

# BREAKING BREAD

Lesson 09:

Old Testament Survey pt 4

“The Prophets”

“Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, ‘Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.’”

- 2 Kings 17:13

# Section IV. The Prophets

## 17 Books of Prophets (Isaiah through Malachi)

### Quick Overview:

- They detail the messages of God's prophets to Israel and other nations throughout the times of the divided kingdom of Israel, the captivity, and the regathering to Jerusalem.
- They are the most difficult to understand in all the scriptures as both historical context and prophetic understanding are often required for proper interpretation.
- They have many references to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> comings of Christ, the judgment & regathering of Israel, the Antichrist & end of this world, and the millennial reign of Christ & Israel.
- They are sobering books that reveal the true extent of God's holiness in both his destructive judgment and restoring grace.

# Survey of the Prophets:

## The Major Prophets

### 23. Isaiah

**760 BC – 698 BC**

Foretells judgments on sinful nations, the judgment and restoration of Israel, and is RICH with Messianic prophecies (especially regarding his salvation).

- *Key Themes: Rebellion, Sin, Idolatry, Judgment, Burden, Salvation, Righteousness, Redemption, Restoration.*

### 24. Jeremiah

**626 BC – 562 BC**

Foretells and shows the judgment of the southern kingdom of Judah and their multiple rejections of God's 2<sup>nd</sup> chances (very, very sad).

- *Key Themes: Rebellion, Idolatry, Covetousness, Backsliding, Injustice, False Prophets, Truth, God's word, Obedience, Captivity, Restoration.*

### 25. Lamentations

**576 BC**

Shows Jeremiah the prophet lamenting (weeping) for Judah & Jerusalem which have been judged severely.

- *Key Themes: Mourning, Oppression, Affliction, Repentance, Suffering.*

# Survey of the Prophets:

## 26. Ezekiel

596 BC – 572 BC

Prophecies portraying the judgment of certain nations, the perverseness of Israel, and yet, God's grace and restoration of the kingdom of Israel and the temple in the last days.

- *Key Themes: Heavenly Visions, Abominations, Idolatry, Pride, Harlotry, War, New Heart, Restoration, God's House.*

## 27. Daniel

607 BC – 534 BC

Stories of Daniel and his friends (Jewish captives) in Babylon standing for the true God and being promoted and protected by God; also a great book of prophecies regarding world empires, the Antichrist, the end times, and God's kingdom and the Messiah.

- *Key Visions: The Great Image & The Stone, The Great Tree, The Hand Writing on the Wall, The 4 Beasts & the Son of Man, The Ram & the He Goat, The 70 Weeks, The Son of Man, The 10 kings, The final resurrections.*

# Survey of the Prophets:

## The Minor Prophets

### 28. Hosea

**784 BC – 722 BC**

God likens the idolatry of the Northern Kingdom of Israel to a wife cheating on her husband; yet, God still showing grace in the end.

### 29. Joel

**822 BC – 819 BC**

End-Times book showing the tribulation of the world and the Messiah returning to earth to judge and establish his kingdom.

### 30. Amos

**789 BC – 770 BC**

Judgment against the ease and phony religion of Israel and their hatred of God's prophets, and yet, it promises their restoration.

### 31. Obadiah

**576 BC**

Judgment against the nation of Edom (the descendants of Jacob's brother Esau) for their hatred and envy of Israel.

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## The Minor Prophets

### 32. Jonah

**828 BC – 824 BC**

A selfish, bitter prophet that God had swallowed by a whale to get his attention; God then used him to preach to Nineveh (the capital of Assyria) and the entire city repented!

### 33. Micah

**756 BC – 701 BC**

God's call to righteousness and judgment to the corrupt leaders of the nation of Israel that are profiting off of the weak and vulnerable; promises both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd comings of the Messiah.

### 34. Nahum

**664 BC – 616 BC**

160 years after Jonah preached, Nineveh now will not repent and now must be judged for its lies and witchcrafts.

### 35. Habakkuk

**613 BC**

Predicts the destruction of the wicked men of Judah by Babylon, but promises salvation to the just that live by faith.

# Survey of the Prophets:

## The Minor Prophets

### 36. Zephaniah

**613 BC**

The day of the LORD (which is God's judgment of the wicked), purging of Jerusalem, and salvation of the meek remnant.

### 37. Haggai

**520 BC**

He exhorts the remnant of Israel to rebuild the temple.

### 38. Zechariah

**520 BC – 487 BC**

Visions and prophecies of the end-times and comings of Christ. A key book for studying end-times.

### 39. Malachi

**435 BC – 433 BC**

A stern rebuke to the priests and people of the remnant of Judah for their sins of lousy offerings, divorce, and no tithes.