

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE

THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. The deeper into the Old Testament you read, the larger the barrier is to your understanding.
 - a. Genesis was written 1500 years before Jesus and describes events even older. Abraham lived about 2000 years before Christ.
 - b. Example:
 1. When Abraham and Sarah decided to have a child by Hagar, they were following a recognized marriage custom of the time. This has been confirmed as a custom in the Nuzi archive discovered dated 1500-1300 B.C.
2. There are different types of literature (genres):
 - a. The books of the Law
 - b. Historical Narratives
 - c. Poetry
 - d. Prophecy

How you read each type is important!

1. For the books of the Law:
 - a. to show us our true need for a savior--even Genesis is largely a book of the beginnings of the line of Messiah
 - b. they portray things as they happened, not as they should have
 - c. the Law is a covenant between holiness and sinfulness
 - d. Unless a specific law is restated in the New Testament, it is no longer binding
2. For the Historical Narratives:
 - a. they are not allegories with hidden meanings
 - b. they are selective and incomplete, therefore they are intended to teach a principle
 - c. Look for 5 basic parts:
 1. the plot
 2. the scene, time, place
 3. the characters
 4. any dialogue
 5. look for the narrator's meanings and ironies
3. For the Poetry:
 - a. these books are emotional and blatantly honest--Psalm 88:14
 - b. these books are often metaphors--Psalm 23

- c. often use analogy---Psalm 91:4
- d. often use exaggeration---Psalm 42:3
- e. Try to make it a timeless truth by asking:
 - 1. Who should I be?
 - 2. How should I think?
 - 3. What should I do?
 - 4. Where should I go?
 - 5. Who will I teach?
- f. Be very careful of literal interpretations in this section

Read Psalm 116:1-5

What is exaggerated?

How is this emotional?

What is the timeless truth?

- 4. For the Prophecy:
 - a. These prophets were enforcing and mediating the Old Testament Covenant!
 - b. The message is confrontation and judgment.
 - c. Most the of the prophets messages (99%) were completed.
 - d. Must relate each book and passage to the historical setting in which it is placed.
 - e. Two common forms:
 - 1. A Lawsuit --Isaiah 3
 - Full Lawsuit (13-14)
 - Indictment (14-16)
 - Sentencing (17-26)
 - 2. The Woe--Habbakkuk 2:6-8
 - The woe announced
 - The reason for the woe
 - The woe brings doom
 - f. Often a judgment is followed by a promise of salvation.
 - g. Three common sins of the people:
 - 1. Idolatry--Jeremiah 10:5
 - 2. Social Injustice--Micah 6:7-8
 - 3. Religious ritual--Isaiah 1:11-13

3. Look for insight from the New Testament

- a. Many Old Testament passages can be fully understood because they are quoted in the New Testament.
- b. See the material provided under Appendix One

THE OLD TESTAMENT--THEMES, KEY VERSES, OUTLINES

1. The Books of the Law--The Foundation for Christ

A. Genesis

Themes = blessings/cursings, obedience/faith

All the major Biblical themes have their beginnings here:

1. Beginning of the universe
2. Beginnings of man and woman
3. Beginnings of sin
4. Beginnings of the promise of salvation
5. Beginnings of the nation of Israel

Key Verses: 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-9

Outline = Four Events and Four People

I. Four Events

- a. Creation 1-2
- b. Corruption 3-5
- c. Destruction 6-9
- d. Dispersion 10-11

II. Four People

- a. Abraham 12-23
- b. Isaac 24-26
- c. Jacob 27-36
- d. Joseph 37-50

B. Exodus

Themes = Redemption/Passover, Deliverance/Exodus

Key Verses: 6:6, 19:5-6

Outline = Redemption and Revelation

I. Redemption

- a. Subjection 1-12
- b. Redemption by Blood 12-14
- c. Education by Journeying 15-18

II. Revelation

- a. The Law 19-24
- b. The Tabernacle 25-31
- c. Breaking the Law 32-34
- d. Constructing the Tabernacle 35-40

C. Leviticus

Themes = Be Holy because I am Holy (11:45)

Key Verses: 17:11, 20:7-8

Key Chapter: 16, the Day of Atonement

Outline = Sacrifice and Sanctification

I. Sacrifice

- a. Laws of Approach to God 1-7
- b. Laws of the Priests 8-10
- c. Laws of Purity 11-15
- d. Laws of National Atonement 16-17

II. Sanctification

- a. God's people 18-20
- b. God's priests 21-22
- c. God's worship 23-24
- d. The Land 25-26
- e. Vows 27

D. Numbers

Themes = Consequences of Failing to Have Faith in God's Promises,
God's continual care of His People

