

# Diagrams of the Old Testament Books

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# ANCIENT JEWISH TRADITION:

**Torah** (teaching)  
**Nevi'im** (prophets)  
**Ketuvim** (writings)

# TaNaK - the Old Testament

# LATER CHRISTIAN TRADITION

## REFERRED TO IN:

- DEAD SEA SCROLLS (400-100 B.C.)
- WISDOM OF SIRACH (180-175 B.C.)
- JESUS OF NAZARETH (LIFE 27-30 A.D.)

WHO DID ALL THIS?



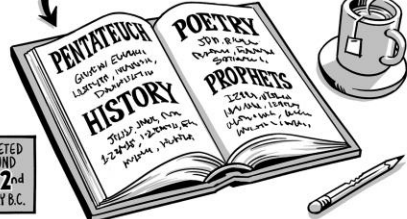
A PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY THAT REVEALS GOD'S PURPOSE TO RESCUE THE WORLD

SCRIBES & PROPHETS

Guided By  
**GOD'S SPIRIT**  
PSALMS 119:1-2  
ISAIAH 55:1-2, DANIEL 9

THROUGH HUMAN WORDS  
**GOD SPEAKS**  
TO HIS PEOPLE

COMPLETED AROUND  
3rd or 2nd  
CENTURY B.C.



## TORAH

**GENESIS 1-11**

**GOD'S IMAGE = HUMAN (ADAM)**

**WISDOM TO DISCERN GOD & EVIL**

**BLESSING!**

**EXILED TO WILDERNESS**

**OPPRESSION**

**CAIN & ABEL**

**LAMECH**

**THE PLOT:**

- GOD WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD THROUGH HUMANS
- HUMANS ARE THE PROBLEM!
- SOLUTION: WE NEED A NEW KIND OF HUMAN

**ABRAHAM & SARAH**

**3** ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

**12** SONS

**ABRAHAM BETRAYS SARAH**

**JACOB TRICKS ISAAC**

**27**

**COVENANT PROMISE** (GENESIS 15)

**ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD**

**EXILE IN EGYPT**

**JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS**

**51**

**613 LAWS TO BECOME NEW HUMANS**

## EXODUS-DEUTERONOMY

**MOSES**

**PROPHET** (EXODUS 3:1-15)

**PRIEST** (EXODUS 28:1-10)

**KING** (DEUTERONOMY 33:5)

**GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL**

**DEUTERONOMY 27-32**

**MOSES PREDICTS ISRAEL'S FAILURE & EXILE**

**HOPE IN GOD'S PROMISE TO RESCUE ISRAEL**

**I WISH SOMEONE LIKE MOSES WOULD COME ALONG.**

**FAIL!**

## NEVI'IM

**JOSHUA 1**

**JOSHUA SUCCEEDS BECAUSE: - HE MEDITATES ON THE TORAH - HE'S LIKE MOSES**

**KINGS**

**PROPHETS**

**PRIESTS**

**EXILE IN BABYLON**

**DAVID & SOLOMON** (1 SAMUEL 7, 1 KINGS 3)

**THE PROPHECY'S JOB**

- TO BE LIKE MOSES
- ACCUSATION
- WARNING
- PROMISE
- FUTURE HOPE

**THE DAY OF THE LORD!**

**EXILE IN BABYLON**

**OLD ISRAEL**

**NEW ISRAEL**

**NEW COVENANT**

**NEW KING** MOSES DAVID

**NEW NATIONS**

**HEY READERS! A NEW PROPHET IS COMING!**

**MALACHI 3:1-6**

## LATTER PROPHETS

**3** ISAIAH, JEREMIAH & EZEKIEL

**12** HOSEA-MALACHI

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## KETUVIM

**PSALM 1** THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

**PSALM 2** THE PROMISED KING

**SON OF GOD** (2 SAMUEL 7)

**PSALMS**

**the Wisdom Scrolls:**

CONVERSATION ABOUT LIVING WISELY IN GOD'S GOOD & CONFUSING WORLD

**PROVERBS**

**ECCLESIASTES**

**JOB**

**CHRONICLES**

**THE WHOLE TANAK, JUST SHORTER**

**2 CHRONICLES 36:20-23**

**DANIEL**

**ISRAEL'S FAILURE AND SUFFERING**

**A NEW FUTURE FOR THE WORLD**

**WHO IS THERE AMONG YOU, OF ALL GODS PEOPLE, THAT THE LORD GOD IS WITH HIM, SO HE MAY GO UP?**

**JEREMIAH 25, LEVITICUS 25:26, DANIEL 9, ...AND MANY!**



# GENESIS

GOD'S PLAN TO RESCUE AND BLESS HIS REBELLIOUS WORLD  
 through Abraham's family  
 ISRAEL - KINGDOM OF PROMISES - TO SHOW OTHER NATIONS WHAT GOD IS LIKE. | FULFILLED IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.



## 1-11 GOD & THE WORLD

## 12-50 GOD & ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

**1-2 DARKNESS**  
 DISORDER

**3 CREATING HUMANITY**  
 LIKE GOD!

**4-5 HUMANITY'S FALL**  
 TREE OF LIFE  
 REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER  
 REPRESENTATIVES OF GOD'S KING  
 HUMANITY'S POTENTIAL AND  
 CREATE BEAUTY AND ORDER

**6-9 THE FLOOD**  
 NOAH  
 HATE

**10-11 BABYLON**  
 LET'S MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES!  
 SCATTERED

**12-25a ABRAHAM**  
 CHOICE:  
 TRUST GOD'S DEFINITION OF GOOD & EVIL  
 OR  
 SCARE AUTONOMY AND  
 DEFENDING GOOD AND EVIL  
 FOR THEMSELVES?

"IN YOU, ALL THE  
 FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE  
 BLESSED."

LAND  
 NATION  
 NAME  
 BLESS

ABRAM  
 12:1-3

**12-25a ABRAHAM**

**12 ABRAHAM BETRAYS HIS WIFE**  
 SHE'S MY SISTER!  
 AND 20!

**25b-36 ISAAC AND JACOB**

**27 JACOB STEALS ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING**  
 DECEIVER  
 ISAAC  
 B-B-B

**37-50 JACOB'S SONS**

**37 JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BROTHERS**  
 LET'S KILL HIM!

**36 SNAKE'S DEFEAT & HUMANITY'S GRIEF**  
 WHY ARE YOU HIBBING?  
 SNAKE  
 WOUNDED VICTIM

**37-50 JACOB'S SONS**  
 EVIL ANGELS  
 KINGS WHO CLAIM DIVINE DESCENT

**32 JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD**  
 I WON'T LET GO UNTIL YOU BLESS ME!  
 YOUR NAME WILL NOW BE ISRAEL.  
 "WRESTLES WITH GOD" (50:20)

**31-32 JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD**  
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**16 ABRAHAM SLEEPS WITH HAGAR**  
 BUILD A FAMILY THROUGH MY SLAVE!

**15:17 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM**  
 COVENANT PROMISE  
 ABRAHAM WILL BE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS  
 AND A BLESSING TO THE WORLD...  
 (SIGN OF THE COVENANT = CIRCUMCISION)  
 ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD (GENESIS 15:6)

**27-31 JACOB DECEIVED BY LABAN**  
 CERTAIN  
 B-B-B

**39-40 JOSEPH ENSLAVED & IMPRISONED**

**41-46 ELEVATED, JOSEPH SAVES EGYPT & HIS FAMILY**  
 YOU PLANNED THIS FOR EVIL, BUT GOD PLANNED IT FOR GOOD TO SAVE MANY LIVES.  
 GOD IS FAITHFUL TO RESCUE & BLESS

ABRAHAM & SONS' REPEATED FAILURE



**BLESSING**

- HUMANITY (GENESIS 1-20)
- ABRAHAM (GENESIS 17:1-6)

**FAMILY OF 70**

ABRAHAM ISRAEL JACOB PHARAOH & JOSEPH

**400 YEARS PASS**

# EXODUS

**GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

**ABRAHAM** (GENESIS 12, 15, 17): GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS

**ISRAEL** (EXODUS 19:1-6) {

- KINGDOM OF PRIESTS TO THE NATIONS
- RESTORATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**1-18 EXODUS FROM EGYPT**

ISRAEL WAS ENJOYING AND FILLING THE LAND (1:6)

PHARAOH TRIES TO DESTROY ISRAEL (1-7)

MOSES' MOM

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

MOSES

TELL PHARAOH TO LET MY PEOPLE GO. I KNOW HE WILL RESIST, SO I WILL BRING PLAGUES AND HARDEN HIS HEART.

**CONFRONTATION BETWEEN 5-15 GOD & PHARAOH**

HEART GREED HARD

LET MY PEOPLE GO!

**GOD VS PHARAOH**

PHARAOH HARDENED HIS HEART OR HIS HEART GREED HARD

**THE POINT**

GOD KNEW PHARAOH WOULD RESIST, BUT STILL GAVE HIM MANY CHANCES

PHARAOH'S EVIL REACHES A POINT OF NO RETURN

GOD DEFEATS PHARAOH'S EVIL TO HIS PURPOSES & LURES HIM INTO HIS OWN DESTRUCTION

**PASSOVER**

GO!

**15 SONG OF THE SEA**

THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

- HE CONFRONTS EVIL
- HE REDEEMS THE SLAVES
- HE LEADS HIS PEOPLE TO THE PROMISED LAND
- HE DWELLS AMONG HIS PEOPLE

**16-18 IN THE WILDERNESS**

IT WAS BETTER IN EGYPT!

ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US?!

WHERE'S THE FOOD & WATER?

**19-24 GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL**

SIGN US UP!

**TERMS OF THE COVENANT:** (EX. 20-23)

- THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
- 52 MORE COMMANDS ABOUT WORSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE

MAKE A SANCTUARY FOR ME AND I WILL DWELL AMONG MY PEOPLE. (25:8)

**19-40 COVENANT AT MT. SINAI**

**LOTS OF SYMBOLISM**

GARDEN OF EDEN

**TABERNACLE BLUEPRINT** (25-31)

**MOST HOLY SPACE**

HOT SPOT OF GOD'S PRESENCE

ARK OF THE COVENANT

**32-34 ISRAEL BREAKS THE COVENANT**

LEAVE ME ALONE THAT I MAY DESTROY THEM.

MAKE US A GOD!

HERE ARE YOUR GODS WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF EGYPT.

REMEMBER YOUR COVENANT PROMISE TO ABRAHAM!

THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, ABUNDING IN COVENANT FAITHFULNESS. HE FORGIVES SIN, BUT WILL NOT LEAVE THE WICKED UNPUNISHED. (34:6-7)

**35-40 MOSES BUILDS THE TABERNACLE**

**MOSES CAN'T ENTER**





## 1-7 RITUAL SACRIFICES



# LEVITICUS

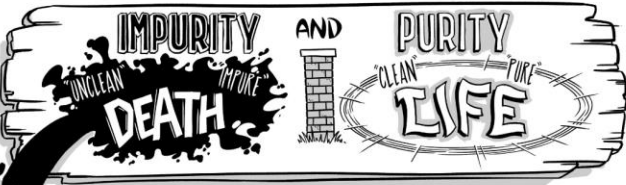
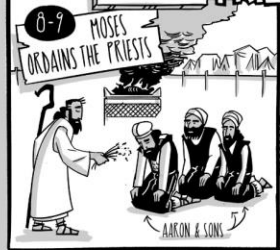
GOD GRACIOUSLY PROVIDES A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE



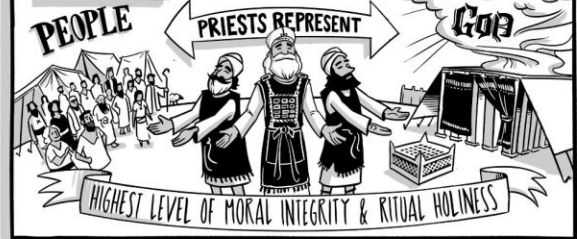
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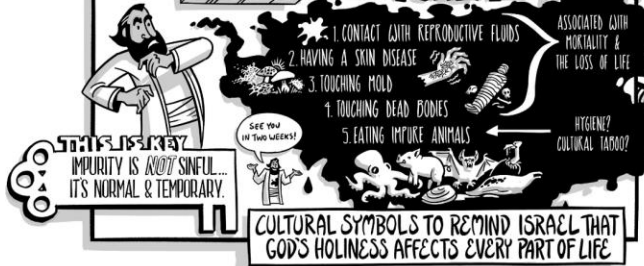
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## 21-22 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRIESTS



## 11-15 RITUAL PURITY

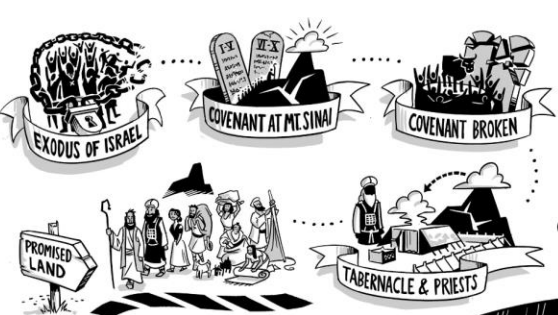


## 16-17 DAY OF ATONEMENT



## 18-20 MORAL PURITY





# NUMBERS

REBELLION IN THE WILDERNESS  
— GOD BRINGS JUDGEMENT... *AND* SHOWS MERCY.

**WILDERNESS STORIES:**

ISRAEL'S REBELLION VS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

RETOLD BY THE  
**PROPHETS & POETS & APOSTLES**

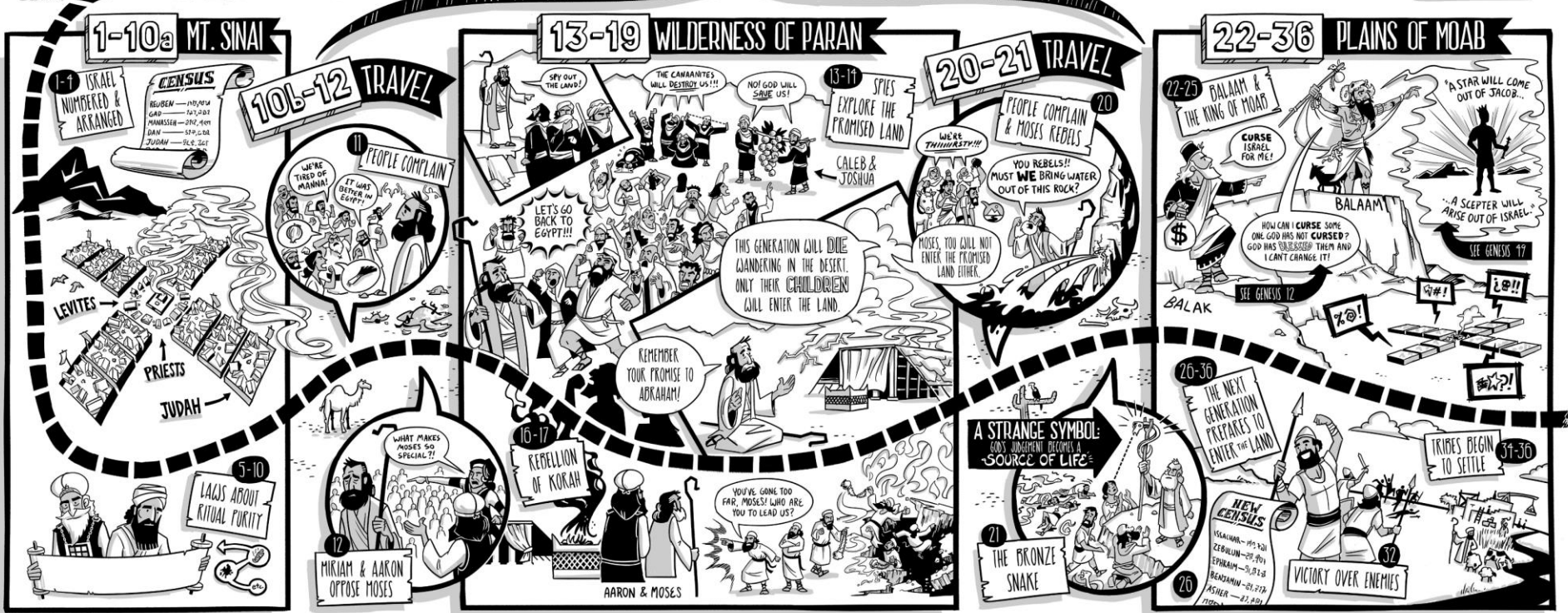
ISAIAH 43  
EZEKIEL 20  
JEREMIAH 7

PSALMS 78, 95, 106

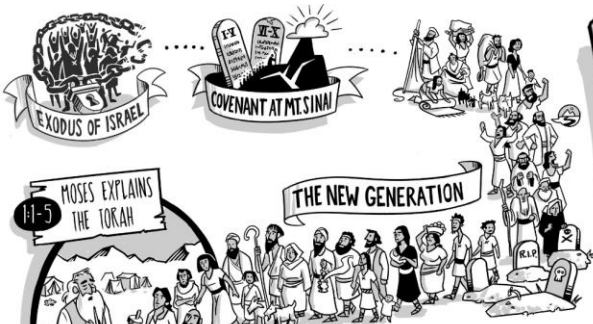
1 CORINTHIANS 10  
HEBREWS 3-4

**WARNING**

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES, BUT WILL LET HIS PEOPLE WALK AWAY AND FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.







# DEUTERONOMY

A CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

SOME LAWS ARE NEW, BUT MANY ARE REPEATED.

GREEK: ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΝΟΜΙΟΝ = "SECOND LAW"

## QUESTIONS UNRESOLVED IN THE TORAH

- WHEN WILL THE DESCENDANT OF WOMAN COME TO DEFEAT EVIL? (GENESIS 3)
- HOW IS GOD GOING TO RESCUE THE WORLD THROUGH ABRAHAM'S FAMILY? (GENESIS 12)
- HOW CAN A HOLY GOD BE RECONCILED TO REBELLIOUS PEOPLE? (EXODUS-NUMBERS)
- HOW WILL GOD TRANSFORM THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE? (DEUTERONOMY 30)

## 1-11 MOSES' OPENING SPEECH



## THE SHEMA

**LISTEN** ISRAEL, THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE **LORD ALONE**, AND YOU SHALL **LOVE** THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIGHT. —(DEUT 6:4-5)

**LISTEN** "HEAR" + "RESPOND" = **OBEY**

**LOVE** "EMOTION" + "DECISION" = **DEVOTION**

**LORD ALONE** (LITERALLY "THE LORD IS ONE") **ISRAEL IS TO WORSHIP ONLY THE ONE GOD**



## 12-26 COLLECTION OF LAWS



## CIVIL LAWS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

MARRIAGE, FAMILY & BUSINESS PROTECTION OF THE WIDOW, ORPHAN & IMMIGRANT

## TIPS FOR READING THESE LAWS:

- 1.) THE LAWS ARE THE TERMS OF THE SINAI COVENANT GIVEN TO ANCIENT ISRAEL.
- 2.) DON'T COMPARE THEM WITH MODERN LAWS, BUT WITH THE LAWS OF ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS.
- 3.) DISCERN THE CORE PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THE LAW.



**EXTRA CREDIT:** SEE HOW PAUL (1 CORINTHIANS 9:9) DOES THIS WITH DEUTERONOMY 25:4!

## 27-34 MOSES' FINAL SPEECH & DEATH





# JOSHUA

Looking back:

CIRCUMCISION PRESOVER

Looking forward:



GOD'S BATTLE PLAN



## 1-5 JOSHUA LEADS ISRAEL



## 2 THE SENDING OF THE SPIES



## 6-12 BATTLES WITH THE CANAANITES

### 6 JERICHO



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

### 7-8 AI



## 13-22 JOSHUA DIVIDES UP THE LAND



## 23-24 JOSHUA'S FINAL WORDS



FAITHFULNESS TO THE TORAH  
LIFE AND BLESSINGS IN THE LAND

UNFAITHFULNESS  
DIVINE JUSTICE AND EXILE

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?



## GOD'S JUSTICE ON HUMAN EVIL

WHY THE CANAANITES?

1

MORAL CORRUPTION

CHILD SACRIFICE

(SEE LEVITICUS 18)

(SEE DEUTERONOMY 12:29-31)

2

DID GOD INITIATE A GENOCIDE?

STORIES USE HYPERBOLE

TOTALLY INSIST  
NO THIRDS

SEE DEUTERONOMY 7 - "DESTROY" DON'T LITERAL  
SEE JOSHUA 10:36-39 15:13-15

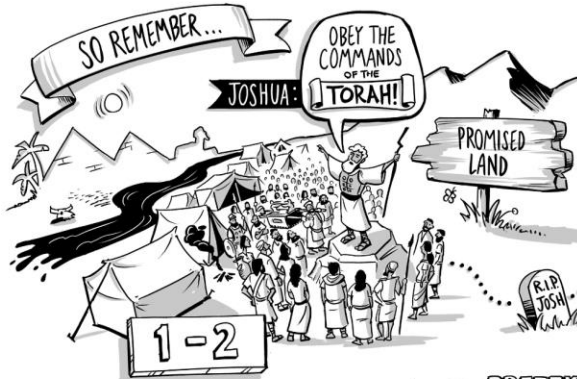
CANAANITES CAN TURN TO GOD OF ISRAEL

3

UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY

LIMITED TO CANAANITES

PEACE WITH OTHER NATIONS (SEE DEUTERONOMY 20)



# JUDGES

ISRAEL'S TOTAL FAILURE



THE EMPOWERMENT OF  
GOD'S SPIRIT  
≠  
ENDORSEMENT  
OF HUMAN CHOICES



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17-21

3-16

1-2

PRETTY GOOD

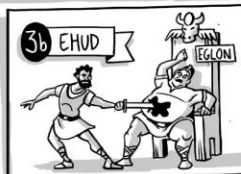
OKAY

BAD

WORSE



ISRAEL FAILS TO DRIVE  
OUT THE CANAANITES



CORRUPTION OF ISRAEL'S JUDGES



"IN THOSE DAYS ISRAEL HAD NO KING AND  
EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES."

