



Outline of the Entire Old Testament by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Genesis = Origins

[God Is Present] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Origin ("generation") of Earth **2:4-6**

A. One Creator (God) **1:1-2:25** (very good, **1:31**)

1. Universe **1:1 Cf Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6-9**
2. Earth **1:2-2:6**
3. Man (Adam & Eve) **1:26-30; 2:7-2:17**
4. Sex & Marriage **1:26; 2:18-25**

Origin of Matter
Origin of Life on Earth
Origin of Humanity
Origin of Homes

B. Adam's Generation **5:1-2; 3:1- 6:7** (evil, **3:22**)

1. **Origin of Sin 3:1-24**

- a. Eve tempted first **3:1-6**
- b. Adam sinned **3:6**
- c. Cursed because of sin **3:7-19**
- d. Banished from Eden **3:20-24**

3:15 Seed of Woman
Cf Isaiah 7:14;
Matthew 1:18-25;
Galatians 4:4

2. World Worsens **4:1-24**

- a. The Way of Cain **4:1-24 Cf Jude 11**
(1 Punishment for Murder **4:1-15**
(2 Inventive and Perverted **4:16-24**
- b. Seth's Way - Call Upon the LORD **4:25-26**

II. Noah's Generation **6:9; 6:8-9:29**

A. Sin washed away by flood **6:8-9:19 Cf Hebrews 11:7**

Cf Matthew 24:36-39; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 3:3-8

B. Sin started again by Noah **9:20-29**

C. **Origin of Fossils, Canyons, Mountains, Valleys, Seasons**
Genesis 2:5-6; 7:1-8:5, 22

III. Noah's sons' (Shem, Ham, Japheth) Generation **10:1-11:9**

A. **Origin of National Land Differences 10:1-32**

1. All people come from them **9:18-19**

2. Japheth - Gentile isles (coastlands) **10:2-5**
3. Ham - Egypt, Babel, Ninevah, Philistim, Canaan **10:6-20**
4. Shem - Persia, Assyria, Chaldee, Syria

B. Origin of Languages 11:1-9

1. Man's attempt at "power in unity" **11:1-6**
2. God's scattering abroad by foreign languages **11:7-9**

III. Shem's Genealogy 11: 10-26

IV. Terah's Genealogy 11:27-32

A. His Life

1. Lost a son, Haran, Lot's father **11:27-28**
2. Witnessed other sons' weddings **11:29-30**
3. Went with Abram as far as Haran **11:31-32**

B. His Legacy - Abram/Abraham 12:1-25:11

Galatians 3:16 Abraham's
"Seed" is Jesus Christ
Origin of Judea

1. God's Promise (**12:1-4**) of:
 - a. Promised Land - spared from strife **13:1-13**
 - (1 Given for Abraham's faithfulness **13:14-18** Cf **Hebrews 11:8-10**)
 - (2 Fully given by conquest **Joshua 21:43-45**)
 - (3 Israel removed for unfaithfulness **2 Chronicles 36:15-21**)
 - (4 Daniel remembers Jeremiah's prophecy **Daniel 9**)
 - (5 Israel returned after 70 years **Jeremiah 29:10; 30:1-4**)
 - (6 People, altar, temple, Jerusalem all restored Cf **Ezra & Nehemiah**)
 - b. Promised Nation - spared from slavery **14:1-24**
 - (1 Special only by God's love Cf Deuteronomy **7:7-11; 9:4-6**)
 - (2 Special only till Christ came Cf Romans **10:19-11:36**)
2. God's Covenant **15:1-21**
 - a. Wrongly sired Ishmael by Hagar **16:1-16; 21:9-21**
Origin of Ishmaelites
 - b. Abraham given covenant sign of circumcision **17:1-14, 23-27**
 - c. Sarah given promise of Isaac
 - (1 Given to Abraham **17:15-22**)
 - (2 Renewed to Sarah **18:1-15**)
 - (3 Sarah spared from Abimelech of Gerar **20:1-18; 21:22-34**)
 - (3 Isaac given **21:1-8** Cf **Hebrews 11:11-12** *Origin of "Israelites"*)
 - (4 Abraham's faith tested in Isaac **22:1-19** Cf **Hebrews 11:17-19**)
 - (5 Sarah died **23:1-20**)
 - d. Abraham married Keturah **25:1-6**
 - e. Abraham died **25:7-11**
 - f. Lot's misfortunes
 - 1) Abraham intercedes for nephew, Lot, in Sodom **18:16-19:29**
 - 2) Lot drunkenly sires sons through his daughters **19:30-38**

Origin of Moabites and Ammonites

C. His Legacy - Nahor

1. He has 8 children by Milcah **22:20-24**
2. Isaac's wife is Rebekah, one of Nahor's children **24:1-67**

V. Isaac's Genealogy 25:19-35:29

- A. Spared Rebekah from Abimelech, the Philistine **26:1-33**
- B. Twins - Esau and Jacob **25:20-34**
- C. Esau raises Edom **25:30, 29-34; 26:34-35; 28:6-9** ***Origin of Edomites***
- C. Jacob/Israel is blessed instead **25:29-34; 27:1-46**
 1. Jacob flees Esau **28:1-5, 10-22**
 2. Jacob gains Rachel by blessing **29:1-31:55**
 3. Jacob fathers 12 sons, 1 daughter **29:31-30:24; 35:18, 22-26**
 4. Jacob reunites with Esau **32:1-33:20**
 5. Dinah violated and revenged **34:1-31**
 6. Jacob's name changed to "Israel" **35:1-15** ***Origin of "Israelites"***
 7. Rachel and Isaac died **35:16-22, 27-29**

VI. Esau's Genealogy 36:1-43

VII. Jacob's Genealogy 37:2, 1-50:26

- A. Joseph was sold by his brothers into captivity **37:2-38**
- B. Judah fathers twins by daughter-in-law **38:1-30**
- C. Joseph unjustly cast into Egyptian prison **39:1-40:23**
 1. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream accurately **41:1-36**
 2. Joseph rewarded with power over all Egypt **41:37-57**
 3. Joseph causes his brothers to bring Israel to Egypt **42:1-47:31**
 4. Jacob blesses his sons and dies **48:1-50:26**

Exodus = Coming Out

[God Is Powerful]
Blueprint for Redemption
Acts 7:17-45

I. Promised People Persecuted **1:1-33:23**

A. Pharaoh's Failings **1:1-22**

1. God-less view of history **1:1-8**
2. God-less view of humanity **1:9-14**
3. God-less view of human life **1:15-22**

B. God's Deliverance **2:1-15:21**

1. The Man Sent

- a. Moses' Life (Hebrew *Mosheh*=drawn out, water saved) **2:1-10**
- b. Moses' Loyalty **2:11-25** **Hebrews 11:23-27**
- c. Moses' Liberation **3:1-15:21**
 - (1 One God in Name (Jehovah) **3:1-22** **Matthew 22:31-32**
 - (2 One God over Nature (No Idols Allowed) **4:1-15:21**
 - (a In Pharaoh's Palace **4:1-7:13** **Acts 7:20-22**
 - (b In Pharaoh's Land **7:14-13:16**
 - (3 One God through Nationality **13:17-15:21**
 - (a "Baptized into Moses" **Hebrews 11:29; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2**
 - (b Believed the Lord after "baptism" **14:31** **Hebrews 11:28; 1 Corinthians 5:7**
 - (c Rejoiced after salvation, not before **15:1-22**

2. The God Superior **16:1-33:23**

- a. Conveniences-Manna, Water **Judges 16:1-18:27 John 6:31-32**
- b. Covenant **19:1-33:23**
 - (1 Respect for God's Presence (Mount Sinai) **19:1-25**
 - (2 Respect for God's Principles **20:1-24:8 Matthew 5:21,27;15:4**
 - (3 Respect for God's Person **24:18-31:18**
 - (a Priesthood Devoted to God **24:9-24:18**
 - (b People Donated Materials for Worship **25:1-9**
 - (c Paraphernalia Detailed **25:10-31:18**
 - (4 Israel's Disrespect **32:1-35**
 - (5 Respect for God's Pardon **33:1-23**

II. Promised People Peculiar **34:1-40:38**

A. Covenant Renewed **34:1-35:3**

1. Unique Tablets **34:1-9**
2. Unique Feasts **34:10-28**
3. Unique Face **34:29-35**

John 1:17

2 Corinthians 3:7-16

B. Covenant Regarded **35:1-40:38**

1. Special Day **35:1-3**
 2. Special Donation **35:4-9**
 3. Special Designers **35:10-19**
 4. Special Devotional Equipment **35:20-38:31**
 5. Special Diplomatic Garments **39:1-39:41**
- Special Dedication **39:32-40:38**

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

1 Peter 2:5-9

Galatians 3:26-27

Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Leviticus = Pertaining To Levi

[God Is Pure] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Pure Offerings **1:1-7:38** (Heb. "korban" = gift Cf **Matthew 15:5**)

A. People's Choices **1:1-6:7**

1. **Burnt Offering 1:3-17**
 - a. without blemish **1:3,10** (Heb. "*olah*" = burnt sacrifice)
 - b. herd, flock or fowl **1:2,3,14** Cf **Luke 2:24**
 - c. accepted for atonement **1:4**
 - d. only sacrifice completely burned **1:9**
 - e. "*sweet aroma*" **1:9,17**
2. **Grain Offering 2:1-16**
 - a. Heb. "*minchah*" - no blood Cf **Genesis 4:3**
 - b. no leaven or honey **2:11**
 - c. seasoned with salt **2:13**
 - d. "*sweet aroma*" **2:2,9** (not firstfruits **2:12,14-16**)
3. **Peace Offering 3:1-17**
 - a. without blemish **3:1,6**
 - b. "*sweet aroma*" **3:5, 16**
4. **Sin Offering 4:1-35**
 - a. for unintentional sin **4:2,13,22,27**
 - b. without blemish **4:3,23,28,32**
 - c. "*sweet aroma*" **4:31**
5. **Trespass Offering 5:1-6:7**
 - a. unintentional sins **5:1-4**
 - b. confess sin **5:5,11**
 - c. provision for poor **5:7**
 - d. make restitution for holy things **5:14-6:7**
 - e. restore plus 20% penalty **5:16; 6:5**

B. Priestly Care **6:8-7:38**

1. **Burnt Offering 6:8-13**
 - a. altar fire not be put out **6:9,12,13**
 - b. use "street clothes" for ashes outside camp **6:11**
2. **Grain Offering 6:14-23**
 - a. every grain wholly burned and not eaten **6:22-23**
 - b. only holy males of Aaron may eat it **6:18; 7:9-10**
3. **Sin Offering 6:24-30**
 - a. only holy may touch its flesh **6:27**
 - b. eaten **6:26** and not eaten **6:30**
 - c. bloody garment washed and vessel broken **6:27-28**

4. **Trespass Offering 7:1-10**
 - a. all male priest may eat it **7:6**
 - b. treated like the sin offering **7:7**
5. **Peace Offering 7:11-21**
 - a. if thanksgiving not left overnight **7:15**
- b. if voluntary then leftovers next day **7:16-17**
 - c. not good if touched by unclean **7:19-21**

C. Priests could keep:

1. Skin of burnt offering **1:6; 7:8**
2. All but a handful of flour, oil, frankincense **2:2-3**
3. Not eat fat (**7:22-25**) or blood (**7:26-27**)
4. Only certain portions of sacrifices **7:28-38**

II. Pure Offerers 8:1-9:24

A. Family Ties (Aaron & sons) 8:1-36

1. Cleansing ceremony
 - a. washed, clothed **8:6-9** **Galatians 3:27**
 - b. sprinkled with oil **8:6-13** **Hebrews 10:22**
 - c. sin & burnt offering (blood) **8:14-17,18-21**
 - d. blood of consecration applied **8:22-31** **Romans 6:3-4**
 - e. dinner of meat and bread **8:30-36** **Acts 2:38,41,42; 20:7**
2. The bloody work begins **9:1-24**
 - a. satisfactory sacrifices **9:1-23**
 - b. fire from Lord consumed all on altar **9:24**

B. Profane and sacred distinction made clear 10:1-15:33

1. Line in worship
 - a. Nadab and Abihu offer profane fire not commanded **10:1-7**
 - b. no drunken worship accepted **10:8-11**
 - c. no refusal to eat priestly "due" **10:12-20**
3. Line in diet **11:1-47**
4. Line in life **12:1-15:33**
 - (1 cleanliness after childbirth **12:1-8**)
 - (2 cleanliness from leprosy **13:1-14:57**)
 - (3 cleanliness from body fluids **15:1-33**)

III. Pure Occasions **16:1-27:34**

- A. Annual Day of Atonement **16:1-34** (Heb. "*yom kippur*")
 - 1. Only High Priest enter the Holy Place **16:1-19**
 - 2. Scapegoat led away and another sacrificed **16:20-28**
 - 3. Solemn sabbath **16:29-34**

- B. Blood sanctified **17:1-16**
 - 1. No unknown animals sacrificed **17:1-9**
 - 2. No blood is to be eaten for life is in the blood **17:10-14**
 - 3. No stray dead animals are clean **17:15-16**

- C. Sexual purity **18:1-30** [Cf **20:10-21**]
 - 1. Incest forbidden **18:6-18**
 - 2. Monthly impurity **18:19**
 - 3. Adultery forbidden **18:20-21**
 - 4. Homosexuality forbidden **18:22**
 - 5. Bestiality forbidden **18:23**

- D. Society's rules **19:1-20:27**

- E. Priest's rules **21:1-22:33**

- F. Feasts (seasonal rites) **23:1-44**
 - 1. weekly sabbath day **23:3**
 - 2. Passover and unleavened bread **23:4-8**
 - 3. Firstfruits **23:9-14**
 - 4. Pentecost **23:15-22**
 - 5. Trumpets **23:23-25**
 - 6. Atonement **23:26-32**
 - 7. Tabernacles **23:33-44**

- G. Bread and Blasphemy **24:1-23**

- H. Sabbath year (7th) **25:1-7, 18-22**

- I. Jubilee year (50th) **25:8-17**

- J. Treatment of Property, poor, slaves **25:18-55**

- K. Choice of God's judgment **26:1-46**

- L. Redemption of sacred things **27:1-34**

Leviticus Notes:

Leviticus has more direct statements by God than any other book in the Bible. Is it important to get worship right?

The book of **Hebrews** makes application and explanation of these practices and shows how Jesus Christ fulfills them today.

Numbers = Worship is Front & Center
Or, Regulating the Rebellious

[God Is Orderly]
Blueprint for Redemption

I. Ordering the Wanderers **1:1-19:22**

A. Census #1 of Men in ***the Wilderness of Sinai*** **1:2-54**

(1 month after **Exodus 40:17**)

1. All Male Warriors **1:2-3, 20-46** (603,550, v. **46**)
2. Tribal "Census Takers" **1:4-19**
3. Levites excepted **1:47-54**

B. Campsite of All **2:1-6:21**

1. Tribes by banners around **tabernacle** **2:1-34**
2. **Priesthood** established **3:10-4:49** **Hebrews 4:14-5:11**
3. Numbered Levite males 1 month+ = 22,000 **3:14-39**
 - a. Israelite firstborn males = 22,273 **3:40-51**
 - b. **Levitical duties** distributed **4:1-49** **Hebrews 6:19-8:6**
4. No unclean may serve **5:1-31**
 - a. Lepers rejected **5:1-4**
 - b. Law of restitution **5:5-10**
 - c. Law of jealousy **5:11-31**
5. **Nazirite** is purest **6:1-21** **Matthew 2:19-23**

C. "Church" Started **6:22-9:23**

1. **Sacrifices** for tribal leaders **6:22-7:88**
2. **Lamps** arranged **7:89-8:4**
3. **Levites cleansed** **8:5-26**
4. **2nd Passover** [14th day, 1st month, 2nd yr.] **9:1-14**
 - a. Observed **9:1-5** **1 Corinthians 5:7**
 - b. "Make-up" Passover law *applied* **9:6-14**
5. **Tabernacle raised** **9:15-23**
(the same [1st day, 1st month, 2nd yr.] as in **Exodus 40:17-38**)

D. Campaign Begun **10:1-19:22**

Romans 11:22

1. **Trumpet signals** **10:1-10**
2. **Tabernacle 1st** then procession of people **10:11-36**
(20th day, 2nd month, 2nd yr.)
3. **Gripe & Grumble about (God's provision of) food**
 - a. God's fire burned camp's outskirts **11:1-3**
 - b. Manna given **11:4-15** **John 6:22-59**
 - c. Seventy elders anointed **11:16-30**
 - d. Quail abundantly sent at ***Kibroth Hattaavah*** **11:31-35**

4. **Gripe & Grumble (Moses' family) about "frontman" at Hazeroth** **11:5-12:16**
5. **Gripe & Grumble about the future (God's goal)** **13:1-14:45**
 - a. Spies sent to "check out" Promised Land **13:1-25**
 - b. Spies report (10 against 2) **13:26-14:10**
 - c. Moses intercedes **14:10-38**
 - d. Failed faithless invasion **14:39-45**
 - e. **Faithful worship required 15:1-41**
 - (1 proper offerings for sins **15:1-21**)
 - (2 sacrifices for unintentional sins **15:22-29**)
 - (3 nothing but separation for intentional sin **15:30-31**)
 - (4 sabbath violation punishment *applied* **15:32-36**)
 - (5 tassels to remind them to obey **15:37-41**)
6. **Gripe & Grumble about (God behind) Moses** **16:1-19:22**
 - a. Earth swallows Korah and company **16:1-50**
 - b. Aaron's budding rod shows the way **17:1-13**
 - c. **Proper priests from Aaron's house 18:1-19:22**
 - (1 Aaron's sons and tribe of Levi only **18:1-7**)
 - (2 offerings and tithes support Levites **18:8-24**)
 - (3 Levites also to offer tithes **18:25-32**)
 - (4 Laws to purify people **19:1-22**)

II. Ordering the Way **20:1-25:18**

A. **Wilderness of Zin 20:1-21:20**

1. Miriam died at **Kadesh 20:1**
2. Moses' rebellion at **Meribah 20:2-13**
3. Passage through Edom refused **20:14-21**
6. Aaron died at **Mount Hor 20:22-29**
7. Canaanites defeated at **Hormah 21:1-3**
8. **Gripe & Grumble about travel around Edom 21:4-9**
 - a. Fiery serpents **21:4-7**
 - b. **Bronze serpent on a pole saves 21:8-9**
9. Kept them moving **21:10-20**

John 3:14-17

B. From **Pisgah's Top 21:20**

1. Amorites (King Sihon) defeated **21:21-32**
2. Bashan (King Og) defeated at **Edrei 21:33-35**
3. Moabite King Balak's bamboozle **22:1-25:18**
 - a. Request for Balaam to curse Israelites denied **22:1-20**
 - b. Balaam's donkey spoke **22:21-40**
 - c. Balaam's prophecy #1 **22:41-23:12**
 - d. Balaam's prophecy #2 **23:13-26**

- e. Balaam's prophecy #3 **23:27-24:14**
- f. Balaam's prophecy #4 **24:15-25**
- g. Israelite harlotry with Moabite women **25:1-18**

III. Ordering the Winners **26:1-36:13**

- A. Census #2 of male warriors 20 years + **26:1-65**
- B. Inheritance law *applied* to daughters **27:1-11** **1 Corinthians 7:12**
- C. Joshua chosen to replace Moses **27:12-23**
- D. **Worship reminders 28:1-29:40**
 - 1. Daily burnt offerings **28:1-8**
 - 2. Sabbath day offerings **28:9**
 - 3. First of the month offerings **28:10-15**
 - 4. Passover offerings **28:16-25**
 - 5. Firstfruit offerings **28:26-31**
 - 6. Trumpets (7th month, 1st day) **29:1-6**
 - 7. Day of Atonement (7th month, 10th day) **29:7-11**
 - 8. Feast of Tabernacles (7th month, 15th day) **29:12-40**
- E. Laws of Vows - man or woman (prenuptial ?) **30:1-16**
- F. Defeat of Midianites **31:1-54**
 - 1. Killed all the males **31:1-10**
 - 2. Killed whoring women and male children,
virgin daughters spared **31:11-24**
 - 3. Plunder divided between warriors and rest **31:25-54**
- G. Tribes settling east of Jordan River **32:1-42**
- H. Diary of campsites in wilderness **33:1-49**
- I. Instructions for conquest of Canaan **33:50-36:13**
 - 1. Land will be divided by tribes **33:50-56**
 - 2. Promised Land boundaries established **34:1-15**
 - 3. Tribal dividers appointed **34:16-29**
 - 4. Levitical cities designated **35:1-5**
 - 5. Cities of refuge **35:6-34**
 - 6. Law of female inheritance *applied* **36:1-13**

Learning From the Wilderness - Don't Be That Way

1. God's children should never mix worldliness with religion **1 Corinthians 10:1-22.**
2. Moses nor Jesus Christ cannot lead the faithless to victory **Hebrews 3:1-4:16**
3. There is a "gap in faith" between Red Sea and Jericho **Hebrews 11:29-30**
4. God only "put up with" the Israelites in wilderness **Acts 13:17-19**
5. Israelites ignored God's miracles from Egypt through wandering, choosing idols instead **Acts 7:35-45**

Deuteronomy = Second Law
Or, Second Generation's 1st Chance

[God Is Resolute]
Blueprint for Redemption

I. Moses, Man of History 1:1-3:29

A. Re-setting **1:1-5 // Numbers 33:49-50; 36:13**

SERMON #1

B. Re-counting **1:5-46**

1. Objective **1:6-8 // Exodus 33:1-23** (Plains of Moab)
2. Objectivity **1:9-18 // Numbers 11:10-30**
3. Objection **1:19-46 // Numbers 13:1-14:45** (Kadesh Barnea)

C. Results **2:1-3:29**

1. Objectionable **2:1-23**
 - a. Avoid Esau's Land **2:4-8**
 - b. Avoid Lot's Land **2:9-23**
 - c. Objective Of Wanderings **2:13-16**
2. Objectors' Lessons **2:24-3:11**
 - a. Defeat Of Sihon, King Of Heshbon **2:24-37**
 - b. Defeat Of Og, King Of Bashan **3:1-11**
3. Obvious Division **3:12-22**
 - a. East Of Jordan For Reuben And Gad **3:12,16-17**
 - b. Rest For One-half Manasseh **3:13-15**
 - c. Must fight On West Side Of Jordan **3:18-22**
4. Object Lesson - Moses Forbidden To Cross **3:23-29; 4:22**

SERMON #2

II. Moses, Man of Mastery 4:1-26:19

A. Source of Law **4:1-49**

1. Hear, Obey, Teach God's Law **4:1-14**
2. Only One Living God **4:15-40**
3. Merciful God (eastern cities of refuge) **4:41-43**
4. Reminder of God's Omnipresence **4:44-49**

B. Superior Laws **5:1-26:19**

1. Covenant Only For Israelites **5:1-5**
2. First 10 Laws (Decalog) **5:6-21 // Exodus 20:1-17**
3. Awesome Sight Of Mt. Sinai **5:22-33 // Exodus 20:18-21**
4. Greatest Commandment (11th) **6:1-9 // 10:12-13; Mark 12:29-30**
5. Do Right And Good And Explain To Children **6:10-25**

