

Old Testament 3

Job – Malachi

Job

Background

Author – Unknown

Date – Unknown, but most likely earlier than the conquest of Canaan

Audience – Suffering believers

Themes

Undeserved suffering

God's faithfulness in the midst of suffering

Job's faithfulness to God

Christ Revealed

Job 19:25 (I know that my Redeemer lives)

Mediator between God and man

Outline

- I. Prologue (chs. 1-2)
 - A. Job's Happiness (1:1-5)
 - B. Job's Testing (1:6;2:13)
 1. Satan's first accusation (1:6-12)
 2. Job's faith despite loss of family and property (1:13-22)
 3. Satan's second accusation (2:1-6)
 4. Job's faith during personal suffering (2:7-10)
 5. The coming of the three friends (2:11-13)
- II. Dialogue-Dispute (chs. 3-27)
 - . Job's Opening Lament (ch. 3)
 - A. First Cycle of Speeches (chs. 4-14)
 1. Eliphaz (chs. 4-5)

2. Job's reply (chs. 6-7)
 3. Bildad (ch. 8)
 4. Job's reply (chs. 9-10)
 5. Zophar (ch. 11)
 6. Job's reply (chs. 12-14)
- B. Second Cycle of Speeches (chs. 15-21)
1. Eliphaz (ch. 15)
 2. Job's reply (chs. 16-17)
 3. Bildad (ch. 18)
 4. Job's reply (ch. 19)
 5. Zophar (ch. 20)
 6. Job's reply (ch. 21)
- C. Third Cycle of Speeches (chs. 22-26)
1. Eliphaz (ch. 22)
 2. Job's reply (chs. 23-24)
 3. Bildad (ch. 25)
 4. Job's reply (ch. 26)
- D. Job's Closing Discourse (ch. 27)
- III. Interlude on Wisdom (ch. 28)
- IV. Monologues (29:1;42:6)
- . Job's Call for Vindication (chs. 29-31)
 1. His past honor and blessing (ch. 29)
 2. His present dishonor and suffering (ch. 30)
 3. His protestations of innocence and final oath (ch. 31)
- A. Elihu's Speeches (chs. 32-37)
1. Introduction (32:1-5)
 2. The speeches themselves (32:6;37:24)
- a. First speech (32:6;33:33)

- b. Second speech (ch. 34)
- c. Third speech (ch. 35)
- d. Fourth speech (chs. 36-37)

B. Divine Discourses (38:1;42:6)

- 1. God's first discourse (38:1;40:2)
- 2. Job's response (40:3-5)
- 3. God's second discourse (40:6;41:34)

4. Job's repentance (42:1-6)

V. Epilogue (42:7-17)

. God's Verdict (42:7-9)

A. Job's Restoration (42:10-17)

Psalms

Background

Author – David, Moses, Asaph, and others

Date – 1450-450 BC

Audience – Israel

Themes

Worship through all of life (pain, triumph, etc.)

Prayer

Christ Revealed

Jesus prayed the Psalms

Messianic Psalms

Outline

5 books of psalms within *the* Psalms

Book I (Psa 1-41)

Book II (Psa 42-72)

Book III (Psa 73-89)

Book IV (Psa 90-106)

Book V (Psa 107-150)

Psalm 23 isn't always a funeral psalm

Psalm 100

Psalm 51

Psalm 139

Psalm 8

Proverbs

Background

Author – Solomon and others

Date – 950-700 BC

Audience – Jewish students of all ages

Themes

Wisdom

Practical living

Nothing takes precedence over God

Christ Revealed

Jesus modeled Proverbs in his life

Jesus is our wisdom

Outline

I. Wisdom and folly contrasted, Chapters 1—9

II. Proverbs of Solomon, written and set in order by himself, Chapters 10—24

III. Proverbs of Solomon, set in order by men of Hezekiah, Chapters 25—29

IV. Oracle of Agur, unknown sage, Chapter 30

V. Proverbs of a mother to Lemuel, Chapter 31

Proverbs 31 (good wife)

Ecclesiastes

Background

Author – Solomon

Date – 970-950 BC

Audience – Young people of Judah

Themes

Only life in Christ has value

Christ Revealed

Meaning for life

Ecc. 12:11 – one shepherd

Outline

I. Problem stated: “All is vanity,” Chapter 1:1-3

II. Experiment made, Chapters 1:4—12:12

Seeking satisfaction in the following:

A. Science (the laws of nature), Chapter 1:4-11

B. Wisdom and philosophy, Chapter 1:12-18

C. Pleasure, Chapter 2:1-11

D. Materialism (living for the “now”), Chapter 2:12-26

E. Fatalism, Chapter 3:1-15

F. Egoism, Chapters 3:16—4:16

G. Religion, Chapter 5:1-8

H. Wealth, Chapters 5:9—6:12

I. Morality (the “good life”), Chapters 7:1—12:12

10:1

III. Result of experiment, Chapter 12:13, 14

12:13 -obey God

Song of Solomon (Song of Songs)

Background

Author – Solomon

Date – 970-950 BC

Audience – Young people of Judah

Themes

Man should not live alone, but in loving marriage union

Christ Revealed

Christ as the devoted, loving husband

Christ as the author of this loving relationship

Outline

1. Preparation for the wedding (So 1–3)
 - The bride prepares (1–3:5)
 - The groom prepares (3:6–11)
2. The couple profess their love and desire
 - The groom professes his love (4)
 - The bride professes her love and longing (5)
3. Both are united in love (6–8)

Prophets:

Theme

Rebuke and repentance

Emphasis on spiritual life and staying close to God

Separation of secular and sacred

Isaiah

Background

Author – Isaiah

Date – 740-680 BC

Audience – Israel and Judah

Theme

Salvation

Christ Revealed

Chapter 7 – virgin birth

Chapter 9 – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

Chapter 53 - Suffering servant

Outline

1,2,3 Isaiah

- I. THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT AND VICTORY (Isa 1-39)
 - A. PROPHECIES CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM (Isa 1-12)
 - B. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATIONS (Isa 13-27)
 - C. DELIVERANCE FOUND NOT IN EGYPT, BUT IN THE LORD (Isa 28-35)
 - D. HISTORICAL INTERLUDE (Isa 36-39)
- II. THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES (Isa 40-66)
 - A. THE ONE TRUE GOD VERSUS IDOLS (Isa 40-48)
 - B. THE LORD'S SERVANT WILL BRING SALVATION THROUGH VICARIOUS SUFFERING (Isa 49-57)
 - C. THE FUTURE GLORY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, THE NEW ZION (Isa 58-66)

Jeremiah

Background

Author – Jeremiah

Date – 626-562 BC

Audience – People of Judah and Jerusalem

Themes

Persecution for righteousness

Faithfulness of God

Living in difficult times

Jeremiah's life as a parable

Christ Revealed

Weeping Messiah

Outline

I. The call to ministry 1

II. Pronouncements against Judah 2-20

- A. The LORD's Complaint 2
- B. The Extension of Mercy 3-4:4
- C. The Statements of Judgment 4:5-6
- D. The people trust in deceit 7-9
- E. A description of God 10
- F. The Covenant's Been Broken 11
- G. Jeremiah's Question and the LORD's Answer 12
- H. Judgment without mercy 13-16
- I. The Sins of Judah 17-18
- J. The intensity of judgment 19
- K. Pashur's confrontation 20

III. Pronouncements Against Leaders and People in Judah 21-28

- A. Against Jerusalem 21
- B. Against the Royal Line 22
- C. Against Religious Leaders 23
- D. The Two choices 24
- E. The 70 years and judgment on the nations 25
- F. The threat to Jeremiah 26
- G. The Yokes and Bonds 27-28

IV. The Future Hope 29-33

- A. The Letter of Encouragement to the Captives 29
- B. Restoration of Israel and Judah 30
- C. A New Covenant 31
- D. A Return to the Land 32
- E. The Voice of Joy 33

V. Obedience is Missing 34-36

- A. With respect to slaves 34

- B. Example of the Rechabites 35
- C. The King and the scroll 36

VI. The Destruction of Jerusalem and the people 37-45

- A. The vain hope in Egypt 37
- B. Jeremiah in the dungeon 38
- C. Jerusalem's fall 39
- D. Gedaliah, the governor 40
- E. Gedaliah's death 41
- F. Don't go to Egypt 42
- G. They went to Egypt 43
- H. Warning of Punishment in Egypt 44
- I. Blessing for Baruch 45

