

BIBLE SURVEY, PT 2--THE OT (THE POETICAL & PROPHETIC BOOKS)

>**Lst wk**--we bgan a 4-pt "**Bble Survey**" series
...2 weeks in OT/2 weeks in NT

>**Said**: the *goal* of this series is to help us
under hw the B fits tgethr on a global level

***WHAT** each book in the B is abt

***WHEN** each book was written

***& HOW** they're all interconnected

>>>>**Last wk**—we began in OT

*As U can see from the chart we gave U...

OT is divided into 3 broad sections

The **HISTORICAL books of OT

The **POETICAL books of OT

The **PROPHETIC books of OT

>>>>**Lst wk**—we covered the **HISTORICAL** bks

*I poured a massive amt of info on U

*& I'm gonna do the same thing this week

>>>>**SO**—don't try & take notes—**JST LSTEN**

*ENHANCED CD--all pp & maps in wrd doc

>>>>This wk—**POETICAL/PROPHETIC BKS**

[READY?]

I- POETICAL BOOKS

A. As U can see from the chart we gave U...

1. These are the bks of Job...Psalms...SofS

Proverbs...Ecclesiastes...Lamentations

B. Now—it's impt for us to under tht Hebrew

poetry is not like westrn poetry

1. Hbrw poetry is not based on cadence

2. **NOR** is it based on "*rhyming*"

C. **Hbrw poetry** is based on "*parallelism*"

1. **IOW**—Hbrw poetry is based on taking
2 sentences & *juxtaposing* them

***EITHER**—in a **REPETITIVE WAY**

***OR**—in an a **CONTRARY WAY**

[LET ME SHOW U WHAT I MEAN]

D. REPETITIVE WAY:

1. Job 32:7 "Age shld speak; & increased
years should teach wisdom"

2. *See hw both halves repeat same thng??*

3. Ps 51:17- "The sac's of Gd are a brokn
spirit; a brokn & a contrite heart, O
Gd, U will not despise."

E. CONTRARY (ANTITHETICAL) WAY:

1. Eccles 10:12- "The words of a wise
man are gracious, but the words of a
fool shall devour him"

2. *In this kind of Heb poetry(as U see)...
the 2 halves of vs say opposite thing*

2. Prov 10:19- "Whn there are many wrds,
sin is never far away, but he who
restrains his lips is wise."

F. The **poetical bks** deal with *the everyday
affairs of human living*

1. Givng us great practical wisdom

2. Whch is why thy're sometimes referred
to by the term "*wisdom literature*"

[LET'S LOOK AT EACH OF THEM BRIEFLY]

E.THE BOOK OF PSALMS

1. Majority writtn by Dvd c. 1000BC altho some were written by other pple

SAY: “How can I tell who wrote a given Ps?”

2. Many of Ps’s have (wht we call) ***“Titles”***

*Located immd’y undr the Ps number

*Tht give us info abt who the writer...

& wht the presenting sit of Ps was

3. **EXAMPLE:** “Ps 51—A psalm of Dvd after

Nathan the prophet came to see him after he had gone in to Bathsheba”

*Whch explains why Ps 51=all abt repentance & confession of sin

4. **EX:** “Ps 63--A pslm of Dvd while he was in the wilderness of Judea” **SLIDE**

*Whch explains why he said: (V.1)-“O Gd, my soul thirsts for U...as in a dry land where there is no water”

5. The Psalms cover the entire range of human emotion

*Anger/fear/ discouragement/ joy/ hope

*Gratitude to Gd fr smthng He’s done

*Confusion bfore Gd ab something He’s doing

*So no matter wht we’re facing in life... there’s a Psalm for us

6. Whch explains why the **Bk of Psalms** is such a “beloved” part of the Bible

7. Bfre we move on—let me mention to U

one very special group of Psalms

*We call thm the "Messianic Psalms"

*These Ps predict w/impeccable acuracy

*Many details regarding the Messiah
(life, birth, ministry, death, resur)

*Evn tho written 1000 yrs before

ILLUST: ONE EXAMPLE: Psalm 22

*V 18—"Thy divided my garmnts amng
thm & cast lots for my clothing"

**Talkng abt Rmn sldr at cross

**Mt 27:35—"Thn the sldr crucif'd hm
& cast lots fr his clothes, tht it mght
be fulfilled whch was spoken(Ps 22):

'They divided my garments amng
thm & cast lots for my clothing'"

*V. 16—"They pierced my hands & my
feet"—talking abt the crucifixion

AP: Thre're ab 20 of these "Mess Ps's" in OT

*& their perfect predictions abt the Mess

*Is 1 of the greatest proofs of B's veracity

F. BOOK OF PROVERBS

1. Prov = a collection of practical & wise
Sayings re: issues of everyday life

2. 31 chp's/so 1 chap a day each month

3. FAIR TO SAY—anybdy who runs their life
acc to wht Bk of Prov says...will save
selves "a bushel & a peck of trouble"

ILLT: Whn my middle son Justin was teenager

*He had this terrible habit...