6. Why Israelites? **7:1-11**
7. Blessed Without Pity **7:12-8:10 (7:16; 13:18; 19:13,21)**
 - a. God Judges People In Promised Land **7:12-26**
 - b. God Provided For People In Wilderness **8:1-10**
8. Always Remember God **8:11-11:32**
 - a. Have Confidence in God, Not Self **9:1-6**
 - b. Always Remember Israel's Rebellious Ways **9:7-10:11**
 - c. Law Demands Love **10:12-22**
 - d. All Behavior Is Judged By God **11:1-32**
9. Exact Worship Required **12:1-28**
 - a. NOT Adopting Or Adapting Others' Worship **12:1-4**
 - b. ONLY Where And How God Specifies **12:5-14**
 - c. Eat Meat, Grain But Not Blood - Remember Levite **12:15-28**
10. Warning Of False Ways **12:29-14:21**
 - a. Allure Of False Gods **12:19-32**
 - b. Assurances For False Gods **13:1-11**
 - c. Apostasy Toward False Gods **13:12-18**
 - d. Appearance As Worshippers Of False Gods **14:1-2**
 - e. Assimilations To False Gods **14:3-21**
11. Priorities For God **14:22-19:13**
 - a. Tithing Principle **14:22-29**
 - b. Debt Cancellation Every 7 Years **15:1-6**
 - c. Obligation Toward The Poor **15:7-11**
 - d. Slavery Cancelled Every 7 Years **15:12-18**
 - e. Sacrifice Perfect Firstborn Animals Only **15:19-23**
 - f. Annual Male Presence Required **16:1-17**
 - 1) Passover **16:1-8**
 - 2) Feast Of Weeks (Firstfruits) **16:9-12**
 - 3) Feast Of Tabernacles **16:13-15**
12. No-Noes **16:18-17:13**
 - a. Perverted Courtrooms **16:18-20**
 - b. Combining Idols And Altars To God **16:21-22**
 - c. Offering God Defective Sacrifices **17:1**
 - d. "0" Tolerance For Idolators **17:2-7**
 - e. "0" Tolerance For Ignorers Of Priestly Judgments **17:8-13**
13. Guidelines For: **17:14-18:22**
 - a. Kings **17:14-20**
 - b. Levites **18:1-8**
 - c. "Spiritualists" In Promised Land **18:9-14**
 - d. Another Prophet Like Moses **18:15-22**
14. Merciful God (western cities of refuge) **19:1-13 (Cf II,B,7)**
15. Peace-Keeping **19:14-21:14**
 - a. Move No Property Markers **19:14**

- b. No Pity For False Witnesses **19:15-21**
- c. Reasons Not To Go To War **20:1-9**
- d. First Give Enemies A Peaceful Chance **20:10-15**
- e. If An Inheritance City - Spare Nothing **20:16-18**
- f. No "Scorched Earth" Policy For War **20:19-20**
- g. Solving "mysterious" deaths **21:1-9**
- h. Beautiful Captive Women **21:10-14**
- 16. Difficult Decisions **21:15-25:19**
 - a. Inheritance For Truly Firstborn son **21:15-17**
 - b. Out Of Control Children **21:18-21**
 - c. Bury Capital Punishment Bodies **21:22-23**
 - d. Return Loose Animals **22:1-4**
 - e. Don't Confuse Sexes, Seeds, Or Suits **22:5-12**
 - f. Easy Divorce, Pre- and Post-Marital Sex **22:13-30**
 - g. Discriminate Against These **23:1-8**
 - h. "Cleanliness Is Next To God"? **23:9-14**
 - i. Clean Money Matters **23:15-25**
 - 1) Keep Escaped Slaves **23:15-16**
 - 2) Donate No Prostitution Money For God **23:17-18**
 - 3) Charge No Interest To Brother **23:19-20**
 - 4) Pay You Debts **23:21-23**
 - 5) Eat, Don't Harvest, Neighbor's Gift To Poor **23:24-25**
 - j. Marriage Matters **24:1-5**
 - 1) No "Divorce And Remarriages" **24:1-4**
 - 2) "Honeymoon" For A Year **24:5**
 - k. Rules Of Mercy **24:6-25:4**
 - (1 To A Poor Man's Debt **24:6**
 - (2 To A Kidnapped Person **24:7**
 - 3) To A Leper **24:8-9**
 - 4) To A Borrower **24:10-13**
 - 5) To A Poor Hired Servant **24:14-15**
 - 6) To Parents Or Children **24:16**
 - 7) To Strangers, Orphans, Widows **24:17-22**
 - 8) To Condemned Court Loser **25:1-3**
 - 9) To Beasts Of Burden **25:4**
 - l. Levirate Law **25:5-10**
 - m. Lurid "self-defense" **25:11-12**
 - n. Fair Balances **25:13-16**
 - o. Fair Judgment Against Amalek **25:17-19**
- 17. God's Portion **26:1-15**
 - a. Law Of Firstfruits **26:1-11**
 - b. Law Of Tithing **26:12-15**
- 18. God's People Are The Obedient **26:16-19**

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III. Moses, Man of Mystery 27:1-34:12

A. Predicts The Future 27:1-32:47

- 1. An Altar Of Stones 27:1-10**
- 2. Have A Choice Of Blessing Or Curse 27:11-28:68**
- 3. Covenant Renewed In Moab 29:1-30:20**
- 4. Joshua To Succeed Moses 31:1-8**
- 5. Law Must Be Read To Everyone Every 7 Years 31:9-13**
- 6. Israel Will Not Be Faithful 31:14-21**
- 7. Moses Wrote Deuteronomy 31:22-29**
- 8. Moses' Song Of The Past 31:30-32:47**

B. Prophecies

- 1. His Own Death 32:48-52**
- 2. His Blessing On Israel 33:1-29**
- 3. Records His Own Death 34:1-12**

Joshua = Jehovah Is Salvation

[God Is Proprietor]

Blueprint for Redemption

(Name was *Hoshea* = "Salvation" **Numbers 13:8; 14:6,30**)

I. Continue to Execute **1:1-4:24**

A. Faith of Brave Leader **1:1-18** (overlaps with **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**)

1. Authority is from God's Word **1:1-9**
2. Awareness of duty by the "left behind" **1:10-18**

B. Faith in Brave Mission **2:1-24**

1. Only 2 spies sent for only good report Cf **Num. 13-14**
2. *Rahab* saved them **2:8-21** **Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25**

C. Faith to Bravely Cross **3:1-4:24**

1. Follow the ark (representing God's Presence) **3:1-17**
2. Leave a monument **4:1-9**
3. Admire their leader **4:10-14**
4. Teach their children **4:15-24**

II. Contend for Exorcism **5:1-12:24**

A. Children of Israel Sanctified **5:1-12**

1. By circumcision **5:1-9** (*Gilgal* = reproach rolled away)
2. By Passover **5:10-12** (end of "manna")

B. Canaanites Sacrificed **5:13-12:24**

1. **Southern Campaign** - *Jericho* **5:13-6:1-27**
 - a. *Joshua* saw a Soldier **5:13-15**, Moses a burning bush **Exodus 3**
 - b. Strength in sevens (priests, trumpets, days, laps) **6:1-21**
 - c. Salvation for *Rahab's* Faith **6:22-25**
 - d. Shattering for good **6:26-27** Cf **1 Kings 16:34**
2. *Ai* **7:1-8:35**
 - a. Failure of Israel's scheme **7:1-9**
 - b. Firmness of God's sacrifice **7:10-26**
 - c. Force of Joshua's strategy **8:1-29**
 - c. Fear of Divine justice **8:30-35**
3. *Gibeon* surrenders by deceptive covenant **9:1-27**; Cf **10:2**
4. Amorites defeated at *Gibeon* **10:1-27**
 - a. United armies of 5 Amorite kings **10:1-6**
 - b. Divine: army, hail, and "sun stood still" **10:7-15**
 - c. From cave at *Makkedah* to lynching **10:16-28**
5. *Libnah* **10:29-30**, *Lachish* **10:31-33**, *Eglon* **10:34-35**,

Hebron **10:36-37**, *Debir* **10:38-39**

6. Summary Ending at *Gilgal* **10:40-43**

7. **Northern Campaign** -

a. United armies lost by Jabin king of *Hazor* **11:1-9**

b. Lost capital city of *Hazor* **11:10-12**

c. Cities on "mounds" (Heb. *tel*) captured **11:13-15**

C. Complete Summary of Conquest **11:16-12:24**

III. **Content with Executor** **13:1-24:33**

A. Land Left to Conquer **13:1-33**

1. Additional West wars not done (Joshua was old) **13:1-13**

2. Levites left out of land deals **13:14, 33; 14:4; 17:7**

3. Additional East wars not done **13:8-14**

B. East Lands Promised by Moses **13:8-33; 14:5**

a. **Land to Reuben** (*Balaam* killed) **13:8-23**

b. **Land to Gad** **13:24-28**

c. **Land to Half Tribe of Manasseh** (East) **13:29-31**

C. West Lands (Canaan) Divided **14:1-19:51**

1. Method of choosing was by lot **14:1-3**

2. **Tribe of Joseph** split into **Manasseh** & **Ephraim** **14:4**

3. **Tribe of Levi** received no land inheritance **14:4**

4. *Caleb* requested *Hebron* (*Kirjath Arba*) **14:6-15; 15:13-19**

5. **Land to Judah** **15:1-63**

6. **Land to Joseph** - **Manasseh** (West) & **Ephraim** **16:1-17:18**

7. Worship in *Shiloh* with Tabernacle **18:1**

8. The other 7 tribes divide the rest **18:2-10**

a. **Land to Benjamin** **18:11-28**

b. **Land to Simeon** **19:1-9**

c. **Land to Zebulun** **19:10-16**

d. **Land to Issachar** **19:17-23**

e. **Land to Asher** **19:24-31**

f. **Land to Naphtali** **19:32-39**

g. **Land to Dan** **19:40-48**

9. *Joshua's Timnath Serah* in the mountains of Ephraim **19:49-51**

D. Merciful Additions **20:1-22:34**

1. Cities of Refuge (3 West, 3 East) **20:1-9**

2. Cities for Levites (among all tribes) **21:1-42**

3. NOT ONE WORD OF GOD WAS LEFT UNDONE! **21:43-45**

4. Eastern 2 1/2 tribes through with obligation to war **22:1-9**
5. Altar called *Witness* mistaken for apostasy **22:10-34**

E. Joshua's Finale **23:1-30**

1. Israel urged to be faithful to the God of conquest **23:1-16**
2. At *Shechem*, covenant renewed (and stone monument)
for God's dealings from Terah till then **24:1-25**
3. Joshua wrote this in the Book of the Law of God **24:26-28**
Cf Deuteronomy 31:9-13; 22-29

F. Completion of 2nd Generation From Egypt **24:29-33**

1. Joshua's death at age 110 **24:29-30**
2. Elders who knew Joshua's works were faithful **24:31**
3. Joseph's bones were interred at *Shechem* **24:32** **Acts 7:15,16**
4. Eleazar the Priest is buried **24:33** **Cf 21:1; Leviticus 10:6**

Judges = Saviours/Deliverers

[God Is Protector] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Transition **1:1-3:6**

- A. Clearing the Land obediently **1:1-26**
 - 1. Death of Joshua **1:1 Cf Joshua 24:29-30**
 - 2. Decision to Band *Judah & Simeon* **1:2-3**
 - 3. Decision against Canaanites, Perizzites at *Bezek* **1:4-7**
 - 4. Decision against Canaanites in: *Jerusalem, mountains, South, lowland, Hebron* **1:8-10**
 - 5. Daughter of *Caleb* given to Othniel for victory over *Debir* **1:11-15**
 - 6. Dwelling of Moses' father-in-law's family (Kenites) in *Wilderness of Judah* **1:16**
 - 7. Decision *against Zephath, Gaza, Ashkelon, Ekron* **1:17-19**
 - a. Drove out mountaineers, but lost to lowlanders **1:19**
 - b. Drove out three sons of Anak and *Caleb* gained Hebron **1:20**
 - 8. *Benjaminites* left Jebusites in *Jerusalem* to "coexist" **1:21** *Joseph's* house spied out and took *Bethel* **1:22-26**
- B. Complications created in the Land **1:27-36**
 - 1. *Manasseh* from *Beth Shean, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo* **1:27-28**
 - 2. *Ephraim* from *Gezer* **1:29**
 - 3. *Zebulun* from *Kitron, Nahalol* **1:30**
 - 4. *Asher* from *Acco, Sidon, Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, Rehob* **1:31-32**
 - 5. *Naphtali* from *Beth Shemesh, Beth Anath* **1:33**
 - 6. *Dan* forced into mountains by Amorites **1:34-36**
- C. **Cycle of apostasy** outlined for all time **2:1-3:6**
 - 1. Compromise in obedience **2:1-6** **Galatians 1:6-10; 5:16-26**
 - 2. Complacency in education **2:7-10**
 - 3. Crassness in life **2:11-13** **1 Corinthians 15:33**
 - 4. Changes when God takes over **2:14-3:6**
 - a. Chagrin by God **2:14**
 - b. Chastening through enemies **2:14-15**
 - c. Chance to recover **2:16-19 Cf Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Hebrews 4:14-16**
 - d. Covenant amended **2:20-3:6** **Romans 5:3-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-19**

II. Transgression **3:7-Ruth 4:22**

- A. Rule of Mesopotamia (8 Years) **3:7-11**
 - 1. Infection **3:7**
 - 2. Persecution **3:8**
 - 3. Objection **3:9**
 - 4. Selection - *Othniel* (Caleb's son-in-law, **1:11-15**) **3:9-11**
 - 5. Perfection (40 Years) **3:11**
- B. Rule of Moabites (18 Years) **3:12-30 Cf Book of Ruth?**
 - 1. Infection **3:12**

2. Persecution **3:12-14**
3. Objection **3:15**
4. Selection - **Ehud** (left-handed Benjaminite, **3:15 Cf 20:15-16**) **3:15-29**
5. Perfection (80 Years) **3:30**
- C. Rule of Philistines **3:31**
 1. **Shamgar** killed 600 with an ox goad **3:31**
 2. **Samson** (20 Years) **13:1-16:31**
 - a. Born a Nazirite **13:5, 1-25 Cf Numbers 6:1-21**
 - b. Chooses Philistine for a wife **14:1-15:20** **2 Cor.6:14-18**
 - (1 Gambles on riddle, gives solution for wife's tears, kills 30 Philistines to pay off gambling debt **14:1-20**
 - (2 Wife given away, sister offered, flaming foxtails **15:1-9**
 - 4) Bound by Jews, killed 1000 Philistines with a donkey's jawbone, God split a rock for him to drink water **15:10-20**
 - c. Chooses harlot in Gaza, removes city gates **16:1-3**
 - d. Chooses Delilah **16:4-21**
 - (1 Philistine "spy," woman's wiles, haircut **16:4-20**
 - (2 Blinded "beast of burden" **16:21-22**
 - (3 Hair grew, brought down the house of Dagon **16:23-31**
- D. Rule of Canaanites (20 Years) **4:1-5:31**
 1. Infection **4:1**
 2. Persecution **4:2**
 3. Objection **4:3**
 4. Selection - **Deborah** of *Ephraim* **4:4-5:31**
 - a. And **Barak** **4:4-16**
 - b. And Jael "nailed" Sisera **4:17-22**
 - c. And Israel arose against Jabin king of Canaan **4:23-24**
 - d. Deborah's song of victory **5:1-31**
 5. Perfection (40 Years) **5:31**
- E. Rule of Midian (7 Years) **6:1-8:32**
 1. Infection **6:1**
 2. Persecution **6:1-6**
 3. Objection **6:6**
 4. Selection - **Gideon** of *Manasseh* **6:7-9:57**
 - a. Sign with "rockfire" **6:11-21**
 - b. Altar of Peace with God and War with Baal **6:23-32**
 - c. Sign of "fleece" **6:33-40**
 - d. a.k.a. "Jerubbaal" (**6:31,32; 7:1**) and 300 horns & torches in pitchers with *Ephraim's* help **7:1-8:3**
 - e. Refused bread by Succoth and Penuel **8:4-17**
 - f. Killed Midianite kings himself **8:5, 18-21**
 - g. Made ephod a false god **8:22-27**
 - h. Many wives and 70 sons and died **8:29-32**

5. Perfection while alive (40 Years) **8:28**
6. **Abimelech's** resentment, Shechem's revolt (3 Years) **8:33-9:57**
7. **Tola** of *Ephraim* judged 23 Years **10:1-2**
8. **Jair** of Gilead judged 22 Years **10:3-5**
- F. Rule of Ammonites (18 Years) **10:6-12:15**
 1. Infection **10:6**
 2. Persecution **10:7-9**
 3. Objection **10:10-18**
 4. Selection - **Jephthah** of Gilead (6 Years) **11:1-12:7**
 - a. Harlot's son, family outcast, "leader of the pack" **11:1-11**
 - b. "Civil war" against Ammon **11:12-40**
 - 1) Give them chance to surrender **11:12-13 Cf Deuteronomy 20:10**
 - 2) Re-read Scripture facts **11:14-23 Cf Numbers 20:14-21; 21:21-32**
 - 3) Show their illogical reasoning **11:24-28**
 - 4) Jephthah's impetuous vow **11:29-40**
 - 5) Used "shibboleth" for a password against Ephraim **12:1-6**
 - 6) Jephthah died **12:7**
 - 7) **Ibzan** of Bethlehem in *Judah* (7 Years) **12:8-10**
 - 8) **Elon** of *Zebulun* (10 Years) **12:11-12**
 - 9) **Abdon** son of Hillel (8 Years) **12:13-15**
- G. Rule of Corruption **17:1-21:25**
 1. Infection in Ephraim spreads to *Dan* **17:6; 18:1, 7 Ephesians 4:17-32**
 - a. Micah molds image, makes a son priest **17:1-5**
 - b. Micah "buys off" a Levite to be his priest **17:7-13**
 - c. *Danites* spy, steal, sanction Micah's idol **18:1-31**
 2. Infection of *Benjamites* in Gibeah **19:1; 21:25**
 - a. Levite "married" concubine who fled to her fathers' house for 4 months **19:1-9**
 - b. Levite travels with her to Gibeah to lodge **19:10-21**
 - c. Perverted men of city demand male traveller for sex and were given his concubine instead who dies from abuse **19:22-28**
 - d. Levite dismembers her, sending 12 pieces throughout Israel, who then gathers at Mizpah **20:1-7**
 - e. One-tenth Israel destroy unrepentant Benjamites **20:8-48**
 - f. Tribe of Benjamin spared for inheritance's sake **21:1-24**
 3. Infection rules **21:25**

Ruth = Companion

[God Is Preserver] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Tears **1:1-22**

- A. Stress - a famine during the Book of Judges **1:1**
- B. Distress - sojourners **1:1-14**
 1. Elimelech and Naomi sojourn from Bethlehem in Judah
 2. Sons, Mahlon and Chilion marry Moabites, Orpah and Ruth
 3. Father & Sons die, Naomi releases daughters-in-law **1:6-14**
- C. Impress **1:15-22**
 1. Ruth loved Naomi's: people, place, and God **1:14-18**
 2. Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem **1:19-22**

II. Toil **1:22-2:23**

- A. Naomi's wealthy in-law, Boaz **2:1**
 1. Asked for opportunity to work, not dole **1:22; 2:2-4**
Treatment of poor widows under Moses **Leviticus 19:9-10; Exodus 22:22; Deut.10:18**
 2. Boaz is impressed by Ruth's: loyalty, faithfulness, work ethic **2:5-18**
- B. Ruth is impressed by Boaz's kindness **2:19-23**

III. Trust **3:1-18**

- A. Naomi is "match-maker" for Ruth and Boaz **3:1-6**
- B. Boaz responds **3:7-17**
- C. Naomi tells Ruth, "Wait and see" **3:18**

IV. Triumph **4:1-22**

- A. Boaz bought Elimelech's "estate" with elders' blessings **4:1-12**
- B. Boaz marries Ruth **4:13-22**
 1. Proper order: marriage, sex, child **4:13**
 2. Ruth offers child for Naomi's pleasure **4:14-16**
 3. Child, Obed, becomes David's grandfather! **4:17-22**
 4. Ruth's goodness places her in Jesus's genealogy **Matthew 1:5-6**

Ruth's Truths

- ✓ This Book connects **Judges** to David (**1 Samuel**). **Ruth 1:1** begins in "famine" (maybe during the period in **Judges 3:30?**) and ends with lineage to David (**Ruth 4:17-22**). The Book begins with famine and deaths but ends with wedding and hope.
- ✓ Boaz shows God's grace for Naomi (a Moabitess and not an Israelite), and in that sense, illustrates what Jesus will do through His Gospel for Gentiles (**Ephesians 2:11-3:7**).
- ✓ **Love Prevails**. Naomi showed Ruth how loving people become who follow the teaching of Jehovah. Naomi loved her husband and sons to death, and showed great consideration for her widowed daughters-in-law (**Ruth 1:5-14**). Ruth showed how loving people can become who adopt the God and lifestyle of those who serve Him (**Ruth 1:15-18**). The rest of the Book shows how richly God blesses those who come to Him with love. Jesus will also teach this (**John 14:19-24**). Loving God places a person into God's love in Jesus Christ. Obedience to God's commands demonstrates love for God (**1 John 5:1-3**).

