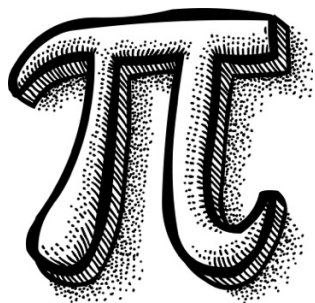
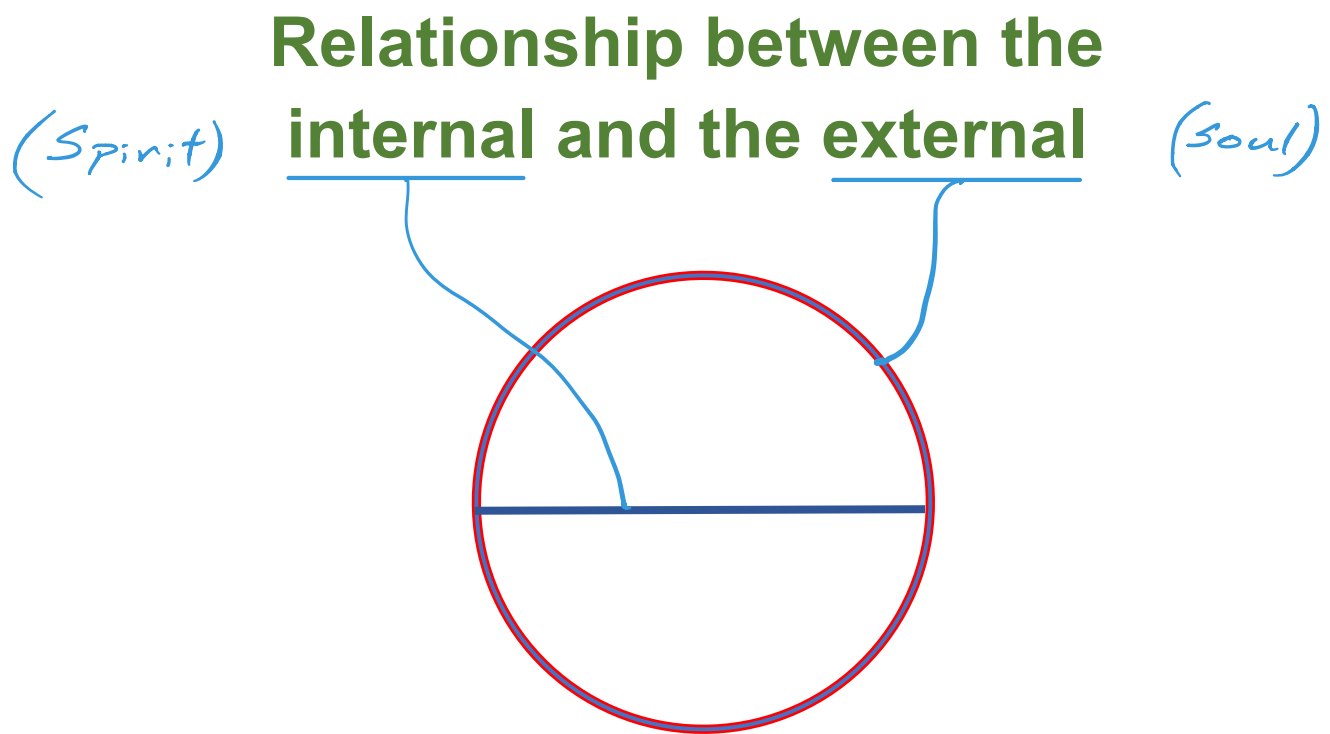


There & Back Again

Intro. to Ezra & Nehemiah


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Tzimtzum

Leviticus 25:2-7,18

“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to Adonai. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop, but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to Adonai. You shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard. Your harvest’s aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of untrimmed vines you shall not gather. The land shall have a sabbatical year. All of you shall have the

sabbath *products* of the land for food; yourself, and your male and female servants, and your hired man and your sojourner, those who live as aliens with you. Even your cattle and the animals that are in your land shall have all its crops to eat...You shall thus observe My statutes and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that you may live securely on the land.” (+ Exodus 23:10-11)

!! WARNING !!

Leviticus 26:33-35

You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste. Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land. Then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it.

!! CONSEQUENCES !!

Jeremiah 25:8-11

Therefore thus says Adonai of hosts, “Because you have not obeyed My words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,” declares Adonai, “and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about, and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.”

Jeremiah 29:4-14

AWAKENING

Daniel 9:1-5

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans – in the first year of his reign, **I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of Adonai to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy years**.** So, I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to Adonai my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances...

DELIVERANCE & RETURN

Isaiah 44:24 - 45:25

Psalms 139:12

Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. For You, darkness is as light.

Isaiah 54:8

“In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting loving-kindness I will have compassion on you,” says Adonai your Redeemer.

The last two verses of 2 Chronicles



Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia – in order to fulfill the word of Adonai by the mouth of Jeremiah – Adonai stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘Adonai, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may Adonai his God be with him, and let him go up!’”



The first two verses of EZRA

Kings of Persia (539 – 423 B.C.)

Cyrus

Darius I
Hystaspes

Ahasuerus
(Xerxes)

Artaxerxes
the 1st

Darius

539-520

521-486

486-464

464-423

Ezra

Esther

Nehemiah

Zechariah

Malachi

Haggai

