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# God's Messengers: The PROPHETS

# I. Biblical Structure and History Review

- Structure
  - 2 Testaments
  - History, Writings, Prophecy

# Structure of the Bible

## Old Testament

### History   Writings   Prophecy

|                 |                 |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Genesis         | Job             | Isaiah       |
| Exodus          | Psalms          | Jeremiah     |
| Leviticus       | Proverbs        | Lamentations |
| Numbers         | Ecclesiastes    | Ezekiel      |
| Deuteronomy     | Song of Solomon | Daniel       |
| Joshua          |                 | Hosea        |
| Judges          |                 | Joel         |
| Ruth            |                 | Amos         |
| 1, 2 Samuel     |                 | Obadiah      |
| 1, 2 Kings      |                 | Jonah        |
| 1, 2 Chronicles |                 | Micah        |
| Ezra            |                 | Nahum        |
| Nehemiah        |                 | Habakkuk     |
| Esther          |                 | Zephaniah    |
|                 |                 | Haggai       |
|                 |                 | Zechariah    |
|                 |                 | Malachi      |

## New Testament

### History   Writings   Prophecy

|         |                    |            |
|---------|--------------------|------------|
| Matthew | Romans             | Revelation |
| Mark    | 1, 2 Corinthians   |            |
| Luke    | Galatians          |            |
| John    | Ephesians          |            |
| Acts    | Philippians        |            |
|         | Colossians         |            |
|         | 1, 2 Thessalonians |            |
|         | 1, 2 Timothy       |            |
|         | Titus              |            |
|         | Philemon           |            |
|         | Hebrews            |            |
|         | James              |            |
|         | 1, 2 Peter         |            |
|         | 1, 2, 3 John       |            |
|         | Jude               |            |

**Prophecy** – to speak in the place of another, to foretell, to tell forth

**Prophet** – one who is called to speak  
*navi' - Hebrew*

# I. Biblical Structure and History Review

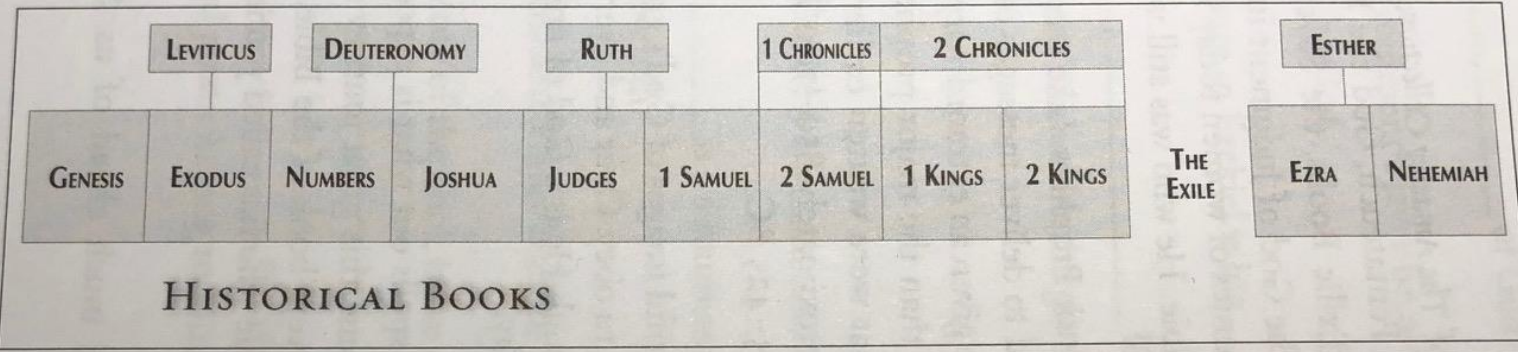
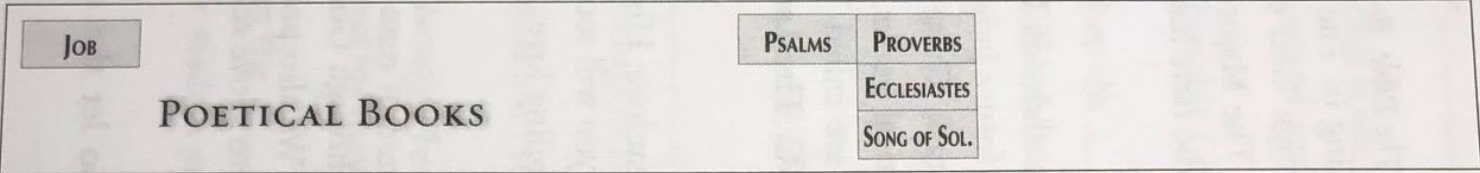
- History
  - Creation
  - Chosen family to chosen nation
  - Theocracy to kingdom
  - Kingdom divided
  - Exiled to Babylon
  - Return to Promised Land

