

Surviving Babylon: Lessons from Exile

Daniel 4

Context: The Wake of God’s Deliverance of the Three (v. 1-3)

This is a Story of Two Kingdoms:

By all appearances, the Babylonian gods have _____ the Hebrew God.

The people of God are living as captive exiles.

The Babylonian king is proudly “at ease” and “prosperous”.

But the one true God is about to crush his delusion of _____ and _____.

In so doing, He will make it plain to all that “... *His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.*” (v. 3)

Even the once self-assured and self-exalted Nebuchadnezzar will declare, “... *his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*” (v. 34-35)

His 2nd Dream: A Great Tree (v. 5ff)

“... *the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will ...*” (v. 17)

Daniel’s Interpretation: “It is you” (v. 19ff)

“... *till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.*” (v. 25)

The message for God’s people (then and now):

God is _____ ...

... over what _____ happened and over what _____ happen.

... over His _____ and His _____.

... over the weak and the _____.

... over the _____ and the _____.

God will _____ all that He _____. (Isaiah 46:8-11)

And He regards _____ as He regards _____. (Psalm 78:19-22)

In adversity and difficulty, hold tightly to these truths:

God is _____ in sovereignty.

God is _____ in wisdom.

God is _____ in love.

Therefore ...

Lesson 3: No matter the circumstances, I can _____ in Him.

“God in His love always wills what is best for us. In His wisdom He always knows what is best. And in His sovereignty He has the power to bring it about.”

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts*

This is why we trust Him.

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
July 23, 2023*

Family Night at Water World

Sunday, July 23 | 5:30-7:30 pm | \$5 per person

Don’t miss our annual Calvary Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

Meaningful Membership

Sunday, July 30 | 1-5pm | Office Conference Room

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all four Sunday morning classes, join us for this intense 4-hour class. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, contact Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com. Deadline to register for the class is Thursday, July 27. Deadline to register for childcare is Wednesday, July 26.

Spring 2024 Holy Land Tour

Our Summer of 2024 Holy Land experience for high school students and parents has filled up! But even more people have expressed interest in going! So, we are considering offering another opportunity in the Spring of 24! The potential dates would be April 2-11. If you are interested, contact paul@calvarydothan.com ASAP and additional information will be sent to you.

Registration Open for CrossCon24

January 3-5, 2024 | Louisville, KY | 18-25 year olds | \$195

Deadline to register is August 28.

Calvary Kids Volunteers

Calvary kids is assembling our 2023-24 volunteer staff for ministry beginning in August. There are multiple openings for positions on Sundays and Wednesdays. Let us introduce you to these extraordinary opportunities. Email: zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text: 334.733.6326

Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 6.

Join us for our Christmas Reveal party!

The worship ministry is looking for singers, musicians, tech team, and handbell players. We invite anyone interested in joining the worship ministry to attend this time of fellowship. We will listen to our upcoming Christmas music and enjoy a time of fellowship. Whether you are a part of, or interested in joining the worship ministry, join us on Wednesday, August 9, 7-8:30pm in the Parlor. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert and make it “Christmassy”!

Fall Open Class Schedule

Sunday Mornings (September 10-November 26) | 8:30am

Meaningful Membership | 4 weeks | Teachers: Paul Thompson, Charles Uptain & Dan Tankersley | Room G312

New Testament 1 | Teachers: Tim Gannon & Joseph Parden | Room G314

Biblical Theology | Teachers: Don Mills & Tyler Campbell | Room R300/302

Parenthood | Teachers: David Glover & Charles Uptain | Room G315

Counseling as Discipleship | Teachers: Reagan Farris & Steven Wilson | Room G313

Wednesday Evenings (September 6-November 29) | 6pm

Parenthood | Teachers: Sam Tarwater & Jed Downs | Room R300/302

Systematic Theology 1 | Teachers: Paul Thompson & Charles Uptain | Room R306

How to Grow | Teachers: Chuck Arney & Dan Tankersley | Room R308

The Teenage Martyr

By Scott Hubbard

February 10, 1554: Two days before Lady Jane Grey climbs the scaffold. The Catholic chaplain John Feckenham enters Jane’s cell in the Tower of London in the hopes of saving her soul. Or so he thinks.