Key Verses: 14:22-23, 20:12

Key Chapters: 13-14

Outline = Preparation, Failure of the Old Generation, Preparation of the
New I. Preparation at Sinai

- a. Position and Numbering of the People 1-4
- b. Sanctification of the People by Precepts 5-9:14
- c. Pilgrimage 9:15-10:36

II. Failure of the Old Generation

- a. Discontent 11-12
- b. Disbelief 13-14
- c. Discipline 15-25

III. Preparation of the New Generation

- a. Reorganization 26-27
- b. Regulations 28-30
- c. Regionalization 31-36

E. Deuteronomy

Themes = Watch Yourself Lest You Forget

Key Verses: 4:9,23, 4:31, 10:12-14, 30:19-20

Key Chapters: 27-30

Outline

- I. Preamble 1:1-5
- II. Review of Wanderings 1:6-4:43
- III. Rehearsal of the Law 4:44-26:19
- IV. Ratification of the Covenant 27:1-30:20
- V. Conclusion 31:1-34:12

2. The Historical Narratives--The Preparation for Christ

A. Joshua

Themes = The Promised Land, God's Faithfulness

Key Verses: 1:3, 1:8-9, 11:23, 24:14-15

Key Chapters: 1-4, change in leadership for Israel

Outline

I. Invasion of Canaan

- a. Commissioning 1:1-9
- b. Command 1:10-18
- c. Canvassing 2
- d. Crossing 3
- e. Commemoration 4
- f. Consecration 5-12

II. Conquest of Canaan

- a. Commander 5:13-15
- b. Campaign in Central Portion 6-8
- c. Campaign in South 9-10
- d. Campaign in North 11:1-15
- e. Review of Victory 11:16-12:24

III. Division of Canaan

- a. Two and One Half Tribes 13
- b. Caleb 14
- c. Nine and One Half Tribes 15:1-19:48
- d. Joshua 19:49-51
- e. Cities of Refuge 20:1-9
- f. Cities of Levites 21:1-45

IV. Conclusion

- a. Dispute about the Altar 22
- b. Discourse of Joshua 23:1-24:28
- c. Death of Joshua 24:29-33

B. Judges

Themes = Seven Cycles decline-oppression-supplication-deliverance

Key Verses: 2:15-16, 2:20-23, 21:25

Key Chapters: 1-2 look back to sin and forward to servitude

Outline

I. Deterioration

- a. Political Condition 1:1-36
- b. Spiritual Condition 2:1-3:6

III. Depravity

- a. Micah 17:1-18:31
- b. War 19:1-21:25

II. Deliverance

- a. Othniel's Deliverance 3:7-11
- b. Ehud's Deliverance 3:12-30
- c. Shagmar's 3:31
- d. Deborah and Barak 4:1-5:31
- e. Gideon 6:1-8:35
- f. Abimelech's Tyranny 9:1-57

- g. Tola 10:1-2
- h. Jair 10:3-5
- i. Jephthah 10:6-12:7
- j. Ibzan 12:8-10
- k. Elon 12:11-12
- l. Abdon 12:13-15
- m. Samson 13:1-16:31

C. Ruth

Theme = Ruth sparkles as an example of faith and obedience during the dark days of the Judges, kinsman-redeemer

Key Verses: 1:15-17, 3:11-13

Key Chapters: 1 and 4

Outline

I. Resolve of Ruth

- a. Background 1:1-5
- b. Choice 1:6-18
- c. Arrival in Bethlehem 1:19-22

II. Reaping Rights of Ruth

- a. to Glean 2:1-3
- b. Results 2:4-17
- c. Report 2:17-23

III. Request of Ruth

- a. Suggested 3:1-4
- b. Executed 3:5-9
- c. Agreed to 3:10-18

IV. Reward of Ruth

- a. Husband 4:1-12
- b. Son 4:13-17
- c. Lineage 4:18-22

D. I Samuel

Theme = Transition of Leadership, Samuel serves as Prophet, Priest, King

Key Verses: 8:6-7, 13:14, 15:22-23

Key Chapters: 8 and 15

Outline

I. Samuel, the last Judge

- a. Call 1:1-3:21
- b. Commission 4:1-7:17
- c. Concern 8:1-22

II. Saul, the First King

- a. Selection 9:1-12:25
- b. Rejection 13:1-15:35

III. David, the Next King

- a. Shepherd 16:1-23
- b. Giant Killer 17:1-58
- c. Friend of Jonathan 18:119:24
- d. Fugitive 20:1-26:25
- e. Refuge 27:1-31:13

