

# Jeremiah

# The Book of Jeremiah

## **Overview:**

- The Book of pleading
- Jeremiah means “Jehovah appoints”
- Began prophesying during the reign of king Josiah.
- The theme of the book is about God’s judgment against sin.
- Key words/phrases: backslide, return, repent, I will punish, I will restore
- God promises a New Covenant not like the Old Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-44)
- Jeremiah saw no converts, from man’s perspective he was a failure, from God’s he did what he was told

# Lamentations

# The Book of Lamentations

## **Overview:**

- The book of weeping
- Written by Jeremiah after 586 BC
- Key words: Alas, behold, affliction, remember, weep, sorrow
- Lamentations is a book of mourning for the judgment God sent upon Jerusalem for her sins.

Ezekiel

# The Book of Ezekiel

## **Overview:**

- The book of Glory
- Ezekiel means God strengthens
- Key words/phrases: glory, son of man
- God's glory is seen (1-3)
- The fall of Satan (28)
- 1,000 year reign of Christ (40-48)

His message: It was sin that brought the people's exile, repent!  
The exile would last for 70 years, accept it!  
A believing remnant would enjoy a future restoration to the land.

Daniel

# The Book of Daniel

## **Overview:**

- The book of the times of the Gentiles
- Daniel means God is my judge
- Theme: God's controls everything, even the Gentile kingdoms
- The vision of the 4 beasts (7)
- Daniel's 70 weeks – the greatest prophecy in the Bible (9)
- End times (10-12)
- This book is to be read alongside of Revelation.

# The Minor Prophets

Hosea

# The Book of Hosea

## **Overview:**

- The book about spiritual adultery
- Hosea was commanded to marry a whore to symbolize God's relationship with Israel and Judah.
- Hosea put her away (divorced) then drew her back – exactly what God plans on doing with Israel
- Purpose of the book: show God's love for his unfaithful wife

Joel

# The Book of Joel

## **Overview:**

- The book about the Day of the LORD
- Key phrase is the day of the LORD
- Joel 2 – the church fights with Jesus at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- Joel 3 – God will judge and punish the nations for parting the land of Israel

Amos

# The Book of Amos

## **Overview:**

- The book about national accountability
- Purpose: to foretell the punishment that should come upon the nations and to condemn Israel for its idolatry and oppression

Obadiah

# The Book of Obadiah

## **Overview:**

- The book about the curse of cowardice
- Purpose: to prophesy the downfall of Edom because of her hatefulness and pride

Jonah

# The Book of Jonah

## **Overview:**

- The book condemnation of exclusiveness
- Purpose: to show how a city may be saved through the preaching of the word of God if the people would repent; to show how God deals with disobedient prophets
- Pictures the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and the salvation of the Gentiles

Micah

# The Book of Micah

## **Overview:**

- The book about Authority, true and false
- Purpose: to prophecy judgment against the social injustices of wicked rulers and to prophecy of the One True Righteous Judge of Israel, Jesus Christ
- Birth of Christ (Micah 5)

Nahum

# The Book of Nahum

## **Overview:**

- The book vindication of vengeance
- Talks about the destruction of Nineveh, illustrates how revival can be gone just as quick as it came

# Habakkuk

# The Book of Habakkuk

## **Overview:**

- The book about the problems of faith
- Theme: how does God's patience with evil square with his holiness?

1<sup>st</sup> problem: Why doesn't God judge sin? (1:1-4)

Answer: He will judge in his time (1:5-11)

2<sup>nd</sup> problem: Why does God use the wicked to judge his people?

Answer: God will preserve the remnant and punish the wicked

The Prayer of Habakkuk is all about the second coming of Christ (3)

Zephaniah

# The Book of Zephaniah

## **Overview:**

- The book about the severity and goodness of God
- Theme: God will destroy the wicked, but will preserve and prosper the righteous

Haggai

# The Book of Haggai

## **Overview:**

- The book about the duty of courage
- Purpose: to stir the Jewish remnant to rebuild the house of the LORD and Jerusalem; the promise of God's presence and power in the completion of the temple

# Zechariah

# The Book of Zechariah

## Overview:

- The book of the Apocalypse of the Old Testament
- Purpose: God is jealous for his people and his city; he will punish the wicked and restore the city
- Picture of the Christian Life (Zechariah 3)
- Christ the branch (Zechariah 3:8)
- Christ my servant (3:8)
- Christ's entrance on a colt (9:9)
- Christ the good shepherd (9:16, 11:11)
- Christ the smitten shepherd (13:7)
- Christ betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12-13)
- Christ's hands pierced (12:10)
- Christ's people saved (13:1)
- Christ's return (14)

Malachi

## The Book of Malachi

### **Overview:**

- The book of Unconscious Corruption
- Purpose: to rebuke the priests and the people for backsliding and depriving God of his worship; show how people can sin against God and act as if they did not sin against God (they are blind)
- Chapter 3: The Sun of Righteousness (Jesus); remember Moses, the promise of Elijah to return before the day of the LORD

The Old Testament ends with the word **curse**, the New Testament ends with the word, **Amen**.