I Samuel = Heard by God 1:20
Ends 450 years of Judges **Acts 13:20**

[God's Perceptiveness]
Blueprint for Redemption

I. Samuel 1:1-25:1

- A. Fine Personal Training **1:1-2:36**
 - 1. Elkanah and wives Hannah & Peninnah **1:1-2:36**
 - a. "Pre-partum blues" **1:2,4-8**
 - b. Prayed to the LORD, not "a lab" **1:10-19**
 - c. Praised the LORD **1:20-2:11** **Romans 12:1-2**
 - d. Provided for Samuel's progress **2:19-21,11,26**
 - 2. Eli the priest **1:3,9**
 - a. Perverse sons, Hophni & Phinehas **1:3**, as priests **2:12-25**
 - b. Predictable summary **2:27-36**

- B. Final Judge - First "new" prophet **3:1-8:22** **Hebrews 11:32**
 - 1. Prophecy #1, or tuning a prophet's "ear" **3:1-4:1;9:9** **Acts 3:24**
 - 2. Fumbling the ark to the Philistines, Eli dies at 98 **4:2-22**
 - 3. Abuse at Ashdod, ark passed off to Israelites **5:1-6:11**
 - 4. "Bombed" at Beth-Shemesh **6:12-7:2**
 - 5. First judgment starts at Mizpah and ends with Ebenezer **7:3-17**
 - 6. Perverse sons, Joel & Abijah, ruin confidence in judges **8:1-3**
 - 7. People demand a king to judge, and reject God as Judge **8:4-22**

II. King Saul 9:1-15:35

40 years, **Acts 13:21**

- A. "Mr. Israel" **9:1-24**
 - 1. His "rise" from "donkey boy" **9:3** to prophet/king **9:25-10:27**
 - 2. His real victory over Ammonites **11:1-11**
 - 3. His regal day **11:12-25**
 - a. Began with "pardons" **11:12-15**
 - b. Samuel is a "character witness" **12:1-5**
 - c. God's right ways with Israel **12:6-11**
 - d. God retains His "kingship" while Saul is on throne **12:12-25**

- B. "Mr. Self-rising" In Philistine War **13:1-14:46,52**
 - 1. Self-appointed priest in Gilgal **13:1-15**
 - 2. Fear of Philistines aided by "gun control?" **13:16-23**
 - 3. Jonathan, Saul's son, sallies forth **14:1-14**
 - 4. King Saul called for the ark and won **14:15-23**
 - 5. King Saul wrongly commanded fasting in battle **14:24-46**

- C. "Mr. Self-righteousness" or, Victories Go To His Head **14:47-15:35**
 - 1. Unstoppable against: Moab, Ammon, Edom, Zobah, Philistines, and Amalekites **14:47-48,52**
 - 2. Saul the "family man" **14:49-51**
 - 3. Victory over the Amalekites, Saul's defeat **15:1-35**
 - a. "Slash and burn" them all **15:1-5 Cf Exodus 17:8-16; Numbers 24:20-24**
 - b. Rightly spared the Kenites **15:6 Cf Exodus 18:1-27**
 - c. Wrongly spared Agag and the good spoils **15:7-35**

III. King David **16:1-31:13**

- A. Boy Wonder **16:1-20:42**
 - 1. Youngest with the biggest heart **16:1-13** **Acts 13:22**
 - 2. "Mr. Talent" (music conquers Saul) **16:14-23**
 - 3. "Mr. Faith" (shepherd sling conquers Goliath) **17:1-54**
 - a. Philistine giant made Israel cringe **17:1-11**
 - b. David sent from sheep with food to brothers **17:12-23**
 - c. David's fired-up faith **17:24-37**
 - d. Armed with only staff, stones, sling, he won **17:38-51**
 - e. Saul met David and identified with Jonathan **17:52-18:5**
 - f. Saul became angry, suspicious, violent, and afraid **18:6-16**
 - g. David blessed with Michal, Saul's daughter **17:25; 18:17-30**
 - h. Saul seeks David's death, Jonathan spares him **19:1-20:42**
- B. Early Manhood **21:1-31:13**
 - 1. David his men eat priests' showbread **21:1-9** **Matthew 12:1-4**
 - 2. David fakes madness in Gath **21:10-15**
 - 3. David's "army" of 400, parents hid in Moab **22:1-5; 30:22**
 - 4. Saul murders God's priests in Nob **22:6-19**
 - 5. David defeats Philistines in Keilah but takes livestock **23:1-13**
 - 6. David hides from Saul in Ziph wilderness **23:14-29**
 - 7. David spares Saul's life (1st time) in En Gedi **24:1-22**
 - 8. Samuel dies **25:1**
 - 9. David adds Nabal's widow to wives **25:2-42,43-44**
 - 10. David spares Saul's life (2nd time) **26:1-25**
 - 11. David fights WITH the Philistines **27:1-28:2**
 - 12. Saul turns to "spiritualism" for message **28:3-25**
 - 13. Philistines send David to his people **29:1-11**
 - 14. David fights Amalekites takes back 2 wives **30:1-31**
 - 15. Saul's suicide, his armor-bearer and 3 sons killed in Philistine victory **31:1-13 // 1 Chronicles 10:1-14**

2 Samuel = Heard By God

Written by Samuel, Nathan, Gad **1 Chronicles 29:29**

[God Pardons]

Blueprint for Redemption

I. King David's Justice **1:1-4:12**

- A. David Honors Saul In Death **1:1-27**
 - 1. Saul's inglorious death falsely reported **1:1-10**
 - 2. David mourns for Saul and Jonathan **1:11-12**
 - 3. Kills Amalekite messenger **1:13-16 Cf 1 Samuel 31**
 - 4. Composes "Song of the Bow" for children **1:17-27**

- B. David Publicly Anointed King of Judah **2:1-7,10-11 Cf 1 Sam.16:13**

- C. War Between House of Saul and House of David **2:8-3:1**
 - 1. Abner makes Ishbosheth king of Israel **2:8-10**
 - a. from Mahanaim **2:8 Cf Genesis 31:22-23,47; 32:1-2**
 - b. lasted for 2 years **2:10**
 - 2. David rules from Hebron 7 1/2 years **2:4,11; 5:5**
 - a. Abner's 12 die with Joab's 12, Abner lost battle, too **2:12-17**
 - b. Abner kills Joab's brother in pursuit **2:18-23**
 - c. Joab turns Benjamites from further pursuit **2:24-32**
 - d. House of David strengthens, House of Saul weakens **3:1**
 - e. David's sons born in Hebron **3:2-5 // 1 Chronicles 3:1-4**
 - f. Abner backs down Ishbosheth over Saul's concubine **3:6-11**
 - g. David demands Michal, Saul's daughter **3:12-16**
 - (1 She was promised to Goliath-killer **1 Samuel 17:25**
 - (2 She married and loved David **1 Samuel 18:19-28**
 - (3 Saul gave Michal to another man **1 Samuel 18:17-18; 25:44**
 - h. Abner at "Camp David" agree for peace **2 Samuel 3:17-21**
 - i. Joab kills Abner to avenge Asahel's blood **3:22-30**
 - j. David mourns Abner's death **3:31-39**
 - 3. End of Saul's House **4:1-12**
 - a. Ishbosheth killed during afternoon nap **4:1-2, 5-7**
 - b. David avenges his beheading **4:8-12**
 - c. Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth, is crippled by his nurse **4:4**

II. King David's Jubilations **5:1-10:19**

- A. One Nation (Judah and Israel) **5:1- // 1 Chronicles 11:1-3**
 - 1. Conquered "Jebusalem" **5:6-16**
 - a. Jerusalem, City of David, for 33 years **5:5-10**
 - b. Hiram, of Tyre, built David a house of cedar **5:11-12**

- c. David's increased family **5:12-16 // 1 Chronicles 3:5-9**
- 2. Defeats of the Philistines **5:17-25 // 1 Chronicles 14:8-17**
- 3. Ark brought to Jerusalem **6:1-7:29 // 1 Chronicles 13:1-14**
 - a. Without authority for:
 - (1 "carting it around" **6:1-5; Exodus 25:12-15; Numbers 4:1-6,15-20; Deuteronomy 10:8; 31:9**)
 - (2 Uzzah's "touch-ing" death **6:6-7**)
 - (3 David's anger and confusion **6:8-10**)
 - b. God's way cleared by sacrifices **6:11-23**
 - (1 King David offered them **6:11-13**)
 - (2 David danced for joy **6:14-16, 20-23**)
 - (a David rejoiced, Michal despised it **6:14-16**)
 - (b ark placed in tabernacle **6:17-19**)
 - (c Michal cursed with childlessness **6:20-23**)

B. Under God **7:1-29**

- 1. David wants a House for God **7:1-3**
- 2. God tells Nathan He has a reservation **7:4-17** **Luke 1:30-35**
- 3. David humbles himself before God **7:18-29**

C. Indivisible **8:1-10:19**

- 1. Victorious wars **8:1-14 // 1 Chronicles 18:1-13; 1 Kings 11:14-22**
- 2. Successful administration **8:15-18 // 1 Chronicles 18:14-17**
- 3. Tender mercy to Jonathan's cripple son, Mephibosheth **9:1-13**
- 4. Ammonites and Syrians defeated **10:1-19 // 1 Chronicles 19:1-19**

III. King David's Judgments **11:1-24:25**

A. Taking a "Bathsheba" **11:1-12:25**

- 1. Adultery cost loyal Uriah his life at Rabbah **11:1-26**
- 2. Adultery cost innocent baby's life **11:27-12:23**
- 3. Adultery cost David a harmonious home **12:7-12**
- 4. Adultery delayed birth of "beloved" (Solomon) **12:24-25**
- 5. Victory at Rabbah gives David his crown **12:26-31**

B. "O my son, Absalom" **13:1-19:8**

- 1. Absalom's revenge of Tamar **13:1-22**
 - a. Amnon's deceit and rape of Tamar **13:1-22**
 - b. Absalom's treachery and murder of Amnon **13:32-33**
 - c. Absalom flees and David yearns for him **13:34-39**
 - d. Joab tricks David into allowing Absalom to return **14:1-33**
- 2. Absalom rebels against David **15:1-19:8**
 - a. Campaign of sympathy with people against David **15:1-9**

- b. Plan to alert rebels of uprising **15:10-12**
 - c. David fled Jerusalem, without 10 concubines or Ark **15:13-30**
 - d. Ahithophel is identified with the rebel forces **15:31-37**
 - e. Mephibosheth's servant, Ziba, is merciful to David **16:1-4**
 - f. Shimei cursed and stoned David and is spared **16:5-14**
 - g. Ahithophel's deceit rejected, he kills himself **16:15-17:23**
 - h. Barzilla shows kindness to David at Mahanaim **17:24-29**
 - i. Absalom's defeat and death by Joab and 10 men **18:1-18**
 - j. David mourns and forgets kingdom **18:19-19:8**
- C. David's Restoration to The Throne 19:9-24:25**
1. Restatement of kinship **19:9-18**
 2. Mercy to Shimei **19:18-23**
 3. Mercy to Ziba, and Mephibosheth **19:24-30**
 4. Mercy to Barzilla **19:31-39**
 5. Israel follow's Sheba's rebellion **19:40-20:22**
 - a. Israel unfaithful to David **19:40-20:2**
 - b. David never went in to 10 concubines in Jerusalem **20:3**
 - c. Amasa's bloody death with Joab's "kiss" **20:4-13**
 - d. Sheba beheaded by "a wise woman" **20:14-22**
 - e. David's administration re-organized **20:23-26 Cf 8:15-18**
 - f. Famine for 3 years settled by:
 - 1) Gibeonite's revenge for Saul's betrayal **21:1-9**
Cf Josh.9:3-15
 - 2) Rizpah, Saul's step-daughter demands re-burial **21:10-14**
 6. David's "giant-killers" **21:15-22**
 7. David's praise for God **22:1-51**
 8. David's "last words" **23:1-7**
 9. David's valiant veterans **23:8-39**
 10. David's sin in numbering Israel and Judah **24:1-25 // 1 Chronicles 21:1-17**
 - a. Against Joab's advice, with God's anger **24:1-9**
 - b. David chooses God's vengeance **24:10-17**
 - c. David buys altar site for God **24:18-25//1 Chronicles 21:18-30**
 - (1 the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite **24:18-23**
 - 3) David insists on paying for it **24:24**
 - 4) David sacrifices and ends plague in Israel **24:25**

Kings & Chronicles = Limits of Longsuffering

Written by **Samuel, Nathan, Gad** **1 Chronicles 29: 29-30**
Prophets

[God Purifies]

**Blueprint for
Redemption**

I. King David's Demise 1 Kings 1: 1-2: 11

A. Fading Fast 1: 1-4

1. Lost internal heat **1: 1**
2. Lost intensity of sexual desire **1: 2-4**
3. Lost interest in politics **1: 5-53**
 - a. Adonijah **1:5**, David's 4th son **2 Samuel 3: 4 (vs 2-5)**
 - b. Adonijah is unrestrained and ill-advised **1: 6-10**
 - c. **Nathan** urges Bathesheba to report to David **1: 11-21**
 - d. **Nathan** urges David to name his successor **1: 22-27**
 - e. David surges to select Solomon **1: 28-40//1 Chronicles 29: 22b**
 - f. Adonijah hears and fears **1: 41-53**
4. Last instructions to son **2: 1-9**
 - a. Stay faithful to God **2: 1-4** (and prayed **1 Chronicles 29: 10-20**)
 - b. Settle some scores **2: 5-9**
 - (1 Joab cannot die of "old age" **2: 5-6, 28-35**
 - (a Peace-time murder of Abner **2 Samuel 3: 22-39**)
 - (b Peace-time murder of Amasa **2 Samuel 20: 4-13**)
 - (2 Reward sons of Barzilla **2:7//2 Samuel 17: 27-29; 19: 31-39**)
 - (3 Curse to Shimei **2: 8-9, 36-46//2 Samuel 16:5-14; 19:18-23**)
5. David's silhouette **2: 10-11//1 Chronicles 29: 26-30**
Acts 7: 44-47; 13: 22-23; Hebrews 11: 32-34

II. King Solomon's Degeneration 1 Kings 2: 12-11: 43

A. Solomon's Wisdom 2: 12-10: 29

1. Passing Command **2: 12//1 Chronicles 29: 23-25; 2 Chronicles 1: 1**
1. Pest Control **2: 12-46**
 - a. Kill Adonijah, who wouldn't quit **2: 12-25**
 - b. Exile Abiathar, to end Eli's house **2: 26-27//1 Samuel 2: 31-36**
 - c. Kill Joab for peace-time treachery **2: 28-35**
 - d. Let Shimei curse himself **2: 36-46**
2. Perspicacity Controls **3: 1-4: 34**
 - a. Gibeon, the great high place then **3: 1-4//2 Chronicles 1: 7-13**
 - b. God appears and grants wisdom **3: 5-14//2 Chronicles 1: 1-12**
 - c. Jerusalem, the greatest place for God then **3: 15**
 - d. Justice has come to Jerusalem **3: 16-28**
 - e. Government officials & Governors **4: 1-19**
 - f. Wisdom & prosperity **4: 20-34**

3. Praise Controller **5: 1-9: 14**
 - a. Hiram, king of Tyre, cedars for food **5: 1-15a//2 Chronicles 2: 17-18**
 - b. "Stone-age" men **5: 15b-18**
 - c. God's House in Jerusalem, at last, took 7 years **6: 1-38**
 - 1) In Ornan's threshing-floor **2 Chronicles 3: 1-2//2 Samuel 24: 18-25**
 - 2) With focus on details **2 Chronicles 3: 3-7**
 - d. Solomon's house(s) took 13 years **7: 1-12**
 - e. Hiram hired to build **7: 13-14//2 Chronicles 2: 1-18**
 - (1 Two Pillars and capitals **7:15-22//2 Chronicles 3: 15-17**
 - (2 One bronze altar **2 Chronicles 4: 1**
 - (3 One bronze "sea" **7: 23-26, 39b//2 Chronicles 4: 2-5, 6b, 10**
 - (4 Ten bronze carts (bases) **7: 27-37//2 Chronicles 4: 8**
 - (5 Ten bronze lavers **7: 38-39a//2 Chronicles 4: 6a**
 - (6 Complete furnishings **7: 40-51//2 Chronicles 4:7,9-5: 1**
 - (7 Dimensions and decorations **2 Chronicles 3:1-14**
 - f. Ark of the Covenant properly presented **8: 1-13**
 - 1) Not with David's recklessness Cf **2 Samuel 6**
 - 2) With priests and innumerable sacrifices **2 Chronicles 5: 2-6: 2**
 - 3) Fire from God consumed sacrifices **2 Chronicles 7: 1-3**
 - g. Solomon's dedication of God's House **8: 14-21//2 Chronicles 6: 1-11**
 - h. Solomon's prayer of devotion to God **8: 22-53//2 Chronicles 6:12-42**
 - i. Solomon's blessing of God's people **8: 54-61**
 - j. Solomon's worship in God's House **8: 62-66//2 Chronicles 7: 4-10**
 - k. God appears "the second time" **9: 1-9//2 Chronicles 7: 11-22**
 - l. Hiram handed his full payment **9: 10-14//2 Chronicles 8: 1-2**
 4. Practice Controls **9: 15-10: 29**
 - a. Solomon's "dowry" from Pharaoh were slaves **9: 15-21**
 - b. Pharaoh's daughter lived in Millo **9: 24; 11: 27b-40**
 - c. Assorted details **9: 22-28**
 - d. Queen of Sheba drawn to his wisdom **10: 1-13//2 Chronicles 9: 1-12**
 - e. His huge wealth **10:14-29//2 Chronicles 1:15;9:13-20,22-24,27,28**
 - f. Unequaled realm **4: 20-25//2 Chronicles 9: 26**
- B. Solomon's Waste **11: 1-43**
1. Solomon went after 1000 foreign women **11: 1-8 Cf 3: 1-4**
 2. God's limited curse on Solomon **11: 9-43**
 - a. God remembered David **11: 9-13**
 - b. God raised up adversaries **11: 14-40**
 - 1) Hadad the Edomite the Egyptian connection **11: 14-22**
 - 2) Rezon in Damascus of Syria **11: 23-25**
 - 3) Jeroboam, son of Nebat **11: 26-40 Cf 9: 15-16, 24**
 - (a In charge of laborers in the house of Joseph **11: 26-28**
 - (b Prophesied by Ahijah to receive 10 tribes **11: 19-39**

(c Waited in Egypt for Solomon's death **11: 40**)

3. Solomon's silhouette **11: 41-43a//2 Chronicles 9: 29-31**

Acts 7: 47-50; Matthew 12: 42

III. King *Whoever's* Division **1 Kings 12:1-2 Kings 25:30//2 Chronicles 10:1-36:23**

A. "Solomon Said" Sets No Successor **1 Kings 12:1-14:31//2 Chronicles 9:31-10:19**

1. Rehoboam represents the "house of David"

1 Kings 12:1,3-4,19-21//2 Chronicles 10:1-12:16

a. Ten tribes revolt **1 Kings 12:1-19//2 Chronicles 10:1-19**

b. Rehoboam reigns 17 years in Jerusalem (Southern Kingdom)
over Judah & Benjamin **1 Kings 12:21/2 Chronicles 10:17**

c. Forbidden by *Shemiah* to attack Israel (Northern Kingdom)

1 Kings 12:21-24//2 Chronicles 11:1-4

c. Fortified cities **2 Chronicles 11:5-12**

d. Levites and "faithful" Israelites flee south **2 Chronicles 11:13-17**

e. Established himself with family **2 Chronicles 11:18-23**

f. Rehoboam did EVIL **1 Kings 14:22-24//2 Chronicles 12:1,14**

g. Lost treasures of kings house to Shishak, of Egypt, and substituted bronze shields for lost gold shields **1 Kings 14:25-28//2 Chronicles 12:2-12**

h. Constant war with Israel **1 Kings 14:30; 15:6//2 Chronicles 12:15**

i. Rehoboam's silhouette **1 Kings 14:21-24;29-31//2 Chronicles 12:13-16**

2. Jeroboam, son of Nebat, King of Northern tribes

1 Kings 11:26-12:20,25-14:20//2 Chronicles 10:1-19; 13:1-20

a. *Ahijah* prophesied Jeroboam as 10-tribe King **1 Kings 11:29-40**

b. Jeroboam established the pattern for religious apostasy

1 Kings 12:25-33//2 Chronicles 11:15

c. Denounced by "*a man of God out of Judah*" **1 Kings 13:1-32**

1) Josiah prophesied to end apostasy **1 Kgs.13:2 (2 Kings 23:15-20)**

2) Jeroboam's hand dried up and restored **1 Kings 13:1-6**

3) Man of God slain for disobedience **1 Kings 13:7-24**

4) *Old prophet in Bethel* mislead "man of God" **1 Kings 13:25-32**

d. Jeroboam followed EVIL **1 Kings 13:33-34**

(1 Son, Abijah, becomes ill **1 Kings 14:1**)

(2 Sends disguised wife to "blind" *Ahijah* **1 Kings 14:2-4**)

(3) God reveals deaths of son and of Jeroboam **1 Kings 14:5-18**

(4) Jeroboam warred with Rehoboam continually

1 Kings 14:30; 15:6//2 Chronicles 12:15

(5) Jeroboam warred with Rehoboam's son, Abijah

1 Kings 15:7//2 Chronicles 13:2-20

e. Jeroboam's silhouette (22 yrs.) **1 Kings 14:19-20//2 Chronicles 13:20**

B. God's House Divided [All kings EVIL unless designated GOOD]

1. Abijah(or -m) (3 yrs.) **1 Kings 14:31-15:8//2 Chronicles 10:1-14:1**
2. Asa (41 years) GOOD **1 Kings 15:1-9-24//2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14**

Azariah & Obed 2 Chronicles 15:1-10; Hanani 2 Chronicles 15:7

- Nadab (2 yrs.) **1 Kings 15:25-31**
 - Baasha (24 yrs.) **1 Kings 15:33-16:7**
 - Elah (2 yrs.) **1 Kings 16:8-10**
 - Zimri (7 days) **1 Kings 16:10-20**
 - Omri (12 yrs.) **1 Kings 16:16-28/Tibni 1 Kings 16:21-22**
 - Ahab (22 yrs.) **1 Kings 16:29-22:40**
3. Jehosaphat (25 yrs.) GOOD **1 Kings 15:24; 22:2-30//2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1**

Elijah 1 Kings 17:1-2 King .2:11; Micaiah 2 Chronicles 18:6-27;
Jehu the son of Hanani 2 Chronicles 19:1-3;
Jahaziel the son of Zechariah 2 Chronicles 20:14-18

- Ahaziah (2 yrs.) **1 Kings 22:40,51-2 Kings 2:25**

Elisha 2 Kings 2:1-13:21

- Jehoram (18 yrs.) **2 Kings 1:17; 3:1-8:15**
4. Jehoram (8 yrs.) **2 Kings 8:16-24//2 Chronicles 21:1-20**
 5. Ahaziah=Azariah (1 yr.) **2 Kings 8:25-9:29//2 Chronicles 22:1-9**
 - Jehu (28 yrs.) **2 Kings 9:1-10:36**
 6. Athaliah (6 years) **2 Kings 11:1-21//2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21**

Joel 2 Kings 11-12//Joel 1:1

7. Jehoash=Joash (40 yrs.) GOOD **2 Kings 12//2 Chronicles 24:1-27**
- Jehoahaz (17 yrs.) **2 Kings 13:1-9**
- Joash (16 yrs.) **2 Kings 13:10-25**
8. Amaziah (29 yrs.) GOOD **2 Kings 14:1-20//2 Chronicles 25:1-28**

Jonah 2 Kings 13-14

- Jeroboam [II] (41 yrs.) **2 Kings 14:23-29**
9. Uzziah=Azariah (52 yrs.) **2 Kings 14:21-22//2 Chronicles 26:1-23**

Amos Amos 1:1; Isaiah Isaiah 1:1; Hosea Hosea 1:1; Zechariah 2 Chronicles 26:5 (NOT author of "Zechariah")

- Zachariah (6 months) **2 Kings 15:8-12**
 - Shallum (1 month) **2 Kings 15:13-16**
 - Menahem (10 yrs.) **2 Kings 15:17-22**
 - Pekehiah (2 yrs.) **2 Kings 15:23-26**
 - Pekah (20 yrs.) **2 Kings 15:27-31**
10. Jotham (16 yrs.) GOOD **2 Kings 15:32-28//2 Chronicles 27:1-9**

Micah Micah 1:1 Nahum Nahum 1:1

11. Ahaz (16 yrs.) **2 Kings 16:1-20//2 Chronicles 28:1-27; Isaiah 7:1-25**

Obed 2 Chronicles 28:9-11 Isaiah Isaiah 7:1-25

- Hoshea (9 yrs.) **2 Kings 17:1-41**

**[END OF ISRAEL, Beginning of Assyrian Captivity;
Origin of the "Samaritans"]**

12. Hezekiah (29 yrs.) GOOD **2 Kings 18-20//2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33;
Isaiah 36:1-39:8**
13. Manasseh (55 yrs.) **2 Kings 21:1-18//2 Chronicles 33:1-20**
14. Amon (2 yrs.) **2 Kings 21:19-26//2 Chronicles 33:21-25**

Nahum

15. Josiah (31 yrs.) GOOD **2 Kings 22-23:30//2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27**

Zephaniah Zephaniah 1:1 Jeremiah Jeremiah 1:2-3

16. Jehoahaz (3 months) **2 Kings 23:31-34//2 Chronicles 36:1-3**
17. Eliakim=Jehoiakim (11 yrs.) **2 Kings 23:35-24:7//2 Chronicles 36:4-8**

Habbakkuk Habakkuk 1:1 Daniel Daniel 1:1-2

18. Jehoiachin (3 months, 10 days) **2 Kings 24:8-16//2 Chronicles 36:9-10**

Ezekiel Ezekiel 1:2-3

19. Zedekiah (11 yrs.) **2 Kings 24:17-25:21//2 Chronicles 36:11-21**

Obadiah

[END OF JUDAH, Beginning of Babylonian Captivity]

The Decree of Cyrus, King of Persia **2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4**