VII. Pronouncement of Judgment on the nations 46-52

- A. On Egypt 46
- B. On Philistia 47
- C. On Moab 48
- D. On Ammon 49:1-6
- E. On Edom 49:7-22
- F. On Syria 49:23-27
- G. On Kedar (Arab) and Hazor 49:28-33
- H. On Elam (southwest Iran) 49:34-39
- I. On Babylon 50-51

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Lamentations

Background

Author – Jeremiah

Date – 586 BC

Audience – Jewish refugees

Themes

Exile and suffering

Depression

Christ Revealed

Christ takes God's wrath for us

Outline

- I. **A Lament on the Bitter End of Sin Chapter 1**
- II. **A Lament on the Heavy Hand of God Chapter 2**
- III. **A Lament on Personal Suffering Chapter 3**
 - A. The Heavy Hand of God vs. 1-21
 - B. The Helpful Hope in God vs. 22-42
 - C. The Hearing Ear of God vs. 43-66
- IV. **A Lament on the Great Loss of God's Favor Chapter 4**
- V. **A Lament and Plea for God to Consider Chapter 5**

Ezekiel

Background

Author – Ezekiel

Date – 593-571 BC

Audience – Jewish exiles in Babylon

Themes

Hope even in difficult times

Christ Revealed

Son of Man

Outline

- I. **The Visions of God 1-3** (location: River Chebar, July 31-August 6, 593 B.C.)
 - A. The appearance of the likeness of the LORD's glory 1
 - B. The commissioning 2-3:15
 - C. You are a watchman 3:16-27 (location: Tel Abib, *The Vision*)

II. Prophecies against Jerusalem 4-24

- A. The 430 day siege, with 8 ounces of food and 2/3rds quart of water each day (apparently in his courtyard 3:24-25) 4
- B. The hair (1/3, 1/3, 1/3 and a little) 5
- C. “Pound your fists and stamp your feet” Israel’s idolatry shall make them desolate 6
- D. “An end,” “a disaster,” “a day,” “violence,” “destruction comes; they will seek peace but none, disaster will come upon disaster” 7
- E. The hole in the wall 8 (location: Jerusalem, September 17, 592, *The Vision*)
- F. Six men, a marker, and the battle-axes 9 (*The Vision*)
- G. The glory of the LORD departs from the temple 10 (*The Vision*)
- H. The wicked men and the cauldron 11 (location: Chaldea, *The Vision*)
- I. Dig through the wall and take your belongings 12
- J. Foxes and untempered mortar — the false prophets 13
- K. Noah, Daniel and Job could not deliver them 14
- L. The Vine Branch 15
- M. Jerusalem, the harlot 16
- N. The great eagles and the vine 17
- O. The soul that sins shall die 18
- P. Lions and vine — the princes 19
- Q. Rebellious Israel 20 (August 14, 591)
- R. The sword of God, Babylon 21
- S. The sins of Jerusalem 22
- T. The two sisters 23
- U. The cooking pot and the siege begins 24 (January 15, 588)

III. Judgment on the nations 25-32

- A. Ammon 25:1-7
- B. Moab 25:8-11
- C. Edom 25:12-14

- D. Philistia 25:15-17
- E. Tyre 26-28:19 (April 23, 587)
- F. Sidon 28:20-26
- G. Egypt 29-32 (January 7, 587)
 - 1. The River is Mine 29:1-16
 - 2. The Coming captivity of Egypt 29:17-30:19 (April 26, 571)
 - 3. Against Pharaoh 30:20-26 (April 27, 587)
 - 4. The cutting of the great tree of Egypt 31 (June 21, 587)
 - 5. Capturing the lion of Egypt 32:1-16 (March 3, 585)
 - 6. Consigned to the Pit 32:17-32 (March 18, 585)