19-21  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
VERY DISTURBING  
(AND THAT'S THE POINT...)  
CIVIL WAR

CORRUPTION OF THE  
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL





1

# RUTH

2

3

**CURIOUS FACT: GOD IS HARDLY MENTIONED**

NAOMI THE WIDOW RUTH THE MOABITE BOAZ THE FARMER



INTERPLAY OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND HUMAN DECISIONS

TRAGEDY

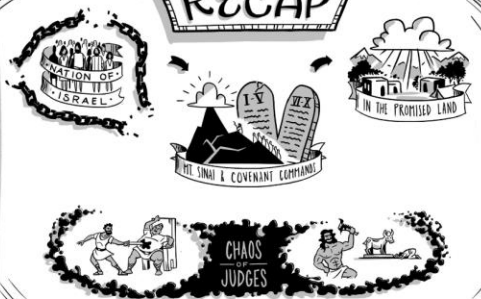
BOLDNESS  
LOYALTY

GENEROSITY  
LOYALTY

4



# RECAP



# -SAMUEL-

## 2 SAMUEL 7

FUTURE KING = TEMPLE = ETERNAL KINGDOM

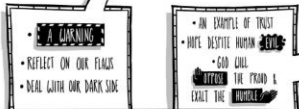
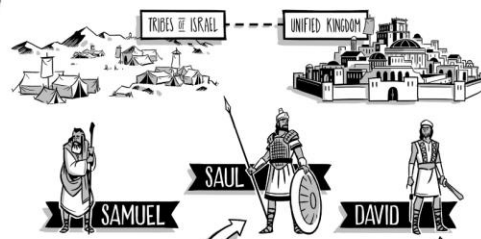
KEY CHAPTER & BIBLICAL STORY

PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

PROMISE OF MESSIAH

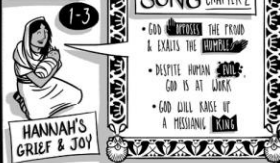


PSALMS 2, 72, 132, 135  
KINGDOMS: ISRAEL 11, EZRA 31, ZECARIAH

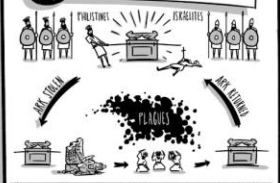


## CHARACTER STUDIES

### 1-7



### 4-7 PHILISTINES VS ISRAEL

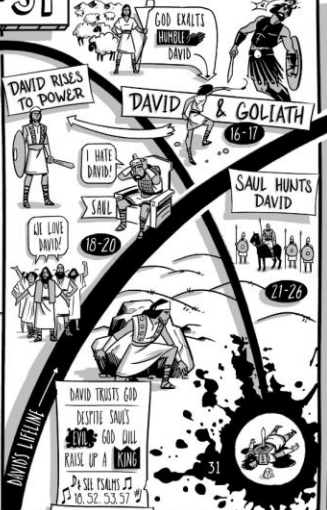


### 8-10



PROUD SAUL IS BROUGHT LOW

### 8-31



### 1-20



### DAVID & BATHSHEBA



### 21-24



## 1 SAMUEL

## 2 SAMUEL





# KINGS

## THE CRITERIA FOR KINGS:

- ☒ WORSHIP THE GOD OF ISRAEL ALONE?
- ☒ RID ISRAEL OF IDOLATRY?
- ☒ FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT?

NORTHERN ISRAEL **0** **20**

SOUTHERN JUDAH **8** **12**

## THE ROLE OF PROPHETS:

- ☒ SPEAK ON GOD'S BEHALF
- ☒ COVENANT WATCHDOGS
- ☒ CALL OUT IDOLATRY AND INJUSTICE
- ☒ CHALLENGE TO REPENT AND FOLLOW THE TORAH

### 1-2 SOLOMON SUCCEEDS DAVID

Stay faithful to God... AND MURDER YOUR ENEMIES!

ADONIAH

JOAB

SHIMEI

### 3-4 SOLOMON ASKS FOR WISDOM

### 1-11 SOLOMON'S REIGN

### 5-8 ...AND BUILDS THE TEMPLE

GARDEN OF EDEN

HEAVEN + EARTH MEET

GOD'S PRESENCE

### 9-11 SOLOMON'S DOWNFALL

READ DEUT 17!

RESEMBLES PHARAOH

MORE THAN HE DOES DAVID

### 12-16 ISRAEL SPLITS IN TWO

READ EXODUS 32

REHOBOAM

SPLIT!

NORTHERN ISRAEL

JEROBOAM

SAMARIA

SOUTHERN JUDAH

JERUSALEM

### 17-8 ISRAEL'S KINGS VS. THE PROPHETS

1K17-2K8

NABOTH

INJUSTICE

IDOLATRY

THE HEALING OF NAAMAN

PURIFYING THE TEMPLE

RAISING A DEAD BOY

THE FLOATING AKE?

ELIJAH

ELISHA

7 Miracles

14

### 9-17 THE ROAD TO EXILE

EXILE CHAPTER 17

PROPHETIC REFLECTION:

- IDOLATRY
- INJUSTICE
- COVENANT UNFAITHFULNESS

HAVE ALL LED TO THIS

JERU

ABAH'S FAMILY

JEZEBEL

ZECHARIAH

SHALLUM

MENACHEM

PEKAHIAH

PEKAH

HOSHEA

SAMARIA

### 18-20 HEZEKIAH

### 18-25 JERUSALEM'S DEMISE AND BABYLONIAN EXILE

### 21 MANASSEH

KICK KNOCK

PROPHETS

THE POINT OF NO RETURN!

### 22-23 JOSIAH

WE MUST REFORM!

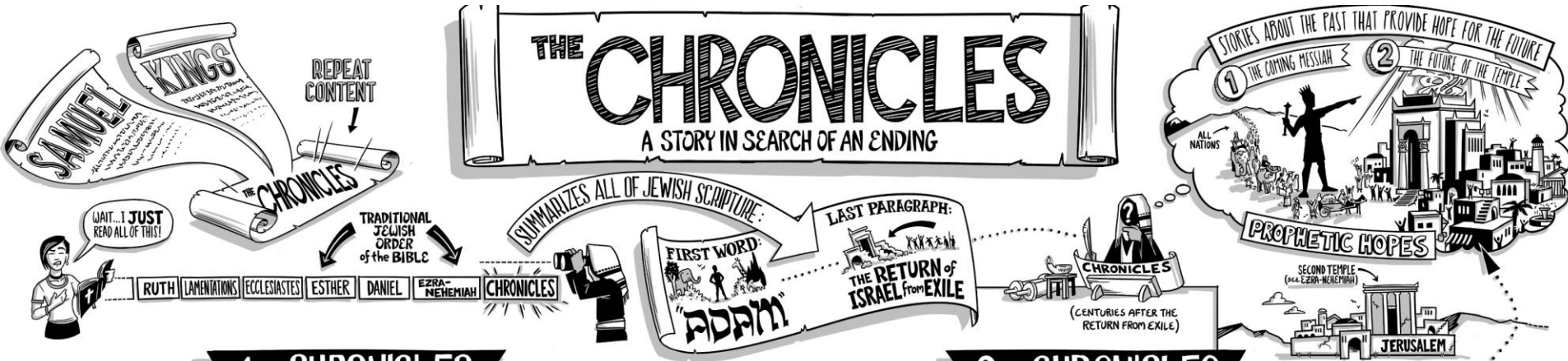
### EXILE CHAPTERS 24-25

BABYLON

IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL AND DAVID'S LINE

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## 1st CHRONICLES

### 1-9 GENEALOGIES!

OBED ZERUIAH Abishai AZARIAH ZIMON  
PEREZ ELIAB HAMUL JESHER  
ZERAH ELIAB HAMUL JESHER  
HEZKON SHAMAR  
GALGOL SHAPAR  
JORKEAM  
ARON JERAMEL JERIOTH  
SHIMEA KIRIATH-JEARIM  
NADAB  
CHALUBAI  
NAHSHON  
BOAZ  
WADAB  
NAHSHON  
ZAZA OZEM

**BORING!**  
(but really important!)

SUMMARIZING the STORYLINE by NAMING KEY CHARACTERS



### 10-29 STORIES ABOUT DAVID

#### NEGATIVE STORIES of DAVID



#### POSITIVE STORIES of DAVID



#### Q: WHY THIS NEW MATERIAL?



A: TO PORTRAY DAVID AS AN IMAGE OF THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KING.

## 2ND CHRONICLES

### 1-36 KINGS IN JERUSALEM

#### KINGS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL



#### OBEDIENT KINGS



#### UNFAITHFUL KINGS



### THE END?

Incomplete Sentence!

WHOEVER THERE IS AMONG YOU OF ALL HIS PEOPLE, MAY THE LORD HIS GOD BE WITH HIM, AND LET HIM GO UP... (36:23)

CYRUS



# EZRA-NEHEMIAH

2 KINGS  
24-25

BABYLON →

50  
YEARS  
LATER

PARALLEL  
DESIGN



1. PERSIAN KING  
MOVED BY GOD TO  
SEND A LEADER  
TO JERUSALEM



2. LEADER FACES  
OPPOSITION TO  
REBUILDING



3. STRANGE  
ANTI-CLIMAX

EZRA  
1-6

ZERUBBABEL  
THE TEMPLE

1-2

WHOEVER WANTS  
TO RETURN TO  
JERUSALEM, MAY  
GOD BE WITH YOU!  
2 KINGS 25

ZERUBBABEL  
"PLANTED IN BABYLON"

3-6

2 KINGS 24-25

GOD'S PRESENCE?

YOU HAVE NO  
PART IN THE TEMPLE!

WE JUST  
WANT TO  
HELP!

ISRAELITES WHO  
NEVER WENT  
INTO EXILE

THE END

ANOTHER 70 YEARS

EZRA  
7-10

EZRA  
JEWISH  
COMMUNITY

7-8

GO TEACH THE  
TORAH AND REBUILD  
YOUR COMMUNITY!

9-10

THESE PEOPLE  
ARE AS BAD AS  
COMMUNISTS!

GOD NEVER COMMANDS  
EZRA TO DO THIS  
GOD OPPOSES DIVORCE  
(THE MALACHI 2:13-16)  
MIXED RESULTS LEAD  
TO ANOTHER ANTICLIMAX  
MALACHI 2:13-14

YOU HAVE NO  
PART IN ISRAEL!

THE END

NEH  
1-7

NEHEMIAH  
CITY WALLS

MAY I GO REPAIR  
JERUSALEM'S WALLS?  
YES! GO  
IN PEACE

YOU HAVE NO PART  
IN JERUSALEM!

THIS AGAIN

NEH  
8-12

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH  
MARATHON

- CONFESSION OF SIN
- COVENANT RENEWAL
- VOW TO FOLLOW THE TORAH
- GREAT CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION OF  
THE FEAST OF  
BOOTHES

NEH  
13

...BUT IT'S NOT

TEMPLE  
NEGLECTED

SABBATH  
DISHONORED...