Ezra = Restoration Movement

[God Is Predominator] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Freeing Edict **Ezra 1:1-2:70**

A. Babylon Succeeded By Medo-Persia In 536 B.C.

B. However No Change In God's Decree

1. Motivation for Cyrus **Ezra 1:-4 (Jeremiah 25:11-12)**
 - a. **2 Chronicles 36:15-23**- Jews' sins punished 70 yrs.
 - b. **Jeremiah 29:10-14 (Daniel 9:1-2)**-70 yrs. in Babylon
 - c. **Jeremiah 30:1-4**-God promises Israel & Judah's return to "the land" (NOT at "end of the world" or for a "millennium!")
 - d. **Jeremiah 50:17-19**-Return after Assyria and Babylon
 - e. **Jeremiah 51:5-11, 24**-Medes punish Babylon
 - f. **Isaiah 44:24-45:13**
 - (1 Prophecy made 150 yrs. before Cyrus' birth!)
 - (2 Pagan king rebuilds "holy city" **Isaiah 44:28; 45:13**)
2. Movement of "Jews" **Ezra 1:5-2:70**
3. People "stirred" **Ezra 1:5-6 Cf Exodus 36:2; Haggai 1:14**
 - a. Cyrus returned sacred vessels of Jews **Ezra 1:7-11**
 - b. Sheshbazzar (Persian) for Zerubbabel (?) **Ezra 1:8,11; 2:2**
 - a. Those who returned "to his own city" (**2:1; 8:1-20**) included:
 - 1) Israelites **Ezra 2:1-35,**
 - 2) Priests **Ezra 2:36-39,**
 - 3) Levites **Ezra 2:40,**
 - 4) Singers **Ezra 2:41,**
 - 5) Gatekeepers **Ezra 2:42,**
 - (6 Nethinim **Ezra 2:43-54 (Cf 8:20; Nehemiah 3:26; Ezekiel 44:6-8),**
 - (7 Sons of Solomon's servants **Ezra 2:55-58**
 - (8 Unsure of Jewish genealogy **Ezra 2:59-63**
thus "non-priests" not able to be purified as priests
 - (9 Total of 42,360 + 7337 servants + 200 singers **Ezra 2:64-65**
 - (10 Livestock and donations tallied **Ezra 2:68-70**

II. Facing Enemies **Ezra 3:1-6:22**

A. Burnt Offering "Burn-out" **Ezra 3:1-6**

1. Burnt Offering Altar **Ezra 3:1-5; Leviticus 6:8-13**
2. United and built according to Moses **Exodus 27:1-8; 38:1-7**
3. Used it though fearing non-Jewish peoples **Ezra 3:3**

- a. Feast of Tabernacles **Ezra 3:4; Leviticus 23:33-36**
 - b. Daily burnt offerings **Ezra 3:4; Exodus 29:38-42; Numbers 28:1-8**
 - c. Regular burnt offerings **Ezra 3:5; Leviticus 1:1-17**
 - d. New Moons **Ezra 3:5; Number 28:11-15; 29:6**
 - e. Set feasts **Ezra 3:5; Exodus 23:14-19; 34:18-24; Leviticus 23:1-44**
- B. Temperamental Temple "Timeouts" **Ezra 3:6-6:23****
- 1. No foundation laid, but materials gathered **Ezra 3:6-7**
 - 2. Overseers arose and foundation laid **Ezra 3:8-11**
 - 3. Shouts for success, Weeping for comparison **Ezra 3:12-13**
 - 4. Enemies offer "help" **Ezra 4:1-24**
 - a. No "extra" hands accepted **Ezra 4:2-3**
 - b. Try to organize a "strike" **Ezra 4:4-5**
 - c. O.K., so "sue us" in Aramaic **Ezra 4:6-24**
 - (1 "I'm telling the king on you" **Ezra 4:6-16**
 - (2 Tell the Jews "King's X" **Ezra 4:17-22**
 - (3 Big Brother reigns **Ezra 4:23-24**
 - 5. They stopped what? **Ezra 5:1-6:13**
 - a. In 520 B. C. God gives Jews a "one-two" prophetic punch: **Haggai and Zechariah Ezra 5:1-2**
 - b. Governor Tattenai asked for their authority **Ezra 5:3-13**
 - (1 Persian King Darius is told **Ezra 5:3-17**
 - (2 Median King Cyrus' Decree found in Ecbatana **Ezra 6:1-5**
 - (3 Tattenai told "hands off" **Ezra 6:6-13**
 - 6. "Through at last" (years later) **Ezra 6:14-22**
 - a. God prospers His work **Ezra 6:14-15**
 - b. Celebrate & dedicate **Ezra 6:16-22**
 - (1 Abundant sacrifices **Ezra 6:17**
 - (2 Priest and Levites organized according to Moses **Ezra 6:18**
Cf Exodus 29; Leviticus 8; Numbers 3; 4; 8;
"swing shifts" by David **1 Chronicles 23-26**
 - c. Passover remembered **Ezra 6:19-21; Exodus 12:1-51;**
Josiah's memorable Passover **2 Chronicles 35:1-19**
 - c. Feast of Unleavened Bread **Ezra 6:22; Leviticus 23:6-8**

III. Finishing Entirely **Ezra 7:1-10:44**

- A. Enter Ezra **Ezra 7:1-8:14**
 - 1. Direct descendant of Aaron **Ezra 7:1-6**
 - 2. Some Israelites took 4 month journey with him **Ezra 7:7-9**
 - 3. His authority came from:
 - a. God's Word **Ezra 7:10**
 - b. King Artaxerxes **Ezra 7:11-28**

4. Jewish genealogy of those with him **Ezra 8:1-14**
 5. Camp Ahava **8:15-31**
 - a. Must have Levites **Ezra 8:15-20**
 - b. Travelling "fast" and sure **Ezra 8:21-23**
 - c. Treasures secured by trusted servants **Ezra 8:24-31**
 - d. "Reinforcements" for God's House **Ezra 8:32-36**
- B. Cleansing The People **Ezra 9:1-10:44**
1. Problem stated: Mixed marriages = mixed seed **Ezra 9:1-2**
 2. Horrified Ezra prays **Ezra 9:3-10:1**
 3. Shechaniah confesses and proposes solution **Ezra 10:2-4**
 4. Ezra calls for "church" in 3 days **Ezra 10:5-13**
 - a. Makes leaders swear to come **Ezra 10:5-9**
 - b. Makes confession and repentance essential **Ezra 10:10-13**
 - c. Makes "personal work" essential **Ezra 10:13-17**
 - d. Makes it so! **Ezra 10:18-44**

**Nehemiah = Jehovah Is Comforted
Covers 12-year period 5:14-18**

**[God Is Punctillious]
Blueprint for Redemption**

I. King's Cupbearer 1:1-2:6

A. News of Jews' Distress 1:1-11

1. Faithful report from Jewish brethren **1:1-3 [Faith]**
2. Faithful response from Nehemiah **1:4-11 [Repentance]**

B. View of Jews' Dereliction 2:1-6 [Conversion]

1. Long face before Artaxerxes Longimanus **2:1-3**
2. Here I am, send me, King **2:4-6**
 - a. Reformed heart **2:4-5**
 - b. Revised plans including time limit to return **2:6**
 - c. Revamp routes **2:7-9**
 - 1) "Building permits" obtained by God **2:7-8**
 - 2) "Police" protection extended **2:9**
 - d. Reality check for "local authorities" were displeased **2:10**

II. God's Builder 2:11-5:13

A. Surveyed The Problem 2:11-3:32

1. Secretly saw for himself **2:11-16**
2. Stated the goal to "let us rise up and build" **2:17-18**
3. Shunned outsiders' "help" **2:19-20**
4. Specifically apportioned assignments **3:1-32**

B. Safeguarded The Progress 4:1-5:13

1. Outside opponents may:
 - a. Ridicule **4:1-6**
 - (1 Mocking their efforts **4:1-3**
 - (2 Making God take notice **4:4-5**
 - (3 Whole-minded work = half finished **4:6**
 - b. Rage **4:7-23**
 - (1 Conspiracy of confusion **4:7-8**
 - (2 "Watch and pray" **4:9-23**
 - (a Growing fear of sudden attacks **4:10-12**
 - (b Working army of the Lord **4:13-22**
 - (c Clothing allowance **4:23**
2. Inside opponents destroy **5:1-13**
 - a. Focusing on "our own" expenses **5:1-5**
 - (1 "My family suffers" **5:2**
 - (2 "I'm financially strapped by debts" **5:3**

- 3) "I'm already paying high government taxes" **5:4-5**
- b. Furious solutions by faith **5:6-13**
 - (1 Quit charging extra to brethren **5:7-10**)
 - (2 Restore their goods plus 1% of surcharge **5:11-12**)
 - (3 Threatened punishment by God for non-compliance **5:13**)

III. Israel's Governor 5:14-13:31

- A. Sacrifices of God's Governor **5:14-19**
- B. Security of Jerusalem Set **6:1-7:3**
 - 1. "Unity Forum" at Ono set by enemies **6:1-9**
 - 2. "Spy" suggests private meeting **6:10-14**
 - 3. Wall finished in 52 days **6:15-16**
 - 4. Sympathizers kin to Tobiah **6:17-19**
 - 5. Nehemiah's faithful brother, Hanani, in charge of gates **7:1-3**
- C. Sinlessness of Jews Ensured **7:4-13:31**
 - 1. Restored Jews must finish their own houses **7:4-73**
 - 2. Restoration of completely reading Moses' Law to all **8:1-12**
 - 3. Resumption of Feast of Tabernacles **8:13-18 Cf Leviticus 23:33-44**
 - 4. Recognition in prayer of God's works for Israel **9:1-38**
 - a. Israelites separated themselves for purity **9:1-2**
 - b. Bible reading for 6 hours, confession for 6 hours **9:2-3**
 - c. Prayer outlines Bible history **9:4-35**
 - d. "Amen" is renewal of covenant **9:36-38**
 - 5. Re-signers of covenant with God **10:1-39**
 - a. Leaders first **10:1-27**
 - b. Rest of the people "follow the leaders" **10:28-31**
 - c. "Temple tax" instituted **10:32-33** **Matthew 17:24-27**
 - d. Distribution of Levitical duties **10:34-39**
 - 6. Reservations for city of Jerusalem **11:1-36**
 - a. Only 10% populace in Jerusalem **11:1-24**
 - b. Other 90% outside **11:25-36**
 - 7. Retention of Levitical purity **12:1-13:31**
 - a. Zerubbabel's Levites and priests listed **12:1-11**
 - b. Priests in Joiakim's time **12:12-21**
 - c. Records of Darius the Persian **12:22-26**
 - d. Levitical and priestly celebration when wall finished **12:27-43**
 - e. Davidic division of Levitical duties restored **12:44-47**
 - f. Ammonites and Moabites rejected from worship **13:1-3**
 - g. Corruption in Nehemiah's absence **13:4-31**
 - (1 Eliashab "stole" Levitical support for Tobiah **13:4-14**)

- (2 People violated the Sabbath with work **13:15-22**
4) Mixed marriages seen by children's language **13:23-31**

Notations in Nehemiah

Nehemiah wanted God to "Remember" him concerning his good efforts

Nehemiah 5:19; 13:14, 22, 21

Hebrews 6:10

Nehemiah attributes all success to God

Nehemiah 2:4,8,18,20; 4:15,20; 6:9,16; 9:36-38

Esther = Star (Heb. Hadassah, 2:7)

Between **Ezra 6-7**, c.a. 484-465 B.C.

[God Is Prevalent]
Blueprint for Redemption

I. Quality Queens 1:1-2:23

- A. Queen Vashti: Vanished By A Feast **1:1-2:1**
 - 1. Ahasuerus had stopped Jewish opposition in Judah **Ezra 4:6-24**
 - 2. Ahasuerus=Xerxes lost to Greeks at Thermopylae and Salamis and returned to Vashti's rejection **1:1-8**
 - 3. Vashti commanded by "merry" old soul **1:8-11**
 - 4. Vashti's refusal had to "outlawed" **1:12-2:1**

- B. Esther: Validated By A Feast **2:2-18**
 - 1. Beauty and the Feast **2:1-4**
 - a. Mordecai the "Jew" (X 7:**2:5; 5:13;6:10;8:7;9:29,31; 10:3**)
 - b. Part of the captivity **2:5-6; 2 Kings 24:8-16; Jeremiah 22:24-30**
 - c. Pitied orphaned "Hadassah"=Esther **2:7**
 - 2. Instant "winner" of king's favor **2:8-17**
 - 3. National Persian "Day For A Queen" **2:18**
 - 4. Mordecai: Vindicated By Fealty **2:19-23**
 - a. Kept Esther quiet about her heritage **2:19**
 - b. Revealed murderous plot against Ahasuerus **2:21-22**
 - c. Written in royal record-book **2:23**

II. Ambition Amuck 3:1-7:10

- A. Horrific Haman **3:1-15**
 - 1. Descendant of King Agag **3:1; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:1-35**
 - 2. Took The Office Personally **3:2-5; Proverbs 30:21-23; John 12:42-43**
 - 3. National Racism **3:6-15**
 - a. Begins with a perceived, personal slight **3:6**
 - b. Misrepresentation to government **3:7-9**
 - c. Government grants authority and money for "cause" **3:10-11**
 - d. Becomes official "law" of the land **3:12-15a**
 - e. Let the citizen beware! **3:15b**

- B. Moral Mordecai **4:1-10:3**
 - 1. No wailing wall needed, just go outside the capitol **4:1-3**
 - 2. Queen of Hearts **4:4-8:17**
 - a. Offered Mordecai glad rags **4:4**
 - b. Offered messenger **4:5-17**
 - (1 Found out reason for grief from Mordecai **4:5-9**)

- (2 Read royal rules for approaching king **4:10-12**)
- (3 Mordecai sent back, "Why not go for it?" **4:13-14**)
- (4 Esther called for Jewish fast for her to act **4:15-17**)
- c. Offered Herself **5:1-8**
 - (1 Paraded herself before king **5:1-2**)
 - (2 Presented herself to "smitten" king **5:3**)
 - (3 Petitioned king to bring Haman to banquet **5:4-8**)
- d. Offered Haman **5:9-8:2**
 - (1 What he thought was a "special invitation" **5:9-13**)
 - (2 A little "gallows" humor to him **5:14**)
 - (3 Reading history book good for sleepless king **6:1-14**
 - (a Mordecai's faithfulness to the king unrewarded **6:1-3**)
 - (b Haman's pride couldn't reward anyone else **6:4-11**)
 - (c Haman pouted; his wife predicted **6:12-14**)
 - (4 Handwriting on the wall - without a hand! **7:1-7**)
 - (5 Threw himself on her mercy or couch? **7:8-8:2**)
- e. Offered Alternative Decree **8:3-17**
 - (1 Begged for her own people **8:3-6**)
 - (2 Gave permission to empower Jews **8:7-17**)
- 3. Pass the Purim, please **9:1-10:3**
 - a. Flight day became fight day for the Jews **9:1-17**
 - b. Feast days 14-15, Adar **9:18-32**
 - c. Favorable days for Mordecai and the Jews **10:1-3**

Thoughts:

1. **God's name (Cf Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-4) is never mentioned in book, except in acrostic hidden forms (YHVH seen in Esther 1:20; 5:4, 13; 7:7).** None of the distinctive Jewish practices are referred to (temple, sacrifices, holy days, priests, etc.). However, though God is not named, His control over worldly affairs is evident.
2. **Written by someone thoroughly knowledgeable with Persian expressions and details:** Haman's wife and sons' names (**5:10; 9:7-14**), Persian law and etiquette (**1:7-8,13-22; 2:2-4,8,14,23; 3:1-2,12-15; 4:2-4, 11, 15-16; 5:1-3; 8:8-10**), over 180 references to the Persian king, 35 Persian proper names correctly spelled, extent of the Persian empire (**1:1**), proper Persian terms for specific Persian objects ("officials" **1:3**; "linen" **1:6**; "law" **1:8**; "decree" **1:20**; "satraps" **3:12**; "copy" **3:14**). [For more, see pp 260-261, *New Century Bible Commentary: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*, by D.J.A. Clines, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1984]

3. **Reversal of fortune is the theme of the book.** Joseph preceded Israel's children into Egypt where he became 2nd only to Pharaoh (**Genesis 41:37-45**) from which "the children of Israel" were later delivered under Moses (**Exodus 12:40; 14:30-31**). In Esther, the captivity of the children of Israel is occurring only to have protection from within the pagan palace through Esther, and then Mordecai the Jew is left by the book "second to King Ahasuerus" (**Esther 10:3**). The plight of the Jews is thus reversed from being exterminated by Haman's hateful prejudice (**Esther 3:1-15**) to being saved by God's loving predisposition to protect His promise to them. This procedure is repeatedly followed throughout Scripture to prove that God uses the weak and small to accomplish what only God could (Cf **Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 8:11-20; 1 Samuel 2:7-8; Luke 1:51-53; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**).
4. **Only Ruth and Esther have Bible books named after them.** Ruth, a Moabitess who showed her faith in God, married into the Jewish faith; Esther, a Jew, married out of the faith but showed her faith in God.
Cf 1 Peter 3:1-6

Job = Treated Cruelly

[God Is Patient] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Job's Tests **1:1-2:13**

James 5:11

A. Job the:

1. Best of Men **1:1,8-10** **Ezekiel 14:14,16,18,20**
2. Blest by God **1:2-5**
3. Blitzed from Satan **1:6-2:10**
 - a. Job's *character* maligned **1:6-8**
 - b. Job's *control* muddled **1:9-22**
 - c. Job's *constitution* miserable **2:1-8**
 - d. Job's *companion* misconstrued **2:9-10**

B. Job the Patient **1:12; 2:2-3, 6-7**

1 Corinthians 10:13

1. Satan, not God, does the wrong **2:3**
2. Survival does not include abandoning God **2:10**
3. Solace may not come from friends **2:11-13; 16:2**

James 1:13-15

C. Job the "Brilliant" **1:21-22; 2:10; 13:15**

Luke 22: 31-34

II. Job's Trials **3:1-43:6**

A. **The Trial of Pain** (The Agony of Distress) **3:1-26**

1. Why were we born? **3:1-10**
2. Why have we lived? **3:11-19**
3. Why does life continue for us? **3:20-26**

B. **The Trial From The Ignorant** (Friends Don't Let Friends Suffer In Silence) **4:1-31:40** Cf **6:14; 12:4; 13:4-5, 12; 19:19**

ROUND #1 (chapter numbers given)

1. **Eliphaz 4-5**-If you are good, then why are you being treated like a sinner?
(You must not be as good as you think or have taught others to be)
 - 1a. **Job 6-7**-If so, then why does God not either finish me off or forgive me of my sins? And what good are friends who undermine me now?
2. **Bildad 8**-If you are upright, how are your blessings cut off like the disobedient and hypocrite, and not multiplied? (Unless you are actually disobedient or hypocritical, why would God stop blessing you?)
 - 2a. **Job 9-10**-No man knows everything about God. All we can do is ask Him "Why does this have to be this way?"

3. **Zophar 11**-You judge yourself as pure, but God would say it otherwise.
 - 3a. **Job 12-14**-Life should teach us that God is in charge, and no matter what happens we should trust Him

ROUND #2

4. **Eliphaz 15**-You don't know God more than we do, and we see that God punishes bad people in life.
 - 4a. **Job 16-17**-If I were in your shoes I could keep heaping on you the fact that God had cursed your existence. To admit that fact does not make the hurting go away.
5. **Bildad 18**-Job, to admit that the suffering is getting to you is an admission that you are suffering like the wicked.
 - 5a. **Job 19**-If that is so, and I suffer because of my errors, then God is cruel to keep me alive in such misery.
6. **Zophar 20**-Only wicked people have bitterness out of blessing.
 - 6a. **Job 21**-Then explain how so many wicked live long and blessed lives?

ROUND #3

7. **Eliphaz 22**-How can you claim to be so close to God when such evils abound in your life?
 - 7a. **Job 23-24**-Though I cannot see God Himself, I can keep myself faithful to Him, and be awed by His works. God knows the works of all evildoers and punishes them.
8. **Bildad 25**-How can any person be important to God?
 - 8a. **Job 26:1-31:40**-Because I am dealing with God who rules earth and life, I will never give up my integrity and righteousness. What hope of help from the Almighty does a hypocrite have? Some of God's wisdom is revealed throughout life all around us, so that even within a wicked life, there are "gems" of blessing from the earth to be learned. To learn the fear of the Lord and to depart from evil is wisdom and understanding. I wish I could be returned to my former dignity of service among men, but now younger ones abhor me because of my age, and death is near. If any of these 14 sins and injustices be true of me I have nothing else to say in my own defense.