E. II Samuel

Theme = David's 40 year reign, sin turns triumph into trouble personally

Key Verses: 7:12-16, 12:12-14

Key Chapter: 5

Outline

I. Triumphs of David

- a. Coronation 1:1-5:6

III. Troubles of David

- a. Home 12:1-13:36

- b. Consolidation 5:7-6:23
- c. Covenant 7:1-29
- d. Conquests 8:1-10:19

b. Kingdom 13:37-24:25

II. Transgressions of David

- a. Adultery 11:1-13
- b. Murder 11:14-27

F. I Kings

Theme = Disobedience leads to ruin nationally

Key verses: 9:3-7, 11:11

Key Chapters: 11-12

Outline

I. United Kingdom--40 years of Solomon

- a. Accession 1:1-3:1
- b. Wisdom 3:2-4:34
- c. Temple 5:1-8:66
- d. Fame 9:1-10:29
- e. Decline 11:1-43

II. Divided Kingdom—80 years

- a. Cause 12:1-24
- b. Jeroboam 12:25-14:20
- c. Rehoboam 14:21-31
- d. Abijam 15:1-8
- e. Asa 15:9-24
- f. Nadab 15:25-31
- g. Baasha 15:32-16:7
- h. Elah 16:8-14
- i. Zimri 16:15-20
- j. Omri 16:21-28
- k. Ahab 16:29-22:40
- l. Jehoshaphat 22:41-50
- m. Ahaziah 22:51-53

G. II Kings

Theme = Willful Sin has a Woeful End

Key Verses: 17:18-23, 23:27

Key Chapters: 2, 4-6, 17-19, 22-25

Outline

I. Divided Kingdom

- a. Ahaziah 1:1-18
- b. Jehoram 2:1-8:15
- c. Joram 8:16-24
- d. Ahaziah 8:25-29
- e. Jehu 9:1-10:36
- f. Athaliah 11:1-16
- g. Jehoash 11:17-12:21
- h. Jehoahaz 13:1-9
- i. Jehoash 13:10-25
- j. Amaziah 14:1-22
- k. Jeroboam II 14:23-29
- l. Azariah (Uzziah) 15:1-7
- m. Zechariah 15:8-12

II. Judah

- a. Hezekiah 18:1-20:21
- b. Manasseh 21:1-18
- c. Amon 21:19-26
- d. Josiah 22:1-23:30
- e. Jehoahaz 23:31-33
- f. Jehoiakim 23:34-24:7
- g. Jehoiachin 24:8-16
- h. Zedekiah 24:17-25:21
- i. Gedaliah 25:22-26
- j. Release of Jehoiachin
25:27-30

- n. Shallum 15:13-15
- o. Menahem 15:16-22
- p. Pekahiah 15:23-26
- q. Pekah 15:27-31
- r. Jotham 15:32-38
- s. Ahaz 16:1-20
- t. Hoshea 17:1-41

H. I Chronicles

Theme = While Kings is historical, Chronicles is spiritual
 Kings is man's view, Chronicles is God's view
 written for the returning exiles to remind them of their
 royal lineage, Parallels I and II Samuel

Key Verses: 11:1-3, 17:11-14, 29:11-12

Key Chapter: 17

Outline

I. Genealogies Adam to David

- a. Adam to Abraham 1:1-27
- b. Abraham to Jacob 1:28-54
- c. Jacob to David 2:1-55
- d. David to Captivity 3:1-24
- e. The 12 Tribes 4:1-8:0
- f. Jerusalem's People 9:1-34
- g. Saul's Family 9:35-44

II. Rise of David

- a. Death of Saul 10:1-14
- b. Ascension of David 11:1-3
- c. Capture of Jerusalem 11:4-9
- d. Heroes of David 11:10-12:40

III. David's Reign

- a. The Ark 13:1-17:27
- b. The Wars 18:1-20:8
- c. The Census 21:1-30
- d. The Temple 22:1-23:1
- e. The Levites 32:2-26:32
- f. The Leaders 27:1-34
- g. Instructions 28:1-21
- h. Worship 29:1-21

IV. Solomon 29:22-30

I. II Chronicles

Theme = Revival and Spiritual Renewal, ignores the Northern Kingdom,
 parallels I and II Kings

Key Verses: 7:14, 16:9

Key Chapter: 34

Outline

I. Reign of Solomon

- a. Inauguration 1:1-17
- b. Temple 2:1-7:22
- c. Fame 8:1-9:28
- d. Death 9:29-31