*Of “entering a room mouth 1st”

*One of my favorite Prov’s= Prov 10:19

“Whn there are many wrds, sin is nvr far away, but he who restrains his lips is wise.”

*So I gave it to him...& told hm...tth I had declared this vs...to be his “life verse”

APPL: Later...I told Brenda I’d done this...

*& she just looked at me & said...

*”Heal thyself, physician!” (Lk 4:23)

*Whch (U know) ALSO comes frm B!

G. BOOK OF JOB

1. Which deals with the issue of suffering

H. BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

1. Which deals with the issue of living for the things of this world

K. SONG OF SOLOMON

1. Whch deals with physical sexual love betw a husb & a wife--& makes it clear

2. Gd=pleased wth this expression of love wthin the bounds of biblical marriage

3. Heb 13:4-“Marriage is honorable in all ways & the marriage bed is holy”

L. LAMENTATIONS

1. Whch records prophet Jer’s “lament”...

2. Over the dstrc’n of Jer by Neb in 586BC

II- NOW WE TURN TO THE PROPHETIC BKS

A. Now-as soon as we say the wrd “prophecy”

1. Most pple immed’y think abt smbdy

“predicting the future”

2. & certainly...some prophecy **DOES** this
- B. But in B--“prophecy” means smthng much broader than jst “predicting the future”
 1. In B—a “prophet” was a prsn who received divine revelation ...
 - *Direct info ..from Gd Himself...
 - *Tht Gd wanted that prophet to communicate
 - *YES--smtime this involved foretelling future events
 - *BUT—most of the x—it involved the prphet simply telling certain pple wht Gd wanted to say to them
 2. **& B** = merely “writtn-dwn prphcy”
 - *It’s info Gd wanted U/me to have..
 - *Whch He comuncated to a prophet (Isa/ Daniel/ Moses/ Peter/ AP)...
 - *& thn told tht prphet to write it dwn
3. Jer 36:1-“Now this wrd came to Jer frm the Lrd, saying: “Take a scroll & write on it all the wrds I have spoken to U”
4. V. 4-“Thn Jer calld his scribe Baruch &, as Jer dictated the wrds the Lrd had spoken to him, Baruch wrote thm dwn
5. **THE RESULT**=(we call)**BK OF JRMIAH**
- C. OT divides the prophetic bks into **2 grps**:
 1. **“MAJOR” PRPHETS** (Isa/ Jer/ Ezek/ Dan)
 2. **“MINOR”PRPHETS**(Hosea thru Malachi)

3. The diff is not one of ***IMPORTANCE***—
but one of ***LENGTH***

4. The “major” prophetic bks are *longer*

5. The “minor” prophetic bks are *shorter*

D. The prophetic books cover the period from
800BC(Obadiah/Joel/Jonah) to 400BC(Mal)

ILLUST: CHART OF THIS ON ENHANCED CD

E. As we said, most of the prophetic writings
of OT were addressed to the pple of the x

F. **BUT**—just as wth the Psalms—ther’re some
Messianic prophecies in prophetic bks too

1. Greatest single exmple(of crse)= **Is 53**

2. Micah 5:2-“But U, Bethlehem, out of U
shall come forth the One who shall be
the Ruler of Is, whose goings forth are
from old, from everlasting”

3. Zech 11:12-“So I said to thm, ‘If it is
agreeable to U, give me my wages.’” So
they weighed out for my wages 30
pieces of silver”

*V. 13-“Then I took the 30 pieces of
silver & threw thm to the potter
in the house of the Lrd”

*Mt 27:3-“Then Judas was remorseful
& brot back the 30 pieces of silver
& threw them into the Temple...

Thn the chief priests took the silver
pieces & bought a potter’s field”

G. & again—all these prophecies were made

- centuries before LJC was actually born
- H. The final prpht(Malachi)wrote arnd 400BC
1. After which...as we said last week...
 2. The B goes silent until birth of LJC

III- SO WHAT?

