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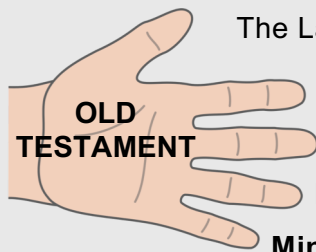
BREAKDOWN

TAKING A LOOK - BOOK BY BOOK

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Minor Prophets PART 2

Nahum **Habakkuk** **Zephaniah** **Haggai** **Zechariah** **Malachi**

NAHUM

Main theme: *After the Fall of Israel, Assyria's destruction is predicted.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Jonah part 2, Nineveh finally falls a century later.
- ❖ Nahum's vision came true in 612 BC, less than 50 years after the prophecy was given.

Nahum 1:2

The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

HABAKKUK

Main theme: *Prophet from Judah complains to God then sees clearly.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Judah is treated unfairly by the Assyrians.
- ❖ The Chaldeans are coming to judge Judah. **Habakkuk 3:17-19**
Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

ZEPHANIAH

Main theme: *Warning that the "Coming day of the Lord" brings judgement.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Destruction coming for both Judah and her nearby enemies.
- ❖ After, God will provide salvation for Judah and the nations.

Zephaniah 3:9

For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord.

RETURN TO JERUSALEM

HAGGAI

Main theme: *Instructions to returned Jews to finish building the Temple.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ People focused on their own living conditions, forgot about God.

Haggai 1:6

You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

ZECHARIAH

Main theme: *Exiles should rebuild their temple and await their Messiah.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Focused shift halfway through book to anticipation of the Messiah.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

MALACHI

Main themes: *Get serious about serving God, the messiah is coming.*

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Contemporary of Ezra and Nehemiah (History).

Malachi 3:1

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming,...

HISTORY TIMELINE

JOSHUA-CANAAN >> 12 TRIBES >> KING DAVID >> SPLIT >> CAPTIVITY >> RETURN

Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah↑

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi↑