II. Kings of Judah

III. Decree of Cyrus 36:22-23

- a. Rehoboam 10:1-12:16
- b. Abijah 13:1-22
- c. Asa 14:1-16:14
- d. Jehoshaphat 17:1-20:37
- e. Jehoram 21:1-20
- f. Ahaziah 22:1-9
- g. Athaliah 22:1-9
- h. Joash 23:16-24:47
- i. Smaziah 25:1-28
- j. Uzziah 26:1-23
- k. Jotham 27:1-9
- l. Ahaz 28:1-27
- m. Hezekiah 29:1-32:33
- n. Manasseh 33:1-20
- o. Amon 33:21-25

J. Ezra

Theme = return from exile to rebuilding of the temple, restoration, priest view

Key Verses: 1:3, 2:1, 6:21-22, 7:10

Key Chapters: 1, 3, 6-9

Outline

I. Restoration

- a. Decree of Cyrus 1:1-11
- b. Census 2:1-70
- c. Construction 3:1-13
- d. Opposition 4:1-24
- e. Renewed Construction 5:1-6:12
- f. Completion 6:13-22

II. Reformation

- a. Return 7:1-8:36
- b. Revival 9:1-10:44

K. Nehemiah

Theme = layman view of same events in Ezra

Key Verses: 4:6, 6:15-16, 8:8

Key Chapters: 1-2, 4-7, 9

Outline

I. Rebuilding

- a. Preparation 1:1-2:20
- b. Rebuilding 3:1-7:73

II. Restoration

- a. Renewal 8:1-10:39
- b. Obedience 11:1-13:31

L. Esther

Theme = God's providential care for His people

Key Verses: 4:14, 8:17

Key Chapters: 3, 6-7, 8-9

Outline

I. Danger to the Jews

a. Esther as Queen 1:1-2:23

b. Conspiracy of Haman 3:1-15

II. Deliverance of the Jews

a. Decision 4:1-5:14

b. Defeat 6:1-7:10

c. Decree 8:1-17

d. Defeat 9:1-19

e. Days of Feast 9:20-32

f. Declaration 10:1-3

3. The Poetic Books--The Aspiration for Christ

Christ in the Poetical Books

As noted previously, Christ, the Messiah, is the heart of all the Bible. With the two disciples on the Emmaus road who were so saddened and perplexed over the events of the previous days as the crucifixion, death, and reports of the resurrection, the resurrected Savior came along side and explained the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures (Luke 24:27). Then later when he appeared to the eleven and He said: "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, than all things which are written about Me in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44).

With this in mind, before launching into the overview of each of these poetical books, it would be well to get their Christological perspective. Regarding this element Geisler writes:

Whereas the foundation was laid for Christ in the Law and preparation was made for Christ in the books of History, the books of Poetry reveal the aspiration for Christ in the hearts of the people. They aspired to a life fulfilled in Christ in both an explicit and an implicit way, both consciously and unconsciously. The following list will serve as an overall guide to the Christ-centered aspirations of the poetical books:

1. Job-aspiration for mediation by Christ.
2. Psalms-aspiration for communion with Christ.
3. Proverbs-aspiration for wisdom in Christ.
4. Ecclesiastes-aspiration for ultimate satisfaction.
5. Song of Solomon-aspiration for union in love with Christ.

A. Job

Theme = a vindication of God's holiness in the face of evil and suffering

Key Verses: 2:3-6, 13:15, 42:5-6, 42:10

Key Chapters: 1-2, 38-42

Outline

I. Prologue

a. Circumstances 1:1-5

IV. God's Revelation

a. First 38:1-40:5

- b. Calamaties 1:6-2:10
- II. Dialogues
 - a. First Cycle 3:1-14:22
 - b. Second Cycle 15:1-21:34
 - c. Third Cycle 22:1-31:40
- III. Words of Elihu
 - a. First 32:1-33:33
 - b. Second 34:1-37
 - c. Third 35:1-16
 - d. Fourth 36:1-37:24

- b. Second 40:6-42:6
- V. Epilogue 42:7-17

B. Psalms

Divisions:

Man and Creation = 1041	Genesis
Israel and Redemption = 42-72	Exodus
Worship and Temple = 73-89	Leviticus
Our time on Earth = 90-106	Numbers
Praise and God's Word = 107-150	Deuteronomy

Key Verses: 1:1-3, 19:8-11, 19:14, 119:9-11, 145:21
 Key Psalms: 1, 22, 23, 24, 37, 78, 100, 119, 121, 150

Specific Prophetic fulfillments applied to Christ:

Prophecy	Psalm	New Testament Passage
1. Birth	104:4	Heb. 1:7
2. Humiliation	8:4	Heb. 2:6
3. Deity	45:6	Heb. 1:8
4. Ministry	69:9	John 2:17
5. Rejection	118:22	Matt. 21:42
6. Betrayal	41:9	John 13:18
7. Crucifixion events	22	Matt. 27:39, 43, 46; Luke 23:35
8. Resurrection	2 and 16	Acts 2:27
9. Ascension	68:18	Eph. 4:8
10. Reign	102:26	Heb. 1:11