- A. **REM:** Rom 15:4-“Fr what was written in earlier times (OT) was written fr our learning, tht, thru the encouragement of the (OT) Scriptures, we might have hope”
- B. So let’s pick an example of this today
- C. To do tht—let’s go to **Daniel chap 1**
- D. Here in Dan 1, Neb has conquered Jeru
1. & he instructs his vizier to identify sme of the sharpest yng Jwsh men there..
 2. To become Neb’s personal servants
 3. Amng those vizier identifies=**Dan & 3 frnds(Shadrach/Meshach/ &Abednego)**
- E. Dan 1:5-“& the king appointed fr these yng men a daily provision of the king’s choice food & his wine. & he appointed tht they be educated fr 3 yrs tht, tht at the end of tht time, they might serve before the king
- F. Dn 1:8-“But Dan purposed in his hrt tht he wld not defile himself wth the king’s food
- H. SEE--there were **3 probs** w/the king’s food
- # **1**-Under the Old Cove, much of it was frbddn fr Jews to eat(ham/bcon/ B-B-Q)
 - # **2**-The animals used for the meat wld’ve been slaughterd in a non-Kosher way

- # 3-Wld've been 1st offr'd to idols of Bbyln
- J. Daniel decided tht rgrdless of the conseq's he wsn't gna disobey Gd & eat this food
- K. **Remind U:** conseq's were liable to be great
1. Neb was not exactly what U'd call an "enlightened monarch"
 2. In Dan 3, when he got angry tht Dan's 3 frnds survived the fiery furnace...
*REM: he threw his own officers into it!
 3. SO--whn Dan decided to defy Neb...
*HE KNEW...tht price liable to be high
- L. So Daniel went to vizier & asked for permission to skip the king's food
- M. V. 10-"& the vizier said, 'I am afraid of my lord the king. For he will see yur face looking worse thn the other yng men, which will endanger my head before him.'"
- N. V.12-"Then Dan said, 'Please test the 4 of us fr 10 days. Give us only veg's to eat & water to drink--& then compare our appearance to that of the other yng men
- O. SEE--Dan blvd Gd was big/ pwrful enuf
1. Tht if he put Gd 1st in his life
 2. & honored God above the king
 3. Tht Gd wld honor him back...
 4. & suprn'ly nourish his body/3 frnds
- O. All see this? This is pt of this whole chap
[SO WHAT HAPPENED?]
- P. Dan 1:15-"& at the end of 10 days, the

appearance of Dan & his frnds was better & their bodies fatter than all the others who'd been eating the king's food."

[AND THAT'S NOT ALL]

P. Dan 1:17-"& Gd gave these 4 yng mn wsdm & knwldge & insight into all things"

Q. V. 19-"& whn the kng intrviewed thm, thre was no one who matched up to thm...& therefore, the king chose **THEM** to serve before him out of all the others"

R. U knw—wnderful vs in B-1 Sm 2:30: "Those who honor Me, I will honor, saith the Lrd"

S. & wht we see here in Dan chap 1...is Gd **keeping** tht promise to Daniel

1. Dan honored Gd & Gd honord him bck

2. Gd did same thing for **Joseph**

*Pot's wife--"Hw can I sin against Gd?"

*Ended up as Prime Minister of Egypt

2. Gd did same thing for **David**

*Refused to lay a hand on Saul

*God exalted him as king

3. Gd did same thing for **Ruth**

*Refused to abandon her mthr-in-law

*Ended up marrying Boaz

*& becoming g-grdmthr of Dvd & LJC

4. Gd kept prmise fr **Dan** as we've seen

5. Gnna keep it fr **D's 3 frnds** in furnace

4. Gd's kept it fr evry man/wmn who's ever put 1 S 2:30 to the test

6. & He'll keep it for U/me as well!!

CONCLUSION

>>>>SO this is SO WHAT?—for today

*In every sit in life—figure out wht course of action will bring the most honr to Gd

*& then always try to do it!

>>>In short run--it may look like we're losing when we live this way

*But if we believe wht Daniel believed

*Tht “those who hnr Me, I WILL honor, saith the Lrd”

*Then we can nvr lose if we live this way!

ILLUST: When gave my life to JC--UNC C. Hill

*One of the 1st verses in B I ever learned was 1 Sm 2:30:“THOSE WHO HONOR ME I WILL HONOR, SAITH THE LRD”

*I said: "This is gonna be my life verse”

AP: Folks--this verse has served me well

*This verse set a sp course for my life tht Gd has honord & blessed beyond my wildest dreams

*In 44 yrs of walking w/Lrd—I hven't always gotten it right

*But I've always tried to...

>>>>& I want to challenge U to make 1 S 2:30 one of yur life vss

*So Gd will do for U

*Wht he did fr Daniel & Jo & Dvd & Ruth

>>>>May Gd help us all...to do so!