable distances of the Persian Gulf and is at the crossroads of the three great continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Thus there is no more ideal location anywhere for a world trade center, a world communications center, a world banking center, a world educational center, or especially, a world capital! The greatest historian of modern times, Arnold Toynbee, used to stress to all his readers and hearers that Babylon would be the best place in the world to build a future world cultural metropolis."

Henry Morris, *Revelation Record*, pp. 348-349

- D. Euphrates River is mentioned twice in Revelation (9:14; 16:12)
- E. Zechariah 5:5-11 see a future evil city of Babylon
- F. Isaiah 13 and Jeremiah 50-51 speak of Babylon's sudden destruction

G. Compare Jeremiah 50-51 and Revelation 17-18

Compared to a golden cup	51:7	17:34; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
Involved with nations	51:7	17:2
Named the same	50:1	18:10
Destroyed suddenly	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
Never to be inhabited	50:39	18:21
Punished according to her works	50:29	18:6
Fall illustrated	51:63-64	18:21
God's people flee	51:6,45	18:4
Heaven to rejoice	51:48	18:20

III. Chapter 17 - Religious Babylon

Destroyed by the anti-Christ at the middle of the Tribulation

IV. Chapter 18 - Economic Babylon

Destroyed by God at the end of the Tribulation

The "great whore" is Babylon.

**9) Are dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible?**

The Bible never actually uses the word "dinosaur." Instead, it uses the Hebrew word *tanniyn*, which is translated a few different ways in our English Bibles. Sometimes it's "sea monster," and sometimes it's "serpent." It is most commonly translated "dragon." The *tanniyn* appear to have been some sort of giant reptile. These creatures are mentioned some 28 times in the Old Testament and were found both on land and in the water.

Job 40:15-17 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.  
Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.  
He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent [נחש נחש' naw-khawsh'], even leviathan [לִיָּתָן liv-yaw-thawn'] that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon [תַּנְיִן tan-neen'] that is in the sea.

Job 41:1-2 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord [which] thou lettest down?  
Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

Psalms 104:26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

Micah 1:8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons [תַּנְיִן tan-neen'], and mourning as the owls.

"In the Bible, in Job 40:15-24, God describes to Job (who lived after the Flood) a great beast with which Job was familiar. This great animal, called "behemoth," is described as "the chief of the ways of God," perhaps the biggest land animal God had created. Impressively, he moved his tail like a cedar tree! Although some Bible commentaries say this may have been an elephant or hippopotamus, the description actually fits that of a dinosaur like Brachiosaurus. Elephants and hippos certainly do not have tails like cedar trees!

Actually, very few animals are singled out in the Bible for such a detailed description. Contrary to what many may think, what we know now as dinosaurs get more mention in the Scriptures than most animals! So dinosaurs—all the different kinds—must have lived alongside of people after the Flood."

Answers in Genesis, <https://answersingenesis.org/dinosaurs/dinosaurs-and-the-bible/>

## 10) Is it wrong to be cremated?

The Bible does not give any specific teaching about cremation. Old Testament law nowhere commands that a deceased human body not be burned, nor does it attach any curse or judgment on someone who is cremated.

Cremation was practiced in biblical times, but it was not commonly practiced by the Israelites or by New Testament believers. In the cultures of Bible times, burial in a tomb, cave, or in the ground was the common way to dispose of a human body (Genesis 23:19; 35:19; 2 Chronicles 16:14; Matthew 27:60-66). While burial was the common practice (1 Corinthians 15:42), the Bible nowhere commands burial as the only allowed method of disposing of a body.

1 Corinthians 15:42 "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption."

"Sown" is used instead of "buried," likely, to keep the analogy of verse 37-38, "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."

Although, the biblical pattern was to bury, since cremation is not spoken against in the Bible, the individual needs to be comfortable in their decision.

## 11) What does the Bible say about women pastors?

As there are different roles in human families so there are different roles in God's family

Leadership in the family is invested in the husband/father - Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Leadership in the church is to be sought among men who have already shown their ability in their families-

1 Timothy 3:1-7

1 This is a true saying, **If a man** desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 **A bishop then must be** blameless, **the husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

Women by contrast are not to be placed in a leadership role - 1 Timothy 2:11-15

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Two restrictions are placed on women in this passage:

1) They are not to teach Christian doctrine to men

2) They are not to exercise authority directly over men in the church

These restrictions are permanent, authoritative for the church in all times and places and circumstances as long as men and women are descended from Adam and Eve.

It is possible that Paul's teaching on this was to counteract the false teaching taking place about the role of women in the church.

1 Timothy 1:3;4-6; 4:1-3; 5:14-15; 6:3-6; 2 Timothy 3:6-7

Men are to be holy and women are to dress modestly and practice good deeds which is godly. Dress in biblical times could signal a women's loose morals and independence from her husband.

I Timothy 2: 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Women are to learn in silence (see also v. 12b). They are not to dispute and criticize. Obviously, from the context of the book this was not happening.

1 Timothy 2:11            Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

This is the focus of the passage.

1 Timothy 2:12            But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

*"Do not suffer [permit] a woman to teach"* would include things such as preaching, teaching the Bible and doctrine in church, in colleges, and in seminaries, as well as Bible studies and other like venues. It would not include evangelistic witnessing, teaching subjects other than Bible or doctrine, and some forms of counseling.

*"Usurp [Have] authority over a man"* would preclude her from a leadership position in the church such as Pastor or elder (deacon). This wouldn't preclude women from voting in the church or even staffing some administrative positions that don't deal with the implementation of doctrine.

The basis of the instruction goes back to the fall of man and thus it is applicable for today.

1 Timothy 2:    13        For Adam was first formed, then Eve.  
                         14        And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

A woman precipitated the Fall and thus women bear that responsibility. Women may be saved (delivered) from that stigma through the birth of children and the raising of godly offspring. This they will do if *"they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control."*

1 Timothy 2:    15        Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.