3-3 Notes

* The Jews were exiled – forced to leave their homeland
* Sabbath – weekly day of worship and rest
* Synagogues – Jewish houses of worship
* The Persians defeated the Chaldeans and took over Babylon. The Persian king, Cyrus, permitted Jews to return to Judah.
* Ezra – a religious scholar and scribe
* The Hebrew Bible is a series of books which describe events in Jewish history, prophecy, poetry and proverbs.
* The Chaldeans threw Daniel into a lion’s den, but God protected Daniel from the lions.
* Alexander the Great, who loved all things Greek, defeated the Persians, so Judah came under his control.
* The scattering of the Jews outside of Israel and Judah became known as the Diaspora.
* A Jewish priest named Judas Maccabeus and his followers rebelled against and drove the Greeks out of Judah.
* Jewish law set many rules for Jews that affected their daily life.
* Ruth’s courage and devotion to her family provided an example for Jewish girls to follow.
* Food that is prepared according to Jewish dietary laws is called kosher.
* Many Jews were waiting for the messiah, a deliverer sent by God.
* Rabbis- teacher of the Torah (Jewish religious leaders).