...WITHIN SIGHT OF  
JERUSALEM'S WALLS!

OH GOD...  
AT LEAST  
I TRIED!

the end.

PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

- FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 41, HOSEA 3)
- GODS PRESENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECARIAH 3)
- GODS KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECARIAH 8)
- FULFILL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)

PROPHETS

WELCOME!

BEGINS WITH  
HOPE

BUT

ENDS WITH  
DISAPPOINTMENT

THE BOOK  
POINTS OUT  
THE NEED  
FOR A...

NEW  
HEART  
ZECARIAH 31  
& EZEKIEL 36

# 1-2 KING OF PERSIA'S GREATNESS



# ESTHER

# 9-10 MORDECAI'S GREATNESS



## 3A HAMAN ELEVATED



100 YEARS AFTER BABYLONIAN EXILE



## 8C MORDECAI ELEVATED



**CURIOUS FACT:**

- GOD IS NEVER MENTIONED
- INVITATION TO LOOK FOR GOD'S ACTIVITY
- "COINCIDENCE" & IRONIC REVERSAL

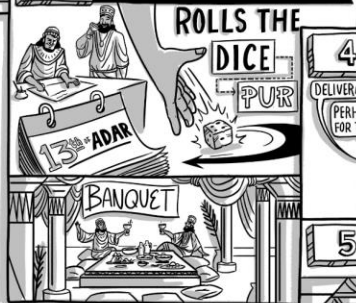
**MORAL AMBIGUITY:**

- A LOT OF DRINKING, SEX AND MURDER
- VIOLATION OF TORAH COMMANDS

**THE POINT:**

DESPITE EXILE, "GOD'S" ABSENCE, AND ISRAEL'S MORAL COMPROMISE, GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS PROMISES

## 3B HAMAN'S DECREE TO KILL THE JEWS



## 4 ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE



## 5 ESTHER'S 1ST BANQUET



## 6 THE STORY PIVOTS



## 8A ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE



## 7 ESTHER'S 2ND BANQUET



## 8B MORDECAI'S DECREE TO SAVE THE JEWS





# JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

**CYCLE 1**  
CHAPTERS 13-14

**CYCLE 2**  
CHAPTERS 15-21

**CYCLE 3**  
CHAPTERS 22-28

**FOCUS OF DEBATE**

- 1 IS GOD JUST?
- 2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE?
- 3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

## BIG ASSUMPTION

**HUMAN ACTION** WISE & GOOD  
EVIL & STUPID

**GOD'S JUSTICE** SUCCESS & REWARD  
DISASTER & PUNISHMENT

3-37

## JOB'S PROTEST

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

"WHY HAS GOD DENIED ME JUSTICE AND MADE MY LIFE BITTER?" 27:2

"GOD ATTACKS ME, TEARS ME UP IN ANGER, AND GNASHES HIS TEETH AT ME." 16:9

"HE DESTROYS THE BLAMELESS AND THE WICKED, HE MOCKS THE DESPAIR OF THE INNOCENT." 9:22-23

"WHAT HOPE DO THE GODLESS HAVE WHEN GOD TAKES AWAY THEIR LIFE?" 27:8

## JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

29-31

- ASSERTS INNOCENCE
- DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

I SIGN MY DEFENSE, LET THE ALMIGHTY ANSWER ME! (31:35)

# UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE



- SET IN "UZ" FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

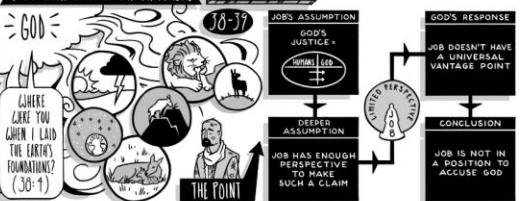
INTENTIONAL!

## The Point

THE AUTHOR WANTS US TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY JOB'S SUFFERING

38-41

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE



10a JOB EVIL INJUSTICE MURDER LIES IT'S COMPLEX, AIN'T IT? GOD

## BEHEMOTH

10a-11 SEE ISAIAH 27:1 & PSALMS 79:13-14 SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER

GOOD ORDERED BEAUTIFUL GOD'S WORLD NOT PERFECT (JUD) DANGEROUS

QUESTION WHY IS THERE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD? RESPONSE WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUFFERING

JOB YOU ARE UNWIS! YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THAT CLAIM I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION! I INVITE YOU TO TRUST MY WISDOM GOD

## GOD'S RESPONSE

42

12a I RETRACT & I REPENT! JOB HAS SPOKEN RIGHTLY ABOUT ME YOU THREE STONE WRONGLY ABOUT ME

GOD HONORS JOB'S STRUGGLE JOB'S HONESTY JOB'S PRAYER

## JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

JOB 14k 6k 1k 1k

## EPILOGUE

1-2

JOB • BLAMELESS • RIGHTEOUS • HONORS GOD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE BELIEF, RIGHTEOUS JOB?

JOB IS ONLY RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE. HE LET HIM SUFFER, THEN SEE HOW RIGHTEOUS HE IS.

THE SATAN

1a-TANNAH 71 (THEOLOGICAL) ACCUSATION, PROSECUTION

WHY? BUT: WE ASSUME THE BOOK WILL ANSWER WHY GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING. IT DOESN'T...

THE REAL QUESTIONS: IS GOD JUST? DOES HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?

JOB'S CUFF: CURSE GOD AND DIE!

JOB ELIJAHZ (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI)

JOB BEST OF ANCIENT & NEAR EASTERN THOUGHT

ASHES

## PROLOGUE

## JOB & THE FRIENDS

3-28

JOB

ARGUMENT I'M INNOCENT! IMPLICATION MY SUFFERING IS NOT DIVINE JUSTICE

CONCLUSION A GOD DOESN'T RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

OR CONCLUSION B GOD IS UNJUST

THE FRIENDS

ARGUMENT GOD IS JUST IMPLICATION GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

CONCLUSION JOB "MUST HAVE" SINNED

ELIJAHZ (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI) ELIMAS (ELI)

ARGUMENT GOD IS JUST IMPLICATION GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE

CONCLUSION SUFFERING MAY BE A WARNING TO AVOID FUTURE SIN BECAUSE IT BUILDS CHARACTER

BTW: DON'T ACCUSE GOD, DUDE!

**150 Hebrew Poems**



DAVID (73)  
ASAPH (12)  
SONS OF KORAH (11)



HEMAN & ETHAN (2)  
SOLOMON & MOSES (3)  
ANONYOUS (19)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR... BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

(SEE 1 CHRONICLES 25 & NEHEMIAH 11:22-23)

BOOK OF PSALMS

# PSALMS

Torah & Messiah      Lament & Praise      Faith & Hope



HOW LONG, O LORD?

## LAMENT

- PRAYERS OF PAIN, CONFUSION, & ANGER
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S WRONG IN THE WORLD
- ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING

## PRAISE

- PRAYERS OF JOY & CELEBRATION
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOOD IN THE WORLD
- RETELL THE STORY & THANK GOD



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

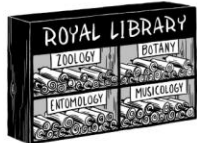
## LAMENT & PRAISE

| BOOK 1<br>3-41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | BOOK 2<br>42-72                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | BOOK 3<br>73-89                                                                                                                                              | BOOK 4<br>90-106                                                                                                                                                        | BOOK 5<br>107-145                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>1</b> BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH</p> <p>TEACHING: 5 BOOKS OF MOSES</p> <p>PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT PRAYER</p> <p><b>2</b> POETIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7</p> <p>MESSIANIC KING</p> <p>BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KING</p> | <p><b>15</b> CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS</p> <p><b>16-18</b> DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE ELEVATION AS KING</p> <p>PSALM 19 TORAH</p> <p><b>20-23</b> FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS</p> <p><b>24</b> CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS</p> <p><b>72</b> FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING</p> <p>ECHOES THE PROPHECIES: ISAIAH 11, 45, &amp; 60 • ZECHARIAH 9</p> <p>FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (PS 72-17 = GEN 12:3 &amp; 22:17)</p> | <p><b>73-89</b></p> <p>ZION</p> <p>PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM</p> <p>VERSUS EXILE &amp; DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM</p> <p>DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE</p> | <p><b>90</b> MOSES</p> <p>HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!</p> <p><b>93-99</b> THE LORD REIGNS AS KING</p> <p>"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS &amp; RIVERS SING"</p> | <p><b>107-110</b> THE MESSIANIC KING</p> <p>DEFEATS EVIL &amp; BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM</p> <p><b>112-118</b> THE HALLEL</p> <p><b>118</b> MESSIANIC KINGDOM</p> <p>SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE</p> <p>PSALM 119 TORAH</p> <p><b>120-136</b> THE SONGS OF ASCENTS</p> <p><b>132</b> MESSIANIC KINGDOM</p> <p>HALLELU-YAH PRAISE + YAHWEH</p> |
| <p>11:13</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>72:18-19</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>89:52</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p>106:18</p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p>146-149</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TORAH AND WAITING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN





WISDEST MAN IN THE ANCIENT WORLD (SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-33)

SOLOMON

FATHER OF ISRAEL'S WISDOM TRADITION



# PROVERBS

— A GUIDE FOR LIVING WELL IN GOD'S WORLD —

## BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE

- EXPLORING HOW TO LIVE WELL IN GOD'S WORLD
- WISDOM IS NOT...  
LAW (THOU SHALT... ~~OR~~ THOU SHALT NOT...)  
PROPHET (THUS SAYS THE LORD)
- WISDOM IS... THE ACCUMULATED INSIGHT OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH GENERATIONS



1-9

## AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1:1-9

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

FOR GAINING WISDOM

HEBREW: KHOKHM  
SKILL, APPLIED KNOWLEDGE (SEE EXODUS 31:1-3)



THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- REVERENCE & AWE
- A MORAL MINDSET
- HUMBLE ONESELF BEFORE GOD

## TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON



LISTEN MY SON TO YOUR FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS (1-8)

### THE MORAL LOGIC OF PROVERBS



APPLY WISDOM IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

## FOUR POEMS OF LADY WISDOM 1:20-33 3:13-20 CH8 CH9



PROVERBS ≠ GOOD ADVICE...  
PROVERBS = GOD'S INVITATION TO LEARN WISDOM FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS

10-29

## HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE JUSTICE DEBT  
ALCOHOL SPEECH CHARACTER POVERTY WORK  
FAMILY FORGIVENESS



THE FEAR OF THE LORD PROLONGS YOUR LIFE, BUT THE YEARS OF THE WICKED ARE CUT SHORT (10:27)

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND WHEN THEY'RE OLD THEY WON'T TURN FROM IT (22:6)

30 AGUR

I AM A BRUTE AND HAVE NO WISDOM (30:2-3)



MODEL READER OF PROVERBS



31 LEMUEL



HERES WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:  
• GUIDANCE FOR CHIEF LEADERSHIP (31:1-9)  
• ALPHABET POEM ABOUT THE WISE WOMAN (31:10-31)



