

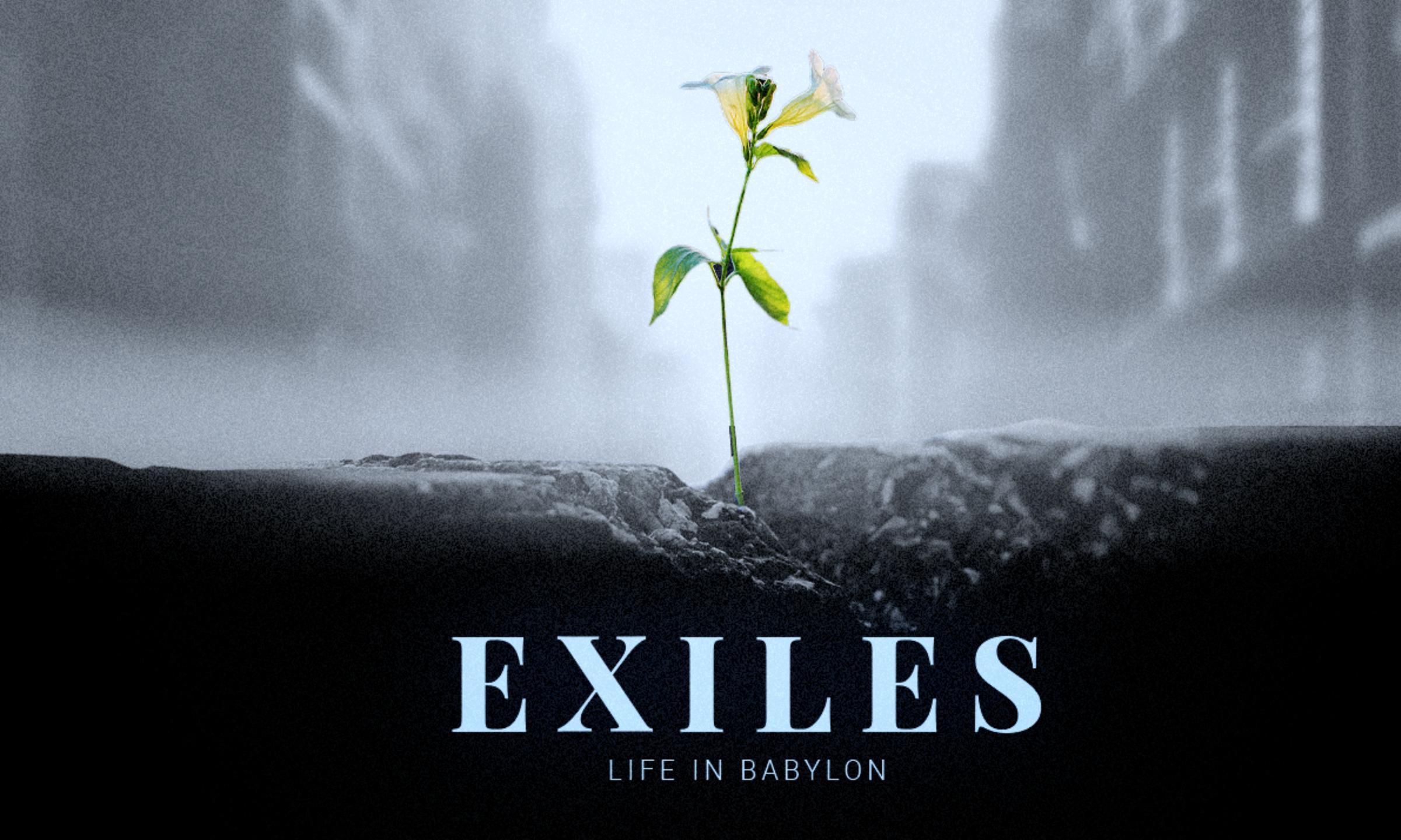


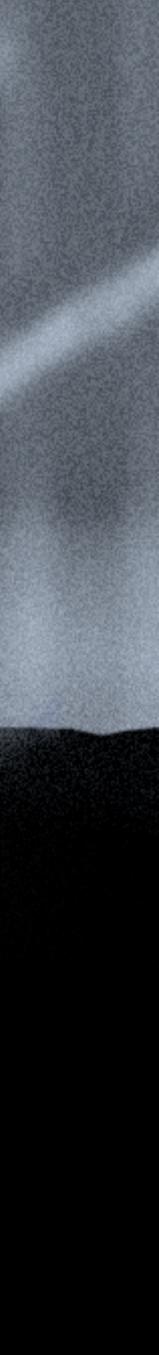






Belshazzar's Feast 587 B.C.