C. **The Trial From The Righteous (Elihu's Enlightenment) 32-37**

1. Silence of the lambs **32:1-22**
2. When words *are* enough **33:1-33**
3. What are friends for? **34:1-37**
4. If one has God, he has *everything*! **35:1-37:24**

D. **The Trial From Intelligence** (God's Greatness and man's ignorance)

38:1-43:6

1. **Jehovah 38-40:2**-What man helps God control: land? seas? days? depths? light? soil enrichment? surface water? precipitation? stars? rain? human minds? weak and strong animals? animal procreation? sturdy and reckless animals? odd animals? war horses? fastest and highest birds?
 - 1a. **Job 40:3-5**-I am too awed by God to speak
2. **Jehovah 40:6-41:1**-Who can humble the: proud? behemoth? Leviathan?
 - 2a. **Job 42:1-6**-I have spoken about God out of ignorance, and therefore must repent

III. Job's Triumph 42:7-17

A. Correction To Those Who Falsely Argued *Against* God **42:7-9**

1. Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar must offer burnt offering of 7 bulls and 7 rams, with Job acting as priest and praying for them!
2. "God had accepted Job" **42:9-10**

B. Commendation To Job Who Correctly Argued *For* God **42:10-17**

1. Blessed Times 2
 - a. By his brother, sisters, acquaintances **42:11**
 - b. **1:3** doubled **42:12**
2. Blessed again with: another 7 sons and 3 daughters **1:2; 42:13**
Daughters named: *Jemimah* ("Beautiful"), *Keziah* ("Sweet"),
Keren-Happuch ("Colorful") **42:14**
3. Outlived himself another 140 years into the 4th generation **42:16-17**

Jabs In Job:

Questions Which Cover All "Philosophical" Issues Of Life:

1. *Satan*: "Does Job fear God for nothing?" **1: 9**
2. *Job*: "cursed the day of his *birth*" **3:1** "Why did I not die at birth? *Why* did I *not* perish when I came from the womb? Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?" **3:11-12**
"Why then have You [**God, jtpII**] brought me out of the womb?" **10:18**
3. *Eliphaz*: "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off?" **4:7**
4. *Eliphaz*: "Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?" **4:17**
5. *Job*: "Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?" **7:20**

6. *Bildad*: "Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?" **8:3**
7. *Job*: "But how can a man be righteous before God?" **9:2**
8. *Job*: "Who can say to Him [**God, jtpII**], 'What are You doing?'" **9:12**
9. *Elihu*: "Behold, God is exalted by His [**God, jtpII**] power; Who teaches like Him? Who has assigned Him [**God, jtpII**] His way, Or who has said, 'You have done wrong?' **36:22-23**
10. *Eliphaz*: "What do you know that we do not know? *What* do you understand that *is* not in us?" **15:9**
11. *Eliphaz*: "What is man, that he could be pure?" **15:14**
12. *Bildad*: "How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure *who is* born of a woman?" **25:4**
13. *Zophar*: "Do you *not* know this of old, Since man was placed on earth, That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a moment?" **20:4-5**
14. *Job*: "Can *anyone* teach God knowledge, Since He judges those *who are* on high?" **21:22**
15. *Eliphaz*: *Is* not your wickedness great, And your iniquity without end?" **22:5**
16. *Job*: "But where can wisdom be found? And where *is* the place of understanding?" **28:12**
17. *Elihu*: "Why do you contend with Him [**God, jtpII**]?" **33:13**
18. *Elihu*: "Who gave Him [**God, jtpII**] charge over the earth? Or who appointed *Him over* the whole world?" **34:13**
19. *Elihu*: "When He [**God, jtpII**] gives quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hides *His* face, who then can see Him [**God, jtpII**], Whether *it is* against a nation or a man alone?--That the hypocrite should not reign, Lest the people be ensnared." **34:29-30**
20. *Elihu*: "If you are righteous, what do you give Him [**God, jtpII**]?" Or what does He [**God, jtpII**] receive from your hand?" **35:7**
21. *Job*: "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You [**God, jtpII**]?" **40:4**
22. **God asks:**
 - ☆ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" **38:4**
 - ☆ "Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?" (or, Where does human intelligence originate?) **38:36**
 - ☆ Who gives animals their food, young, lands, cunning, and strength? (or, How do animals have the intelligence to survive?) **38:39-39:30**
 - ☆ "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct *Him*? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." **40:2**
 - ☆ "Would you indeed annul My [**God, jtpII**] judgment? Would you condemn Me [**God, jtpII**] that you may be justified?" **40:8**
 - ☆ "Who has preceded Me [**God, jtpII**], that I should pay *him*? Everything under heaven is Mine [**God, jtpII**]." **41:11**

Psalms = Praises (or, Lyrics from Life) [God Is Personal]
Of 283 direct references to the **Blueprint for Redemption**
Old Testament in the New Testament,
116 are from **Psalms**¹

I. 115 Psalms Have Titles, Except These 35:

**1; 2; 10; 33; 43; 71; 91; 93-97; 99;
104-107; 111-119; 135-137; 146-150**

A. David's Name Is On Some 74 Psalms By:

Matthew 22:43

1. Name :

**a. Listed on the Psalm: 2-9; 11-32; 34-41; 51-65;
68-70; 86; 101; 103; 108-110; 122;
124; 131; 133; 138-145**

b. Named by Holy Spirit:

- 1) Psa. 2:1-2 (Acts 4:25)**
- 2) Psa.16:8-11 (Acts 2:25-31)**
- 3) Psa. 95:7-8 (Hebrews 4:7)**

2. Events in his life:

- a. delivered from the hand of Saul 18;**
- b. 2 Sam.11-12 - sinned with Bathsheba 51;**
- c. 53; 59; 63; 142**
- d. When persecuted by Saul: 7; 11; 16;
17; 22; 31; 34; 35; 52 (1 Samuel 22:9); 54;
56 (1 Samuel 22:11); 57; 58; 109; 113; 140; 141**
- e. When David reigned: 2; 6; 9; 20;
21; 24; 29; 30; 31; 38
39; 40; 41; 68; 101**
- f. When Absalom rebelled: 3; 4; 55; 62;
70; 71; 143; 144**

B. Other Authors and the number each wrote ():

- 1. Moses (1): 90**
- 2. School of Korah (10): 42; 44-49; 84-85; 87-88**
- 3. School of Asaph, cousin of Heman (12): 73-79; 81-83**
 - a. David ordered Asaph to write 96:1-13 & 105:1-15
(1 Chronicles 16:7,37): 73-83**
 - b. 2 Chronicles 29:30**
- 4. Solomon (2): 72; 127**

¹ (W. Graham Scroggie *Handbook*, p.114)

5. Ethan (1) a.k.a. Jeduthun
(**1 Chronicles 15:17; 16:41-42; 25:1**): **89**
6. Heman (1) descendant of Korah **1 Chronicles 6:33-37**: **88**
7. Anonymous (50)

II. Psalms That Tie-In With History:

- A. Before the Babylonian Captivity (before **2 Kings 25 & 2 Chronicles 36**):
18; 30; 45; 72; 74; 76; 78; 79; 82; 83
- B. During the Captivity (through many of the Prophets):
10; 12-14; 15; 25-28; 36-37; 53; 42-44; 49-50; 60; 64; 69; 73; 75; 77; 80; 84; 86; 88; 89-90; 92-93; 95; 109; 120-121; 130-132; 137
- C. Following the return to the Promised Land (from **Ezra-Esther**):
23; 61; 63; 47-48; 59; 65-67; 85-87; 96-100; 102-108; 111-114; 116-118; 122; 124; 125-129; 133-138; 146-150²

III. There Are Five (5) Books In "Psalms"

Each Ends In A Liturgical Doxology ("Amen, Amen" or "Hallelujah")

(Moses' Pentateuch is five books, each with its own special part of Israel's history, so, each "psalter" seems to have its own theme):

1. **Book I: 1-41 - Introduces human life and needs (Genesis?)**
2. **Book II: 42-72 - Redemption/Deliverance (Exodus?)**
3. **Book III: 73-89 - Nearing God His Way (Leviticus?)**
4. **Book IV: 90-106 - Tried & Failed (Numbers?)**
5. **Book V: 107-150 - Second Chance (Deuteronomy?)**

IV. Jesus Preached Himself From Psalms

- A. Before He died
 1. **Matthew 41:42 (Psalm 118:22)**
 2. **Matthew 22:42-45 (Psalm 110:1)**
- B. After His Resurrection, No Psalm Left Unfulfilled By Him
 1. **Luke 24:27** - expounded all concerning Himself
 2. **Luke 24:44-49** - all things fulfilled concerning Him

² adapted from Hugo McCord, Chapter 19: "Living Message of Psalms," 1977 Spiritual Sword Lectureship, Memphis, TN

- C. Christ's Apostles Preached Jesus From **Psalms**:
1. On Pentecost **Acts 2** Peter used **Psalm 16; 110; 132**
 2. **Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7 (Psalm 118:22)**
 3. **Acts 13:33-35** Paul used **Psalm 2; 15**
 4. **John 2:17 (Psalm 69:9)**
 5. **Matthew 13:35 (Psalm 78:2)**

C. Messiah Is Preached:

In Psalm:	As Being:	By:
8:4-5	Human	Hebrews 2:6-8
2:7	Son	Hebrews 1:5; Matthew 3:17
110:1		Matthew 22:42-45
45:6,11	God	Hebrews 1:8
45:7; 89:18-19	Holy	Hebrews 1:9
110:4	Priest	Hebrews 5:6
2:6; 89:18-19	King	Acts 5:31; Revelation 19:16
110:5,6	Victor	Revelation 6:17
61:6,7; 45:17;	Eternal	Hebrews 1:10
72:17; 102:25-27		
22:27; 65:2,5; 66:4;	All Authority	Revelation 19:16; 1 Timothy 6:15
68:29-33; 72:8; 86:9;		Matthew 28:18-20
102:15,22; 103:19; 138:4		
40:6-8	Obedient	Hebrews 5:8-9;10:5-7
69:9	Zealous	John 2:17
69:9	Sufferer	Revelation 15:3
41:9	Betrayed	Luke 22:48
22:	Cross/Death	
1, 19-24		Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; Hebrews 5:7
6-8		Matthew 27:39-44
15.		John 19:28
16.		John 20:25
17.		John 19: 33-36
18		Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24;
		Luke 23:34; John 19:24
31:5	Final Words	Luke 23:46; Matthew 27:50
2:7; 16:8-10	Resurrection	Acts 2:22-31; 13:33-36
68:18	Ascension	Ephesians 4:8
9:8	Judgment	Acts 17:30-31

V. Psalms Divided According To Need:

- ✘ Messianic **2; 16; 22; 24; 40; 45; 68; 69; 72; 97; 110; 118**
- ✘ Praising God's Works in "nature:" **19; 65; 104**
- ✘ Thankful **136**
- ✘ Sorrowful **12; 79**
- ✘ Imprecatory **109** (Man's wrong thoughts rightly recorded
Cf 13:1-2; 58:6,10; Cf Job 42:3,8; Habakkuk 1:2; Jeremiah 4:10; 12:1; 17:18))
- ✘ Penitential **6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143**
- ✘ Hallelujah **103; 106; 111-118; 135; 146-150**
Hallelujah **111-113; 146-150**
Hallels **114-118**
Sung before Passover **113-114**
Sung after Passover **115-118** **Matthew 26:17-30;**
Mark 14:16-26;
Luke 22:7-23
- ✘ Didactic **1; 5; 7; 15; 17; 23; 50; 73; 94; 96; 101**
- ✘ Pilgrim **120-134**
- ✘ Prayer **17; 71; 86; 90; 102; 142**
- ✘ Royal **92-100**
- ✘ Devotional **3; 16; 28; 41; 54; 55; 59; 61; 67; 70; 86; 122; 144**
- ✘ Morning **3-5; 19; 57; 63; 108**
- ✘ Evening **4; 8; 143**
- ✘ Meditation **16; 56; 60**
- ✘ Trouble **4; 5; 11; 28; 41; 55; 59; 64; 109; 120; 140; 143**
- ✘ Historical **78; 105; 106³**

³ adapted from *Scroggie's Bible Handbook*, by W. Graham Scroggie, Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, New Jersey, n.d.

VI. Each Psalm Type Follows A Pattern Of Expression:⁴

A. *Lament Psalms:*

1. Address to God, Invocation
 - a. first person address to God (I, you)
 - b. an initial plea
2. Complaint to God
 - a. description of problem, questions asked of God
 - b.** crisis of any kind; in *penitential psalms* it is sin
3. Claim of innocence
 - a. often includes an initial plea for help
 - b. condemnation of "wicked" or "enemy"
4. Affirmation of Trust
 - a. But as for me" or "Nevertheless"
 - b. turning point of the psalm; theological focus
5. Petition
 - a. plea for God's intervention
 - b. often uses the words "save" or "deliver"
6. Acknowledgment of Response
 - a. assurance of hearing
 - b. vow of praise, worship
7. Doxology: blessings, praise

B. *Thanksgiving or Todah Psalms*

1. Summary of the Testimony of the Psalmist
 - a) recalls plea for help
 - b) recounts God's intervention
2. Narration of the Psalmist's experience
 - a) the original problem
 - b) the cry for help
 - c) God's deliverance
3. Acknowledgement of God's aid in Praise/Thanks

⁴ outlines by Dennis Bratcher, [Patterns for Life: Structure, Genre, and Theology in Psalms](#)

- a) worship, with the word *todah*: praise, sacrifice, blessings
- b) cry of praise

C. Hymnic Psalms

1. Call to Praise
 - a) uses an imperative
 - b) addressed to the community (plural)
2. Reason for Praise
 - a) "because" or "for"
 - b) God described with participial clause, "God, who [activity]"
 - c) God's deliverance
3. Renewed Call to Praise (balances beginning)
 - a) uses an imperative
 - b) addressed to the community (plural)

Psalm Notes:

✓ **Book of Fascinating Facts:**

✘ Middle verse of the whole English Bible is **118:8**:
 "It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man."
Truly this is the theme in the entire Word of God!

✘ **Psalm 117** is the shortest chapter in the Bible;
119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.

Psalm 119 is sectioned according to the Hebrew alphabet of 22 letters.

1. In each section of 8 lines, all lines in Hebrew begin with the same letter of the alphabet for that section! It was so arranged as to be easily memorized and recited. It is the greatest tribute to God's Word in the Bible!

2. There are 10 Hebrew words for Moses' Law appearing in this chapter (translated by 8 English words: testimony, way, word, judgment, precept, commandment, law, statute). On average, no verse is without one of these words in it!

✘ **Psalm 23** is read and remembered by nearly all people, **107:15** is unknown and ignored by nearly all people!

✘ The only Bible quoted by the Devil is **Psalm 91:11-12**, and he misquotes it by omitting half of **verse 11**

Cf Matthew 4:6; Luke 4:10-11

✘ Chapters completely repeated: **Psalm 14/53**

- ✓ *The only chapter number cited by the Holy Spirit is **Psalm 2** in **Acts 13:33**.*
- ✓ *The biggest single Book in the Bible expansively "plucks" every human heart string before God's Will, yet shows the greatest God of all hears and helps! **NO OTHER RELIGION ON EARTH HAS SUCH A GOD! Psalm 18:31**-**"For who is God, except the LORD?" Psalm 20:7**-**"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God."***
- ✓ *If we place each Psalm within the history from which it came, we see the God who cares, the same one in the New Testament Cf **2 Corinthians 1:3-11***

Proverbs = Likenesses In Life's Limits

[God Is Precise]

Of about 915 proverbs:

Blueprint for Redemption

Solomon wrote most (**Proverbs 1:1; 10:1; 25:1**, about 800)

but many are not included in this book (**1 Kings 4:32**)

Hebrew "**mashal**" meaning "to be like," hence New Testament "parable."

1st time word occurs (**Numbers 21:27**), 1st proverb quoted (**1 Samuel 10:12**)

I. The Mystery Of Wisdom (for the young) **1:1-9:18**

A. Wisdom Stands **1:2-7:27**

1. Five ways a "proverb" helps **1:2-6**
2. Goal and means to goal repeated **1:7; 9:10**
3. Listen to your parents, not a "gang" **1:8-19**
4. Listen to Wisdom everywhere **1:20-33**
5. If you listen to wisdom:
 - a. You will be given it by God **2:1-10**
 - b. You will be delivered from:
 - (1 teachers of perverse ideas **2:11-15**)
 - (2 *the immoral woman* **2:16-22**)
6. Holding on to wisdom leads one to:
 - a. Completely trust God **3:1-6**
 - b. Be humble **3:7-8**
 - c. Give God His portion of our earnings first **3:9-10**
 - d. Learn from Lord's dealings with us **3:11-12**
 - e. All the benefits of being wise **3:13-18**
 - f. See God's wisdom in the Creation **3:19-20**
 - g. Be confident throughout life **3:21-26**
 - h. Treat one's neighbor uprightly **3:27-30**
 - i. Not envy the ways of the wicked **3:31-35**
 - j. Listen to a father's instruction, for it will:
 - (1 Make wisdom your principal purpose **4:1-9**)
 - (2 Help you see what your parents learned **4:10-19**)
 - (3 Know how to focus on what's right **4:20-27**)
 - (4 *Keep you faithful to the wife of your youth* **5:1-23**)
7. Hasty misjudgments of youth:
 - a. Agree to help a "friend" you don't know **6:1-5**
 - b. Mistaking leisure for laziness **6:6-11**
 - c. Not knowing a worthless person when you see one **6:12-15**
 - d. Doing what **God Hates** **6:16-19**
 - e. *Thinking adultery is easily forgiven and forgotten* **6:20-35**
 - f. *Offering your body to an immoral woman* **7:1-27**

B. Wisdom Speaks:

1. Publicly **8:1-5**
2. Plainly **8:6-9**
3. Preciously **8:10-11**
4. Prudently **8:12-21**
5. Powerfully **8:22-36**
6. Protectively **9:1-9**
7. Principally **9:10-12**
8. Purely **9:13-18**

II. The Mastery Of Wisdom (for the adult) 10:1-24:34

A. Proverbs for Government:

1. Leaders: **8:15-16; 16:10-13; 20:8,26; 25:2-5; 28:16; 29: 2, 14; 31:1-9**
2. Moralists: **11:14; 14:34; 24:6; 28:2**
3. Better government: **4:23-27; 16:32; 23:1-3**

B. Proverbs for Economists

1. Wealthy: **18:11; 23:45; 28:20,22**
2. Poor: **15:16,17; 17:1; 19:1,22; 22:7; 28:6**
3. Good business: **27:23-27**

C. Proverbs for Individual Improvement:

1. Tongue: **4:24; 10:19, 31; 11:12; 12:17; 14:5, 25; 17:14, 20, 27-28; 18:4, 8; 19:19; 20:5; 22:24-25; 25:18, 23; 26:18-19, 20-26**
2. Eyes: **5:20-21; 6:25-29; 23:26-27**
3. Heart:
 - a. Unjust **18:5; 28:8; 29:27**
 - b. Angry **29:22**
 - c. Proud **29:23**
 - d. Afraid: **29:25**
4. Diagnosis and cure for:
 - a. Laziness: **6:6-11; 12:27; 13:4; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25-26; 24:30-34**
 - b. Bad judgment: **6:1-5; 14:8,15,18; 22:3; 25:6-10**
 - c. Discouragement: **4:14-15; 28:1**
 - d. Drug Addiction: **23:29-35**
 - e. Fornication: **5:15-19; 23:26-28**
5. Home and Hearth:
 - a. Marriage: **15:17; 17:1; 30:18-19**
(1 Husband: **11:29; 15:27; 17:2; 27:8**)

- (2 Wife: **12:4; 14:1; 18:22; 19:13-14; 21:9, 19; 25:25; 27:15-16; 31:10-31**)
- b. Discipline and Children: 13:24; 19:13, 18; 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 28:24; 29:15, 17**
- 6. Business:
 - a. Servants: 29:19, 21**
 - b. Hard work required: 6:9-11; 10:4-5; 12:11, 24, 27; 13:4; 14:4, 23; 16:26; 18:9; 19:15; 20:4, 13; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:13-15; 27:23-27; 28:19**

III. The History Of Wisdom (for the seasoned) 25:1-31:31

A. Solomon's Transcribed by Hezekiah's Men 25:1-29:37

B. Agur's 30:1-33

- 1. There is no wisdom like God's 30:2-6**
 - a. Not about life on earth 30:2-4**
 - b. Not about God's word 30:5-6**
- 2. The best one can seek in life 30:7-9**
- 3. Don't arrogantly misjudge**
 - a. The servant to the "boss" 30:10**
 - b. The former generation 30:11-14**
- 4. "Four!"**
 - a. Unsatisfied things 30:15-16**
OR disrespecters of parents **30:17**
 - b. Wondrous things to contemplate 30:18-19**
OR **how an adulterous woman justifies herself 30:20**
 - c. Unbearable things 30:21-23**
 - d. Small but smart things 30:24-28**
 - e. Smooth striders 30:29-31**
- 5. "Well, shut my mouth!" 30:32-33**

C. King Lemuel's ("Mama Said...") 31:1-31

- 1. Don't waste your strength on women or rebellion 31:2-3**
- 2. Don't use intoxicants but for 2 necessities 31:4-7**
- 3. Don't be silent when some need defending 31:8-9**
- 4. Don't miss finding the right woman 31:10-31**

Proverbial Points:

1. "Word pictures" of life:
 - Depending on the lazy irritates like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes **10:26**
 - Beauty is wasted on woman without good judgment just like a gold ring in a swine's nose **11:22**
 - Some words stab to death, the wise tongue smoothes to health **12:18**
 - Anyone can have clean stalls without oxen, but to produce anything with oxen requires extra effort **14:4**
 - Having good favor with "the king" is like late rains on crops **16:15**
 - Gold jewelry is as pretty as wisdom passed along to an earnest hearer **25:12**
 - The sudden response caused by singing to the sorrowful is like yanking off clothes in the cold or vinegar on soda **25:20**
 - Fire cannot burn without charcoal or wood, contention and strife cease without talebearers or contentious people **26:20-21**
 - Strife is caused by "the forcing of wrath" just as certainly as butter comes from churning milk, and blood from twisting the nose **30:33**

2. "Wisdom," "understanding," "knowledge" are basically equivalent.

3. One who "*fears the Lord*" in **Proverbs** will:
 - 1:7** - begin to know
 - 1:28-32** - call on God and not be answered
 - 2:1-5** - seek wisdom like hidden treasure
 - 3:7-8** - be physically and morally healthy
 - 8:13** - hate evil, pride and arrogance
 - 10:27** - live a longer life
 - 14:2** - walks uprightly
 - 14:26** - is confident
 - 14:27** - has an inexhaustible source of preservation from death
 - 15:16** - is content with little rather than troubled with much
 - 15:33** - learns how to be wise
 - 16:6** - departs from evil
 - 19:23** - lives a contented life
 - 22:4** - obtains the blessings of living
 - 23:17** - does not envy sinners of their life-styles
 - 24:21** - respect government and not rebels
 - 31:30** - may be a woman who is praised for inward beauty

4. In **Proverbs**, a "Fool" will:

1:7,22	despise learning and hate knowledge
14:7; 18:2;	reject knowledge
23:9; 26:4-5	
14:17	is quick-tempered
17:7; 21:24;	is arrogant and think themselves superior
26:12	
17:12; 22:10;	quick to quarrel and invoke hostility
27:3; 30:32-33	
17:16; 19:10;	have no use for money, luxury, honor, proverbs
26:1,8; 26:7,9	
17:21, 25; 19:13	bring grief to its parents
19:2	have zeal without knowledge
19:29; 20:30;	is often punished, even with death
26:3; 27:22	
26:4-5	can spread their foolishness
26:11	repeat its mistakes
26:12	be wise in its own opinion
26:6; 26:10	be useless as messengers or workers

5. "Simple," "scorners, and "fool" are equated **1:22**

6. **Proverbs** quoted in the **New Testament**:

1:28	Matthew 7:21-23
3:7	Romans 12:16
3:11-12	Hebrews 12:5-6; Revelation 3:19
3:34	John 3:19
4:26	Hebrews 12:13
6:24-25	Matthew 5:28
10:12	1 Peter 4:8
10:29	Matthew 7:23
11:28	1 Timothy 6:6-10
11:31	1 Peter 4:18; Matthew 5:5
12:5	Philippians 4:8
12:16; 14:29; 16:32	James 1:19
13:7	Revelation 3:17-18
13:24	Hebrews 12:7
15:16	Hebrews 13:5
15:29	1 Peter 3:12
16:7	1 Peter 3:13
16:26	2 Thessalonians 3:10
18:21	James 3:5-8

21:17	1 Timothy 5:6
21:23	James 3:2
22:8	Galatians 6:7-8
22:9	2 Corinthians 4:7
24:21	1 Peter 2:17
24:23	1 Timothy 5:21; Romans 2:11; John 7:24
24:29	Matthew 5:39-44; Romans 12:17-19
25:6-7	Luke 14:7-11
25:21-22	Romans 12:20
26:11	2 Peter 2:22
27:1	James 4:13-14

I. Searching Garbage For Gems 1:1-10:20

A. *Aimless Living* **1:1-11**

1. No God, no goal **1:1-3**
2. The wheel of life stops for no one **1:4-8**
3. History repeats itself again and again **1:9-11**
4. Know what?
 - a. God gives inquisitiveness **1:12-15**
 - b. Man finds no answer **1:16-18**

B. *Tasteless Life* **2:1-26**

1. Belly laughs **2:1-2**
2. Barroom brawl **2:3**
3. Landscaping lunacy **2:4-6**
4. *Fortune 500* **2:7-8**
5. Famously figured **2:9-10**
6. Blue-sate Special **2:11-23**
 - a. No profit in it **2:11**
 - b. No difference to it **2:12**
 - c. No distinction from a fool **2:13-16**
 - d. No future for it **2:17-23**
7. God gives:
 - a. "Taste buds" for life **2:24-26**
 - b. Time slots for experiences **3:1-8**
 - c. Temporal vistas of the future **3:9-11**
 - d. Transparency to purpose **3:12-13**

C. *Busi-ness Life* **3:14-5:20**

1. God decrees "checkout" is at death's door, so "shop till you drop" **3:14-15**
2. Bad business deals **3:16-4:3**
 - a. mislabeled goods **3:16**
 - b. misinformed "customers" **3:17**
 - c. misunderstood pricing **3:18-4:3**
3. Keen competition **4:4-8**
 - a. Envied by the lazy **4:4-6**
 - b. "Singles" miss the sharing **4:7-12**
 - c. It can get lonely at the top **4:13-16**
4. Better Business' Seven Bureaus **5:1-7**
 - a. Cautiously contract **5:1-3**

