

Session Eight – The Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, (Daniel)

Major Prophets are determined by the “length” of the book. Not superior to the “minor” prophets which are shorter in length.

- Isaiah Messianic Prophet
- Jeremiah Divine Judgment Upon the Nation
- Ezekiel The Coming Restoration

Isaiah

- Four Kings – (Uzziah), Jothan, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh – (Hebrews 11:37)
- Most quoted OT prophet in the New Testament.
- Dead Sea Scrolls – 1947 complete copy of Isaiah discovered – 24 feet long.
- Virtually identical to the text we have today – recorded 1100 years earlier.
- Book with the most Messianic Prophecies besides the Psalms.

Main Features

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| • Vision of the Throne Room of God | Chapter 6 |
| • The Incarnation | Chapters 7,9 |
| • Doom of Babylon | Chapters 13,14 |
| • Fall of Lucifer | Chapter 14 |
| • The Messiah and His Atonement | Chapter 53 |
| • His Ministry Mandate | Chapter 61 |
| • The Second Coming | Chapter 63 |
| • The Millennium | Chapters 65,66 |

Notable Passages

- Isaiah 35 Restoration of Zion, Highway of Holiness
- Isaiah 40 Those who wait upon the Lord will gain their strength.
- Isaiah 44,45 Cyrus my shepherd who will release the Jew to rebuild Jerusalem.
- Isaiah 54 No weapon formed against you will prosper.
- Isaiah 55 My word will not return void (empty) but will accomplish what I desire.

Jeremiah – The Weeping Prophet

- Prophecies in Jerusalem 40 years after Isaiah
- He was brave.
- He was tender.
- He was a patriot.
- He was a rejected prophet.
- His ministry and message paralleled Ezekiel who was in Babylon.
- His ministry was during the darkest time of Israel's rebellion to God.
- He suffered persecution, imprisonment, and death threats.
- Called out false prophets and he was repeatedly rejected, ridiculed, and slandered.

Main Features

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| • Jeremiahs Commission | Chapter 1 |
| • Prophecies Before the Fall of Jerusalem | Chapters 2-20 |
| • Specific Prophecies before the Fall | Chapters 21-39 |
| • Prophecies After the Fall of Jerusalem | Chapters 40-44 |
| • Prophecies Upon the Gentile Nations | Chapters 45-59 |
| • Doom of Babylon | Chapters 50-51 |
| • Jerusalem Overthrown | Chapter 52 |

Highlights and Notable Passages

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| • Jer 2: 13 | You have committed two evils. |
| • Jer 8 | Sin and Treachery of Judah. |
| • Jer 17:9 | The heart is deceitful and wicked. |
| • Jer 18 | I am the potter, you are the clay. |
| • Jer 19 | Human sacrifice to Baal |
| • Jer 20 | Jeremiah's complaint. |
| • Jer 25:11 | 70 Years in captivity. |
| • Jer 29:10-14 | Restoration promised after 70 years are completed. |
| • Jer 31:31-34 | The New Covenant Promised. |
| • Jer 33:17 | Davidic Kingdom confirmed. |
| • Jer 36 | The Scroll Burned by Jehoiakim |
| • Jer 38:30 | Blood Curse on Jehoiakim – Final King of King Davids line. |
| • Jer 39:7 | Zedekiah blinded. |
| • Jer 52 | The Fall of Jerusalem, just as Jeremiah had prophesied. |

Ezekiel

- Name means – God Strengthens
- Taken in the second deportation in 596 BC.
- Away from the city of Babylon by the river Chebar
- Began his ministry as a priest at the age of 30 but never served as a priest due to the captivity.

Main Features

- Chapters 1-3 The Call of the Prophet
- Chapters 4 – 24 God's Judgment on Jerusalem (before the siege)
- Chapters 25-32 God's Judgment on the Muslim Nations surrounding Jerusalem.
- Chapters 33 – 36 Restoration and returning to the Land – free from exile.
- Chapter 37 New Life and Unity – Valley of Dry Bones
- Chapters 38-39 Gog and Magog Invasion – defeated by divine intervention.
- Chapters 40-48 The Millennial Kingdom, Millennial Temple, worship, land, etc.

Highlights and Notable Passages

- Chapter 8 The Abominations of Jerusalem
- Chapter 10 The Glory of God Departs the Temple
- Chapter 16 Specific sins revealed: child sacrifice, idolatry, immorality, occult, incest,
 - corruption, bribes, oppression of the poor and widows, profane priesthood, kings, rulers, etc.
- Chapter 33 The Duty of the Watchman
- Chapter 34 The Prophecy against the Shepherds (clergy, priests) of Israel
- Chapter 36 Restoration for MY NAMES SAKE!
- Chapter 36 New Heart of Flesh for the Heart of Stone
- Chapter 37 Valley of Dry Bones – put my Spirit with in you. Davidic Kingdom
- Chapter 38 Gog and Magog invasion
- Chapter 39 Invaders Destroyed.
- Chapter 47 Water from the Temple – healing and food abundantly.