HER HUSBAND



HER CHILDREN



THE POOR



THE MERCHANTS

### PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES



### PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES



NO GUARANTEES

### PROVERBS FOCUS ON



LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR FORMULAS, WE NEED ALL THE WISDOM BOOKS TOGETHER



1:1

THE WORDS OF COHLELET, SON OF DAVID, KING OF JERUSALEM

HEBREW: ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE



DIFFERENT VIEWS ON AUTHORSHIP

- KING SOLOMON?
- ANOTHER DESCENDANT OF DAVID?
- ISRAELITE TEACHER USING A SOLOMON-LIKE PERSONA

KEY POINT: THE TEACHER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE AUTHOR



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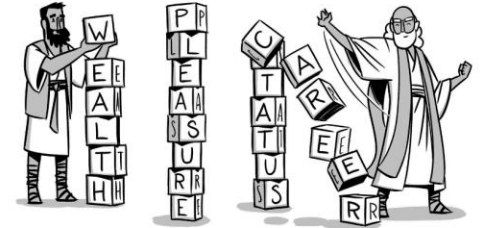
"HEVEL, HEVEL, EVERYTHING IS UTTERLY HEVEL"

HEBREW: VAPOR, SMOKE → USED 38 TIMES

- 1 TEMPORARY, FLEETING
- 2 ENIGMA, PARADOX

## THE AUTHOR'S BASIC GOAL

TO LET THE TEACHER DECONSTRUCT ALL THE WAYS WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE APART FROM GOD



1:1

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER

1:3-11 TIME

1:2

TIME WILL EVENTUALLY ERASE YOU, ME, AND ALL WE CARE ABOUT

## THE TEACHER (1:3-12:7)



CAREER

STRESS

AGE

LEAVE IT BEHIND

PLEASURE

MONDAY ALWAYS COMES

WEALTH  
CAREER  
STATUS  
PLEASURE

WISDOM  
FEAR OF THE LORD  
(SEE 9:13-18)

HEVEL  
NO GUARANTEES  
ENIGMA

HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE IN THE MIST OF HEVEL?

ACCEPT THAT ALL OF LIFE IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL

FRIENDSHIP  
FAMILY  
THE GIFT OF GOD

GOOD MEAL  
SUNNY DAY

## 11:7-12:7 DEATH

12:8

11:7-12:7

GOONNA DIE

GOONNA DIE

FOOLISH

RICH

GOONNA DIE

POOR

GOONNA DIE

THE GREAT EQUALIZER

12:9-14

## CONCLUSION & EVALUATION OF THE TEACHER

TEACHER'S WORDS: WISDOM

"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS THERE IS NO END"

THE CONCLUSION: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF HUMANS: FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT, EVERY HIDDEN THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (12:13-14)

# 1:1 "THE SONG OF SONGS, WHICH IS OF SOLOMON..."

**HEBREW IDIOM:**  
"HOLY OF HOLIES"  
"KING OF KINGS"  
**THE GREATEST SONG**

**AUTHOR?**

**MAYBE** **MAYBE NOT**

- ✓ HIS NAME BEGINS THE BOOK.
- ✓ MAIN VOICE IS A WOMAN.
- ✓ MAN'S VOICE ISNT SOLOMON.
- ✓ SOLOMON'S MENTIONED, BUT NEVER SPEAKS.
- ✓ SOLOMON HAD 700+ WIVES! (SEE 1 KINGS 1:1-5:17)

**"OF SOLOMON" =**  
IN THE WISDOM  
TRADITION OF  
SOLOMON  
(SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-34)

SOLOMON WAS KNOWN FOR  
WISDOM, POETRY, AND A  
LOVE OF LEARNING.

POEMS THAT  
EXPLORE **TOTE**  
AND **DESIRE**

# the Song of Songs

## 1:2-7 INTRODUCTION

LET HIM KISS ME! (1:2)

COME FIND ME. (1:3)

TAKE ME AWAY WITH YOU! (1:4)

**THEME ONE**

**INTENSE DESIRE: SEEKING AND FINDING**

FINDING EMBRACING

SEPARATE, SEEKING

**THEME TWO**

**REMEMBER:**  
HEBREW METAPHORS ARE  
**NOT**  
—PRIMARILY—  
**VISUAL!**

**THE JOY OF PHYSICAL ATTRACTION**

YOUR EYES ARE LIKE DOVES...  
YOUR HAIR, LIKE A FLOCK OF GOATS...  
YOUR TEETH, LIKE LAMBS...  
YOUR NECK IS A TOWER...  
YOUR LIPS DRINK HONEY...

**Love** 8:6-14 **CONCLUSION**

...IS AS STRONG AS DEATH,  
ITS PASSIONS ARE AS SEVERE AS THE GRAVE.  
ITS FLAMES ARE OF FIRE, A DIVINE FLAME.  
MANY WATERS CANNOT EXTINGUISH LOVE,  
RIVERS CANNOT SWEEP IT AWAY.  
IF ONE WERE TO GIVE ALL THE WEALTH  
OF ONE'S HOUSE FOR LOVE,  
HE WOULD BE UTTERLY SCORNED. (8:4-7)

THE POWER AND INTENSITY OF LOVE?  
BEAUTIFUL & LIFE-GIVING ... OR ... DANGEROUS & DESTRUCTIVE?

THE HUMAN LONGING TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN

TRANSCENDENT, MYSTERIOUS, AND A GIFT FROM GOD

LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE!

RUN AWAY WITH ME!

(OPEN) ENDING  
...A LOT LIKE LOVE...

**WHAT IS LOVE POETRY DOING IN THE BIBLE?**

THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS THROUGH HISTORY:

- 1 JEWISH TRADITION**  
AN ALLEGORY OF ISRAEL AND GOD
- 2 CHRISTIAN TRADITION**  
AN ALLEGORY OF THE CHURCH AND CHRIST  
(SEE EPHESIANS 5:25-33)
- 3 COLLECTION OF ANCIENT POETRY**  
THAT REFLECTS ON THE DIVINE GIFT OF LOVE

\*THE DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AND BABYLONIAN LOVE POETRY, PART OF ISRAEL'S CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

**A KEY FEATURE**  
GARDEN IMAGERY ECHOES  
*the Garden of Eden*  
(GENESIS 1-2)

MAN AND WOMAN NAKED AND VULNERABLE, YET UNIFIED AND SAFE  
VISION OF A RELATIONSHIP UNTAINTED BY SIN  
THE SONG HOLDS OUT HATE...

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### JUDGMENT!

ISRAEL'S REBELLION WILL COME AT A COST

BABYLON

ASSYRIA

### ISAIAH'S MESSAGE:

JERUSALEM

### HOPE!

THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

FUTURE KING FROM THE LINE OF DAVID  
(2 SAMUEL 7)

ISRAEL'S OBEDIENCE TO THE COVENANT  
(EXODUS 19)

GOD'S BLESSING TO THE NATIONS  
(GENESIS 12)

# ISAIAH

Suffering  
Servant-King

Covenant Family  
of All Nations

Hope for a  
Renewed Creation

### \* WHOSE VOICE ARE WE HEARING IN CHAPTERS 40-66?

(THE PERSPECTIVE IS FROM AFTER EXILE - SEE EZRA-NEHEMIAH)

A. THE VOICE of ISAIAH TRANSPORTED INTO THE FUTURE

720's B.C.

530's B.C.

B. THE VOICE of ISAIAH AND HIS PROPHETIC DISCIPLES

SEE E 8:16, 29:10-12, 30:8-9

720's B.C.

530's B.C.

## 1-12 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR JERUSALEM

### 1-2

**OLD JERUSALEM**  
REBELLION, IDOLATRY & INJUSTICE

### 3-12

**NEW JERUSALEM**  
JUSTICE & PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS

### 6 ISAIAH'S TEMPLE VISION

ASSYRIA & BABYLON

NO, YOU'RE PURIFIED! NOW GO.

I'M DONE FOR!

ISRAEL

A HOLY SEED?

### 7-12

AHAZ

7 IMMANUEL = GOD WITH US

9 FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION

EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

YOU'VE GONE DOWN! GOD WILL RAISE UP A NEW KING.

NEW JERUSALEM

ALL NATIONS

## 13-27 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

### 13-23

FALL OF BABYLON & ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS

I WILL ASCEND TO HEAVEN... AND MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH GOD!

PHILISTIA

MOAB

BABYLON

EGYPT

ASSYRIA

BUT YOU'LL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO THE GRAVE! (N15)

### 21-27

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

ARCHETYPE OF REBELLIOUS HUMANITY - DESCRIBED WITH IMAGES FROM CHAPTERS 4-23

THE DUTY CITY

DESTINY FOR RUIN.

GOD'S KINGDOM OVER ALL NATIONS!

NO MORE SUFFERING OR DEATH!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

## 28-39 THE RISE & FALL OF JERUSALEM

### 28-35

ACCUSATION OF JERUSALEM'S LEADERS

ALLIANCE WITH EGYPT

NO! YOU'LL BE SAVED BY REPENTANCE & TRUST!!

DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIANS, O LORD!

HEZEKIAH'S RISE 36-38

MIRACULOUSLY SAVED!

### 39

HEZEKIAH'S FALL

NO! BABYLON WILL BETRAY & DESTROY JERUSALEM!

BABYLON ATTACKS! (SEE 2 KINGS 24-25)

SURE, ENOUGH, 100+ YEARS LATER.

EXILE!

## 40-48 ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOPE

### 40

"COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE!"

EXILE IS OVER!

ISRAEL CAN RETURN HOME

GOD'S KINGDOM IS COMING

GOD HAS HONORED US & OUR TROUBLE! (40:1-7)

"FOR THE LORD IS WITH THE MOST POOR OF US."

### 41-47

THE TRIAL

THE ACCUSATION

GOD'S RESPONSE

THE RIGHT CONCLUSION

ISRAEL IS STILL REBELLIOUS

ISRAEL'S GOD IS KING OF HISTORY!

GOD'S SERVANT TO THE NATIONS!

GOD'S GOING TO DO A NEW THING!

## 49-55 THE SERVANT FULFILLS GOD'S MISSION

### 49

GOD'S SERVANT

YOU ARE NOW ISRAEL

GOD NOW IS GOD'S KINGDOM!

THE MISSION:

1 TO RESTORE ISRAEL

2 TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

### 51-55

BUT LIVES AGAIN (53:10-12)

I DECLARE YOU ARE RIGHT WITH GOD!

2 Ways to Respond:

THE WICKED RESIST & REJECT THE SERVANT

THE SERVANTS (aka "THE SEED") ARE HUMBLE & REPENT

## 56-66 THE SERVANTS INHERIT GOD'S KINGDOM

### 56-62

THE WICKED: FACE GOD'S JUSTICE - REMOVED FROM THE CITY

THE NEW JERUSALEM

FORGIVE US O LORD

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

SERVANT ANNOUNCES GOD'S KINGDOM

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE WICKED & THE SERVANTS

ALL NATIONS INVITED TO JOIN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

### 63-66

THE SERVANTS: INHERIT THE NEW CREATION

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME!

