

## 7-28-13 Scripture Reading

Dan 9:24-25

<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy *place*.

<sup>25</sup> "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

Luke 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,

<sup>2</sup> in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

<sup>3</sup> And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;

<sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

" THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS ,  
'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD ,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

<sup>5</sup> 'EVERY RAVINE SHALL BE FILLED UP ,  
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE BROUGHT LOW ;  
AND THE CROOKED SHALL BECOME STRAIGHT ,  
AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH ;

<sup>6</sup> AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD. '"

Luke 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ,

<sup>16</sup> John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## 7-28-13 Study Guide Scripture's

2 Chron 36:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia — in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah — the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

Ezra 1:1-4

**1** Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. <sup>3</sup> 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> 'And every survivor, at whatever place he may live, let the men of that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.'"

Ezra 5:17

<sup>17</sup> "And now, if it pleases the king let a search be conducted in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, if it be that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to rebuild this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send to us his decision concerning this *matter*."

Ezra 6:12

<sup>12</sup> And may the God who has caused His name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who attempts to change *it*, so as to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have issued *this* decree, let *it* be carried out with all diligence!"

Ezra 7:11-18

<sup>11</sup> Now this is the copy of the decree which King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, learned in the words of the commandments of the LORD and His statutes to Israel: <sup>12</sup> "Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*. And now <sup>13</sup> I have issued a decree that any of the people of Israel and their priests and the Levites in my kingdom who are willing to go to Jerusalem, may go with you. <sup>14</sup> Forasmuch as you are sent by the king and his seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of your God which is in your hand, <sup>15</sup> and to bring the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered

to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, <sup>16</sup> with all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and of the priests, who offered willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; <sup>17</sup> with this money, therefore, you shall diligently buy bulls, rams, and lambs, with their grain offerings and their libations and offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. <sup>18</sup> And whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do according to the will of your God.

#### Ezra 4:11-16

<sup>11</sup> this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now <sup>12</sup> let it be known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations. <sup>13</sup> Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings. <sup>14</sup> Now because we are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king, <sup>15</sup> so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books, and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste. <sup>16</sup> We inform the king that, if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have no possession in *the province* beyond the River."

#### Neh 2:1

<sup>1</sup>And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine *was* before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

#### Neh 2:5-8

<sup>5</sup> And I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." <sup>6</sup> Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. <sup>7</sup> And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors *of the provinces* beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, <sup>8</sup> and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house to which I will go. "And the king granted *them* to me because the good hand of my God *was* on me.

#### Luke 3:15

<sup>15</sup> Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ,

John 1:41

<sup>41</sup> He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

Luke 3:1

**3** Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,

Mark 1:9

<sup>9</sup> And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:13

<sup>13</sup> And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup> And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup> And as He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup> And they immediately left the nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

John 2:1

<sup>1</sup> And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

John 2:12

<sup>12</sup> After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother, and *His* brothers, and His disciples; and there they stayed a few days.

John 2:13

<sup>13</sup> And the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:15

<sup>15</sup> And this temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

Ezra 4:6-23

<sup>6</sup> Now in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>7</sup> And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his colleagues, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated *from* Aramaic. <sup>8</sup> Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows — <sup>9</sup> then *wrote* Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their colleagues, the judges and the lesser governors, the officials, the secretaries, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites, <sup>10</sup> and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the region beyond the River. And now <sup>11</sup> this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now <sup>12</sup> let it be known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations. <sup>13</sup> Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings. <sup>14</sup> Now because we are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king, <sup>15</sup> so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books, and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste. <sup>16</sup> We inform the king that, if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have no possession in *the province* beyond the River."

<sup>17</sup> Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and in the rest of *the provinces* beyond the River: "Peace. And now <sup>18</sup> the document which you sent to us has been translated and read before me. <sup>19</sup> And a decree has been issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it, <sup>20</sup> that mighty kings have ruled over Jerusalem, governing all *the provinces* beyond the River, and that tribute, custom, and toll were paid to them. <sup>21</sup> So, now issue a decree to make these men stop *work*, that the city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me. <sup>22</sup> And beware of being negligent in carrying out this *matter*; why should damage increase to the detriment of the kings?"

<sup>23</sup> Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerx

Ezra 4:1-5

**4** Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel, <sup>2</sup> they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' *households*, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your

God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here." <sup>3</sup> But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' *households* of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." <sup>4</sup> Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building, <sup>5</sup> and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Neh 6:15

<sup>15</sup> So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of *the month* Elul, in fifty-two days.

Neh 7:4

<sup>4</sup> Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it were few and the houses were not built.

Dan 9:25

<sup>25</sup> "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

Ezra 4:23

<sup>23</sup> Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerxes' document was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms.

Neh 4:1-2

**4** Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews. <sup>2</sup> A

Neh 4:8

<sup>8</sup> And all of them conspired together to come *and* fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.

Neh 4:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took *their* load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon. <sup>18</sup> As for the builders, each *wore* his sword girded at his side as he built, while the trumpeter *stood* near me.

Dan 9:25

it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.