

THE BEACON CHURCH

**Equipping Hour
Old Testament Survey**

**Session 5
Exile to Intertestamental
Period**



STUDY GROUPS!

- 1. How many major waves of returns were there from captivity back to Jerusalem? What are the three dates you need to remember? What are the chapters of Scripture – history books – that correlate to these returns?**
- 1. Which pagan king allowed the Jews to initially return to Jerusalem? How many Jews returned? Who led them?**
- 1. Who was the Persian King in power during the 2nd and 3rd returns?**
- 1. What sin / compromise plagued the Jews once they returned to Jerusalem?**
- 1. What are the following books about? Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther?**
- 1. Name Judah's kings 1-16.**

STUDY GROUPS!

- 1. What are historical “landmarks” you need to remember between the Civil War and the Fall of Samaria?**
- 2. What are the dates of the following? Assyria conquers Israel? Fall of Nineveh? Destruction of Solomon’s Temple?**
- 3. How many years was the Jewish captivity to Babylon?**
- 4. What are the following books about? Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Nahum?**
- 5. What books of the Bible correlate to the time between the Fall of Nineveh to the exile to Babylon?**

STUDY GROUPS!

- 1. How many books are in the OT? The NT?**
- 2. How are the OT books divided up? What are the categories?**
- 3. Who/what are our “landmarks” at 2000, 1500, 1000, and 500?**
- 4. What are each of the following books about? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, and Ruth?**
- 5. What are the main themes to remember between 1500-1000?**
- 6. What are the 5 R’s in the cycle of the Judges?**
- 7. Can you recite the Half Bible Cheer?**

STUDY GROUPS!

- 1. What are each of the following books about? 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings about?**
- 2. What three bodies of water run through the middle of Israel?**
- 3. What are the distinctives of the tribe of Levi?**
- 4. Going clockwise from the 12 o'clock of Israel, who were Israel's neighbors/enemies? Name some of their gods.**
- 5. What are the distinctives of Saul, David, and Solomon?**
- 6. What are the some of the distinctives of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms?**

CHEER YOU UP!

OT Key #7: Half Bible Cheer

1010 B.C.

970 B.C.

930 B.C.

722 B.C.

612 B.C.

600 B.C.

586 B.C.

538 B.C.

R₁ R₂ R₃

333 B.C.

Poetry



KEY: Job / Sovereign Hands of God

Science in the Book of Job

Job 36:27–28 (NASB95)

²⁷“For He draws up the drops of water, They distill rain from the mist,
²⁸Which the clouds pour down, They drip upon man abundantly.

Job 26:7 (NASB95)

⁷“He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

Job 38:31–32 (NASB95)

³¹“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, Or loose the cords of Orion?
³²“Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, And guide the Bear with her satellites?

Science and the Bible

THE BIBLE	SCIENCE THEN	SCIENCE NOW
-The Earth is a Sphere. Isaiah 40:22	-The Earth was a flat disk	-The Earth is a Sphere.
-Innumerable Stars. Jeremiah 33:22	-only 1100 stars	-Innumerable Stars.
-Air Has Weight. Job 28:25	-Air is weightless	-Air Has Weight.
-Each star is different. 1 Corinthians 15:41	-All stars were the same	-Each star is different.
-Light moves. Job 38:19-20	-Light was fixed in place	-Light moves.
-Free float of Earth in space. Job 26:7	-Earth sat on a large animal.	-Free float of Earth in space.
-Winds blow in cyclones. Ecclesiastes 1:6	-Winds blew straight.	-Winds blow in cyclones.
-Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains. 2 Samuel 22:16; Jonah 2:6	-The ocean floor was flat.	-Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains.
-Blood is the source of life and health. Leviticus 17:11	-Sick people must be bled.	-Blood is the source of life and health.
-Creation made of invisible elements. Hebrews 11:3	-Science is mostly ignorant on the subject.	-Creation made of invisible elements(Atoms)
-Ocean contains springs. Job 38:16	-Ocean fed only by rivers and rain.	-Ocean contains springs.

