

Living Way

January 31, 2024

Opening Hymn: LSB 663 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch & Pray*

Lecture Hymn: LSB 733 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Persian Rulers

Teispid Dynasty

Cyrus I—600-580

Cambyses I—580-559

Achaemenid Dynasty

Cyrus the Great—559-530

Cambyses II—530-522

Gaumata—522

Darius the Great—522-486

Xerxes the Great—485-465

Artaxerxes I—465-424

Xerxes II—424

Who is Sheshbazzar?

- Son of King Jeconiah/Jehoiachin?
 - Zerubbabel?
- Appointed by Cyrus the Great?

Ezra Scribe & Priest

Chapter 9 & 10: Exogamy & Mass Divorce

Conquest of Canaan Command

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you... You shall not **intermarry** with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods.”—Dt. 7:1-4

Policy Command
Or
Situational Command?

Where do covenants with God originate?

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said,

‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.— Mt 19:4-6

“Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and their children...”
—Ezra 10:3

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:”
—Ge 9:12

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates
—Ge 15:18