IV. The Blessing on His People 33-48

- A. The Watchman and the Fall of Jerusalem 33 (January 8, 585)
- B. The shepherds and Shepherd 34
- C. Judgment on Seir 35
- D. Israel shall receive a new heart and spirit 36
- E. Dry bones 37:1-14 (location: Valley of Dry Bones)
- F. Two sticks 37:15-28
- G. Battle of Gog and Magog 38-39
- H. A New Temple 40-47:12 (location: The Temple, April 28, 573)
 - 1. The measurements 40-42
 - 2. The return of the LORD's glory and the altar 43 (*The Vision*)
 - 3. The temple is holy 44-45:17
 - 4. Celebrations and worship 45:18-46:24
 - 5. The waters and trees 47:1-12
 - 6. The Division of the Land 47:13-48:35

Daniel

Background

Author – Daniel

Date – 605-535 BC

Audience – Jews and Gentiles

Themes

Thriving through faithfulness to God

Promise of deliverance

Sovereignty of God

Christ Revealed

Christ revealed in the life of Daniel

Jesus is the stranger in the fire with us

Outline

I. The historic night with prophetic light, Chapters 1—6

A. Decline of Judah; fall of Jerusalem; Daniel taken captive to Babylon; his decision to be true to God, Chapter 1

B. Dream of Nebuchadnezzar about a multimetallic image; interpretation by Daniel concerning the four kingdoms of “the times of the Gentiles,” Chapter 2

C. Decree of Nebuchadnezzar to enforce universal idolatry; three Hebrews cast into the furnace for refusal to bow to image of gold, Chapter 3

D. Dream of Nebuchadnezzar about a great tree hewn down to a stump; fulfilled in subsequent period of madness of the king, Chapter 4

E. Downfall of Babylon foretold by Daniel as he read the handwriting on the wall at the feast of Belshazzar, Chapter 5

F. Decree of Darius, the Median, to enforce worship of himself; Daniel cast into den of lions for praying to the God of heaven, Chapter 6

II. The prophetic light in the historic night, Chapters 7—12

A. Daniel’s vision of four beasts concerning four kingdoms of “the times of the Gentiles,” Chapter 7

B. Daniel’s vision of ram and he goat and another little horn, Chapter 8

C. Daniel’s vision of seventy weeks concerning the nation Israel, Chapter 9

D. Daniel’s vision relating to Israel in immediate future and latter days; historical little horn and little horn of the latter days, Chapters 10—12

1. Preparation for vision by prayer of Daniel; appearance of a heavenly messenger, Chapter 10
2. Prophecy concerning Persia and Grecia, historical “little horn”; eschatological “little horn,” Chapter 11
3. Preview of Israel in latter days; Great Tribulation; resurrections; rewards; final word about the end times, Chapter 12

Hosea

Background

Author – Hosea

Date – 755-720 BC

Audience – Israel and Judah

Themes

Walking away from God is equal to adultery

Christ Revealed

The faithful husband even when we run away

Outline

I. Married to an Adulterer 1-3

A. The Marriage and the three children 1

1. Jezreel (God will sow) — the kingdom of Jehu is finished (752). Zechariah was slain (2 Kings 15:10). 4-5
2. Lo Ruhamah (no mercy) — God’s mercy is over. 6-8
3. Lo Ammi (no people) — Israel is not God’s people. 9
4. Yet — notice the hope in 10-11

B. God’s Dealings with an Unfaithful Wife 2

1. His purpose and punishment 2-13
2. His great restoration and mercy 14-23

C. Hosea’s Restoration to His Wife 3

II. God’s Dealings with an Adulterous People 4-13

A. The Complaint 4

- B. The Promised Judgment 5
- C. The Call to Repentance 6:1-4
- D. God's Frustration 6:4-7:16
- E. Sowing the Wind, Reaping the Whirlwind 8
- F. The Expulsion 9
- G. Assyria will Destroy Israel 10
- H. God's Historical Struggle 11-13

III. God's Promise of Restoration 14

Joel

Background

Author – Joel

Date – 835-825 BC

Audience – Judah

Themes

Catastrophe exposes what is already there

Christ Revealed

Jesus is sending his spirit to his people

Outline

I. Like the Coming of Locusts

- A. The Invasion of Locusts 1:1-12
- B. The Call to mourning 1:13-20
- C. The Invasion of an Army 2:1-11
- D. The Call to Repentance 2:12-17