C. Proverbs

Theme = Wisdom for living, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge"

Key Verses: 1:5-7, 3:5-6, 9:10

Key Chapters: 1, 31

Outline

- I. Introduction 1:1-7
- II. Precepts of Wisdom
 - a. Obey Parents 1:8-9
 - b. Avoid Bad Company 1:10-19
 - c. Heed Wisdom's Call 1:20-33
 - d. Avoid Adultery 2:1-22
 - e. Trust and Honor 3:1-12
 - f. Blessings of Wisdom 3:13-20
 - g. Be kind 3:21-35
 - h. Get Wisdom 4:1-9
 - i. Avoid Bad Company 4:10-19
 - j. Keep Your Heart 4:20-27
 - k. Avoid Adultery 5:1-14
 - l. Be Faithful 5:15-23
 - m. Avoid Surety 6:1-5
 - n. Shun Laziness 6:6-19
 - o. Avoid Adultery 6:20-35
 - p. Avoid the Adulteress 7:1-27
 - q. Wisdom and Folly 8:1-9:18
- III. Proverbs of Solomon 10:1-24:34
- IV. Copied by Hezekiah
 - a. Relationships 25:1-26:28
 - b. Actions 27:1-29:27
 - c. Law 28:1-10
 - d. Wealth 28:11-28
 - e. Stubbornness 29:1-27
- V. Words of Agur 30:1-33
- VI. Words of Lemuel 31:1-9
- VII. Capable Wife 31:10-31

D. Ecclesiastes

Theme = the futility of life apart from God

Key Verses: 1:2, 2:24, 12:13-14

Key Chapter: 12

Outline

- I. Problem Stated 1:1-3
 - a. Problem Demonstrated 1:4-2:26
 - 1. Cycles of Life 1:4-11
 - 2. Human Wisdom 1:12-18
 - 3. Pleasure and Wealth 2:1-11
 - 4. Materialism 2:12-23
 - 5. Providence of God 2:24-26
- II. God's Immutable Plan
 - a. Predetermined events 3:1-11
 - b. Predetermined conditions 3:12-13
 - c. Judge of all 3:14-21
 - d. Conclusion 3:22
- III. Futility of Life's Circumstances
 - a. Evil Oppression 4:1-3
 - b. Hard Work 4:4-12
 - c. Political Success 4:13-16
 - d. Religion 5:1-7
 - e. Riches 5:8-17
 - f. Conclusion 5:18-20
- IV. Futility of Life
 - a. Wealth 6:1-2
 - b. Children 6:3-6
 - c. Labor 6:7-12
- V. Counsel for Life
 - a. Wickedness 7:1-29
 - b. Providences 8:1-9:18
 - c. Uncertainty 10:1-20
 - d. Aging 11:1-12:8
- VI. Conclusion 12:9-14

E. Song of Solomon

Theme = love song filled with metaphor and imagery to portray God's view of love and marriage, a drama with several scenes

3 basic interpretation:

1. pure allegory--fictional intended to portray God's love for His people
2. Literal--love song, romantic
3. Typical--beauties of physical and God's love for His people

Key Verses: 7:10

Outline

I. Title 1:1

II. Falling in Love 1:2-3:5

III. United in Love 3:6-5:1

IV. Struggling in Love 5:2-7:10

V. Maturing in Love 7:11-8:14

4. The Prophetic Books-The Expectation of Christ

Propheesied To:	Isaiah Jews in Judea	Jeremiah Jews in Judea And captivity	Ezekiel Jews captive in Babylon	Daniel Jews captive in Babylon And Gentile Kings
Concerning:	Judah And Jerusalem	Judah and Nations	House of Israel	Israel and Gentile Nations
During the reigns:	Uzziah, Jotham Ahaz, Hezekia (kings of Judah)	Josiah, Jehoahaz Jehoiakim Jehoiachin Zedekiah (king of Judah)	Zedekiah	Nebuchadnezzar
Dates:	740-680 B.C.	627-585 B.C.	592-570 B.C.	605-536 B.C.
Historical Setting:	2 Kings 15-21 2 Cgribuckes 26-30	II Kings 22-25	Daniel 1-6	Daniel 1-6

A. Isaiah = Salvation is of Yahweh

Theme = Salvation is bestowed by grace of God and not by man's works

Key Verses: 7:14, 9:6-7, 53:4-7

Key Chapter: 53

Outline

I. Prophecies of Judgment

a. Judah 1:1-12:6

b. Gentile Nations 13:1-23:18

II. Prophecies of Comfort

a. Deliverance 40:1-48:22

b. Deliverer 49:1-57:21

- c. Day of the Lord 24:1-27:13
- d. Israel and Judah 28:1-35:10
- e. Sennacherib 36:1-39:8
- c. Israel's Future 58:1-66:24

