

Walking the Ancient Path

Summary &
Joel

History of Israel

God's
Covenant
With
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

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Return

Prophets of Israel

Amos
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Zephaniah
Isaiah, Jeremiah
Nahum
Habakkuk

Obadiah
Ezekiel

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Joel (?)
Jonah
(Ninevah)



Amos

- From Judah yet Spoke To Israel
- Guy from the sticks preaching to the rich
- Gotcha: Entrapment Sequence

**Prophet to Israel
Especially Bethel**

Gotcha:
The Entrapment
Sequence





**KEY
VERSE**

**Amos
5:21,
23-24**

**I hate all your show and pretense—
the hypocrisy of your religious
festivals and solemn assemblies . . .
Away with your noisy hymns of
praise! I will not listen to the music of
your harps. Instead, I want to see a
mighty flood of justice, an endless
river of righteous living.**



Hosea

- **Lived Out God's Message**
- **Wife left him yet he buys her back**
- **Demonstrates God great love**

**Prophet to
Israel**



KEY
VERSE

I myself taught Israel how to walk,
leading him along by the hand.
But he **doesn't know** or even **care**
that it was I who took care of him.
I led Israel along with my ropes of
kindness and love. I lifted the yoke
from his neck, and I myself stooped
to feed him. Hosea 11:3-4



Micah

- “Bridge” Prophet
- Brilliant Word Plays of Puns & Rhymes
- Voice of the Marginalized

**Prophet to
Israel & Judah**



**KEY
VERSE**

The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8



**Prophet to
Judah**

Isaiah

- **Married w Kids**
- **Unique Call**
- **Most Prophecies of the Messiah**
- **Firebrand**
- **Martyr (?)**



**KEY
VERSE**

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

Isaiah 61:1



**KEY
VERSE**

**But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins. He was beaten
so we could be whole. He was
whipped so we could be healed.
All of us, like sheep, have strayed
away. We have left God's paths to
follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on
him the sins of us all.**

Isaiah 53:5-6



**Prophet to
Jerusalem**

Zephaniah

- **Josiah's revival (?)**
- **Passionate:**
 - **"Baptized in Vinegar"**
 - **Strong Voice of Hope**
- **Singer (?)**



**KEY
VERSE**

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! For the Lord will remove his hand of judgment and will disperse the armies of your enemy. And the



**KEY
VERSE**

Lord himself, the King of Israel, will live among you! At last your troubles will be over . . . He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs. **Zeph 3:14-17**



**Prophet to
Ninevah**

Jonah

- **Disobedient**
- **Angry with God**
- **Stubborn**
- **God is concerned for Jonah & His enemies**
- **Unknown ending**



**KEY
VERSE**

Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love . . . Just kill me now, Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive. 4:2-3



Nahum

- 150 yrs after Jonah
- Said what Jonah wanted to say
- Predicted city destroyed partially by flood

**From Judah
Spoke to Ninevah**



KEY
VERSE

The Lord is slow to get angry, but his power is great, and he never lets the guilty go unpunished. He displays his power in the whirlwind and the storm.

Nahum 1:3



**Prophet in
Judah**

Habakkuk

- **Cucumber (?)**
- **Relentless**
- **Spoke to God on behalf of people.**
- **Finding trust amid despair**



**KEY
VERSE**

I have heard all about you, Lord.
I am filled with awe by your
amazing works. In this time of
our deep need, help us again as
you did in years gone by. And in
your anger, remember your
mercy.

Hab. 3:2



**Prophet to
Judah**

Jeremiah

- **Called as a teen**
- **Single**
- **Considered a traitor**
- **Relatable**
- **Saw Jerusalem fall**



**KEY
VERSE**

**This is what the Lord says:
“Stop at the crossroads and look
around. Ask for the old, godly
way, and walk in it. Travel its
path, and you will find rest for
your souls.”**

Jeremiah 6:16



**Prophet
during Exile**

Obadiah

- **Spoke to Edom (Petra) about their acts**
- **Shortest in OT**
- **Possibly feeble (?)**
- **God cannot be mocked**



**KEY
VERSE**

**Obadiah
1:3-4**

The Lord says to Edom, “I will cut you down to size among the nations; you will be greatly despised. You have been deceived by your own pride because you live in a rock fortress and make your home high in the mountains. ‘Who can ever reach us way up here?’ you ask boastfully . . . I will bring you crashing down.”



Ezekiel

- **Captured**
- **Young Priest**
- **Visions of God's Presence**
- **Gave exiles hope**

**Prophet Exiled
to Babylon**



**KEY
VERSE**

**Ezekiel
36:26-27**

**And I will give you a new heart,
and I will put a new spirit in you. I
will take out your stony, stubborn
heart and give you a tender,
responsive heart. And I will put my
Spirit in you . . .**



**In Jerusalem
After the
Return**

Haggai

- **Rebuild the Temple!**
- **4 Months**
- **Successful!**
- **No-nonsense guy even though his name means festive**



**KEY
VERSE**

Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: “Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you!

Haggai 1:4-5



**In Jerusalem
After the
Return**

Zechariah

- **The Good Cop to Haggai's Bad Cop**
- **Quoted 40x in NT**
- **Martyred**
- **Young Man**
- **Future Oriented**



**KEY
VERSE**

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.

Zech 9:9



**After the
Return**

Malachi

- **“My Messenger”**
- **100 yrs after the return**
- **Q & A technique**
- **Called for heart-felt obedience beyond the veneer**



**KEY
VERSE**

**“Look! I am sending my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me. Then the Lord you are seeking
will suddenly come to his Temple.
The messenger of the covenant,
whom you look for so eagerly, is
surely coming,” says the Lord of
Heaven’s Armies. Malachi 3:1**



Joel

- **Unknown Time**
- **Informed Communicator**
- **Refers to: Amos, Zephaniah, Nahum, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Malachi & Exodus**



Past



Future



**Day of
the Lord**



Repentance



HOPE





**KEY
VERSE**

**Joel
2:12-13**

That is why the Lord says, “Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.



**KEY
VERSE**

**Joel
2:28-29**

I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.




What Does It All Mean?


Rom. 3:19-26

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the **entire world is guilty** before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The

law simply shows us how sinful we are. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the **prophets** long ago. **We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.** And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we



are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **Yet God**, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his



blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is **fair and just**, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

