

a. The Exile

i. Why?

ii. What now?

iii. Isaiah 40-55

1. Israel in Exile is like Adam and Eve expelled from the Garden. God has not forgotten either.
2. Mankind and Israel both have a task and both have rebelled.
3. God is still the Creator and God is still in covenant with Israel.
4. Israel will be rescued and Creation will be restored. Because of God's Faithfulness to Creation and to His covenant.
5. God's justice is more than dispensing rewards to the good and punishments to the evil. God's justice aims at making creation what it was supposed to be-this is what God is working for.
6. YHWH will accomplish this through "The Servant"- especially the suffering servant in Isaiah 53
7. The Servant is both Israel and God's emissary to Israel who suffers for the

sins of Israel as Israel
suffers for Creation.

iv. Daniel

1. In this book Pagan empires do their worst, God judges them and vindicates His people
2. In much of Daniel Israel is like the Servant in Isaiah. They are those who remain loyal and obey Torah
3. In Daniel 7 we meet the One like a son of man- he represents the Servant and God will exalt him over the beasts which represent the pagan empires.
4. Is this like Adam having dominion over the animals? Daniel 7 picturing the restoration of the right relationships in Genesis.