Queen Mary (aka “Bloody Mary”) had already signed her cousin Jane’s death warrant, but she sent her seasoned chaplain to see if he could woo Jane back to Rome before her execution. Jane is about seventeen years old.

A charged debate follows ... He presses that justification comes by faith and works; she stands her ground on sola fide. He asserts that the Eucharistic bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ; she maintains that the elements symbolize Jesus’s saving work. He affirms the Catholic Church’s authority alongside Scripture; she insists that the church sits underneath the piercing gaze of God’s word.

From one angle, Jane’s life is a story of manipulation, of powerful people using a teenager girl as a social and political prop. Her parents forced a severe education regimen upon her in the hopes that she could marry the heir to England’s throne. When that opportunity passed, the Greys colluded with the king’s chief minister to wed Jane to Guildford Dudley, a man she despised. And then, at the king’s passing, a group of political conspirers handed her the crown that would cost Jane her head.

But ... Through the lens of God’s providence, a different Jane appears. A Jane who used her Greek and Hebrew to study the Scriptures in their original tongue. A Jane sent to Henry VIII’s court for grooming, only to meet Jesus through the Christian witness of Queen Katherine Parr. And, finally, a Jane who faces trial, imprisonment, and beheading with God’s very words on her lips.

Lady Jane reluctantly took the throne on July 10, 1553, and willingly left it on July 19, 1553, when Mary gathered an army to depose her cousin queen.

On February 7, 1554, Mary signed the death warrant that would lead Jane to the scaffold just five days later. Jane spent her final days preparing a brief speech for her execution and sending some last remarks. On the inside of her Greek New Testament, she wrote to her younger sister, Katharine,

This is the book, dear sister, of the Law of the Lord. It is his testament and last will, which he bequeathed unto us wretches, which shall lead you to the path of eternal joy. ... And as touching my death, rejoice as I do, good sister, that I shall be delivered of this corruption, and put on incorruption. For I am assured that I shall for losing of a mortal life, win an immortal life.

The morning of February 12 brought Jane to the wall of the central White Tower, where a small crowd and an executioner awaited her arrival. Turning to the onlookers, Jane announced, “I do look to be saved by no other mean, but only by the mercy of God, in the blood of his only Son Jesus Christ.” She then knelt and recited Psalm 51: “Have mercy on me, O God ...”

Once blindfolded, Jane groped her way to the execution block and laid her head in its groove. The last sound the crowd heard before the axe thudded into the block was a prayer from Jane’s seventeen-year-old voice: “Lord, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

So ended the life of Lady Jane Grey, the teenage martyr.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

July 23, 2023

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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Name / Date of Birth

Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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July Missions Spotlight

Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission (Global Missions Partner)

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit facebook.com/eomkenya or echoesofmercy.org.

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, you can visit theharbordothan.org or visit facebook.com/theharbordothan. Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 16

Life Group: 627
10:00 Worship: 497
Hispanic Church: 119
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 16: \$43,215.57
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$131,013.16)

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 30, July 23-29

- 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matt 6
- 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 49; Matt 7
- 2 Chron 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Ps 131; Matt 8
- 2 Kings 24; 2 Kings 12; Ps 50; Matt 9
- Joel; Matt 10

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

I'm New Here



We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, July 29:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, July 30:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 26 | 6pm

The Symbols of Christ

Exodus 39

Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, July 30 | 10am

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Lesson 4: Repent for the Wins of Our

