

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Johnny Moss—adverse reaction to medicine

### Others in Need

- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Family of Danielle De Lange after her passing
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Elocio (Chuck Arnett's father-in-law)—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ◆ Dianne Johnson—rare cancer
- ◆ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Donna Parish (Jason Hilburn's mother)—COPD, chronic bronchitis
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care

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◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer

◆ Flood victims in Pakistan

◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.

◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

## Events

**August 28**

*4th Wednesday Singing*

**September 1**

*Meal after AM Worship*

**September 25**

*4th Wednesday Singing*

**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

## To Our Visitors



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements:** Leo Derrick

**Song Leading:** Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze

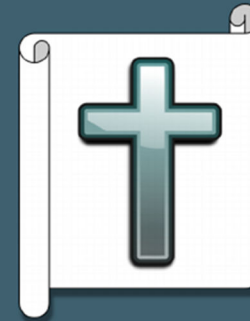
**Serving the Lord's Supper**

Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Ethan Howze, Ezra Howze, Mark Howze

**Lord's Supper PM**

Head: Leo Derrick  
Helper: Caleb Howze

**Bible Reading:** Brett (AM), Caleb S. (PM)



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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**The church of Christ in Baker, FL**

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## Meeting Times

**Sundays:**

10AM Bible Class

11AM Worship

6PM Worship

**Wednesdays:**

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## The Medo-Persian Kings Cyrus and Darius (Part 10 of 10)

Jason Patrick Hilburn

### Restoration

When the time was right for God's people to return home (Jer. 25:11-12), God raised up Cyrus to do His will. God's people could finally be restored to their homeland through the decree of Cyrus. Although not all of God's people returned to the promised land upon Cyrus' decree (Isa. 10:22), all twelve tribes scattered throughout the nations had the opportunity to return at this point (cf. 2 Chr. 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4; Eze. 11:17; 37). However, those from the northern kingdom who returned would not be allowed to return as a separate kingdom (Thomas 64; cf. Eze. 37:15-23).

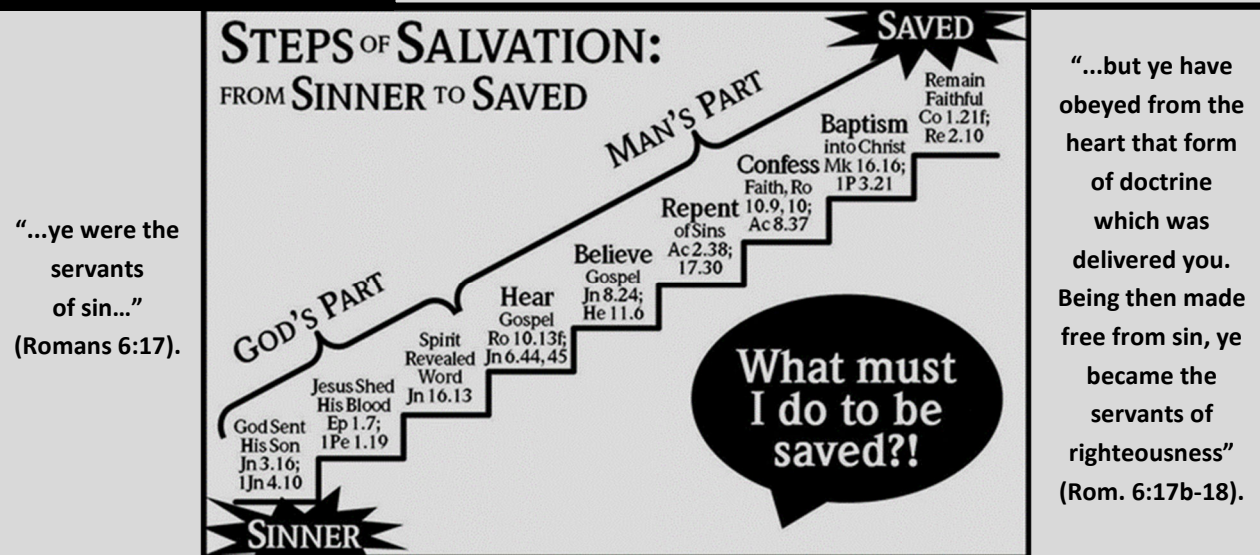
Not only were the people restored to the land, but Ezra was also commissioned to restore the law:

This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him...For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments (Ezra 7:6, 9-10).

### Respect for Law

The irrevocable law of the Medes and Persians helped the civilized world develop a respect for authority (cf. Dan. 6:8, 12, 15; Est. 1:19). This law "which altereth not" helped pave the way for a respect of God's authority in His immutable, unchanging, everlasting Word: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips" (Psa. 89:34; cf. Num. 23:19; Psa. 19:7; Isa.

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



"...ye were the servants of sin..."  
(Romans 6:17).

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

What must I do to be saved?!

40:8; Mat. 24:35; Heb. 6:17-18; 1 Pet. 1:25; Rev. 22:18-19, et al.). This respect for law during the time of the Medes and Persians would continue even until the time of the Romans, when the Messiah would enter the world (cf. Dan. 2:44). It would be during that period that God's Word would be preached throughout the world—a new Law from the King of kings to which all men would be commanded to submit (Mat. 28:18-20). It was because of a respect for law that Paul was able to take the Gospel all the way to the very palace of Caesar himself in Rome! (Acts 9:15; 25:11-12; Phil. 1:13; 4:22).

Each of the world empires leading up to the time of Christ contributed their share to help prepare the world for the Messiah. Brother Turner noted the following:

Babylon contributed the synagogue...Medo-Persia contributed law and order...Greece contributed the vehicle of a high universal language...Rome contributed all of the above, and in addition Rome contributed and enforced peace such as the world had never known, a high standard of citizenship, good roads, and travel (Turner, *Survey* 1).

After these contributions were given to the world through the providence of God, "the fulness of the time was come," and the Savior was sent (Gal. 4:4).

### CONCLUSION

The student of history should acknowledge that "there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). Both history and the Scriptures reveal that rulers like those of Medo-Persia were put into power by God to accomplish His purposes. Therefore it behooves the Bible student to be familiar with such men who were key figures in fulfilling the promises of God. The entire world should be thankful for the contributions towards man's eternal benefit, which God brought about providentially through rulers such as these.

### ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup>All Scripture quotations are from the King James Version unless otherwise specified.

<sup>2</sup>Cyrus II the Great would later become King of Anshan in 559 B.C.

<sup>3</sup>Gill gave the following citations: "(z) *Annales Vet. Test. A. M.* 3467. (a) Chronological Tables, cent. 10. (b) *Connexion*, &c. part 1. p. 125, 128. (c) *Scripture Chronology*, p. 711."

<sup>4</sup>Shea believes "King Ugbaru" had a queen, and both he and his queen were murdered by poisoning. He bases this on a record in the Nabonidus Chronicle of both Ugbaru and a queen dying (12-13).

<sup>5</sup>The Diyala is a river in the Zagros Mountains of Iran called the Gyndes by Herodotus.

<sup>6</sup>Although Babylon was not utterly destroyed by Cyrus, this was the beginning of the fulfillment of God's prophecy to humble the Babylonians and eventually bring Babylon to desolation. This process would actually be carried out by "many kings...from the coasts of the earth" (Jer. 50:41; cf. Smith).

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