



REBELS AND EXILES

A Biblical Theology
of Sin and Restoration

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Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you felt homesick. What were the circumstances, and what was that experience like? (introduction)
2. Which aspect of being made in God's image (royal or priestly) is most meaningful to you? Why? (chap. 1)
3. Which aspect of God's promise to Abraham (people, place, or presence) resonates most with you? Why? (chap. 1)
4. How have you seen the cycle of sin described in the period of the judges work itself out in your own life? (chap. 2)
5. God showed Israel remarkable patience in repeatedly warning them about the consequences of their sin leading to exile. What are some ways you have personally experienced God's patience toward you? (chap. 2)
6. What aspects of Israel's and Judah's experience of exile seem most significant to you? Why do those aspects resonate with you? (chap. 3)
7. Which of the four key restoration promises (temple, torah, turf, and throne) stands out to you? Why? (chap. 4)
8. The requirement of repentance was a key component to God's promises to restore Israel. How have you seen repentance produce fruit in your own life? (chap. 4)
9. What fresh insights on the life and ministry of Jesus did you gain from viewing them through the lens of his mission to restore his people from their exile away from the presence of God? (chap. 5) What insights did you gain on the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus? (chap. 6)
10. What are some specific ways you have fallen into the trap of believing that this fallen world is your true home? How might your life look different if you viewed it through the lens of being an exile in this world? (chap. 7)
11. What elements of our future life in the new heavens and new earth are you most looking forward to? Why? (chap. 8)

12. Which of the practical implications from the final chapter of the book seem most significant to you? Why? (chap. 9)
13. As you reflect on the whole book, what are two or three key takeaways you want to make sure you remember and apply moving forward?