Poetry



KEY: Palms / Praises and Prayers

Poetry



KEY: Proverbs / God-honoring Life Skills & Wisdom

Poetry

ECCELESIASTES

KEY: Ecclesiastes / Emptiness & Vanity

Poetry



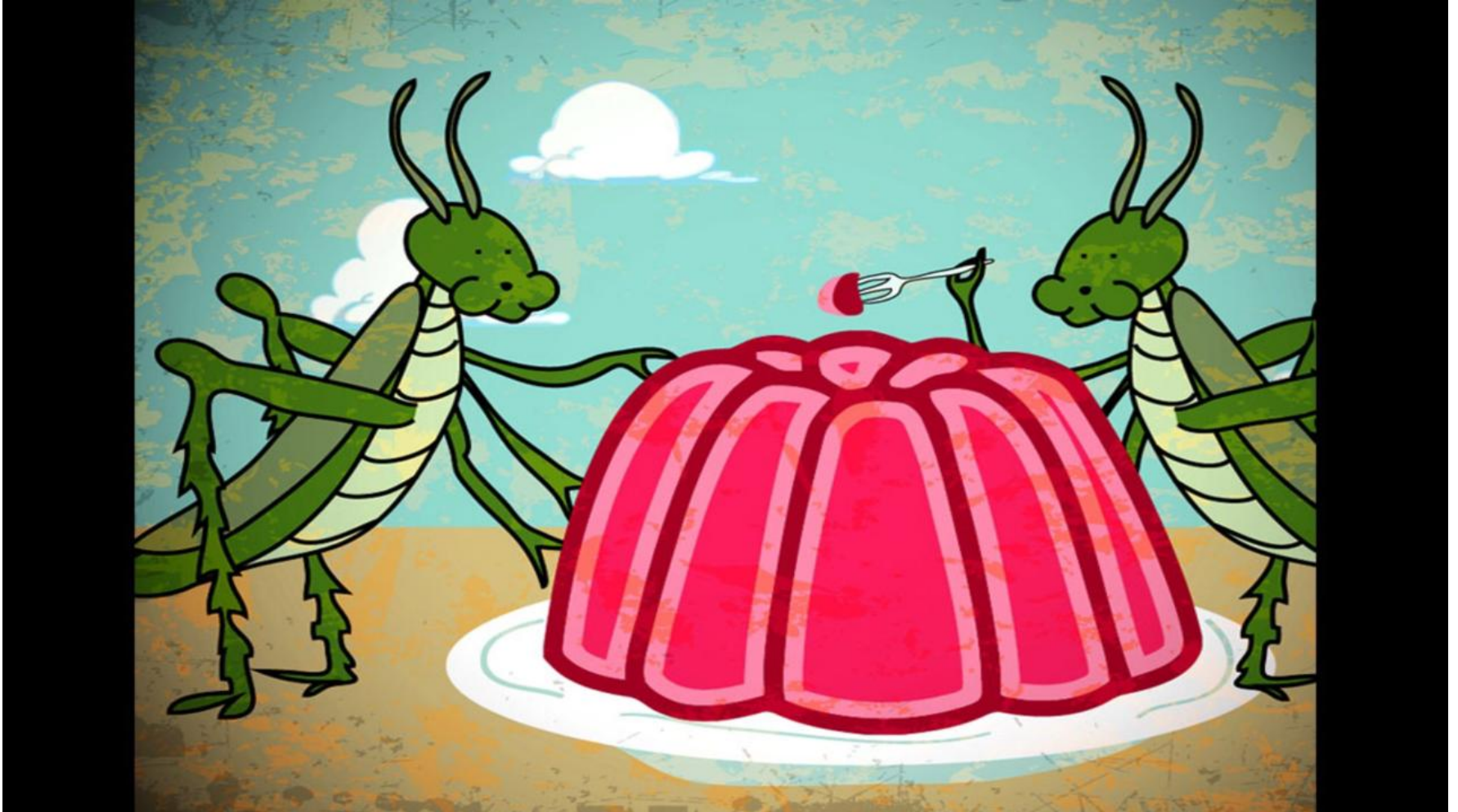
KEY: Song of Solomon / Beauty of Love in Marital Covenant

How to Read OT Poetic Books

“Human-kinds’ reach toward God.” (C. Hassell Bullock)

- No rhyme or meter... but **parallelism**
 - Writer composes one line and then composes another line that interacts in some way with that first line.
 - Meaning of verse discovered by comparing the two lines.