- b. Promptly pay **5:4-5**
- c. Speak honestly **5:6-7**
- d. Remember "the people" **5:8-9**
- e. Limit desires **5:10-12**
- f. Be generous to the needy **5:13-17** **Romans 12:3; Galatians 6:3**
- g. Give God the glory **5:18-20** **Luke 12:15; Philippians 4:11**

D. *Use-le\$\$ Life* **6:1-8:15**

- 1. Every silver lining has a cloud **6:1-12** **1 Timothy 6:7-10,17-19**
- 2. Hi Ho Silver -- Away! **7:1-8:15**
 - a. 6 "better" things **7:1-8**
 - b. Haste not to:
 - (1 live in offenses and be angry **7:9**)
 - (2 live in the past **7:10**)
 - (3 live ignorantly and not learn wisdom **7:11-12**)
 - c. The same God who gives can take **7:13-14**
 - d. No one is too good to die or too bad to live **7:15-20**
 - e. Don't listen to everything others say **7:21-22**
 - f. No one is exempt from losing **7:23-8:1**
 - g. Respect government **8:2-9**
 - h. The wicked don't ever "win" **8:10-14**
 - i. Enjoyment of life lasts **8:15**

E. Where is that "pot of gold?" **8:16-10:20**

- 1. Ever learning without the degree **8:16-9:6** **2 Timothy 3:7**
 - a. No one knows all that God does **8:16-17**
 - b. No one knows "love" or "hate" without God **9:1**
 - c. No one escapes death **9:2-6**
 - (1 All will die **9:2-3**)
 - (2 Earthly life ceases with death **9:4-6**)
 - d. Enjoy life to its fullest:
 - 1) doing good before death **9:7-8**
 - 2) marriage **9:9**
 - 3) job **9:10**
 - 4) aging **9:11-12**
 - 5) don't expect to be adequately rewarded **9:13-17**
- 2. Fooling around with fools **9:18-10:20**
 - a. who ruin a good reputation **9:18-10:7**
 - b. who live recklessly **10:8-10**
 - c. who speak dangerously **10:11-15**
 - d. who don't plan ahead **10:16-19**
 - e. who "mouth off" about the powerful **10:20**

II. Sacred Sense For The Otherwise Senseless 11:1-12:14

- A. "What we don't know may hurt us," especially if we... 11:1-8
1. Fail to do good because of potential evil 11:1-4
 2. Fail to notice all God is constantly doing 11:5-6
 3. Fail to consider the "days of darkness" in life 11:7-8
 4. Fail to rid ourselves of sorrow and evil 11:9-10
- B. Pre-paid Funeral or Prepared Finish? 12:1-8
- C. The only "insurance policy" that pays *the dead* 12:9-14
1. Set forth in "many proverbs" and "words of truth" 12:9-10
 2. Driven into scholarly thinking like nails 12:11
 3. More than learned by publishing and studying books 12:12
 4. Only rewards those who have prepared early in life 12:1,13-14

Expounding Ecclesiastes:

- The Writer is wiser than all before him **Cf Ecclesiastes 1:16; 1 Kings 3:12.**
- No mention is made of "Jehovah" or Moses' Law, but by using "God" (**Hebrew, Elohim**) he speaks universally about the need for God in one's life.
- "Vanity" is used 28 times; "under the sun" 29 times to clearly *show this life is not what it is all about.* Contrast this with *Hindu* belief of "transmigration of the soul" or continuing to come back to earthly existence until one gets it right; OR *Materialists'* view that there are "no rules, just right;" OR *Spiritualism's* desire for a messenger or a message "from the other side" to make sense and give meaning to someone's life without God.
- If there is a time for everything (and there is, **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**), there must be times devoted to thanking God for our blessings **Cf Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:12; 5:18; 8:15; 9:7; 12:13-14.** Fools don't thank God **Cf Romans 1:18-25.**
- "These three books may be thus summarized:
In *Job* you have piety without prosperity;
In *Proverbs* you have piety and prosperity;
In *Ecclesiastes* you have prosperity without piety."
---**George Henderson, The Wonderful Word, Page 36,**
B. McCall Barbour, 28 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh 1, Scotland
- This book shows how really poor the worldly rich actually may be
Cf **Revelation 3:17.** (OR, The *real* "Stock Market Crash")

- Figures of speech probably borrowed from the Preacher:
 - The march of mankind = **1:4**
 - The Sun Also Rises* = **1:5**
 - The rivers run into the sea = **1:7**
 - You don't want to know = **2:18**
 - There is a time for everything = **3:1-8**
 - "Everything is beautiful in its own way" = **3:11**
 - History repeats itself = **3:15**
 - He died before his time = **7:17**
 - You're one in a thousand = **7:28**
 - You have the smile of knowledge = **8:1**
 - It's better to be a living dog than a dead lion = **9:4**

Song of Solomon = "Lovers' Leap"
Solomon Authored It

**[God Is Pleasing]
Blueprint for Redemption**

I. The Bride's Looking 1:1-2:7

- A. At the Formality (with awe) **1:1-11**
- B. At the Festivity (with joy) **1:12-2:1**
- C. At the Finalization (with wonder, **Pr.30:18-19**) **2:2-7**

II. The Bride's Longing 2:8-5:1

- A. Longing Imprints **2:8-3:5**
 - 1. She heeds his voice like Spring fever **2:8-14**
 - 2. She honors his vigor for satisfaction **2:15-17**
 - 3. She harbors his vitality to self **3:1-5**
- B. Lasting Impressions **3:6-5:1**
 - 1. Offering his hand, OR "Aisle" Do **3:6-11**
 - 2. Offering his eyes, OR "Who else but you?" **4:1-5:1**

III. The Bride's Lingered 5:2-8:4

- A. When she says "Wait" **5:2-8**
- B. He looks like what? **5:9-6:3**
- C. *"I only have eyes for you"* **6:4-10**
- D. Be his "private dancer" **6:11-13**
- E. The sum total of their parts = One **7:1-8:4**

IV. The Bride's Loving 8:5-14

- A. Devoted to one is better than many **8:5-7**
- B. Developed for one is better than none **8:8-11**
- C. Desired by one is the best **8:12-14**

Joining The Chorus:

- This book is but one of Solomon's 1005 songs **1 Kings 4:32**, but it is "The song of songs" **Ecclesiastes 1:1**, or the most expressive one of all. This is also like Jesus is "king of kings" **1 Timothy 6:15** and Heaven is the "holy of holies" **Hebrews 9:8,12,24-25**, meaning there is none else comparable to them. *Interestingly, notice how many "modern" songs deal with this same subject matter, but sadly, precious few with this Godly reverence.*
- **S of S** details the beauties of sexual intimacy between lovers which should only be shared in a God-sanctioned marriage **Cf Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:1-6; Hebrews 13:4**. *No one should start this process unless it can be honorably completed Cf Song of Solomon 2:7; 3:5; 8:4.*
- **Song of Solomon** plus **1 Corinthians 7:1-9**, make a good "marriage manual." They acknowledge God's understanding of the "male and female" He created.
- Because of his experiences, **1 Kings 11:3**, and God-given wisdom to interpret, **1 Kings 3:12**, marriage partners should be pleased to have this book.
- This book shows how rich a married man's love is, and what "treasure" a woman gives for love. "My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his" **Ecclesiastes 2:16**. Women and men are truly "liberated" by marriage.

Isaiah = Jehovah Is Salvation "The 3-Alarm Prophet"

[God Is Perceptible] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Israelite Defection (Alarm #1-True Prophecy) 1:1-12:6

- A. Israelite Indecency 1:1-12:6
 - 1. Isolation in Idolatry 1:1-6:13
 - 2. Immaculate Immanuel 7:1-9:7
- B. Immanent Infliction 9:8-12:6

II. Immediate Danger (Alarm #2-True Kingdom) 13:1-39:8

- A. Canceling Kingdoms [modern name]
 - 1. Babylon [Iraq] 13:1-14:23
 - 2. Assyria [Iran, Turkey, Syria, Iraq] 14:24-27
 - 3. Philistia [Israel] 14:28-32
 - 4. Moab [Jordan] 15:1-16:14
 - 5. Damascus [Syria] & Ephraim [Jordan] 17:1-14
 - 6. Ethiopia (Cush) 18:1-7
 - 7. Egypt [Egypt] 19:1-25
 - 8. Burdens of:
 - a. Babylon 21:1-10
 - b. Dumah (Edom) 21:11-12
 - c. Arabia 21:13-17
 - d. Valley of Vision (Jerusalem) 22:1-25
 - e. Tyre 23:1-18
- B. Changing Kings 24:1-39:8
 - 1. Hierarchies hauled out 24:1-27:13
 - 2. Helpless hieing off (OR "All flights are cancelled") 28:1-35:10
 - a. Book of Woes to:
 - (1 crown of pride 28:1-29
 - (2 city of David 29:1-14
 - (3 counsel-hiders 29:15-24
 - (4 children of rebellion 30:1-33
 - (5 chariot-chasers 31:1-9
 - (6 condemner of righteous king 32:1-20
 - (7 criminally heartless 33:1-24
 - (8 child-hoods 34:1-17
 - b. Blessed Wish 35:1-10
 - 3. Hezekiah holding on 36:1-39:8 ("2 Kings 18:13-20:19")
 - a. Trouble with Assyria 36:1-22
 - b. Triumph over Assyria 37:1-38
 - c. Sickness and sign of health 38:1-22
 - d. Sin of supplication to Babylon 39:1-8

III. Invariable Deity (Alarm #3-True God) 40:1-66:24

- A. God greater than "gods" (Deity's Defiance) 40:1-48:22**
 - 1. Only One Speaks... **40:1-41:29**
 - a. Confidently of the future **40:1-41:20**
 - b. Clearly of the past and present **41:21-29**
 - (1 Say something **41:22-23**
 - (2 Do something **41:23-25**
 - (3 Plan something **41:26-29**
 - 2. Only One Specifies His People Were Robbed...
 - a. Of sight and hearing **42:14-25**
 - b. Of birth right **43:1-28**
 - c. Of usefulness **44:1-28**
 - 3. Only One Selects Servants **41:1-48:22**
 - a. Shepherd: Cyrus, to return Israel from Babylon **44:26-45:7; 46:11; 48:14-15**
 - b. Blind & deaf servant: Israel gladly returns **41:8-10; 42:18-25; 43:8-13; 44:1-5,21-28; 45:4; 48:20-22**
 - c. Perfect Servant: Jesus Christ fulfills God's plan **42:1-9; 49:1-13; 52:13-53:12**
- B. God greater than "sins" (Deity's Defense) 49:1-57:21**
 - 1. Recognition of Zion's depression **49:1-52:12**
 - 2. Realization of ultimate succession **52:13-55:13**
 - 3. Reasoning of total inclusion **56:1-66:24**
- C. God greater than "times" (Deity's Definitive) 58:1-66:24**
 - 1. The wicked Jews must respond **58:1-59:21**
 - 2. The Gentiles will also be invited **60:1-22**
 - 3. There will be a new spirit, place, name, people, worship **61:1-66:24**

Insights Into Isaiah

- Isaiah prophesied for 40 years (740-700 B.C.) through the reigns of:
Uzziah (a.k.a. Azariah)- **2 Kings 14:21; 2 Chronicles 26:1; Hosea 1:1; Amos 1:1**
Jotham - **2 Kings 15:7; 2 Chronicles 26:23; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1**
Ahaz - **2 Kings 16:1; 2 Chronicles 28:1; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1**
Hezekiah - **2 Kings 18:1-3; 2 Chronicles 29:1-2; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1**
His prophetic contemporaries were: **Hosea, Amos, Micah**
- Preaching future plans to his own times summarizes his work.
His sons are named for his work: **Shear-Jashub** = "a remnant shall return" (**7:3**)
& **Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz** = "the spoil speeds, the prey hastes" (**8:3**).
- Those who deny that God inspired the writing of the Bible claim Isaiah is 2 books (**chapters 1-39, 40-66**) written by uninspired people (*not Isaiah!*) after these prophesied events were history. Jesus, however, quoted from *both* parts in **John 12:37-41** claiming it was written by **Isaiah (53:1; 6:9-10)**. **To deny that Isaiah was God-inspired to write his book is to deny that Jesus was God-inspired to quote and teach from Isaiah's book!**
- Isaiah is clearly a "Messianic" prophet. The unnamed Jesus Christ is described by a not entirely human birth (**7:14; 9:6**), as the child of deity (**9:6-7**), dying a substitutionary death (**52:13-53:12**), and ruling over an eternal kingdom (**2; 11; 65**). **With some 21 quotations from Isaiah in the New Testament, he preached Christ before anyone knew to whom it applied!**

Jeremiah = "Appointed by God

[God Is Persuasive]

"The Weeping Prophet"

Blueprint for Redemption

Covers **2 Kings 23-25; 2 Chronicles 36**. Begins in Josiah's 13th year (about 60 yrs. after Isaiah's death), and covers Jehoiakim and Zedekiah, Gedaliah, Pharaoh Necho with **Nahum, Zephaniah and Habakkuk** contemporaries. After Babylonian captivity, Jeremiah remained in the land with a "remnant" (**2 Kings 24:14**), until they went into Egypt, where he died. **Ezekiel and Daniel** prophesied in Jeremiah's later years.

I. Call of Jeremiah to prophesy Jeremiah 1:1-19

A. The Priestly Prophet of Benjamin **1:1, 4-12**

B. The "Touched" Prophet - The Word of the LORD came

1. First In Josiah's 13th year **1:2**

2. Second, From Jehoiakim till Zedekiah last year and captivity of

Jerusalem **1:3, 13-19** (Jehoiakim's 14th year=Jeremiah's 23rd year **25:1-3**)

II. Cry for Judah Jeremiah 2-33

A. Jilting Jews **2:1-37**

1. Feckless **2:2-3**

2. Reckless **2:4-37**

a. None noticed their lack of authority ("Where *is* the LORD?") **2:4-8**

b. None noticed their "two evils" **2:9-13**

c. None noticed their judgment was their own! **2:14-19**

d. None noticed their lack of cleanliness **2:20-25**

e. None noticed their "gods" were strangely silent **2:26-32**

f. None noticed their "beauty" secrets weren't working **2:33-37**

B. Junk Jewry **3:1-5:9**

1. Judah refused to be ashamed **3:1-5**

2. Judah ignored "sister" Israel's "being grounded" for her sins **3:6-18**

3. Judah rejected God's open door to return **3:19-4:2**

4. Judah deaf to God's damnation from the north **4:3-31**

5. Judah bereft of one good man **5:1-9**

C. Jehovah's Jerks **5:10-17:27**

1. Preaching without Bible "as they like it" **5:10-6:30**

2. Pray no more for such people **7:1-9:26**

Jeremiah 7:11=Matthew 21:12-13

3. Practicing "Gentile" worship **10:1-25**

4. Placing blame for broken covenant and threat against prophet **11:1-23**

5. Jeremiah's questions - God's answer **12:1-13:14**

6. Pronouncing drought on Judah and why **13:15-14:18**

7. Pleas for mercy unheeded **14:19-15:21**

8. Prohibitions for Jeremiah **16:1-17:18**

9. Public proclamations **17:19-27**

D. Jousting with Jews **18:1-23:40**

1. Potter and the clay, plan to attack the prophet **18:1-23**

Romans 9:21

2. Broken flask in Hinnon, Pashur's arrest of Jeremiah **19:1-21:10**

3. God's "oath" against:

a. the house of the king of Judah **21:11-22:10**

b. Josiah's sons:

1) Shallum **22:11-17//2 Kings 23:31-34**

2) Jehoiakim **22:18-30//2 Kings 23:35-24:6**

NO CHANCE OF AN EARTHLY "MILLENNIAL KINGDOM!"

Matthew 1:11-12; Romans 1:3; Acts 2:30-36; Hebrews 8:4

c. False prophets **23:1-40**

E. Judgment From Jerusalem **24:1-33:26**

1. Baskets of figs **24:1-10**

2. Controlled Captivity (only 70 years) Jehoiakim's 4th year **25:1-38**

2. Bad Beginning for Jehoiakim **26:1-24**

a. Jeremiah threatened **26:1-24**

b. Bonds and yokes for Edom, Moab, Ammonites, Tyre, Sidon,
King Zedekiah **27:1-22**

3. Zedekiah's 4th year, Hananiah prophesied and died **28:1-17**

4. Jeremiah's letter to those "carried away" to Babylon **29:1-32**

5. Jeremiah's "book" entries:

a. Promising Israel and Judah's return **30:1-31:14**

b. Future of Ephraim **31:15-22** **Matthew 2:17,18**

c. Future of Judah **31:23-30**

d. New covenant [New Testament] **31:31-34**

"Hebrews 8:8-13"

e. Seed of Israel cast off [by gospel] **31:35-40**

Romans 11:2-5,26-27

6. Jeremiah prophesies during Nebuchadnezzar's seige while in:

a. Prison in Zedekiah's 10th year (18th of Nebuchadnezzar)

Jeremiah buys a field **32:1-44//2 Kings 24:18; 25:1-2**

b. Again, while still in prison **33:1-26**

Luke 1:32

III. Cringe of Jeremiah Jeremiah 34-45

A. Grave statements

1. Describes Zedekiah's "end" to Zedekiah **34:1-22**

2. Rechabites will always be before God, spoken in Jehoiakim's day **35:1-19**

3. Jehoiakim's 4th year: Scripture written, destroyed, re-written **36:1-32**

B. Jeremiah's "Jail"

1. Zedekiah

- a. Refuses Jeremiah's prophecy **37:1-4**
- b. Chaldeans flee, but Egypt advances **37:5-10**
- c. Jeremiah falsely arrested as defector to Chaldeans **37:11-21**
- d. Pashur, *et.al.* place Jeremiah in dungeon, but he is saved by an Ethiopian and returned to prison **38:1-13**
Acts 8:26-40
- e. Jerusalem falls, Zedekiah ruined, Jeremiah freed **39:1-18 // 2 Kings 25:1-21**

2. Out of prison, into Egyptian captivity

- a. Jeremiah stays with Gedaliah till he dies
- b. then is taken to Egypt **40:1-44:30 // 2 Kings 25:22-26**

IV. Call to Gentiles Jeremiah **Jeremiah 45-51**

A. Egypt

1. Prophecy that Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon will conquer Egypt
2. Israel spared **46:1-28**

B. Prophecy against Philistines **47:1-7**

C. Prophecy against Moab **48:1-47**

D. Prophecy Nebuchadnezzar against Ammonites, Edom, Damascus, Nebuchadnezzar against Kedar and kingdoms of Hazor, Elam (beginning Zedekiah's reign) but captives brought back **49:1-39**

E. Downfall and utter destruction of Nebuchadnezzar and Chaldeans **50:1-51:64**

V. Crushing of Jerusalem Reminder **52:1-34 // 2 Kings 24:17-25:30** "Wha-a-a Happened?"

Jolts In Jeremiah

- Verbal inspiration vividly stated: **1:4, 7, 9, 11, 13** (2nd), **14, 15; 2:1,4,5,9; 3:1,6,14; 4:1; 6:9; 7:1; 8:1; 9:3; 10:1**, ETC. **45:1**-“The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the instruction of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying...”
- Known as “The Weeping Prophet” **4:19; 9:1** **Romans 9:1-6**

• **Plastic Points:**

2:11 - "Has a nation changed *its* gods?"

Separation of "church and state" is impossible.

2:17 - "Have you not brought this on yourself?" You get what you ask for.

2:19 - "Your own wickedness will correct you" It could *NOT* get any worse.

2:23 - "How can you say, 'I am not polluted?'" Read my lips, "I did NOT have a religious change by using strange gods."

2:26 - "As the thief is ashamed when he is found out"

Anyone blushes when caught.

2:27 - "For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face."

How to shun even God.

2:32 - "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, *Or* a bride her attire?"

Marriage pictures last forever, but the ceremony may be forgotten.

2:33 - "Why do you beautify your way to seek love?"

Rips off the facial masking.

2:36 - "Why do you gad about so much to change your way?"

Trying to please everyone pleases no one, not even God.

3:2 - "Where have you not lain *with* men?" Sex in the dirt is dirty sex.

3:3 - "You refuse to be ashamed." No blush is in their make-up kits.

3:9 - "So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees."

"Sexual freedom" isn't free, freeing, or freedom.

4:5 - "Assemble yourselves"

We need "to come together" to discuss our moral failures.

9:20 - "Teach your daughters wailing" Women should learn *when* to cry.

12:1 - "Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are those happy who deal so treacherously?" How do the "bad guys" finish first?

12:11 - "No one takes *it* to heart."

The truth and its lessons are not internalized.

17:9 - "The heart *is* deceitful above all" Subjective "truth" is not enough.

18:20 - "Shall evil be repaid for good?"

"Evolution" of truth breaks down instantly.

23:10 - "Their course of life is evil." One can't make good time on a bad road.

32:27 - God asks, "Is there anything too hard for Me?" Don't ever underestimate God.

Lamentations = "Ah, how!"

