

## **I. I Am Watching Over My Word To Perform It**

- A. Watching over His warnings
  - 1. Particularly the warnings of the Sinai covenant
- B. Watching over His promises
  - 1. Particularly the promises of the covenant with Abraham
  - 2. Also the promises of David

## **II. Messages of Hope**

- A. Chapter 23 - The righteous Branch
  - 1. I will judge (vs. 2)
  - 2. I will gather and bring back My people (vs. 3-4)
  - 3. I will raise up a righteous Branch for David (vs. 5)
- B. Chapter 24 - Basket of figs
  - 1. Captives were sent to Babylon for preservation (vs. 5)
  - 2. I will bring them back (vs. 6)
  - 3. I will give them a heart to know Me (vs. 7)
- C. Chapter 25 - Babylon will be judged
  - 1. Nebuchadnezzar will be My tool (vs. 9-11)
  - 2. I will judge Babylon (vs. 12-14)
  - 3. I will curse those who curse you (Genesis 12:3)
- D. Chapter 29 - Message to the Exiles
  - 1. Babylon will dominate for 70 years
  - 2. Work for the good of the place you are
  - 3. God will bring them back justly
    - a. I know the plans I have for you (vs. 11)
    - b. You will seek for Me and find Me when you seek with all your heart (vs. 12)

## Assignment:

Read Ezekiel 1-3

- E. Chapter 30 - Your wound is incurable
  - 1. Your wound is incurable (vs. 12)
  - 2. I will restore your health (vs.17)
- F. Chapter 31 - A new covenant
  - 1. Different from the covenant at Sinai (vs. 32)
    - a. Sinai depended on the people's performance
  - 2. New Covenant (vs. 33)
    - a. I will write My law in their heart
    - b. They will all know Me
    - c. Their sins I will no more remember
- G. Lamentations 3
  - 1. These promises explain Jeremiah's expression of faith after the ruin of Jerusalem
  - 2. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

### **III. Historical Fulfillment of the Promises**

- A. To a degree fulfilled in the return at the time of Cyrus
  - 1. Babylon was destroyed
  - 2. Israel was returned to the land
  - 3. People did have a new heart
    - a. Idolatry was never a serious problem again
    - b. Israel became a people of the Word
  - 4. Nation did experience a spiritual renewal in the land
- B. The extent of the promises was not exhausted until the Lord fulfills the fullness of His work
  - 1. By His first coming He establishes the New Covenant
  - 2. At His second coming He will complete the promise and sit on the throne of David