Half Bible Cheer Books



KEY: Joel-lo / Locusts Devour, but God will Restore

Half Bible Cheer Books



KEY: O-BED-iah / Brother's KEYper

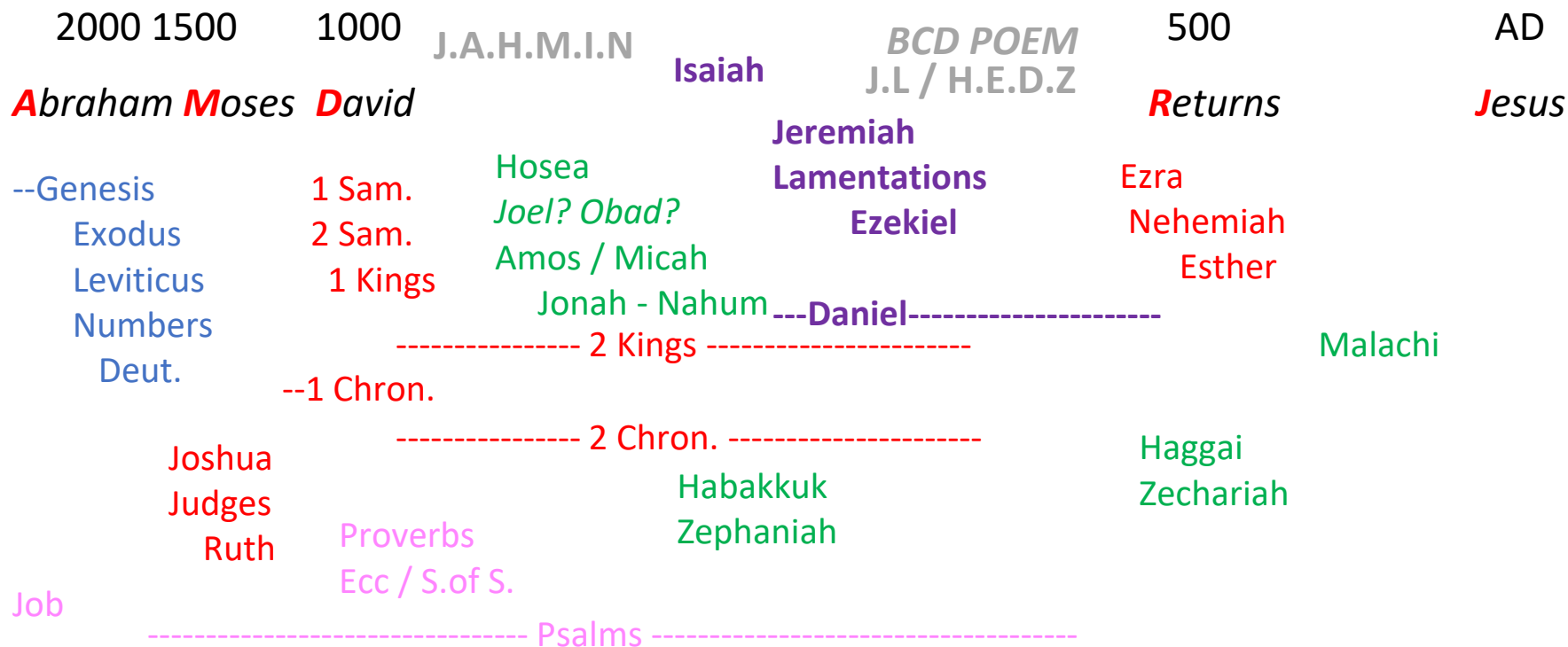
Thinking Your Way Through the OT

Big Picture Timeline

I A M t j D K S w

E E A

BCD MP Rrr G J



INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

What is the Intertestamental Period?

Amos 8:11–12 (NASB95)

¹¹“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.

¹²“People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, But they will not find it.

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

What is the Intertestamental Period?

The time between the Hebrew Bible and the period covered by the Christian New Testament.

- A.K.A. 400 Years of Silence
- Malachi (420 BC) to John the Baptist (1st Century)

A New Beginning; A New Obsession

Key #2: First things first



“... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.” (1 Samuel 15:22b)

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Synagogues

OL

Oral Law [interpretation & application of Law of Moses]

A

Aramaic

“EMBRACE”-ing the Changing Times

Key #3: AG.E.S = Need for a _____



H Hellenization

U Urbanization

G Greek Language