

1. Prophecy of Israel's apostasy

- a) Deuteronomy 4:22-26 What prophecy did Moses give regarding the children of Israel after they had finally settled in the Promised Land?
- b) When was this prophecy fulfilled? Judges 2:7-13
- c) What additional prophecy did Moses give regarding their descendants? Deuteronomy 4:27-28
- d) When was this prophecy fulfilled? Daniel 1:3, Jeremiah 52:28-30
- e) Was it inevitable that these prophecies would be fulfilled, or could these disasters have been avoided?

2. Prophecy of seeking the LORD in times of failure

- a) Deuteronomy 4:29 Why is it necessary to seek the LORD with all your heart and with all your soul?
- b) Where is that same appeal repeated to the children of Israel many centuries later? Jeremiah 29:11-14
- c) Share the story of a Bible character who sought the LORD with all his heart after a time of great failure. (King David – Psalm 51:1-11, etc.)
- d) Share a time when you sought the LORD with all your heart after a time of failure. How did the LORD respond to your cry?

3. Prophecy of turning hearts

- a) Deuteronomy 4:30 What is meant by the expression “turn to the LORD”?
- b) Repentance involves a change of mind and a change of direction. Give an example from the Bible of someone who repented and made a U-turn in his/her life.
- c) Why does seeking the LORD often require a change of direction?
- d) What are some things we might have to leave behind when we turn to the LORD?
- e) What assurance does Moses give to those who turn to the LORD, seeking Him with all their hearts? Deuteronomy 4:31 (see also Isaiah 55:6-7)
- f) What message of the prophet John the Baptist reinforces the idea that seeking the LORD in genuine repentance involves a change of direction and behavior? Matthew 3:1-8 (see also Luke 3:10-14)
- g) Discuss the declaration of Jesus recorded in Mark 1:15: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Why is genuine repentance and believing in the Gospel inextricably linked together?
- h) What additional appeal did the apostle Peter give on the Day of Pentecost to those who sensed the call of the Holy Spirit to turn to the LORD? Acts 2:38
- i) What counsel would you give to a friend who says, “I know I should repent, but I just don't feel like it”?

