



Major Prophets

Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel

"A prophet is one who knows his times and what God is trying to say to the people of his times."

~ A W Tozer

ISAIAH

Main theme: Despite the sinfulness of Judah, God will send a Messiah.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Prophesied warnings regarding the Assyrian aggression.
- Warned of the coming captivity in Babylon.
- Predicted coming Savior with remarkable accuracy.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

JEREMIAH

Main theme: Prediction of the fall of Judah because of continued disobedience.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ God warns Judah and gives them 40 years to repent.
- ❖ The last chapter records the destruction of Jerusalem/temple and the exile to Babylon.
- Jeremiah is known as the "weeping prophet."

Lamentations 1:16

"For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed."

LAMENTATIONS

Main theme: A lamenting poem written shortly into Babylonian captivity. *Interesting Facts and Lessons:*

- A poem written by a prophet
- To be prayed or sung in worship asking God's forgiveness and seeking restoration to a covenant relationship with God.

EZEKIEL

Main themes: An exiled Jewish priest in Babylon predicts restoration. **Interesting Facts and Lessons:**

Apocalyptic imagery point to the Jews return to Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

"I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD;"

DANIEL

Main themes: Daniel remains faithful and is blessed even in captivity.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- First 6 chapters are historical narrative of Daniel's life.
 - Fiery furnace, Hand writing on the wall, Lion's den
- ❖ Last 6 chapters remarkably accurate prophecy of the world events.
 - ❖ Babylon> Medo-Persia> Greeks> Romans> God's Kingdom

Daniel 7:13-14

"I saw.. with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

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