Daniel 5:1

"King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them."

King Nebuchadnezzar died 562 Amel-Marduk (son) Nerglissar (brother-in-law) Labashi-Marduk (boy king) Nabonicus 7 Belshazzar

Big Date in History

End of Babylon Empire

October 12, 539

2 While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them

4 As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

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Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1:22-23

Unexpected Uninvited

Guest



Daniel 5:5

Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace.

Daniel 5:6

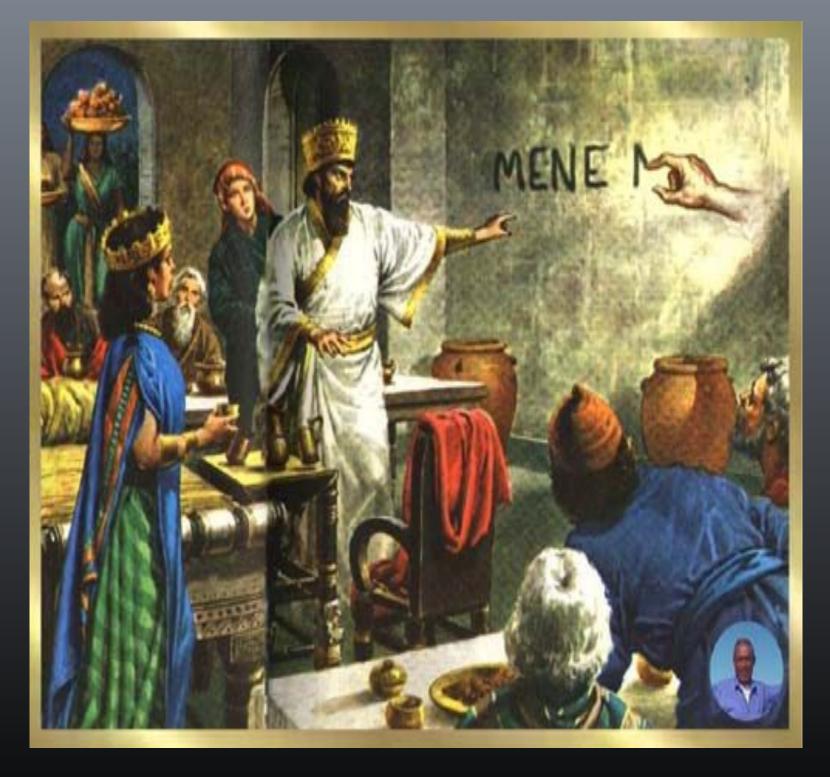
The king watched the hand as it wrote. 6 His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

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Queen Mother: "Don't be alarmed! There is a man in your kingdom who has



the spirit of the holy gods in him."



Don't ever underestimate the power of a

Godly Life

"Are you Daniel,

one of the exiles

my father the king

brought from Judah?

dah?





Daniel "schools" Belshazzar A History Lesson A Theology Lesson A Reading Lesson

A History Lesson God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and

Daniel "schools" Belshazzar

- 18 'Your Majesty, the Most High
- greatness and glory and splendor.

A History Lesson

He given the mind of an animal.... until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.

A Theology Lesson

"But you, Belshazzar, his son, you knew all this

have not humbled yourself, though

A Theology Lesson

You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.

A Reading Lesson

- mene, mene, tekel,
 - parsin

Daniel "schools" Belshazzar A Reading Lesson Mena, Mena -- God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

A Reading Lesson

You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Tekel

A Reading Lesson

Peres -- Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 5:30

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two

Lessons From Sad Ending

God's Word is true.

You can trust it.

Nations rise and fall as Daniel interpreted the dream.

Lessons From Sad Ending

God weighs each heart.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God."

Lessons From Sad Ending Trust the Sovereignty of God

Exile ending -- new ruler, Cyrus approves Zerubbabel taking 43,000 Jews back to Jerusalem.