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# JEREMIAH

MESSANGER of GOD'S JUSTICE and GRACE



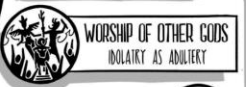
## 1 JEREMIAH'S CALLING

### 1-24 ACCUSATION & WARNING FOR ISRAEL



**CORE IDEA:**

**ISRAEL HAS BROKEN THE COVENANT**



**ACCUSATION OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS**  
PRIESTS, KINGS, PROPHETS

**RAMPANT SOCIAL INJUSTICE**  
WIDOWS, ORPHANS, IMMIGRANTS



**BABYLON - CUP OF GOD'S JUST ANGER**

## 26-45 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR ISRAEL



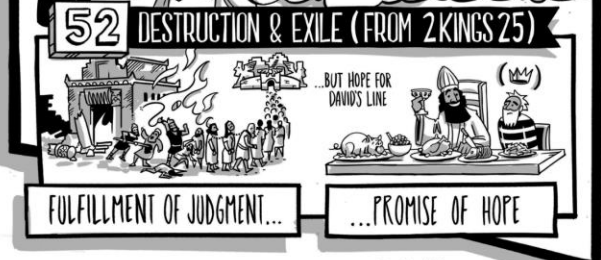
**30-33 HOPE FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE**

AFTER EXILE, GOD WILL RENEW THE COVENANT AND TRANSFORM ISRAEL'S HEARTS. (30-33)

**MOSES**

"I WILL PLACE MY **TOKAH** INSIDE THEM, AND **WRITE IT** ON THEIR HEARTS." (31:33)

**JEREMIAH**







# LAMENTATIONS

DESIGN OF THE FIVE POEMS:

ACROSTIC - "ALPHADEI POEM"  
1. N (=A) 4. T (=D)...  
2. J (=B) 21. W (=S)  
3. L (=G) 22. N (=T)

ORDERED & LINEAR STRUCTURE

DISORDERED & PAINFUL GRIEF

LAMENT POEMS IN THE BIBLE:

(SEE PSALMS 10, 63, 69, 74, 79)

- A FORM OF PROTEST
- A WAY TO PROCESS EMOTION
- A PLACE TO VOICE CONFUSION



LAMENT POEMS RESTORE A SACRED DIGNITY TO HUMAN SUFFERING

## 1 LADY ZION'S GRIEF & SHAME



JERUSALEM PERSONIFIED AS THE DAUGHTER OF ZION

THE CITY'S DESTRUCTION - THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

## 2 THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & GOD'S WRATH



DIVINE WRATH ≠ VOLATILE ANGER  
= GOD'S JUSTICE

GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER  
BUT WILL JUDGE HUMAN EVIL.

## 3 THE SUFFERING ONE



"BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS, WE DO NOT PERISH. HIS MERCIES NEVER FAIL; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING. HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS, O GOD. SO I SAY TO MYSELF, 'THE LORD IS MY INHERITANCE, THEREFORE I WILL PUT MY HOPE IN HIM.'"

— 3:22-24

GOD'S JUDGMENT BECOMES THE

SEEDBED OF HOPE

## 4 THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM



## 5 COMMUNAL PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY



THE BOOK ENDS WITH A PARADOX:





WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY DOING IN BABYLON??

5 YEARS AFTER EXILE...

"THE APPEARANCE OF THE LIKENESS OF THE ~~GLORY~~ OF THE LORD"

HEBREAN **DAVID** - PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S SIGNIFICANCE (SEE EZEKIELS 19, 29, 25)

## 1-11 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

SON OF MAN! ACCUSE ISRAEL OF BREAKING THE COVENANT AND WARN THEM OF IMMINENT DESTRUCTION.

EZEKIEL 1-3 COMMISSIONED

• WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS  
• SOCIAL INJUSTICE

1-5 EZEKIEL'S SIGN ACTS

EZEKIEL THE SCAFFOLD, BEARING ISRAEL'S SINS

9-11 THE TEMPLE VISION

7-9 STAINING THE SABBATH'S SILENCE

10-11 CARRYING HIS SINS

BAD NEWS: NO ONE'S GOING TO LISTEN.

(RECALL DEUTERONOMY ch.30)

ISRAEL'S HARD HEART

ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY HAS DRIVEN GOD AWAY...

ISRAEL'S NEW HEART

...BUT HE HASN'T ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE.  
A REMNANT WILL RETURN (WITH NEW, TRANSFORMED HEARTS).

# EZEKIEL

## 12-24 JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

USE OF PARABLE & ALLEGORY

15 2 10 23 19 4 DANGEROUS SITUATION

16 10 23 19 4 DANGEROUS SITUATION

EZEKIEL AS LAWYER

GOD: HAVE MERCY!

THIS LATE? (HOLY, DANIEL, 3-30B)

ISRAEL'S JUDGMENT IS DESERVED

GOD'S GOODNESS DEMANDING HE BEING JUSTICE

THEY'VE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN

## 34-37 HOPE FOR ISRAEL

MESSIANIC KING

30 A NEW ISRAEL WITH A NEW HEART

31 A NEW DAVID

GOD'S SPIRIT

37 VALLEY OF DRY BONES

ON IMAGE ISRAEL'S SITUATION: EXILE & DEATH

RECALLS GENESIS 2: XX- HUMANS-DIRT + DIVINE BREATH

THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR GOD TO REMAKE HUMANS TO LOVE GOD + OTHERS.

## 25-32 JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

PHILISTIA

AMMON

EGYPT

VIEWING THEMSELVES AS GODS

TYRE

MOAB

EDOM

BABYLON'S COMING FOR YOU TOO!

ALL BROUGHT DOWN BY BABYLON...

## 33

JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN!

JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN!

## 38-39 HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

GOD DEFEATS EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS

GOG

ANCIENT KINGDOM FROM GENESIS 10

DESCRIPTION OF GOG- DESCRIPTION OF KINGS OF TYRE & EGYPT

ARCHETYPE OF HUMAN REBELLION

THESE SCENES ARE FULL OF SYMBOLS & IMAGERY ABOUT GOD'S FINAL DEFEAT OF EVIL

## 40-48 HOPE FOR ALL CREATION

10-10 VISION OF A NEW TEMPLE

THE MEANING OF THE VISIONS?

1) LITERAL BLUEPRINTS OF NEW TEMPLE IN THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

2) SYMBOLIC DEPICTION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (WITH HIS PEOPLE) IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

DEAD SEA VALLEY

17-10 NEW GARDEN OF EDEN: "THE LORD IS THERE"





ch.1-6  
STORIES ABOUT  
DANIEL & HIS FRIENDS  
VISIONS OF  
DANIEL  
ch.7-12

# DANIEL

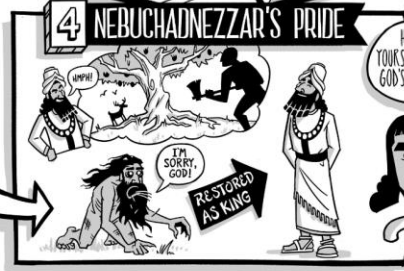
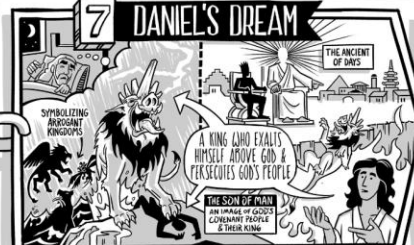
HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

THE POINT OF DANIEL:  
*a Pattern  
& a Promise*  
FOR ALL GENERATIONS

HUMAN BEINGS BECOME  
**BEASTS**  
WHEN THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S KINGDOM.

GOD WILL ONE DAY CONFRONT THE  
**BEAST**  
AND RESCUE HIS WORLD.

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# HOSEA

## 1-3 INTRODUCE HOSEA'S MAIN THEMES:

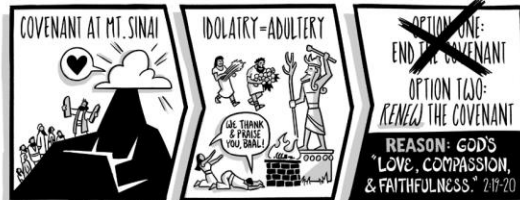
ISRAEL HAS REBELLED & GOD WILL BRING SEVERE CONSEQUENCES...  
**BUT** GOD'S LOVE & MERCY ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ISRAEL'S SIN.

(EXPLORED IN MORE DEPTH)

## 1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE TO GOMER

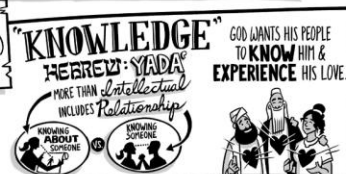


PROPHETIC SYMBOL OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL



## 4-11 ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS FOR ISRAEL

1-10 CAUSES & EFFECTS OF ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS



HYPOCRISY OF ISRAEL'S WORSHIP



## 11 HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



AUTHOR'S CONCLUDING NOTE:  
"WHO IS WISE & DISCERNING TO UNDERSTAND ALL THIS? THE WAYS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT. THE RIGHTEOUS WALK IN THEM, BUT THE REBELLIOUS STUMBLE IN THEM." 14:7

HOSEA'S POETRY REVEALS DEEP TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER & HUMAN NATURE.

GOD'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO

Heal & Save

## 12-14 MORE ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS

### 12-13 HOSEA'S HISTORY LESSON



### 14 HOPE FOR THE FUTURE





# the DAY of the LORD

PAST EVENTS  
WHEN GOD SAVED  
HIS PEOPLE &  
CONFRONTED EVIL

FUTURE TIME  
WHEN GOD WILL  
DEFEAT EVIL &  
SAVE THE WORLD

# JOEL

A BIBLICAL AUTHOR EXPRESSED  
HIS VISION OF THE FUTURE  
IN EARLIER BIBLICAL  
CARTELS

MALACHI  
OBADIAH  
ZECHARIAH  
NAHUM  
ISAIAH  
AMOS

UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT JOEL:

- 1.) NOT CLEAR WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN -  
LIKELY THE PERIOD OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH
- 2.) JOEL IS FAMILIAR WITH MANY  
OTHER SCRIPTURAL BOOKS
- 3.) JOEL DOESN'T ACCUSE ISRAEL  
OF ANY SIN - HE ASSURES YOU'VE  
READ THE OTHER PROPHETS

ISRAEL'S SIN LED  
TO DISASTER

BUT GOD'S MERCY  
CREATES HOPE

THE PAST BECOMES AN  
IMAGE OF THE FUTURE

## 1 A PAST DAY OF THE LORD

A RECENT LOCUST  
SWARM IN ISRAEL

REMEMBER  
THE PLAGUES  
ON EGYPT  
(EX. 8:20-25)

ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF DISASTER

## 2a A FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

AN IMMINENT  
DISASTER FOR  
JERUSALEM

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS DREADFUL:  
WHO CAN ENDURE IT? (2:1)

CALL TO  
REPENTANCE

TO YOU,  
O LORD,  
I CALL!