[God Is Plaintive]

During Jerusalem's Downfall **2 Kings 23-25; 2 Chronicles 36** **Blueprint For Redemption**

- I. **Lament over Jerusalem's Destruction 1:1-22**
- II. **Lament over Judah's Debasement 2:1-22**
- III. **Lament over Jeremiah's Demeaning 3:1-66**
- IV. **Lament over Jerusalem's Degeneracy 4:1-22**
- V. **Lament over Judah's Dishonor 5:1-22**

Digging In The Dirge:

- Jerusalem:
 - Was as lonely as a widow **1:1**
 - "Did not consider her destiny" **1:9**
 - Let "nations enter her sanctuary" whom God forbade **1:10**
 - Had no one to care **1:12**
 - Had abandoned the law and the prophets **2:9**
 - Had eaten her children and murdered priest and prophet **2:20; 4:10**
 - Forgot prosperity for the pain **3:17**
 - Was spared a bit through the LORD's mercies **3:22,31**
 - Showed less nurturing than jackals **4:3**
 - Squandered away their inheritance **5:2**
 - Had to buy water and firewood **5:4**
 - Lost all joy **5:15**
- Too late for tears **1:16; 2:11; 3:49**
- Too late for repentance **3:40**
- There is NO true prophecy without the Lord **3:37**
- This punishment was greater than that of Sodom **4:6**
- There is a "better way to die" than slowly **4:9**
- Drunkenness is associated with nakedness **4:21**

Ezekiel = "God Will Strengthen" [God Is Prevalent]
Israelite Prophet in Babylonian captivity **Blueprint for Redemption**
Contemporary with Jeremiah (in Judah) and Daniel (in Babylon)

I. Prior to Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 1-23

- A. His Prophetic "Call" by Chebar **1:1-3:27**
 - 1. Time and place of God's call **1:1-3** (**5th year of captivity**)
 - 2. Vision of Heaven **1:4-28** **Revelation 1:12-17; 4:1-11**
 - 3. Sent to the stubborn **2:1-3:27**
 - a. Unafraid of their response **2:1-8**
 - b. Unafraid of his message **2:9-3:3**
 - c. Unafraid of speech differences **3:4-15**
 - d. Unafraid of warning Israel **3:16-22**
 - e. Unafraid of persecution **3:23-27**

- B. His Prophetic Parables of Jerusalem **4:1-7:27**
 - 1. Laying down on the job **4:1-17**
 - 2. Hairpieces **5:1-6:14**
 - 3. "The worst of the Gentiles" **7:1-27**
 - 4. Hairlifted to Jerusalem **8:1- 12:28** (**6th year of captivity**)
 - a. God driven out of His sanctuary **8:1-6**
 - b. Icons in the dark (OR stations of idolatry) **8:7-12**
 - c. Women crying for a "He-man" **8:13-14**
 - d. Wrong-way Worship **8:15-18**
 - e. Marking the "bad guys" **9:1-11:23**
 - (1 killing the "good guys" **9:1-11**)
 - (2 overdrive **10:1-22**)
 - (3 God will destroy the most of the "bad guys" **11:1-23**)
 - f. Bundling message for captives **11:24-12:28**

- C. His Prophetic Plainness **13:1-19:14**
 - 1. Against **ALL** heart-felt but not God-sent prophecies **13:1-23**
 - 2. Against **ALL** forms of idolatry **14:1-11**
 - 3. Against **ALL** unfaithful **14:12-23**
 - 4. Jerusalem is fuel for the fire **15:1-8** because
 - a. It was adopted by God out of mercy **16:1-7**
 - b. It was married by God out of grace **16:8-14**
 - c. It was adulterated by giving it all away **16:15-63**
 - (1 Brazen beautiful harlot for: idols, Egyptians, Philistines, Assyrians Chaldeans **16:15-30**)
 - (2 Adulterous wife paying lovers **16:31-43**)
 - (3 Mother-daughter proverb: Older corrupt sister, Samaria,

- younger sister, Sodom, twice as bad **16:44-59**
 - d. It was not a forgotten covenant **16:60-63**
 - 5. Parable of the double eagles **17:1-24**
 - 6. Sin, and its consequences, are entirely individual **18:1-32 Luke 13:1-5**
 - 7. Lamentation for Israel
 - a. A mother lion **19:1-9**
 - b. A mother vine **19:10-14**
- D. His Prophetic Pronouncements
 - 1. Israelite rebels purged in Wilderness **20:1-32**
(7th year of captivity)
 - 2. Israelite rebellious now being purged **20:33-44**
 - 3. Unquenchable Southern forest fire **20:45-49**
 - 4. The Sword of God Against **21:1-22:31**
 - a. Jerusalem **21:1-27**
 - b. Ammonites **21:28-32**
 - c. a city of blood **22:1-16**
 - d. all is dross **22:17-22**
 - e. perverted prophets, priests, princes **22:23-31**
 - 5. Whoring sisters: Oholah and younger Oholibah **23:1-23:49**
 - a. once belonged to God **23:2-4**
 - b. Oholah given to her Assyrian lovers **23:5-10**
 - c. Oholibah went after Assyrians, Chaldeans **23:11-35**
 - d. Both were judged **23:36-49**

II. During Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 24-32

- A. Better Than Satellite Television **24:1-27** (9th year of captivity)
 - 1. The day Jerusalem was besieged by Babylon **24:1-14**
 - 2. The day Ezekiel's wife died **24:15-27**
- B. "Read All About Them" **25:1-32:32**
 - 1. Down with Ammonites **25:1-7** - still gone **25:7**
 - 2. Down with Moab **25:8-11** - still nowhere **25:10**
 - 3. Down with Edom **25:12-14** - still unwanted **25:13**
 - 4. Down with Philistia **25:15-17** - never recovered **25:16**
 - 5. Down with Tyre **26:1-28:24** - still fulfilled **26:13-14**
 - 6. Israel will return when they have changed **28:25-26**
 - 7. Down with Egypt and her allies **29:1-32:32** - today **29:13-16**
 - a. **29:1** (10th year of captivity)
 - b. **29:17** (27th year of captivity)

III. After Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 33-48

A. Watch Out **33:1-34:31**

1. Listen for the "sirens" **33:1-11**
2. Past goodness doesn't spare from present "badness" **33:12-20**
3. Eyewitness news from Jerusalem **33:21-22**
(**12th year of captivity**)
4. Destroyed for
 - a. ruining Abraham's legacy **33:23-29**
 - b. hearing and not doing **33:30-33** **Matthew 13:22**
 - c. shepherds neglecting the flock **34:1-31** **Matthew 9: 36; Mark 6:34**
 - (1 not tending the flock **34:1-10**)
 - (2 God will be the shepherd **34:11-22**)
 - (3 A "David" will shepherd one flock **34:23-31** **John 10:14-16**)

B. Waste No Words About **35:1-39:16**

1. Mount Seir (Edomites) **35:1-15**
2. Prospects for Israel
 - a. future prosperity **36:1-22**
 - b. future people **36:23-32**
 - c. future restoration **36:33-38**
 - (1 valley of dry bones come alive **37:1-14**)
 - (2 two sticks unite **37:15-28** **John 10:16; Ephesians 2:11-22**)
3. Gog's Bog **38:1-39:16**

C. Wanderlust Over There **39:17-48:35**

1. Rejoice for the victory **39:17-20**
2. Return of God's glory **39:21-29**
3. Ruling temple rooms **40:1-43:12**
(**25th year of captivity**-14th after Jerusalem captured)
4. Restoring the altar **43:13-27**
5. Restraint on the Eastgate **44:1-3**
6. Reversion of the priesthood **44:4-31**
7. Restitution of the deeds to the land **45:1-8**
8. Revision of commerce **45:9-17**
9. Reaffirmation of covenant **45:18-46:15**
- 10.Reducing a prince's power **46:16-18**
- 11.Replacing the priest's "kitchen" **46:19-24**
- 12.Reviving fresh waters in the land **47:1-12**
- 13.Reclaiming tribal inheritances **47:13-48:35**

Eliciting Ezekiel:

- Specific times are given 14 times, more than any other prophetic book: **1:1-2; 8:1; 20:1; 24:1; 26:1; 29:1, 17; 30:20; 31:1; 32:1, 17; 33:21; 40:1**
- Ezekiel was captured during Jehoiachin's reign (**2 Kings 24:6-12**). He was also a priest (**Ezekiel 1:3**); who was married (**Ezekiel 24:18**); lived in his own house (**8:1**) and he prophesied 22 years (**1:1-2; 29:17**).
- Ezekiel begins with God's glory (Heb. "Shekinah") present (**chapters 1:28; 3:23**), which is slowly taken away from the temple, then Jerusalem, then the Mount of Olives (**8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18,19; 11:22-23**), but is promised to return again (**chapters 40-48**). Parallel this with Jesus Christ ("God with us," **Matthew 1:23**) entering Jerusalem, and after his rejection and crucifixion, leaving from the Mount of Olives (**Luke 19:28-24:53; Acts 1**)
- Ezekiel's symbolism is later utilized by John in the **Book of Revelation**:
 - Ezekiel 1:4-28=Revelation 4:6-8;**
 - Ezekiel 2:9-3:3=Revelation 5:1-4;**
 - Ezekiel 10:1-7=Revelation 8:1-5;**
 - Ezekiel 23:22-24=Revelation 17:1-6;**
 - Ezekiel 38:2-39:16=Revelation 20:7-9;**
 - Ezekiel 39:17-20=Revelation 19:17-19;**
 - Ezekiel 40:3=Revelation 11:1;**
 - Ezekiel 43:4-5=Revelation 15:5-8.**
- Ezekiel's wife died the same day Jerusalem was besieged, but without his mourning her to signify that Jerusalem was being punished "without mercy" because of her sins (**Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 7:16; Hebrews 10:28**)
- Proverbs in **Ezekiel**:
 - "Like mother, like daughter" (**16:44**), in attitude toward home and family; loathing husband and children (**16:45**)
 - "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?" (**18:2**), that the next generation would "pick up the tab;" which was no longer to be true (**18:3**)
- God punished Israel/Judah for profaning His name among the Gentiles, like they had done when delivered out of Egypt (**Ezekiel 20:9,14,22**), and they could correct it by hallowing Him before Gentiles (**Ezekiel 20:40-44**).
- God's reasoning about His judgment in **Ezekiel 18:25**:

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?" **Cf also Ezekiel 33:17-20**

Daniel = "God Is Judge"

[God Is Prescient] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Daniel Judges Present Kings **Chapters 1:1-6:28**

A. Nebuchadnezzar's Conversion In Four Steps **1:1-4:**

1. God provides purity **1:1-21**
 - a. Pictures of perfection (**exceptional Jewish people**) **1:1-7**
 - b. Pillars of purity (**Jewish exceptions**) **1:8-19**
 - c. Proven praiseworthy **1:20-21**
[**Step #1** - obedience to God **purifies**]
2. God provides wisdom **2:1-49**
 - a. Proof of true *diviners* (Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream) **2:1-13**
 - (1 Ask *diviners* to tell the dream, then interpret **2:1-12**)
 - (2 As usual, false *diviners* jeopardize God's truth **2:13**)
 - b. Proof of *truth* **2:14-45**
 - 1) God, not man, is the only source for truth **2:14-30**
 - 2) Governments obey God (**exceptional Jewish God**) **2:30-45**
 - (a Image in the dream **2:30-36**)
 - (b Image's Application (from Babylon to Rome) **2:37-45**)
 - c. Proof of God's providence **2:46-49**
[**Step #2** - obedience to God **patterns**]
3. God provides protection **3:1-30**
 - a. Misconception: whole statue of gold, not just head **3:1-7**
 - b. Misapplication: Jews should worship *idol* **3:8-15**
 - c. Misunderstanding: fiery furnace burns faith **3:16-25**
 - d. Misperception corrected: only 1 is *Most High* **3:26-30**
[**Step #3** - obedience to God **protects**]
4. God provides power **4:1-37**
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar's personal testimony **4:1-33**
 - (1 Confidence in the *Most High God* **4:1-9**)
 - (2 Dream #2 - flourishing tree cut down, restored after 7 years **4:10-17**)
 - 3) Interpretation - Nebuchadnezzar will be deposed for 7 years, and reinstated as king to *prove who's Boss* **4:18-27**
 - 4) It happened 1 year later **4:28-33**
[**Step #4** - obedience to God **powers**]
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar's personal belief **4:34-37**

B. Belshazzar's Diversion in One Dreadful Night **5:1-31**

1. Reign **5:1-4**
 - a. Mentioned in **7:1; 8:1; 5:1, 30**

- b. Co-regent with his father Nabonidus, son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar was actually Nebuchadnezzar's grandson **Cf Jeremiah 27:7** (*father* here is **Hebrew, ancestor**)
- c. Misusing God's sacred vessels for "spirits" **5:1-4**
- 2. Pain **5:5-31**
 - a. The frenzied unhinged by "the spirit's" hand **5:5-9**
 - b. The ignorant informed of the Spirit's man **5:10-12**
 - c. The high-minded humbled by the Spirit's plan **5:13-29**
 - d. The hopeless hit by the Spirit's "can" **5:30-31**
- C. Darius's in A Restless Night **6:1-28**
 - 1. Satraps' enviously tried to make good guys finish last **6:1-9**
 - 2. Daniel adamantly showed that God comes first **6:10-16**
 - 3. Darius struggles with his confidence in the living God **6:16b-23**
 - 4. Lions' den violently that good will prevail **6:24-28**

II. Daniel Judges Future Kings **Chapters 7:1-12:13**

- A. Daniel's 1st Vision In Bed About Four Beasts **7:1-28**
 - 1. Inscribe a dream **7:1**
 - 2. Initiating 4 great beasts from the Great Sea **7:2-14**
 - a. First like a lion **7:2-4**
 - b. Second like a bear **7:5**
 - c. Third like a leopard **7:6**
 - d. Fourth ten-horned and terrible **7:7-14**
 - (1 Different from other 3 beasts **7:7**)
 - (2 One horn supplanted 3 horns **7:8**)
 - (3 "Ancient of days" seated on fiery throne **7:9-10**)
 - (5) "Ancient of days" destroyed and removed beasts **7:11-13**
 - (6) One like the Son of Man was given everlasting dominion by the "Ancient of Days" **7:14**
 - 3. Interpretation **7:15-28**
 - a. Beasts are kings **7:15-17**
 - b. Saints of the Most High receive eternal kingdom **7:18**
 - c. Fourth beast prevails in war against the saints **7:19-21**
 - d. Until Most High lets saints possess eternal kingdom **7:22-27**
 - 3. Impact on Daniel **7:28**
- B. Daniel's 2nd Vision In Capitol About A Ram, Goat and Horn **8:1-27**
 - 1. Prophet's pattern after the 1st vision **8:1**
 - 2. Prophet's place in Shushan, the citadel **8:2**
 - a. Unstoppable ram with uneven horns pushed west, north, & south **8:2-4**
 - b. Male goat from west broke ram horns and grew strong **8:5-8**

- c. Goat horn replaced by 4, one of which produced little horn which grew toward the south, east, and Glory Land 2300 days "then the sanctuary shall be cleansed" **8:9-14**
 - 3. The prophet's prophet **8:15-25**
 - a. Called in Gabriel to make Daniel understand **8:15-16**
 - b. Vision refers "to the time of the end" **8:17-19**
 - (1 NOT "the end of time"
 - (2 BUT to the end of Israelite/Jewish kingdom
 - (3 The New Testament expression is "the last days."
 - c. Ram horns are "the kings of Media and Persia" **8:20**
 - d. Male goat is "the kingdom of Greece" **8:21**
 - e. 4 replacement horns=kingdoms from Greece not its power **8:22**
 - f. 1 king arise from them against the holy people and Prince of princes, but broken without hand **8:23-25**
 - 4. Prophet's problem **8:26-27**
 - a. Time capsule **8:26**
 - b. Troubled for now **8:27**
- C. Daniel's Prayer Replied To **9:1-27**
- 1. Proper Request **9:1-19**
 - a. Learn now **9:1**
 - b. Learn from Scripture **9:2-19**
 - 1) That He is accurate **9:2 (Jeremiah 25:10-14; 29:10; 30:1-4)**
 - 2) That He is patient to those who serve Him **9:3-15**
 - c. Learn to apply for greater service to God **9:16-19**
 - 2. Present Response **9:20-23**
 - a. Gabriel sent during evening worship **9:20-21**
 - b. Deliberation begins **9:22-23**
 - 3. Prophecy Revealed **9:24-27**
 - a. 70 weeks for Israelites and Jerusalem are set to: **9:24**
 - (1 finish the transgression [be done with idolatry]
 - 2) make an end of sins **Acts 17:30; 14:16; Romans 3:25**
 - 3) make reconciliation for iniquity **Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4**
 - 4) bring in everlasting righteousness **1 John 3:7**
 - 5) seal up vision & prophecy **Luke 24:44-48; Acts 3:18-26**
 - 6) anoint the Most Holy** **Mark 16:19; Acts 2:22-36; Hebrews 1:3-5**
 - b. Applied to time as follows:
 - (1 **9:25** - 7 weeks=49 years to rebuild Jerusalem **Nehemiah 2:1-6**
 - (2 **9:25,26** - 62 weeks=434 years till Messiah came
 - (3 **9:26** - 1 week=7 years for Messiah to finish
 - (a Messiah cut off mid-week (3 ½ years) and ends sacrifices and offerings according to Moses

Luke 3:23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Colossians 2:11-17

(b Gentiles then accepted by same Gospel **Acts 10;11;15**
(4 **9:27** - TOTAL= 70 weeks=490 years afterwards the
abomination of desolation=destruction of Jerusalem
Matthew 24:15-16; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20-22

D. Daniel's Sorrowful Vision **10:1-21**

1. During 21-day mourning **10:1-3**

2. Saw a vision his companions did not **10:4-9**

Cf Acts 9:7; 22:9; 26:13,14

3. Daniel touched 3 times:

a. to help him know the latter days of the Israelites **10:10-14**

b. to speak by way of reply **10:15-17**

c. to strengthen him in the Scripture of Truth **10:18-21**

E. Daniel's Sealed Prophecy **11:1-12:13**

1. Three more Persian kings, the last will fight Greece **11:1-2**

2. The Grecian kingdom will be divided up **11:3-4**

3. Southern king joins Northern king **11:5-9**

4. Sons of kings strive; Southern king opposes Northern **11:10-45**

5. Michael shall stand up for sons of Daniel's people **12:1-3**

6. Prophecy sealed until time for fulfillment **12:4**

7. Daniel saw 2 men, one above the river, and asked "When?" **12:5-6**

8. After "time, times and half" **12:7-9**

9. Many purified and wise will understand **12:10**

a. 1290 days after abomination set up **12:11**

b. 1335 days of waiting **12:12**

10. Daniel will receive inheritance "at the end of the days" **12:13**

Decisions From Daniel:

- Daniel was among those carried away in either the 1st or 2nd conquest of Nebuchadnezzar over Jerusalem (**2 Kings 24:1-16**).
- God providently placed His people in high places among the ungodly to “be there” to help His people in their need:
Joseph in Egypt (**Genesis 41:40-41; 45:7-8; 47:1-12; 50:19-21; Acts 7:9-15**),
Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 1 & 2**),
Esther (**Esther 2:15-18; 4:13-5:3; 8:1-17**), and
Daniel (**Daniel 1:1-7,17-21; 2:24-30, 46-49**).
- Daniel’s good influence in “high places” was known back in the vanquished land of Israel (**Ezekiel 14:14,20; 28:3**).
- The chapters are not numbered chronologically. That would put them in this sequence: **1-4, 7-8, 5-6, 11, 10, 12, 10, 9**.
- **Chapters 2:4-7:28** are written in *Aramaic*, and **1:10-2:3; 8-12** are written in *Hebrew* (See a similar occurrence in **Ezra 4:8-6:18**). *Aramaic* was the common language of the reigning world-empire and is used by Daniel to picture the worldly governments. *Hebrew* (Abraham was a *Hebrew*, **Genesis 14:13; Cf Philipians 4:3**) was the official language God used through His servants the prophets to impose His explanation for world events until the kingdom of Christ would include both Jews and Gentiles. By the *Aramaic*, also, specifics are included that prove only someone well-versed in the language and governmental occurrences of that particular era could have written it. **It is positive proof that Daniel lived when it is claimed (Daniel 1-4)**.
- Because the book of **Revelation** deals with God ending Gentiles with His eternal kingdom, the same as **Daniel**, then many similarities of language, style, imagery, and meaning can be noticed between the two books. **Daniel** shows the survival of God’s people (the Jews/Israelites) until Jesus establishes His kingdom for Jews (and Gentiles) in the days of the Roman empire (which was established on Pentecost in the 1st century, **Acts 1-2**) and ends with the bringing in of the Gentiles by the same gospel preached to the Jews (**Acts 2-11,15**).
- Daniel’s Contemporaries: **Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Habakkuk**

Hosea = "Salvation"

[God Is Precise] Blueprint For Redemption]

I. Hurting For A Harlot 1:1-3:5

A. Strange Decree 1:1-11

1. A morally common wife, of the times 1:1-2
2. **Gomer** = "Complete ruin" 1:3
3. Son, **Jezreel** = "God scatters" 1:4-5 (2 Kings 9:1-10:11)
4. Daughter, **Lo-Ruhamah** = "No Mercy" 1:6-7
5. Son, **Lo-Ammi** = "Not mine" 1:8-9

Romans 9:22-26

B. Strange Dominion 1:10-3:5

1. Hope for the future 1:10-11 John 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:9-10
2. Help for their families 2:1
3. Harlot chases "lovers" 2:2-5
4. Harlot considers returning home 2:6-7
5. Harlot loses sacrificial blessings 2:8-13 Colossians 2:13-17
6. Harlot offered another chance 2:14-3:5

II. Hating Harlotry 4:1-14:9

A. Charges To Produce Guilt 4:1-19

1. No truth, mercy or knowledge of God 4:1-10
2. Slaves to false worship and perverse living 4:11-19

B. Charging Toward Grief 5:1-15

1. Unaware of their weakness 5:1-7
2. Urging their usual wrong solutions 5:8-15
3. Assuming God will hurry to their assistance 6:1-11

C. Charge Toward Genocide 7:1-8:14

1. Corruption even to the top, is "half-baked" 7:1-10
2. The "heartless" flee from God 7:11-16 Cf Genesis 3:7-10
3. Failure of hearing God in the matter of:
law, kings, alliances, altars 8:1-14

D. Charged To Give Up 9:1-10:15

1. Dried up harvests 9:1-9
2. Dried up children 9:10-17
3. Dried up kings 10:1-8 Luke 23:30; Revelation 6:15-17
4. Dried up mercy 10:9-15 Galatians 6:7-8

E. Charger Of God's Love 11:1-13:16

1. Spurned at their start 11:1-4 Matthew 2:13-15
2. Steadfastly rejected in their existence 11:5-11
3. Spreading their deceitfulness 11:12-12:14
 - a. Ephraim surrounds Judah who walks with God 11:12-12:1
 - b. Judah reverts to its origin 12:2-6

(**Genesis 25:19-26; 28:10-22; 35:1-15; 32:22-32**)

- c. Ephraim reduced to "tents" again **12:7-14**
- 4. Savage retaliation by God **13:1-8**
- 5. Surprising promise of God **13:9-16**
- F. Saving Repentance In 4 Steps 14:1-9**
 - 1. Admit responsibility for their own sins **14:1-3**
 - 2. Accept "free" love from God **14:4-7**
 - 3. Accede to God's way **14:8**
 - 4. Announce the lesson to all **14:9**

Hosea's Hotlines

- **Hosea, Hoshea (2 Kings 17:1-4), Joshua (Numbers 13:16), Jesus (Matthew 1:21)** all mean "salvation."
- **Hosea** is the only writing prophet to preach to Israel during the 41-year reign of **Jeroboam** [identified by commentators with a "II"] (**2 Kings 14:16-18:1**). Hosea's time was within the reigns of these kings of Judah: **Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Hosea 1:1; 2 Kings 14:16-20:21)**, and his contemporaries were: **Joel, Jonah, Amos, Isaiah, Micah**.
- The tribal name, **Ephraim (Hosea 4:17)**, and the capital city name, **Samaria (Hosea 7:1)**, can represent the whole **Northern Kingdom of Israel**; and the tribal name, **Jacob (Hosea 12:2)**, and the capital city name, **Jerusalem**, can represent the whole **Southern Kingdom of Judah**.
- *Israel had two sins (Hosea 10:10) -- immorality (Hosea 4:1-3) and ignorance of God's law (Hosea 4:6)*
- Common knowledge:
 - 1. Bloodshed touching bloodshed **4:2**
 - 2. The land will mourn **4:3**
 - 3. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" **4:6**
 - 4. More people -- more sin **4:7**
 - 5. Daughters are harlots, brides adulteresses **4:13**
 - 6. Stubborn like a stubborn calf **4:16**
 - 7. Half-baked **7:8**
 - 8. No heart, like a silly dove **7:1**
 - 9. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind **8:7**
 - 10. "Israel has forgotten his Maker" **8:14**
 - 11. "My people are bent on backsliding from Me" **11:7**

Joel = Jehovah Is God
2 Kings 11-14

[God Is Precise]
Blueprint For Redemption

I. God speaks Through Joel 1:1-2:17

A. The Day Of The LORD With Locusts Against The Land **1:1-2:2a**

1. The LORD's Word to the LORD's Prophet **1:1**
2. A "once-in-a-lifetime" experience **1:2-3**
3. Blessings of the land consumed by locusts **1:4-14**
 - a. All 4 stages of locust consume **1:4**
 - b. A nation destroys God's land with locust-like completeness creates an out-cry to God **1:5-14** **Revelation 8:13-9:12**
 - (1 Drinkers have no fermented OR unfermented wine **1:5-7**
 - (2 Priests have no drink offerings to give **1:8-10**
 - (3 Farmers and vinedressers have no produce **1:11-12**
 - (4 Priests have no grain offerings to give **1:13**
 - (5 SOMEBODY NEEDS TO "GO TO CHURCH!" **1:14**
4. God is behind this destruction **1:15-20**
5. Blow the trumpet for the LORD's day of gloom and doom **2:1-2a**
God commanded trumpet use in **Numbers 10:1-10**.

