

但以理書 - 這麼遠，那麼近

第二課: 新的一頁

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The Setting – 背景

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- 626 BC – 巴比倫 興起
- 612 BC – 亞述首都 被 攻陷
- 605 BC – 擊退 埃及
- 605 BC – 尼布甲尼撒 (Nebuchadnezzar) 攻陷耶路撒冷
 - Jun. – Aug. 605 BC
 - Dec. 598 BC – Mar. 597 BC
 - Jan. 588 BC – Jul. 586 BC

National Subjugation - 亡國

- 605 BC
- 以色列 已不再是一個主權國家
- 精英被帶到 巴比倫 (1:3)
 - 王室的後裔和貴族
- 受過教育
- 富有
- 成為亡國奴
 - 包括年輕的 但以理 和 他的朋友

The Situation - 境況和感受

- 他們當時的境況和感受?
- 戰爭帶來殺戮
 - 屍橫遍野
 - 家破人亡
- 離開家鄉
 - 離開 熟悉的, 長大的 地方
 - 帶著首都被敵人攻佔的恥辱
- 到達異鄉
 - 陌生
 - 連根拔起
 - 重新開始
- 前路茫茫…

Great is Thy Faithfulness – 祢的信實廣大

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- 主把猶大王- And the Lord delivered (NIV)
- 怎麼會這樣 - How could it be?
- 上帝不是憐憫, 不是愛嗎?
- 上帝不再信實嗎? – No Longer Faithful
- 上帝不是_____ ?上帝不再_____ ?

Great is Thy Faithfulness – 祢的信實廣大

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 - One of the most popular hymn
- 你的信實廣大，你的信實廣大，清晨復清晨，更經歷新恩；
- 我所需用你恩手豐富預備，你的信實廣大，顯在我身。
 - Great is Thy faithfulness!
 - Great is Thy faithfulness!
 - Morning by morning new mercies I see.
 - All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
 - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 祝福只是神信實的一部分 - part of God's faithfulness

Faithfulness in Judgment - 審判中的信實

- 利未記 - Leviticus 26:1-39
 - 1-13 遵行誡命蒙福 - Reward for Obedience
 - 14-39 違背誡命遭禍 - Punishment for Disobedience
- 1-13 Serve God faithfully – Favor and Blessing
- 14-29 Abandoned God – Disfavor and Wrath
 - 14-17 疾病，戰爭，糧食短缺
 - 18-20 旱災
 - 21-22 野獸
 - 23-26 戰爭，瘟疫，飢荒
 - 17-39 完全破壞 Total Destruction
 - 使地荒涼，把你們分散在萬國中 (33, 39)

Corrective Actions - 糾正措施

- 神是我的審判者 - God is my judge
- 苦難是背棄盟約的結果 - Results of breaking the covenant
- 不服從的後果 - Consequence of disobedience
- 來自上帝的警告 - Warnings from God
 - Capture attention
 - Rethink on what went wrong
 - Corrective actions 糾正措施
 - Corrective change 改正機會
- God did all of these for Reconciliation
 - Center theme of Bible (原諒, 和解)
- God is faithful in both blessing and punishment (judgment)
 - Covenant keeper

Serve in Palace - 被選入宮

- 王吩咐他的太監長亞施昆拿說：“你要從以色列人中，把一些王室的後裔和貴族帶進來；這些年輕人必須沒有殘疾、英俊、足智多才、有高度學習能力、明察事理，而且他們必須有能力可以在王宮裡工作。你要教他們學習迦勒底的文學和語言。”王指定每日給他們一份御用的佳餚美酒；又教養他們三年。期滿以後，他們就侍立在王面前。(1:3-5 CNV)
- 要教他們學習迦勒底的文學和語言 (三年) (1:4-5)
 - 巴比倫文化
 - 從新學習、被改造
 - Brainwash - 洗腦
- 每日給一份御用的佳餚美酒 (1:5)
 - From the king's table – NIV
 - 丟棄、忘掉