B. Jeremiah

Theme = warnings against sin and hope of restoration

Key Verses: 1:4-10, 7:23-24, 8:11-12

Key Chapters: 1, 23, 31-32

Outline

I. Call and Commission

- a. Call 1:1-10
- b. Confirmation 1:11-19

II. Prophecies to Judah

- a. Willful Sin 2:1-3:5
- b. Chastening 3:6-6:30
- c. Wrong Religion 7:1-10:25
- d. Breaking of Covenant 11:1-13:27
- e. Drought 14:1-15:9
- f. Prophet Recommissioned 15:10-16:9
- g. Sins 16:10-17:27
- h. Potter 18:1-23
- i. Broken Jar 19:1-20:18
- j. Kings 21:1-23:8
- k. False Prophets 23:9-40
- l. Captivity 24:1-25:38
- m. Judah's reaction 26:1-24
- n. Advice 27:1-29:32
- o. Hope of Restoration 30:1-33:26
- p. Events before the fall 34:1-38:28
- q. Fall of Jerusalem 39:1-18
- r. After the fall 40:1-45:5

III. Prophecies to Gentiles

- a. Egypt 46:1-28
- b. Philistines 47:1-7
- c. Moab 48:1-47
- d. Ammon 49:1-6
- e. Edom 49:7-22
- f. Damascus 49:23-27
- g. Arabia 49:28-33
- h. Elam 49:34-39
- i. Babylon 50:1-51:64

IV. Supplement

- a. Jerusalem 52:1-23
- b. People 52:24-34

C. Lamentations = A River of Tears

Theme = a lament over the judgment that has come

Key Verses: 2:5-6, 3:21-24

Key Chapter: 3

Outline

I. Destruction

- a. Lament of the Prophet 1:1-11
- b. Lament of the City 1:12-22

II. The Lord's Anger

- a. Anger of God 2:1-10
- b. Author's Lament 2:11-22

III. Distraught Prophet

- a. Lament 3:1-18

IV. Defeat

- a. Siege 4:1-12
- b. Reasons 4:13-20
- c. Hope 4:21-22

V. Prayer of Restoration 5:1-22

- b. Hope 3:19-42
- c. Suffering 3:43-54
- d. Prayer 3:55-66

D. Ezekiel = They Shall Know I am Yahweh

Theme = Condemnation for sin and a view of God's future plan

Key Verses: 36:24-30, 36:33-35

Key Chapters: 36-39

Outline

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Commission and Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Glory of God 1:1-28 b. Commissioned 2:1-3:27 II. Judgments of Jerusalem and Judah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Four Signs 4:1-5:17 b. Two Messages 6:1-7:27 c. Four Prophecies 8:1-11:25 d. Certainty of Judgment 12:1-24:27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> III. Prophecies of Nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ammon 25:1-7 b. Moab 25:8-11 c. Edom 25:12-14 d. Philistia 25:15-17 e. Tyre 26:1-28:19 f. Sidon 28:20-26 g. Egypt 29:1-32:32 IV. Restoration of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Return 33:1-39:29 b. Restoration 40:1-48:35 |
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E. Daniel = Israel's Ultimate Destiny

Theme = God is sovereign and judges the world while delivering His people

Key Verses: 2:20-22, 2:44, 7:14

Key Chapters: 9

Outline

- I. Personal History of Daniel
 - a. Departure to Babylon 1:1-7
 - b. Faithfulness in Babylon 1:8-16
 - c. Reputation in Babylon 1:17-21
- II. Plan for the Gentile Nations
 - a. Dream 2:1-49
 - b. Fiery Furnace 3:1-30
 - c. Vision 4:1-37
 - d. Handwriting on the Wall 5:1-31
 - e. Lion's Den 6:1-28
 - f. Four Beasts 7:1-28
- III. Plan for Israel
 - a. Ram, Goat, and Horn 8:1-27
 - b. Seventy Weeks 9:1-27
 - c. Israel's Future 10:1-12:13

Their Grouping According to the Exile and The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

Group Dates	Book	Approximate
Pre-Exilic	Jonah (preached to Nineveh)	780-850
Prophets of Israel	Amos	765-750
	Hosea	755-715
Prophets of Judah	Obadiah	840
	Joel	835-796
	Micah	740-690
	Nahum	630-612
	Habakkuk	606-604
	Zephaniah	625
Post-Exilic Prophets	Haggai	520
	Zechariah	515
Prophets of the Returned Remnant	Malachi	430

