



Biblical archaeology – Episode 2

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1. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? Quote from the sermon: "The Bible is no fairytale; it's not mythology." See 2 Peter 1:16.
If someone said to you that the Bible "is all made up" – how might you answer?

2. King Hezekiah reigned in Jerusalem in the 8th century BC when Jerusalem was besieged by Assyrian forces. Assyrian records tally with what we read in the Bible – without, of course, mentioning the miraculous intervention of God. Read 2 Kings 18:1-8, 13-19, 28-36; 19:1-2, 5-7, 14-19, 32-36.

i) What four points about Hezekiah's attitude and conduct with reference to God are mentioned in 18:3,5 & 6? Are these things true of us? How did Hezekiah's faith manifest itself in action, and what evidence had he of God's favour & blessing? (v4,7 & 8.)

ii) What can we learn from the responses of Hezekiah & Isaiah to this pressured situation?

iii) What stories can you share from your own experience (or from people you've heard of) of God's intervention in our lives?

3. Read Jeremiah 25:1-12. Jeremiah gave this message in 605 BC, the year Nebuchadnezzar came to power. He prophesied the 70 years in exile well before 597 BC when the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem. How long had Jeremiah been calling on the people to repent, what had been their response and what can we learn from this? v3.

4. i) Hebrews 1:1 & 2 says, "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..."

Reflect back over what we have seen of O.T history seen April 28th. What have you seen that points forward to Jesus' coming?

ii) Read Jesus' words in Luke 19:10. For those listening to him who knew their O.T Scriptures this might have reminded them of a prophecy spoken by Ezekiel to God's people in exile in Babylon. Read Ezekiel 34:11-16. What confidence does this give us as we look for opportunities to share our faith, or as we pray for those who are finding living the Christian life difficult?

iii) Chris said on Sunday that "The Bible is a trustworthy source not just for history, but for who God is and His plan in our lives."

Spend time praying that we would be responsive to God's call on our lives.

Pray for those who you know don't yet know the Lord.

Pray for those who came to the Fun Day.

N.B. Biblical Archaeology Episode 3 will follow on June 23rd