II. Like a Mighty God

- A. The Invasion of God 2:18-27
- B. The Pentecost of God 2:28-32**
- C. The Judgment of God 3:1-17
- D. The Dwelling of God 3:18-21

Amos

Background

Author – Amos

Date – 760 BC

Audience – Judah and Israel

Themes

Against the powerful and the rich

Christ Revealed

Delivers justice to the oppressed

Outline

- I. **Destruction on the Nations 1-2**
- II. **The Prophetic Call 3:1-8**
- III. **The Judgment of Israel 3:9-9:10**
 - A. Samaria Shall be Judged 3:9-4:5
 - B. God's Past Judgments 4:6-13
 - C. Lament for Israel 5
 - D. Woe to the wealthy who are at ease 6
 - E. The visions 7-9:10
 1. The locusts 7:1-3 famine (it shall not be)
 2. The fire 7:4-6 consumed by fire (no)
 3. The plumb line 7:7-9 they do not measure up
 4. The summer fruit 8 The time is ripe for judgment
 5. The Lord 9:1-10 The Lord will personally oversee the judgment.
- IV. **The Restoration 9:11-15**

Obadiah

Background

Author – Obadiah

Date – 840-830 BC

Audience – Judah and Edom

Themes

Results of pride

Christ Revealed

Judge of evil-doers

Outline

- I. The Extent of Judgment 1-9**
- II. The Reasons for Judgment 10-14**
- III. The Retribution of the LORD 15-16**
- IV. The Exaltation of Israel 17-21**

Jonah

Background

Author – Jonah

Date – 770-750 BC

Audience – Northern Israel

Themes

Evangelism

Grace of God

Obedience to God

Christ Revealed

The greatest missionary

Outline

1. Jonah's call and flight (ch 1)
2. Jonah's deliverance and prayer (ch 2)
3. Preaching and repentance in Nineveh (ch 3)
4. Jonah's anger and the Lord's rebuke for him (ch 4)

Micah

Background

Author – Micah

Date – 740-689 BC

Audience – Judah

Themes

Being in the presence of God

Christ Revealed

Removes our sin

Outline

- Judgment against Israel and Judah (Micah 1-3)
 - The coming destruction (Micah 1:3-7)
 - Lamenting the destruction (Micah 1:8-16)
 - The corruption of society (Micah 2:1-11)
 - Hope in the midst of gloom (Micah 2:12-13)
 - The leaders condemned (Micah 3)
- Hope of Israel and Judah (Micah 4-5)
 - The coming Kingdom (Micah 4)
 - The coming King (Micah 5:1-5)
 - Victory for God's people (Micah 5:5-15)
- The case against Israel (Micah 6)
 - The accusation (Micah 6:1-8)
 - The judgment (Micah 6:9-16)
- Gloom to Triumph (Micah 7)
 - Micah's lament (Micah 7:1-6)
 - Micah's assurance (Micah 7:7)
 - The bright future of God's people (Micah 7:8-13)
 - Victory for God's people (Micah 7:14-20)

Nahum

Background

Author – Nahum

Date – 650-620 BC

Audience – Judah

Themes

God will still see them through

Christ Revealed

Proclaim peace we cannot imagine

Outline

I. Justice and goodness of God, Chapter 1:1-8

II. Justice and goodness of God demonstrated in decision to destroy Nineveh and to give the gospel, Chapter 1:9-15

III. Justice and goodness of God exhibited in execution of His decision to destroy Nineveh, Chapters 2, 3

A. Annihilation of Assyria, Chapter 2

B. Avenging action of God justified, Chapter 3

Habakkuk

Background

Author – Habakkuk

Date – 620-605 BC

Audience – Judah

Themes

Living by faith

Can bad things work for good?