WHY:  
"GOD IS GRACIOUS &  
COMPASSIONATE, SLOW TO  
ANGER, FULL OF LOVE."  
-GOD'S MERCY IS MORE  
POWERFUL THAN HIS WRATH

HOW:  
"REND YOUR HEARTS,  
NOT YOUR GARMENTS."  
-GENUINE CHANGE

QUOTATION OF  
EXODUS 34:6

ACTS OF  
REPENTANCE

SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD!

## 2b GOD'S RESPONSE

"SO GOD WAS FILLED WITH PASSION FOR HIS LAND AND HAD PITY ON HIS PEOPLE." (2:18)

20-21 DEFEAT OF  
THE INVADERS

22-26 RESTORATION OF THE  
DEVASTATED LAND

27 DIVINE PRESENCE  
AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE

## 2c-3 THE FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

31-35 GOD WILL CONFRONT  
EVIL AMONG ALL NATIONS

God

SEE:  
ISAIAH 13  
ZECHARIAH 3  
EZEKIEL 38-39

37-41 RENEWAL OF  
ALL CREATION

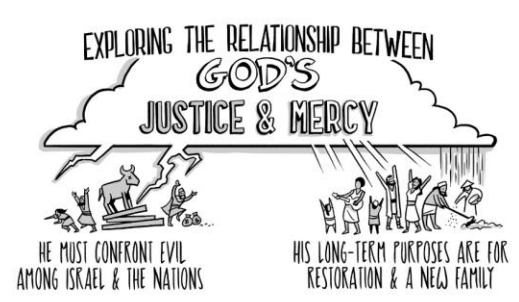
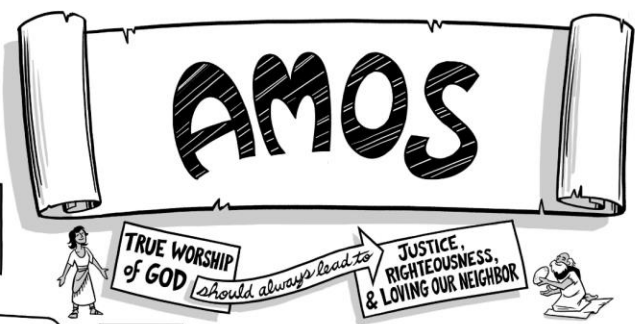
A NEW EDEN

SEE:  
ISAIAH 35  
EZEKIEL 47  
ZECHARIAH 14

28-32 GOD'S SPIRIT WILL  
FILL ALL HIS PEOPLE

SEE:  
ISAIAH 32:15 & 41:3  
JEREMIAH 31:33-34  
EZEKIEL 36:23-28





## THE BACKSTORY:

ABRAHAM &amp; SARAH

ISAAC & REBEKAH

JACOB & ESAU

SEE GENESIS 25-27

SEE NUMBERS 20:14-20

AKA

**AKA  
EDOM**

**BABYLON  
INVADES  
JERUSALEM**  
(SEE 2 KINGS 25)

**EDOM:**

WOUNDED ISRAELITE CITIES  
-ABUSED REFUGEES  
(SEE PSALM 137:7,  
EZEKIEL 35,  
AMOS 1:6-9)

# OBADIAH

## EDOM'S PRIDE & FALL

HEBREW: עֲדָם 'EDOM'

IS AN IMAGE OF

THE PRIDE & FALL OF ALL NATIONS

**HEBREW: אָדָם "ADAM"=HUMANITY**

**EDOM'S  
PRIDE**  
*is an*  
**EXAMPLE**  
*of the*  
**HUMAN  
CONDITION**

**EDOM'S  
DOWNFALL**  
*points to the*  
**COMING**  
*of*  
**GOD'S**  
**KINGDOM**  
*over*  
**ALL NATIONS**

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## vv1-14 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EDM

WE LIVE IN THE  
EIGHTS, AT HOME W  
THE STARS! WHO C  
BRING US DOWN?  
(1:3-4)

## EDOM'S PRIDE & SELF-EXALTATION

v15

"THE DAY OF  
THE LORD IS  
NEAR AGAINST  
ALL NATIONS.

AS YOU HAVE DONE  
TO ISRAEL, IT WILL BE  
DONE TO YOU!

# vv16-21 THE DAY OF THE LORD FOR ALL NATIONS

-21 RESTORATION OF GOD'S  
KINGDOM OVER JERUSALEM

OF ALL

JUDGMENT OF ALL  
PRIDEFUL NATIONS

# NEW JERUSALEM

## AFTER THE DAY OF THE LORD:

## JOEL 2&3:

GOD WILL SAVE  
JERUSALEM &  
ALL WHO CALL  
ON HIS NAME.

**AMOS 9:11-15**

**GOD WILL  
RESTORE DAVID'S  
LINE & INCLUDE  
EDOM & ALL  
NATIONS IN  
HIS KINGDOM**

**ALL NATIONS**



UNIQUE AMONG the PROPHETS:

WORDS OF A PROPHET

VS.

STORY ABOUT A PROPHET

JONAH'S ONE OTHER APPEARANCE in the OLD TESTAMENT:

GOD'S FAVOR IS WITH YOU!

NO! GOD'S JUSTICE IS AGAINST YOU!

JEROBAM II (REALLY BAD KING)

JONAH

AMOS

2 KINGS 14:23-25

6:13-14

PROPHET WHO REBELS

PAGAN SAILORS WHO REPENT

# JONAH

THE SUBVERSIVE STORY OF A REBELLIOUS PROPHET WHO HATES GOD FOR LOVING HIS ENEMIES

DISTINCT NARRATIVE STYLE:

*Satire*

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

HUMOR AND IRONY

POWERFUL KING WHO HUMBLING HIMSELF

EVEN COWS REPENT!

THIS BOOK IS TRYING TO MESS WITH YOU:

ARE YOU OKAY WITH GOD LOVING YOUR ENEMIES?

AREN'T YOU GLAD GOD LOVES HIS ENEMIES?

## 1 JONAH AND THE SAILORS

GO TO NINEVEH AND PREACH AGAINST ITS EVIL. (1:2)

TARSHISH

NINEVEH

WHY DOES HE RUN...??

I WORSHIP THE BOARD, WHO MADE THE SEA AND THE LAND...

CALL YOUR GOD!

O GOD! DON'T LET ME BE BLAMED FOR OUR HANDS!

THIS SHOULD WORK.

## 2 JONAH'S 1ST PRAYER OF REPENTANCE (...SORT OF)

THIS MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!

NEVER TECHNICALLY REPENTS, BUT...

THANKS GOD FOR NOT ABANDONING HIM AND...

PROMISES TO OBEY FROM THIS POINT ON.

GOD'S DIVINE RESPONSE

BLECH!

## 3 JONAH AND THE NINEVITES

GO TO NINEVEH AND PREACH WHAT I TELL YOU. (3:2)

NINEVEH MORE NINEVEH

A SHORT, ODD SERMON

- no mention of NINEVEH'S SIN
- HOW TO RESPOND
- GOD!

NEVERTHELESS...

FORTY MORE DAYS AND NINEVEH SHALL BE OVERTURNED!

IS THIS PROPHECY SABOTAGE???

FORGIVE US, OH GOD!!!

JONAH'S MEANING: "OVERTHROWN" "DESTROYED" (SEE GENESIS 19:21)

"OVERTURNED"

WHAT HAPPENED: "TRANSFORMED" "CHANGED" (SEE 1 SAMUEL 10:6)

HERE'S WHY HE RAN:

I KNEW YOU ARE COMPASSIONATE AND LOVE TO FORGIVE! (EXODUS 34:6)

JUST KILL ME NOW...

JONAH, IS YOUR ANGER JUSTIFIED? (4:4,9)

YES, JUST LET ME DIE...

AREN'T HUMANS MORE VALUABLE THAN VINE? SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT NINEVEH, THAT GREAT CITY?

THE END.

## 4 JONAH'S 2ND PRAYER A CRITICISM OF GOD'S MERCY



# MICAH

**GOD** DELIGHTS IN COVENANT LOVE, SO HE WILL AGAIN SHOW COMPASSION. HE WILL TRAMPLE OUR EVIL; HE WILL TOSS OUR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

7:18-20



1-2

## GOD APPEARS

TO JUDGE HIS PEOPLE  
(LIKE AT MT. SINAI - SEE EXODUS 19:20)

ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS



## BUT WHY...?



HOPE & RESTORATION



3-4a

## INJUSTICE OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS



## DISASTER IS COMING...



## BUT IT'S NOT PERMANENT



4b-5



5:1-6  
MESSIANIC KINGDOM

5:7-14

## GOD'S KINGDOM CONFRONTS EVIL & BLESSES THE NATIONS



6-7

## ISRAEL'S UNJUST ECONOMIC PRACTICES



(6-8)

7:8-20

## ISRAEL PERSONIFIED AS A SUFFERING, DEFEATED INDIVIDUAL

## 2 REASONS FOR FUTURE HOPE:

1 GOD'S CHARACTER

"WHO IS A GOD LIKE YOU, WHO FORGIVES SIN & PARDONS REBELLION?" (7:18)

2 GOD'S PROMISES

"YOU WILL STAY TRUE TO JACOB & SHOW COVENANT LOVE TO ABRAHAM, AS YOU SAW LONG AGO." (7:20)





# NAHUM

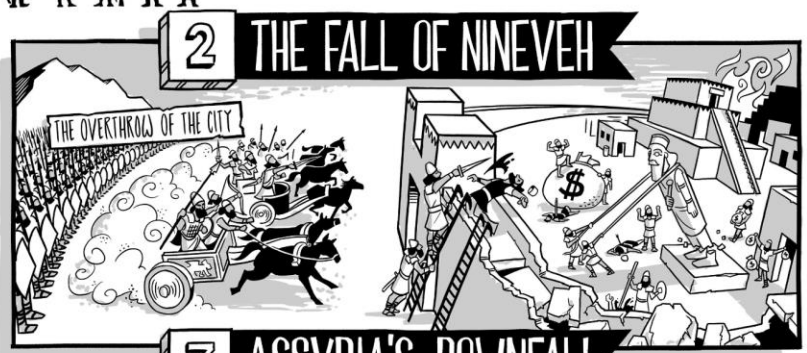
NAHUM IS PORTRAYING NINEVEH'S FALL AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD WON'T ALLOW VIOLENT EMPIRES TO ENDURE. (SEE DANIEL)



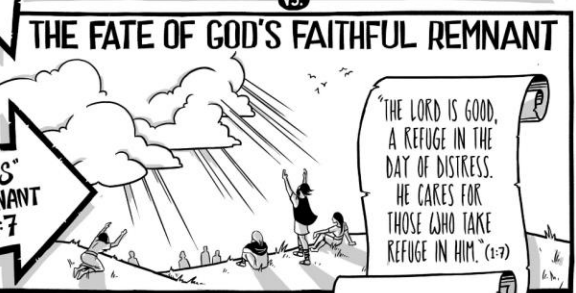
the **POINT:**

SIMILAR TO MICAH ch.1 & HABAKKUK ch.3

"THE LORD IS SLOW TO ANGER & GREAT IN POWER, & HE (WON'T) LEAVE EVIL UNPUNISHED." (1:3) (QUOTING EXODUS 34:6-7)