People

Daniel 9:3-19

Message by Tommy Perry

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor

8:30am Life Group/Open Classes

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,

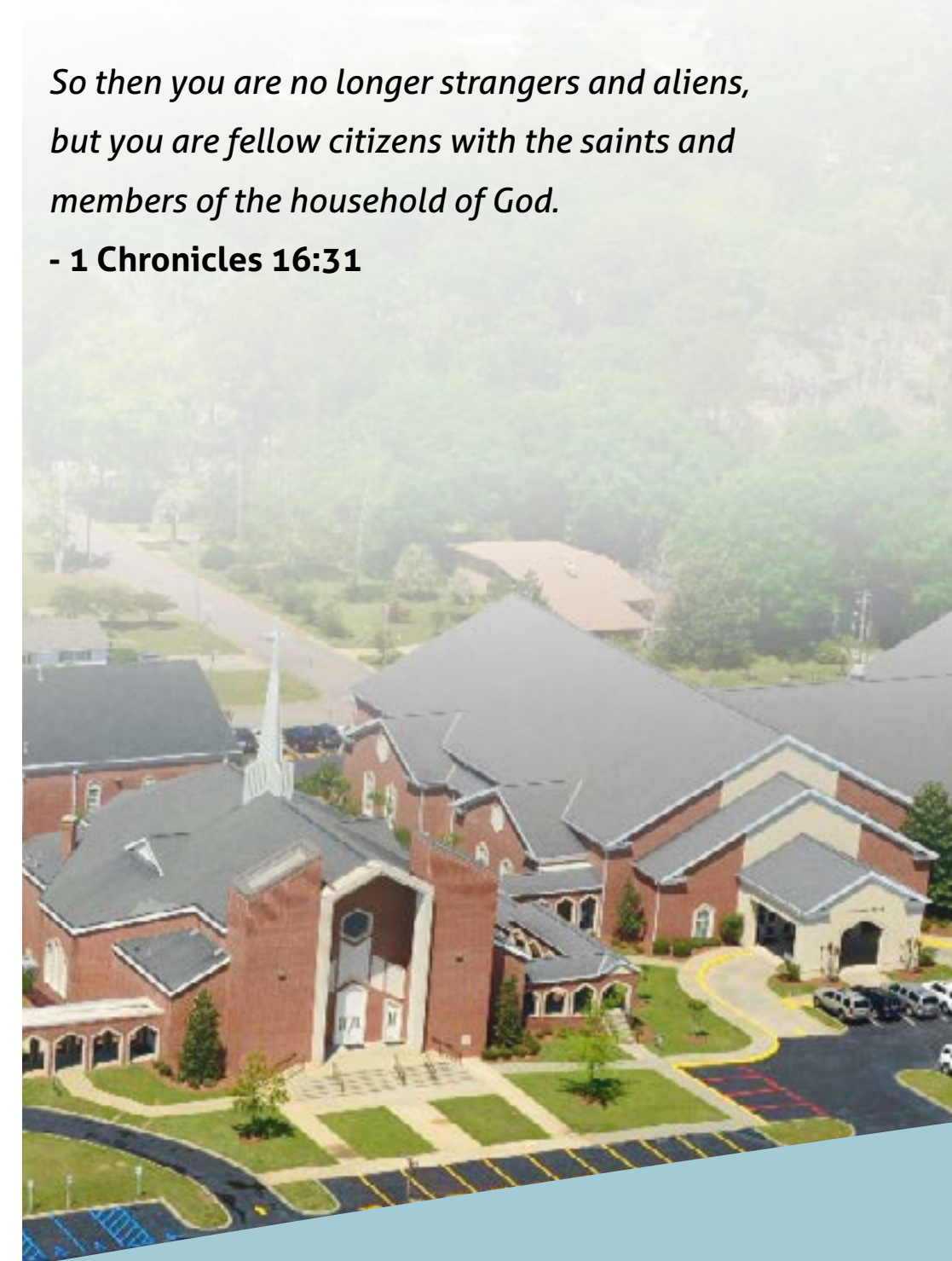
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

- 1 Chronicles 16:31



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH