REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Isaiah

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3 major events Isaiah speaks about

- Israel tried to pressure Judah into an alliance with Syria. Isaiah said that Israel’s leaders should just trust the Lord instead.
- Israel allied with Assyria.
- Assyria sieged Jerusalem.

Summary

- Chapter 1
  - Isaiah is introduced.
- Chapters 2-12
  - Prophecies about Judah and Jerusalem.
- Chapters 13-23
  - Prophecies about other nations and cities.
- Chapters 24-37, 34-35
  - Apocalyptic texts.
Traits of apocalyptic texts
- Dreams & visions
- Angels & Demons
- Major cosmic changes
- Message of a coming Messiah (savior)
- Significance of numbers
- Emphasis on judgment
- Sayings about the end of time

Context
- **Israel undergoes a lot of change in the book of Isaiah.**
  - They were captured by Assyria, Assyria was captured by Babylon, and Babylon was captured by Persia.
  - Cyrus is the name of the king of Persia.

- Chapters 40-66
  - Isaiah prophesied that just as the Lord led Israel out of Egypt in Exodus, He will lead them out of their new captivity as well.
  - He said the Lord chose Cyrus to be king of Persia and that Cyrus would let the Israelites return to their land.
  - Israel speaks of a suffering servant who will come in the future, who is often interpreted as the coming Messiah.
1) What was the name of the king of Persia when they took over Babylon?
   a. Cyrus
   b. Nebuchadnezzar
   c. Darius
   d. Artaxerxes

2) Which of the following is NOT a trait of apocalyptic literature?
   a. Dreams & visions
   b. Important numbers
   c. Images of futuristic militaries
   d. Emphasis on judgement

3) What event in the book of Exodus does Isaiah use to encourage the children of Israel after they had been taken captive?
   a. The deliverance of the 10 commandments
   b. The 10 plagues
   c. The worshipping of the golden calf
   d. The journey out of Egypt

Answers: 1) a. 2) c. 3) d.