F. Hosea = Persevering Love

Theme = Demonstrates the unfailing love of God in spite of our sin

Key Verses: 3:1, 4:1, 4:6, 11:7-9

Key Chapter: 4

Outline

I. Superscription 1:1

II. Hosea's Marriage

a. Prophetic Nature of Hosea's family 1:2-2:1

b. Restoration through Punishment 2:2-23

c. Restoration of Hosea's Marriage 3:1-5

III. Hosea's Message

a. The Case against Israel 4:1-6:3

b. The Case Enlarged 6:4-11:1

c. The Case Concluded 11:2-14:9

G. Joel = The Coming Day of Yahweh

Theme = a locust plague and drought predict a future invasion of Israel

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Key Verses: 2:11, 2:28-32

Key Chapter: 2

Outline

I. Historic Day of the Lord

- a. Occurrence of Locust 1:1-12
- b. Occurrence of Drought 1:13-20

II. Prophetic Day of the Lord

- a. Imminency of the Day 2:1-27
- b. Ultimate Day of the Lord 2:28-3:21

H. Amos = Judgment for Abused Privilege

Theme = God comes as a warrior against those who rebel against Him

Key Verses: 3:1-2, 4:11-12, 8:11-12

Key Chapter: 9

Outline

I. Introduction 1:1-2

II. Eight Judgments of Amos

- a. Damascus 1:3-5
- b. Philistia 1:6-8
- c. Tyre 1:9-10
- d. Edom 1:11-12
- e. Ammon 1:13-15
- f. Moab 2:1-3
- g. Judah 2:4-5
- h. Israel 2:6-16

III. Sermons of Amos

- a. Doom of Israel 3:1-15
- b. Depravity 4:1-13
- c. A dirge 5:1-6:14
- d. Ruin of Israel 5:1-17
- e. Rebuke 5:18-27
- f. Reprimand 6:1-14

IV. Five Visions of Amos

- a. Devouring Locusts 7:1-3
- b. Fire 7:4-6
- c. Plumb Line 7:7-9
- d. Interlude 7:10-17
- e. Basket of Fruit 8:1-14
- f. Judging Lord 9:1-10

I. Obadiah = Poetic Justice

Theme = Pride goes before a fall

Key Verse: 1:10, 1:15, 1:21

Outline

I. Prophecies on Edom

- a. Certainty 1-4
- b. Completeness 5-9

II. Basis for Judgment

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- b. Aloofness 11-12
- c. Aggressiveness 13-14

III. Time of Judgment 15

IV. Results of Judgment 16-18

V. Deliverance 19-21

J. Jonah = Fleeing from God's Will

Theme = God's concern for the world and His sovereignty over nature/man

Key Verses: 2:8-9, 3:10, 4:2

Key Chapter: 3

Outline

I. Jonah Flees

- a. Reason 1:1-2
- b. Route 1:3
- c. Results 1:4-17

II. Jonah Prays

- a. Characteristics 2:1-9
- b. Answer 2:10

III. Jonah Preaches

- a. Commanded 3:1-3
- b. Content 3:4
- c. Consequences 3:5-10

IV. Jonah Learns

- a. Complaint 4:1-3
- b. Curriculum 4:4-11

K. Micah = Who Is Like God?

Theme = exposes the injustice of man and the justice of God

Key Verses: 1:5-9, 6:8, 7:18-20

Key Chapters: 6-7

Outline

I. Introduction 1:1

II. Judgment for Samaria and Judah

- a. Prediction 1:2-7
- b. Lament 1:8-16
- c. Sins of Judah 2:1-11
- d. Future Regathering 2:12-13

III. Doom followed by Deliverance

- a. The Leaders Chapter 3
- b. Blessings Chapter 4-5

IV. Denunciation of Sin/Promise of Blessing

- a. Indictment 6:1-5
- b. Response 6:6-8
- c. Judgment 6:9-16
- d. Micah Pleads Chap 7

L. Nahum = Doom of Nineveh

Theme = God judges the wicked Assyrians

Key Verses: 1:7-8, 3:5

Key Chapter: 1

Outline

I. Introduction 1:1

II. Certainty of Judgment

- a. God's Wrath 1:2-8
- b. Nineveh's scheming 1:9-11
- c. Judah's Affliction 1:12-15

III. Description of Judgment

- a. Described 2:1-6
- b. Defeat 2:7-13

IV. Cause of God's Judgment

- a. Her violence 3:1-7
- b. Her treatment 3:8-11
- c. Defenses 3:12-19

M. Habakkuk = Solution to Perplexity

Theme = Habakkuk is confused over God allowing sin to continue and His use of a sinful nation to judge

