



September 6th 2020



GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE UNDER FOREIGN RULE

A note from the Rector:

This week our Bible Overview series reaches a very significant milestone as we make it to the end of the Old Testament. But today we'll hear how the end of Old Testament was followed by over 400 years of silence on God's end. Which seems odd! For, at this critical point in our salvation history, God goes silent. Now one reason why this seems odd is because, after the miraculous return of the exiles and after all the promises that God gave about His coming King, you'd expect that God would be anything but silent.

So why the silence? Well there are at least two possible reasons. For example, maybe God was giving His people, now that they had just returned from their exile, the chance to live in His place under His rule. Or maybe God was being silent to build up the suspense, prior to the King's dramatic arrival. Of course, we don't know for sure why God chose to be silent, but what we do know is that His silence was all part of His plan. For, when the time was right, God would, once again, speak to His people, but in a new, more personal, way. For when God spoke again He would speak through the Word who became flesh and who dwelt among us, Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

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On September 20 Greg Harris, the new National Director of BCA, will be joining us for our Sunday service. It will be great to meet Greg and to hear what God is doing through BCA, particularly during COVID.

This week's Zoom links:

Sunday Morning Church via Zoom 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726> (Meeting ID: 891 6330 3726 or dial 8015 6011)

Tuesday's Prayer meeting 9.00am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/787794144> ID: 787 794 144

If you listen to the recording of the service, which will be available at **noon on Sunday**, then please begin by listening to this song. As we look at the conclusion of the Old Testament, having seen God's people fail, time and time again, to live under God's rule, let us pray that God's Spirit may stir our hearts to live for Him:

O Breath of Life <https://youtu.be/0lpCy3Qq3VI>

Then click on this link to hear this week's message: <https://kincumberanglican.com/sermons/>

Daniel 8:15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

¹⁷ As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

¹⁸ While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.

¹⁹ He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between its eyes is the first king. ²² The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

Zechariah 9:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim.
I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece,
and make you like a warrior's sword.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus, or about God's plans for your salvation, from studying God's people living in God's place, but under foreign rule? If so, what are they?
2. As God's people, what does it mean for you to live under foreign rule, knowing that our true King is coming soon to take us home?

Where do you struggle with living under foreign rule?

3. It is interesting that, on the night before He died, our Shepherd/Saviour said, in John chapter 14, that He was going on ahead to get things ready for us to come and live with our heavenly Father. What comforts do you take from this?
4. What do you think of the final words that God spoke to His people at the end of Malachi? What applications do you take from God's words in these verses?
5. To reflect on: In Zechariah 6.9-15 God gave an unusual instruction for the High Priest Joshua (= Jesus) to be crowned. It is interesting that the silver and gold for the crown came from people who had just arrived from Babylon, but at the same time this same crown was then, in a sense, given back to these same people. If the High Priest Joshua was meant to foreshadow our High Priest Jesus (who is the new Branch that grows out of the stump of Jesse) then who are those who come from far away to make a crown for Jesus and what might it mean for this crown to then be given back to them? (See also 1 Thessalonians 2.19-20 and Philipians 4.1)

Next week we look forward to seeing the man, God's man, who will come from His Father's side to fulfil the old covenant and then establish a new covenant in his blood. Let's sing of this man in this next song:

See the Man

<https://youtu.be/gGRB3ke61-M>

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Lettie Brown, Renee Effield (Garrick), Jill Jones, Pat Fox and Clarice Grose.
- Pray for God's continuing protection over our SRE teachers as they choose to expose themselves to greater risk in order to teach our children the Good News of Jesus.
- Many of the farmers in our state have not successfully harvested a crop in several years due to the drought. Their situation is desperate but thankfully, this year, God has provided the conditions for crops to grow. Pray that God may continue to grant the right weather conditions and prevent lightening strikes and pests, so that a good crop may be harvested.
- Pray for the Morrison family, and for our state leaders, as they seek to faithfully serve our nation during these troubled times. Pray for wisdom regarding the opening of State and National borders.
- Pray for revival – that, in His grace, God may pour out His Spirit on the people of our nation and our world through this pandemic. Pray that the Holy Spirit may empower God's people throughout the world, including us, to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation so that, in living under God's rule, others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

SAMARITANS NEWS. Wyoming Samaritans Emergency Relief Centre is now open and distributing **FOOD PARCELS** to assist those in need each Monday & Friday from 10 am – 1 pm. Due to COVID-19 we can only offer limited assistance & should you know someone in need of food please direct them to the centre at the church 2 Ronald Ave, Wyoming. **DONATIONS** of pantry food items would be appreciated & may be left with me at 6 Berry Ave, Green Point. Phone 43 691696. Lil Bennetts



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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

Our link missionaries: Brownings, Buchanans, Dousts, and Kyngdons

Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru – Toraja, Indonesia
Currently on home assignment in Australia

From Andrew and Abi's prayer letter:

We continue to be encouraged by your support in prayer and in practical ways with ten weeks to go before our baby is due. We continue to be thankful for the opportunities we have to fellowship and minister online. Our fortnightly bible study with fellow Perkantas student ministry graduates in Toraja continues to be a valuable time of fellowship. Abi has also attended a number of their public online meetings. Andrew has just finished teaching the Ph.D level Introduction to New Testament.

Andrew's longest writing project has been a blog on the Church of Toraja-wide passage set for the Sunday sermon. He started this back in Australia in 2008 for a group of ministers and this is now visited by hundreds of people.

It is encouraging to hear when people have been helped by the material. In this season where actual preaching engagements are few, it has also kept Andrew engaging with the Bible from a Toraja ministry perspective. There is always something fresh to learn!

Give thanks

For good discussions in the Ph.D seminar.

For the good encouragement of fellowship with friends in Toraja as well as Australia.

Please pray

For Abi's permanent residency to come through in good time.

For Abi's and the baby's continued health

For swift completion of Andrew's writing project

That Andrew's blog will continue to help preachers engage well with the Bible.

Giving to Missionaries: Many missionaries and missionary organisations are struggling financially. **You can still give to the work of CMS and BCA through our Parish by making an electronic deposit into our account and marking it either 'CMS' or 'BCA'.** All other missionary donations should be deposited into that missionary's preferred bank account.

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially for the work of the Parish at this time. If you would like assistance in giving electronically then please contact your bank or Allan. To give online use the following account:

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