Christ Revealed

Jesus crushes injustice

Outline

I. The Puzzlement of Habbakuk chapter 1

- A. 1st question 1:2-4
- B. God's answer 1:5-11
- C. 2nd question 1:12-17

II. The Pronouncement of the LORD (pivotal verse 2:1) chapter 2

- A. It shall come to pass 2:2-4
- B. The riddle of woe to the proud 2:5-20
 - 1. Woe to him who increases what is not his 2:5-8a
 - 2. Woe to him who covets evil gain 2:9-11
 - 3. Woe to him who builds a town with evil 2:12-14
 - 4. Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink 2:15-17
 - 5. Woe to him who speaks to idols 2:18-20

III. The Prayer of Habakkuk chapter 3

- A. A great opening 3:2 (This is the response Habakkuk portends in 2:1)
 - 1. Fear
 - 2. Petition for life, instruction, and compassion
- B. God Comes 3:3-5
 - 1. From Teman and from Mount Paran (from the south). The Babylonians came from the North, God comes from the opposite direction.
 - 2. With glory and power 3:3b-5
- C. God stands and surveys 3:6-11
- D. God marches 3:12-15
- E. The prophet trembles at God's awesome judgment 3:16
- F. Faith triumphs 3:17-19

Zephaniah

Background

Author – Zephaniah

Date – 630-625 BC

Audience – Judah

Themes

Seek the Lord

Christ Revealed

The warrior who saves

Outline

I. Judgment of Judah and Jerusalem, Chapter 1

II. Judgment of the earth and of all nations, Chapters 2:1—3:8

III. Judgments removed; kingdom established, Chapter 3:9-20

Haggai

Background

Author – Haggai

Date – 520 BC

Audience – Returned exiles to Jerusalem

Themes

Temple – encouragement and affirmation

Christ Revealed

Christ restores our worship

Outline

I. It's Time to Build 1:1-15

A. "Consider your ways" 1:5, 7

B. Obedience leads to the promise of His presence 1:12-13

II. Don't Be Discouraged 2:1-9

A. Doing apparently insignificant work for God brings the promise of His presence 2:3-4

B. Promise of the presence of the Spirit 2:5

C. Promise of Peace 2:9

III. Be Holy 2:10-19

A. It is total holiness or total uncleanness. Uncleanness pollutes cleanness, holiness does not clean uncleanness. We must be fully holy in all our actions.

B. Promise of His blessing 2:19

IV. I Will Use You 2:20-23

A. God speaks to Haggai a second time 20

B. God will do the work, we are but his signet ring 23

Zechariah

Background

Author – Zechariah

Date – 520-500 BC

Audience – Postexilic Judah

Themes

Self-identity of God's people

God will send a righteous king after some bad shepherds

Christ Revealed

Messiah is pierced for us

Outline

I. APOCALYPTIC VISIONS (messianic and millennial), Chapters 1—6

A. Introduction and message of warning, Chapter 1:1-6

B. Ten visions (all in one night), Chapters 1:7—6:15

1. Riders under myrtle trees, Zec 1:7-17

2. Four horns, Zec 1:18, 19

3. Four smiths, Zec 1:20, 21

4. Man with measuring line, Zec 2

5. Joshua and Satan, Zec 3:1-7

6. The Branch, Zec 3:8-10

7. Lampstand and two olive trees, Zec 4

8. Flying scroll, Zec 5:1-4

9. Woman in the ephah, Zec 5:5-11

10. Four chariots, Zec 6

II. HISTORIC INTERLUDE, Chapters 7, 8

A. Question concerning a religious ritual (fasting), Chapter 7:1-3

B. Threefold answer, Chapters 7:4—8:23

1. When the heart is right, the ritual is right, Zec 7:4-7

2. When the heart is wrong, the ritual is wrong, Zec 7:8-14

3. God's purpose concerning Jerusalem unchanged by any ritual, Zec 8

III. PROPHETIC BURDENS, Chapters 9—14

A. First burden: Prophetic aspects connected with first coming of Christ, Chapters 9—11

B. Second burden: Prophetic aspects connected with second coming of Christ, Chapters 12—14

Malachi

Background

Author – Malachi

Date – 435-430 BC

Audience – Postexilic Judah

Themes

Living faithfully in everyday life, not just in crisis

Christ Revealed

Son of Righteousness bringing healing

Outline

I. The love of God for Israel, Chapter 1:1-5

II. The priests reprov'd for profanity, Chapters 1:6—2:9

III. The people rebuked for social sins, Chapter 2:10-17

IV. The prediction of the two messengers, Chapter 3:1-6

John the Baptist

V. The people rebuked for religious sins, Chapter 3:7-18

VI. The prediction of the day of the Lord and of the Sun of Righteousness who ushers it in, Chapter 4