|                  | ISRAEL                         | JUDAH  | EXILE IN BABYLONIA              | POST-EXILE JERUSALEM              | ASSYRIA      | EDOM           |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 800 BC           |                                | JOEL 835 BC  |                                 |                                   |              | OBADIAH 848 BC |
| 700 BC           | AMOS 760 BC<br>HOSEA 755 BC    | ISAIAH 740 BC<br>MICAH 735 BC                          |                                 |                                   | JONAH 793 BC |                |
| 722 BC           | ISRAEL IS CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA |  |                                 |                                   |              |                |
| 600 BC           |                                | JEREMIAH 627 BC<br>ZEPHANIAH 632 BC<br>HABAKKUK 609 BC | EZEKIEL 592 BC<br>DANIEL 605 BC |                                   | NAHUM 664 BC |                |
| 586 BC           | JUDAH IS EXILED TO BABYLON     |  |                                 |                                   |              |                |
| 500 BC           |                                | LAMENTATIONS<br>586 BC                                 |                                 | HAGGAI 520 BC<br>ZECHARIAH 520 BC |              |                |
| 400 BC           |                                |  |                                 | MALACHI 432 BC                    |              |                |
| ↓ 400 BC<br>0 BC | 400 SILENT YEARS               |  |                                 |                                   |              |                |

**JESUS CHRIST THE MESSIAH IS BORN**

The dates listed in this chart are the beginning dates of the prophets' ministry.





**NOTE:**

The eleven books from Genesis through Nehemiah cover the Old Testament story from beginning to end. The other Historical, Poetical, and Prophetical books fit into this Old Testament story in various places, as shown by the vertical placement, and also provide additional information to the story.

**PROPHETICAL BOOKS**

|              |         |           |         |
|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| ISAIAH       | EZEKIEL | HAGGAI    | MALACHI |
| JEREMIAH     | DANIEL  | ZECHARIAH |         |
| LAMENTATIONS |         |           |         |
| HOSEA        |         |           |         |
| JOEL         |         |           |         |
| AMOS         |         |           |         |
| OBADIAH      |         |           |         |
| JONAH        |         |           |         |
| MICAH        |         |           |         |
| NAHUM        |         |           |         |
| HABAKKUK     |         |           |         |
| ZEPHANIAH    |         |           |         |



# II. The Prophets: Key Experiences and Characteristics

- Called by God
- Received word from God through a variety of ways
- Called God's people to obedience
- Living Parables
- Miracles
- Watchmen and intercessors
- Message for their age with eternal principles

# III. The Prophets: Key Themes

## **Ministerial Themes**

- Called nation away from idols
- Condemned moral and political corruption
- Exposed formality of religion as opposed to a living relationship with God

# III. The Prophets: Key Themes

## **Prophetic Themes**

- God's people will be scattered among the nations
- The coming of the *Messiah*
- Restoration of God's chosen people to their home land
- The reign of the *Messiah* over the whole earth

# IV. Why study the Prophets?

## **The Prophets teach us that:**

- God is not like us – not even close – and He can take care of all our needs
- Knowing God is the highest calling of our lives
- His Faithfulness towards us is great
- The Lord wants us to know Him and to experience His glory
- We know God through prayer

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