你的名字、你的姓氏

- 他們中間有猶大人但以理、哈拿尼雅、米沙利、亞撒利雅。太監長給他們起了新的名字，稱但以理為伯提沙撒，哈拿尼雅為沙得拉，米沙利為米煞，亞撒利雅為亞伯尼歌。(1:6-7 CNV)
- 但以理 >> 伯提沙撒
 - Belteshazzar
 - 馬爾杜克寶藏的守護者 Keeper of the hidden treasures of Bel (Marduk)
 - 哈拿尼雅、米沙利、亞撒利 >> 為沙得拉，米煞，亞伯尼歌
 - Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
- New Identity - 新身分
 - Get rid of old self... A new person, new born
 - Erased attachment to own nation and religion

The Great Escape - 出走

- 50s to 70s
 - 700K to 2M escapees
- Seek better lives
 - Famine
 - Cultural Revolution
- Great personal loss
 - Leave homeland
 - Caught, imprisonment, 蛇頭
 - Die on the way

The Great Escape - 出走

- HK won't be same
 - Main contributors to the booming economy in 70s and 80s
- You and I won't be same
 - Fate? History? Divine plan?
- What brings you here?
 - All things work together, link together
 - 我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按他旨意被召的人。(Romans 8:28 - CUV)
 - all things God works for the good of those who love him (NIV)
- Good might not look good at the time

Life is Impermanence - 人生無常

- 「無」是沒有，「常」是固定不變
- 「無常」就是沒有固定不變的意思
- 一件事情或一個物體，是不會永遠保持同樣的狀態
- 簡單的生活常識

- Christians today like those in Jerusalem 605BC
 - Mistaking things will never changed
 - Mistaking God's blessing won't be lift
 - Mistaking God's promises have no string
 - Miss out God's expectations

- Freak out while challenge comes...

Trapped - 侷住

- 籠屋故事: 「我們在這兒等死！」

- 香港社區組織協會（社協）再次聯同攝影師 Benny Lam，推出一個名為「侷住」的攝影展。
- <https://www.facebook.com/socotrapped>

Trapped - 侷住

- We all feel trapped 困住 in some way
 - Sickness
 - Broken Relationship
 - Job Security
 - Finance Crisis
 - Relationship with God
 - Loneliness
 - Boredom
 - _____ <<<< Free to fill in your problems
- Read the book once
 - Imagine you are those captivated
 - Carried to a strange and distance place unwillingly

Judgment and Hope – 審判和盼望

- God is Faithful
 - Blessing (Leviticus 26:1-13)
 - Punishment (Leviticus 26:14-39)
 - Hope (Leviticus 26:40-46)
 - Forgiveness – for those confess their sin
 - Restoration – relationship with God the Father
 - Reestablish covenant
- Punishment will be passed (70 yrs later)
 - 538 BC – Cyrus decree releasing Israel from captivity
 - 536 BC – First return to Israel
- Daniel's faith – from words of his faithful God (Leviticus 26)

Hope from Christ - 基督裡的盼望

- 神既不愛惜自己的兒子，為我們眾人捨了，豈不也把萬物和他一同白白地賜給我們嗎？誰能控告神所揀選的人呢？有神稱他們為義了。誰能定他們的罪呢？有基督耶穌已經死了，而且從死裡復活，現今在神的右邊，也替我們祈求。誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕呢？難道是患難嗎？是困苦嗎？是逼迫嗎？是飢餓嗎？是赤身露體嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？ (Romans 8:32-35)
- Christ, the begotten Son
- We are God's children (8:14b)
- Christ dies for us and resurrected (8:34)
- What else could separate us from Christ (8:35)
 - Those were Paul's suffers, lets fill in yours...

Date	Topic
1. 9/11	Introduction
2. 9/18	Faith and Trials (Pt.1)
3. 9/25	Faith and Trials (Pt.2) Panel Session – Hardship
4. 10/16	Witness in Darkness (Pt.1)
5. 10/30	Witness in Darkness (Pt.2) Panel Session - Workplace
6. 11/13	Divine Disciplines
7. 11/20	Visions, Prophecies, End Time
8. 11/27	Panel Session – Evangelism Conclusion