10-9-11 FALL of the 'BAD GUYS' = FALL of BABYLON (ISAIAH 10:4 & 11)  
NAHUM NOWHERE MENTIONS NINEVEH IN ch.1





- DOESN'T ACCUSE ISRAEL
- ADDRESSES GOD WITH HIS STRUGGLE: IS GOD GOOD WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH EVIL IN THE WORLD?
- **LAMENT:** DRAWING GOD'S ATTENTION TO INJUSTICE

# HABAKKUK

**NOT UNIQUE!** MOST NATIONS EVENTUALLY BECOME BABYLON...

**A PAST EXODUS** BECOMES AN *Image* OF **A FUTURE EXODUS**

**WHEN GOD WILL:**

- DEFEAT EVIL
- BRING JUSTICE TO ALL
- RESCUE THE OPPRESSED

**GOD'S ANSWER TO Habakkuk** ♦ Later Generations

**1-2a HABAKKUK**

**1:2-4 COMPLAINT #1**

HOW LONG WILL I CRY OUT? WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN? (1:2)

**TORAH NEGLECTED**

**VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE**

**CORRUPT LEADERSHIP**

**1:5-11 RESPONSE #1**

**LOOK!** I'M RAISING UP THE BABYLONIANS.

**1:12-2:1 COMPLAINT #2**

**WHAT?!** BABYLON IS EVEN WORSE THAN ISRAEL!

THEY DEFT THEIR POWER  
THEY TREAT HUMANS LIKE ANIMALS  
THEY DEVOUR NATIONS

I'LL STAND WATCH & WAIT FOR GOD TO RESPOND TO ME. (2:1)

**2:2-5 RESPONSE #2**

- GOD WILL BRING BABYLON DOWN!
- GOD MAY USE CORRUPT KINGDOMS, BUT DOESN'T ENDORSE THEM.
- ALL NATIONS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD'S JUSTICE.

**VISION ABOUT AN APPOINTED TIME**

**"Righteous will LIVE BY THEIR Faith"**

**2b FIVE 'WOES'**

THE OPPRESSIVE INJUSTICE OF BABYLON

- 1) UNJUST ECONOMICS
- 2) SLAVE LABOR
- 3) SLAVE LABOR
- 4) IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERS
- 5) IDOLATRY

**3 HABAKKUK'S PRAYER**

**3:1-2 HABAKKUK PLEADS WITH GOD**

RENEW YOUR WORK IN OUR DAYS! (3:2)

**3:3-7 GOD APPEARS IN POWER!**

SIMILAR TO MICAH 1 & NAHUM 1... & TO MT. SINAI (EXODUS 19:16-18)

ARCHETYPE OF EVIL NATIONS

**"YOU CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE EVIL HOUSE." (3:13)**

**A FUTURE EXODUS**

**3:15-19 VIOLENT TRIUMPH**

EVEN IF THE FIELDS PRODUCE NO FOOD, I WILL FIND JOY IN GOD MY SAVIOR. (3:17-18)

**SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE "Righteous LIVING BY Faith"**



KING JOSIAH

# ZEPHANIAH



## 1-2:3 JUDGMENT ON JERUSALEM



ZEPHANIAH DOESN'T SAY WHO, (HINT: ITS BABYLON)  
BECAUSE HE WANTS TO HIGHLIGHT GOD'S ROLE.



## 2:4-3:8 JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS & JERUSALEM

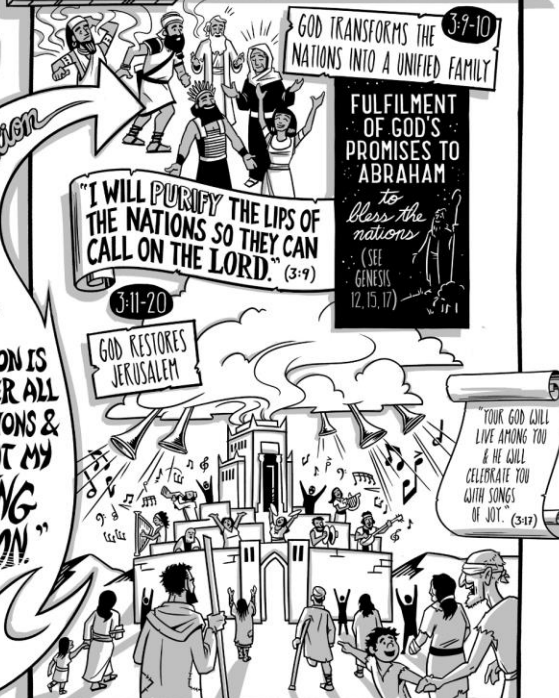


3:1-8 ...INCLUDING JERUSALEM!

GOD DOESN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE HIS OWN PEOPLE ANYMORE...



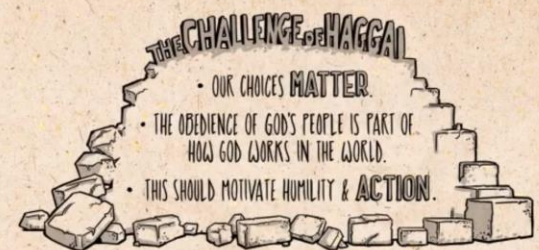
## 3:9-20 HOPE FOR THE NATIONS & JERUSALEM







# HAGGAI



**1:1-15 ACCUSATION & RESPONSE**

**AUGUST 520 B.C.**

IT'S NOT TIME TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE! (1-3)

ARE YOUR HOUSES MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO GOD? (4-5)

THIS IS COVENANT REBELLION!  
(SEE DEUTERONOMY 29:22-10)

THE TEMPLE

THE PEOPLE SET TO WORK  
(SEE EZRA 5:1-2)

JOSHUA & ZERUBBABEL

**2:1-9 ADDRESSING SHATTERED EXPECTATIONS**

**ONE MONTH LATER**

ELDERS WHO REMEMBER SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

REMEMBER THE PROMISE OF GOD'S FUTURE KINGDOM!

**NEW JERUSALEM**

**THE NATIONS JOIN GOD'S KINGDOM**  
(SEE ISAIAH 9 & 60-62, MICAH 4-5)

**NEW TEMPLE**



**2:10-19 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS**

(SEE DEUTERONOMY 30)

**TWO MONTHS LATER**

A CONVERSATION ABOUT RITUAL PURITY (REMEMBER LEVITICS)

THIS GUY'S RITUALLY IMPURE FROM TOUCHING A DEAD BODY...

...IS THE FOOD IMPURE TOO?

**YES!**

THAT'S WHAT THESE PEOPLE ARE LIKE:

IMPURITY = INJUSTICE, APATHY

THE WILDERNESS GENERATION

OBEDIENCE = BLESSING

UNFAITHFULNESS = RUIN

THE EXILED GENERATION

MOSES

HAGGAI

ONLY TRUE REPENTANCE & COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

WILL LEAD TO...

THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM & BLESSING

**2:20-23 FUTURE HOPE OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

**THAT SAME DAY**

**ESTABLISHMENT of MESSIANIC KING (ZERUBBABEL?)**

**DEFEAT EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS**

**NEW JERUSALEM**

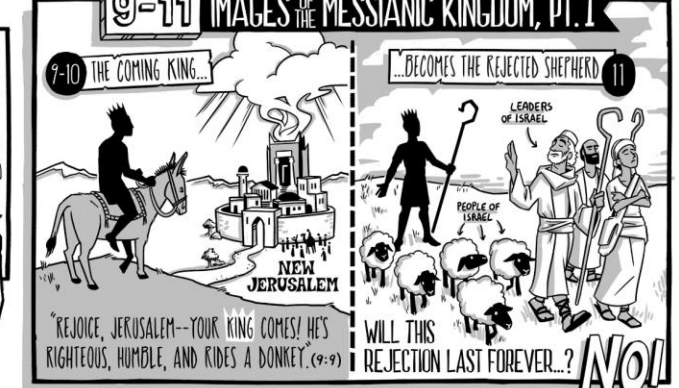
WILL HAGGAI'S GENERATION EXPERIENCE THE FULFILLMENT OF THESE PROMISES? IS ZERUBBABEL THE MESSIAH?

**KEEP READING!**





# ZECHARIAH





# 4:4-6 CONCLUDING APPENDIX TO THE TORAH & PROPHETS

**TORAH and PROPHETS**

"REMEMBER THE TORAH OF MY SERVANT MOSES."  
"I WILL SEND THE PROPHET ELIJAH BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD, WHO WILL RESTORE THE HEARTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE"

- SUMMARIZES THE TORAH & PROPHETS AS A UNIFIED STORY THAT POINTS TO THE FUTURE...
- ...WHEN GOD WILL SEND A NEW MOSES & ELIJAH TO RESTORE GOD'S PEOPLE & HEAL THEIR HEARTS. (REMEMBER DEUTERONOMY 30, JEREMIAH 31, EZEKIEL 36) ♥♥♥

## 1-2 EXPOSING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION

**1:2-5 DISPUTE #1**

**I STILL LOVE YOU. (1:2)**

**HOW HAVE YOU SHOWN US LOVE?**

**I CHOSE JACOB'S FAMILY TO CARRY MY COVENANT PROMISES...**

**...BUT NOT ESAU'S FAMILY.**

**JACOB & ISRAEL** **ESAU & EDMOM**

(SEE GENESIS 25-27 & OBADIAH)

## 1:6-2:9 DISPUTE #2

**YOU DESPISE ME & DEFILE MY TEMPLE. (1:6-7)**

**HOW ARE WE DESPIISING YOU?**

**IT'S... GOOD ENOUGH.**

**NO PROBLEM!**

**IT'S FINE.**

## 2:10-10 DISPUTE #3

**YOU'VE TURNED AGAINST ME & YOUR WIVES.**

**WHAT?! HOW?!!**

**IDOLATRY & DIVORCE**

(SEE NEHEMIAH 13)

## 2:17-3:5 DISPUTE #4

**YOU'VE NEGLECTED US! WHERE IS THE GOD OF JUSTICE? (2:17)**

**I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME... AND I WILL COME TO BRING JUSTICE. (3:1-5)**

**PURIFYING FIRE**

**FAITHFUL REMNANT**

## 3:6-12 DISPUTE #5

**TURN BACK TO ME. (3:7)**

**HOW?!**

**START OFFERING THE TITHE AGAIN. (3:10)**

**10% OF ANNUAL INCOME, DONATED TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE**

(SEE LEVITICUS 27:30)

## 3:13-10 DISPUTE #6

**IT'S POINTLESS TO SERVE GOD! WICKED PEOPLE SUCCEED & GOD DOES NOTHING! (3:12)**

**GOD'S RESPONSE: A SHORT STORY**

**THE FAITHFUL REMNANT**

**SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE**

→ THE FAITHFUL READ THE SCROLL TO REMEMBER GOD'S CHARACTER & PROMISES

→ THE DIVINE GIFT OF SCRIPTURES: THEY POINT US TO THE PAST TO INSPIRE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

## 4:1-3 CONCLUSION

**THE FUTURE OF THE REMNANT**

**"FOR THOSE WHO REVERE MY NAME, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL RISE, WITH HEALING IN ITS WINGS." (4:2)**