Key Verses: 2:4, 3:17-19

Key Chapter: 3

Outline

I. Perplexities of Habakkuk

- a. Why does God allow sin to continue 1:2-4
- b. Answer 1:5-11
- c. Why will God use wicked people to judge 1:12-2:1
- d. Answer 2:2-20

II. Praise of Habakkuk

- a. God's Person 3:1-3
- b. God's Power 3:4-7
- c. God's Purpose 3:8-16
- d. Faith in God 3:17-19

N. Zephaniah = Blessing through Judgment

Theme = God is Holy and must judge sin

Key Verses: 1:7, 1:12, 1:14-15, 2:3

Outline

I. Introduction 1:1

II. Judgment of the Day of Yahweh

- a. whole earth 1:2-3
- b. Judah 1:4-2:3
- c. Surrounding nations 2:4-15
- d. Jerusalem 3:1-7
- e. whole earth 3:8

III. Restoration of the Day of Yahweh

- a. nations 3:9-10
- b. Israel 3:11-20

O. Haggai = Encouragement

Theme = to exhort the returned exiles to rebuild the temple

Key Verses: 1:7-8, 1:14, 2:7-9

Outline

I. Call to Rebuild

- a. Introduction 1:1
- b. Rebuke 1:2-6
- c. Remedy 1:7-8
- d. Rebuke 1:9-11
- e. Response 1:12-15

II. Call to Trust God

- a. Introduction 2:1-2
- b. Future Glory 2:3-9

III. Call to Clean Lives

- a. Introduction 2:10
- b. Disobedience 2:11-14
- c. Solution 2:15-19

IV. Call to Confidence

- a. Introduction 2:20-21
- b. Gentile Defeat 2:21b-22
- c. Restoration 2:23

P. Zechariah = the Jealousy of Jehovah

Theme = God is at work in restoring Israel, encourage the work of rebuilding

Key Verses: 8:3, 9:9-10

Key Chapter: 14

Outline

I. Call to Repent 1:1-6

II. Eight Visions

a. Horses and Riders 1:7-17

b. Four Horns and Four Craftsmen 1:18-21

c. Surveyor 2:1-13

d. Golden Lampstand 4:1-14

e. Flying Scroll 5:1-4

f. Woman in the Ephah 5:5-11

g. Four Chariots 6:1-8

III. Crowning of Joshua 6:9-15

IV. Questions about the Fasts 7:1-8:23

V. The Future

a. Rejection of Messiah 9:1-11:17

b. Reign of Messiah 12:1-14:21

Q. Malachi = Repent and Return

Theme = To rebuke the backsliding which once again occurs after the temple is rebuilt

Key Verses: 2:17, 3:1, 4:5-6

Key Chapter: 3-4

Outline

I. Privilege of Israel

a. God's love 1:1-2a

b. God doubted 1:2b

c. God's love demonstrated 1:3-5

II. Pollution of Israel

a. Cheating 1:6-14

b. Unfaithfulness 2:1-9

c. Mixed marriages 2:10-12

d. Divorce 2:13-16

e. Impiety 2:17

f. Coming of John the Baptist 3:1-6

g. Robbery 3:7-12

h. Arrogance 3:13-15

III. Promises to the People

a. the Book 3:16-18

b. the Christ 4:1-3

c. Elijah 4:4-6

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5.2	Mk. 10.6
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12.3	Gal. 3.8
15.5	Rom. 4.18
15.5	Heb. 11.12
15.6	Rom. 4.3
15.6	Rom. 4.9
15.6	Gal. 3.6
15.6	Jas. 2.23
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21.10	Gal. 4.30
21.12	Rom. 9.7
21.12	Heb. 11.18
22.16	Heb. 6.13-14
22.17	Heb. 11.12
22.18	Ac. 3.25
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3.6	Mt. 22.32
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20.13	Jn. 2.11

20.13	Rom. 13.9
20.13-16	Mt. 19.18
20.14	Mt. 5.27
20.14	Jas. 2.11
20.17	Rom. 7.7
21.17	Mt. 15.4
21.17	Mk. 7.10
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12.8	Lk. 2.24
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19.18	Lk. 10.27
19.18	Rom. 13.9
19.18	Gal. 5.14
19.18	Jas. 2.8
20.7	I Pet. 1.16
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20.9	Mt. 15.4
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22.1 Mk. 15.34

22.7 Mt. 27.39

22.7 Mk. 15.29

22.8 Mt. 27.43

22.18 Mt. 27.35

22.18 Mk. 15.24

22.18 Lk. 23.34

22.18 Jn. 19.24

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32.1-2 Rom. 4.7-8

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