B. The destroyers described **2:2b-11**

1. Unlike any in history-past or near-future **2:2b-11**
 - a. Great, strong **2:2b**
 - b. "Scorched earth" policy **2:3**
 - c. Fast and furious **2:4-5**
 - d. Preceded by fear **2:6**
 - e. Formidable, unstoppable phalanx **2:7-9**
2. God's Word shakes the world **2:10-11**

Imagery used to describe Jerusalem's destruction in the
1st Century A D. **Cf Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:25;**
Luke 22:25-28; Revelation 6:12-14

C. The Desired Response **2:12-17**

1. Turn toward God with torn hearts **2:12-13a**
2. Trust God to turn toward torn-hearted men **2:13b-14**
As He is described in **Exodus 34:6-7**
3. Throng in "a sacred assembly" **2:15-17**
 - a. Trumpet, fast, sacred assembly **2:15**
 - b. Congregation includes: elders, children, nursing babes, bridegroom and bride **2:16**
 - c. Priestly weeping to plead for God to spare them **2:17**

II. **God Speaks Himself 2:18-3:21**

- A. Of His Geographic Restoration to the Land **2:18-27**
 - 1. Reprieving the people from the "north" **2:18-20**
 - 2. Resumption of production **2:21-27**
- B. Of His Gospel Revelation in the Land **2:28-32** **quoted in "Acts 2:16-21"**
 - 1. Fulfilled on Pentecost in Jerusalem **Acts 2:1-21**
 - 2. Ripple effects by:
 - a. Only one recorded direct "outpouring" in Scripture since Pentecost **Acts 10:43-48; 11:15-18**
 - b. laying on of Apostles' hands after baptism:
 - 1) Not done to all the baptized **Acts 2:37-43**
 - 2) Miracles bestowed only through Apostles' laying on of hands **Acts 8:12-19**
 - 3) Paul's reception of Apostleship not recorded, but evidenced **Acts 19:1-7**
 - c. No miraculous bestowal since! **I Corinthians 14:37**
- C. Of His Gracious Redemption From the Land **3:1-21**
 - 1. This is a spiritual return through the Gospel **3:1**
 - a. **Joel** predicts outpouring of the Holy Spirit **2:28-32//Acts 2:16-21**
 - b. **Amos** predicts restoration of David's tabernacle **9:11-12//Acts 15:13-19**
 - c. **Isaiah** predicts a second recovery of Israel's remnant **11:10-11//Romans 15:8-13**
 - 2. This states the wrongs of sinners **3:2-17**
 - a. "All nations"= everyone else will be punished in kind for what they would do to Israel/Judah **3:2-8**
 - b. "The nations" = non-Christians will be punished for opposing and punishing God's spiritual people, Israel **3:9-17**
Revelation 17:1-19:21; 21:1-27
 - 3. This shows the blessedness of Christians **3:18-21**
 - a. New blessed "land" **3:18**
 - b. Egypt & Edom will need Gospel salvation **3:19**
 - c. New Judah & Jerusalem **Galatians 4:21-5:4; 6:14-16**

Judgments Of Joel:

- Joel was the name of some 14 different men in the Old Testament.
- The prophet, **Joel**, was probably the first of the writing prophets in the divided kingdom, who probably prophesied to Judah and not Israel. His contemporaries were: **Hosea, Jonah, Amos**.
- "The Day of the LORD" is for whatever use God designates a day:
 - of destruction (Joel 1:15; 2:1-2,11,31; 3:14,18;**
 - Cf Isaiah 2:12; 13:6,9; Jeremiah 46:10; Ezekiel 13:5; 30:2-9;**
 - Amos 4:18, 20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7-2:7; Malachi 4:4-6);**
 - of Jesus' resurrection (Revelation 1:10);**
 - of Jesus' world-wide Judgment (I Corinthians 1:5; 5:5;**
 - Philippians 1:6,10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10-12).**
- Locusts were God's predicted punishment for His people **Deuteronomy 28:38-39; I Kings 8:37**. However, the earthquake, sun, moon and stars do not accompany "regular" locust plagues, and can well-describe the "shake-up" of government.

Amos = "Burden-Bearer"

[God Is Plain] Blueprint For Redemption

I. LORD'S Burdens On Other Nations 1:1-2:5

- A. Damascus 1:3-5
- B. Gaza 1:6-8
- C. Tyre 1:9-10
- D. Edom 1:11-12
- E. Ammon 1:13-15
- F. Moab 2:1-3
- G. Judah 2:4-5

II. LORD'S Burdens On Israel 2:6-6:14

- A. **Stated Charges** (Israel had...) 2:6-16
 - 1. Perverted People 2:6-8
 - a. Put a price on the good and pitiful 2:6-7a
 - b. Shameless sexual relations 2:7b
 - c. Worship God and violating poor 2:8a
 - d. Fellowship defilers in God's house 2:8b
 - 2. Past Protections 2:9-12
 - a. Amorite destroyed 2:9
 - b. Egypt and wilderness 2:10
 - 3. Present Profanities 2:11-12
 - 4. Prevailing Pride 2:13-16
- B. **Supported Proof** 3:1-10
 - 1. Sanctified 3:1-2
 - 2. Separated 3:3-10
 - a. Warning definition 3:3
 - b. Warning descriptions 3:4-6
 - c. Warning dread 3:7-8
 - d. Warning destruction 3:9-10
- C. **Supplied Evidence** 3:11-4:5
 - 1. For Materialism 3:11-15
 - 2. For Maternal-ism 4:1-3
 - 3. For Meaningless-ness 4:4-5
- D. **Stubbornness Shown** 4:6-5:27
 - 1. God's pressure points 4:6-11

- a. famine **4:6**
- b. drought **4:7-8**
- c. crop devastations **4:9**
- d. human death **4:10**
- e. fiery destruction **4:11**
- 2. God's power **4:12-13**
 - a. Judge introduced **4:12**
 - b. "He who..." **4:13a**
 - (1 forms mountains
 - (2 creates wind
 - (3 declares man's thoughts
 - (4 makes dark days
 - (5 treads earth's heights
 - c. "The LORD God of hosts *is* His name" **4:13b**

E. Sorrow for Israel's... 5:1-27

- 1. Implosion **5:1-3**
- 2. Impasse **5:4-27**
 - a. Accept **no** substitute saviors **5:4-9**
 - (1 Only One condemns others **5:4-5**
 - (2 Only One controls history **5:6-7**
 - (3 Only One created heaven and earth **5:8-9**
 - b. Accept **all** scolding of sins **5:10-27**
 - (1 No "politically correct" view is preached **5:10-15**
 - (2 No "socially acceptable" day of the LORD **5:16-20**
 - (3 No "commonly popular" worship is accepted **5:21-27**

F. Seepage of Spirituality 6:1-14

- 1. **Woe to those who ease up in trusting God 6:1-2**
- 2. **Woe to those who prepare not for doom's day 6:3-14**
 - a. Let the violent take over **6:3b**
 - b. Emphasize fancy beds for sleep **6:4a**
 - c. Serve best of flocks for themselves **6:4b**
 - d. Use music to sooth their aching consciences **6:5**
 - e. Guzzle wine **6:6a**
 - f. Sweet aromas for their own bodies, not for God **6:6b**
 - g. Ignored poverty among their own brethren **6:6c**
 - f. "Therefore" they would be the first captives **6:7**
- 3. WHO they were dealing with **6:8-14**
 - a. The Lord God Who needs no one to establish His Word **6:8**
Cf Genesis 22:16-17; Hebrews 6:16-17
 - b. The God Who may not relent in punishment **6:9-11**
 - c. The God Who makes men powerless **6:12-14**

- (1 as horses or oxen on rocks **6:12a**)
- (2 so they exchanged justice and right for pride **6:12b-13**)
- (3 Israel would not withstand God's punishment **6:14**)

III. LORD'S Burdens On Future **7:1-9:15**

A. Showing Simple Illustrations **7:1-9:10**

1. **Locusts 7:1-3**
2. **Fire 7:4-6**
3. **Plumb line 7:7-9**
4. *Complaint about such preaching 7:10-17*
 - a. *Preaching got specific 7:9b*
 - b. *Paid priest complained to king as if "all" were behind him 7:10-11*
 - c. *Paid priest tells Amos to go home to Judah to preach 7:12-13*
 - d. *Amos replies that:*
 - (1 *God sent him from rude circumstances 7:14*)
 - (2 *God commissioned him to go to Israel 7:15*)
 - (3 *Israel should have listened 7:16*)
 - (4 *God's Condemnation Stands Whether Israel Repents Or Doesn't! 7:17*)
5. **Summer fruit 8:1-14**
 - a. Shows ripeness for consumption **8:1-4**
 - b. Shows rottenness for self-consumption **8:5-6**
 - c. Shows rout for conclusion **8:7**
 - d. Shows route for confidence **8:9-10**
Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44
 - e. Shows rummaging for consequence **8:11-14**
6. **Altar 9:1-10**
 - a. Destruction of altar and worshippers **9:1-4**
 - b. Dominator of world and its history **9:5-7**
 - c. Dissector of Israel and their people **9:8-10**

B. Surprising Illumination **9:11-15**

1. Renovation in the distance **9:11-12** **quoted in "Acts 15:13-21"**
Cf Luke 1:67-69; Acts 3:18,21,24-27
2. Return of Israel to land in the near future **9:13-15**

[There Is NO New Testament repeat of this promise, for it was fulfilled in Ezra-Esther and lasted until Jesus arose from the dead. Cf Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 12:18-29]

Amos' Onus:

- ⑧ "The earthquake" (**1:1; Zechariah 14:5-7**) not easily identified in history, but certainly well-known to prophet's audience. (Not unlike Americans referring to the "Mount Saint Helen's explosion" or "the Mississippi River Flooding" or "the Reelfoot Lake earthquake" as a dating event!)
- ⑧ Not a prophet by inheritance or salaried profession, but by Divine call (**1:1; 7:14-15**).
- ⑧ Though addressed to the Northern Kingdom (Israel), not once is the expression used, "the God of Israel."
- ⑧ **Amos** may be the first written prophet to speak (if not, then Obadiah?), thus parallels may exist with the first prophet of the New Testament (John the Baptist): Tekoa (possibly the "wilderness of Judea," **Mark 1:4-5**), herdsman (John also roughly clothed, **Mark 1:6**), came from Judaea but preached to the North also (Jerusalem, Judea, "and all the region around the Jordan," **Matthew 3:5-6**).
- ⑧ **Amos** signifies his sermonic divisions by beginning each with "hear this word" and ends each with a conclusion following "therefore," hence:
 1. **3:1-11** - Breaking fellowship with God;
 2. **4:1-12** - Becoming insensitive to God's way;
 3. **5:1-11,13,16** - Belittling petitions from God;
 4. The final sermon beginning with 3 "woes" (**5:18; 6:1,3**) and concluding with "therefore" (**6:7**)
- ⑧ The apostle John gives 3 "woes" to show the awful destruction of Jerusalem that occurred in A.D. 70 Cf **Revelation 8:12-13**
 - Woe #1 (Revelation 9:1-12)** = False security as if they were exempt from the "day of the LORD"
 - Woe #2 (Revelation 9:13-11:14)** = False trust in aliens and their gods
 - Woe #3 (Revelation 11:15-19)** = False worship as if their overriding conveniences would be acceptable to God!

Obadiah = Devoted to Jehovah

[God Is Penetrating] Blueprint For Redemption

I. Edom's Exclusion **Obadiah 1-16**

A. For Arrogance **vs 1-9**

1. Vision against Edom from God **v. 1**
2. Vista about Edom shrunk **vs 2-7**
 - a. Become small **v. 2**
 - b. Brought low **v. 3-7**
 - (1 by dwelling place **v. 3-4**)
 - (2 by criminals **v. 5**)
 - (3 by allies **v. 6-7**)
3. Viciousness among Edom **vs 8-9**
 - a. Wisdom and understanding destroyed **v. 8**
 - b. Mighty men dismayed **v. 9a**
 - c. Everyone slaughtered **v. 9b**

B. For Abhorrence toward Israel **vs10-15**

1. Violent intentions **v. 10**
2. Distancing measured **v. 11**
3. Participation observed **vs 12-14**
 - a. Gloated **v. 12a**
 - b. Rejoiced **v. 12b**
 - c. Bragged **v. 12c**
 - d. Shared **v. 13a**
 - (1 Gloated **v. 13b**)
 - (2 Stolen **v. 13c**)
 - e. Sealed off **v. 14a**
 - f. Dispensed **v. 14b**
4. Other prophets who mention their attitude toward Jacob:
 - a. **Joel 3:19**
 - b. **Amos 1:11**
 - c. **Isaiah 34:5-17**
 - d. Jeremiah in **Lamentations 4:21-22**
 - e. **Ezekiel 25:12; 35:5**

C. For Autocracy toward God **vs 15-16**

1. Judgment is without mercy to the merciless **v. 15**
(Don't "Play God")

Matthew 6:14-15; 7:1-5;
James 2:13

2. Irrevocable Irreverence **v. 16 Cf Joel 3:17**
(Don't "Play With God")

II. Israel's Inclusion Obadiah 17-21

A. Divergent Denouement **vs 17-18**

1. House of Jacob badly burned **vs 17-18a** **Luke 1:33**
2. House of Esau burned up v. 18b

B. Done Deal **vs 19-20**

Numbers 24:15-24; Matthew 2:1-12

C. Deliverers Decided **v. 21**

Obadiah's Obsessions:

⇒ Esau dwelt in Edom (**Genesis 36:8**). Edom means "Red" (**Genesis 25:30**). The struggle between him and Jacob (or "Israel," **Genesis 35:10**) began in the womb and continued throughout the Old Testament in their descendants, the Edomites and the Israelites (**Genesis 25:19-28**)!

⇒ Esau becomes the "evil twin" whose historical characteristics are:

1. "Pride" -

- (a) The nations (Israel and Edom) first clashed when Israel was refused permission to pass through on their way to the Promised Land (**Numbers 20:14-17**), causing discouragement among the Israelites (**Numbers 21:4-20**).
- (b) Israel was forbidden to covet Edom's land (**Deuteronomy 2:5**) nor to abhor Edomites for they were brothers (**Deuteronomy 23:7**).
- (c) Saul took Edom's land (**1 Samuel 14:47-48**) and David the Edomites (**2 Samuel 8:14**), thus fulfilling Balaam's prophecy (**Numbers 24:17-18**).
- (d) An enemy of Solomon was an Edomite (**I Kings 11:14**).
- (e) Later, Edom rebelled from Judah and anointed their own king (**2 Kings 8:20**).
- (f) They captured Judah when it was vulnerable to attack (**2 Chronicles 28:17**) and had gloated over Jerusalem's other defeats (**Lamentations 4:21-22; Psalm 137:7**).
- (g) Edomites were known as **Idumeans** (**Greek** for "**Edom**") when Nabataeans pushed them from Petra and they settled south of Judah, about

300 B.C. From them came the Herods, whose antagonism against the “king of the Jews” began immediately (**Matthew 2:1-23**) and continued throughout the **Book of Acts**. **And,**

2. “Profanity”-

(a) He didn’t take seriously his birthright as firstborn and sold it to Jacob for bread and lentils (**Genesis 25:29-34**) only to discover his horrible mistake too late to correct (**Genesis 27:1-45**) for forever to be known as a “profane person” (**Hebrews 12:14-17**).

(b) His wives were fleshly efforts to bring him personal glory (**Genesis 26:34-35; 28:8-9**).

(c) There is only one reference to Edom’s gods and that to condemn them (**2 Chronicles 25:14-15, 20**).

3. In these, Esau (Edom) represents the “dark side” of every human that causes constant conflict in right-doing.

(Cf **1 John 2:15-17; 3:24-4:6; Romans 7:5-25**)

⇒ If Obadiah is the first of these writing prophets, then the phrase “the day of the LORD” is first used in **Obadiah 15**.

⇒ **Obadiah** is the shortest Old Testament book with 21 verses.

⇒ The author is one of many “Obadiahs” in the Old Testament and thus cannot be identified with certainty. Internal evidences appear to fit the date of 845 B.C. during the reign of Jehoram (**2 Chronicles 21:1-20**).

Cf **Jeremiah 49:7-22; Psalm 137:7**

Jonah = "Dove"

[God Is Peaceful] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Sent **Jonah 1:1-16**

A. Spiritual Procedure **1:1-2**

1. Great message **1:1**
2. Get up, Go & Goal **1:2**

B. Skedaddle Plan **1:3-16**

1. Opposite direction--to Tarshish **1:3**
2. Stormy weather slows sinful flight **1:4**
3. Scared sailors sought source **1:5-16**
 - a. Each had his god and expected Jonah to, also **1:5**
 - b. Captain didn't want any god left out **1:6** **Cf Mark 4:35-41**
 - c. Casting lots to decide fate **1:7**
 - d. Why was Jonah singled out? **1:8-10**
 - e. Desperate question - decisive reply **1:11-12**
 - f. Desperate attempt to avoid any death **1:13**
 - g. "Converted" to God **1:14-16**

II. Bent **Jonah 1:17-2:10**

A. No "Fish Tale" Here **1:17**

1. "Great fish" or Jesus' word "sea creature" preclude any fish NOT able to do the job! **Matthew 12:38-42; Luke 11:29-32**
2. Nothing says God prepared this fish *at this moment*, but it may have been something from the Creation **Genesis 1:20-23**
Hebrew "had prepared" means "*appointed, determined.*"

B. Deep Prayer **2:1-9**

1. No "Chicken of the Sea" was Jonah **2:1**
2. Prayer from the "gullet" **2:2-9**
 - a. He knew which "god" would answer **2:2; Psalm 18:5-6; 120:1**
 - b. He knew which "god" caused the stormy solution **2:3; Psalm 18:4; 42:7**
 - c. He knew to what depths he had gone away from God **2:4-6a; Psalm 31:22; Lamentations 3:54; Psalm 18:4; 116:3; 20:1**
 - d. He knew the LORD God only could save him **2:6b-9; Psalm 30:3; 143; 3; 18:6; 31:6; 50:14; 116:17 (Leviticus 7:12-13; 22:29); 3:8**
3. Any unknown spot of dry land was satisfactory to Jonah **2:10**

III. Went **Jonah 3:1-10**

A. This was God's "final answer" **3:1-4**

1. Only the messenger was changed from **1:1-2**
2. Ninevah was same size challenge as before **1:3**

3. Jonah's message was only 5 Hebrew words long **1:4**

Cf Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 16:15-16

B. This was Ninevah's instant reply **3:5-10**

1. "Grassroots repentance" can influence a king **3:5-8**

2. The king simply reflected the people's concern **3:9**

3. God did NOT "change" when He "relented" -- He simply chose to follow the alternative He Himself established when they repented! This is NOT a flaw in God's omnipotence, but perfection in His grace and mercy! **Cf Luke 6:27-36**

IV. Spent Jonah 4:1-11

A. Disgusted At Success??? **4:1-4**

1. Jonah didn't handle this gracefully **4:1**

Cf Luke 15:25-32; John 8:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

2. Jonah fled because he didn't believe God would destroy Ninevah

4:2 ("Exodus 34:6-7")

3. Jonah would rather die than see Assyrians saved **4:3**

4. God's question cuts to the core of Jonah's attitude **4:4**

B. What A "Gourdhead" **4:5-11**

1. Jonah's shelter of sectarian "wait and see" was disgraceful **4:5**

2. God's "gourd" (Hebrew unknown for sure) **4:6-11**

a. God's grace produced gratitude **4:6**

b. God's "worm" ruined Jonah's comfort **4:7-8**

c. God's question "wormed" out the prophet's response **4:9-10**

d. God's parallel with Ninevah left Jonah with nothing else to say, hence the book ends **4:11; Cf Luke 15:31-32**

Fishing In Jonah:

- **Jonah** was the Israelite prophet for the time who was sent to Gentiles, proving that though the Law of Moses was for Israel, the door was always open for Gentiles to become "proselytes" by obeying God's inspired word (**Exodus 12:48-49; Numbers 15:13-16,29; Acts 2:6-12**, esp. **v. 10**).
- Jesus likened His resurrection from the dead after 3 days to Jonah's experience (**Matthew 12: 38-42; Luke 11:29-32**). If **Jonah** is a "fish tale" then Jesus' bodily resurrection is, also! But if Jesus was raised from the grave (as by all evidence He undoubtedly was), then one must necessarily believe the entire **book of Jonah**. If not, why not?
- Lived during the reign of the northern kingdom of Israel's king, **Jeroboam** [II] (**2 Kings 14:23-29**) and was contemporary with **Hosea** (**1:1**) and **Amos** (**1:1**). All that is stated about his background is found in **2 Kings 14:25**.

His hometown of Gath Hopher is shown as 4 miles NE of what was later known as Nazareth.

- **Ninevah** was the capital of Assyria, having been begun by Cush (**Genesis 10:6-14**, esp. **v. 6**). The Assyrian kingdom was to become one of the most vicious pagan empires, noted because of excessive cruelty and torture. From Jonah's day, Ninevah could have been different!
- **Hebrew "Sheol"** refers to "unseen realm" and is parallel to **Greek "Hades"** in the New Testament (**Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:22-28**, esp. **v.27**). It is the place of departed spirits (**Isaiah 14:9**), underground (**Amos 9:2**), exposed to God (**Proverbs 15:11**), but where one may be closed off from God or the living (**Psalms 88:3-5, 13-18; 6:5**), thus, certainly a place for the wicked (**Psalms 9:17**).
- **Many seem to have the religion of the sailors:**
 - (1) One god is as good as another god, **1:5**;
 - (2) Only pray to god when trouble arises, **1:5**;
 - (3) Make sure to have "community" worship/prayer times, **1:5-6**;
 - (4) Work hard to avoid doing what God says do, **1:12-13**.
- **Some Christians have the religion of fleeing Jonah:**
 - (1) Run from God by whatever means available, **1:3**;
 - (2) Be at the mercy of "luck" rather than God, **1:4-7**;
 - (3) Sleep well while admitting failure to do God's duty, **1:6,8-10**;
 - (4) Have to be stirred by "the world" to remember God, **1:6**;
 - (5) Have second thoughts about serving God in the smelliest of circumstances, **1:17-2:10**;
 - (6) And don't believe God will actually damn anyone **4:2**!
- No one can "run away from" God, it's been tried and always fails.
Cf Genesis 3:8-13; Psalm 139:7-18; Hebrews 4:12-13
- **Following "Tuesday's Twin Tower Terrorism" on September 11, 2001, the "groundswell" of repentance within the USA has virtually been non-existent! Ninevah was spared their judgment and by their example will judge impenitent mankind on Judgment Day, but will the USA learn its lesson? Cf Luke 11:29-32; 13:1-5. NO NATION OR EMPIRE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND LASTED FOR LONG OR PROSPERED THAT SHUT JEHOVAH GOD OUT OF THEIR SOCIETY!!!**

Micah = Who Is Like Jehovah?

[God Is Popular] Blueprint for Redemption

I. People Must Hear Micah 1:2-2:13

A. Capitals will fall 1:2-16

1. Samaria (capital of Israel) to be destroyed 1:2-7
 - a. God moves from His temple to witness against them 1:2-5
 - b. Samaria will go down [reduced to rubble, like Twin Towers in New York, 9/11/01] 1:6-7
2. Jerusalem (capital of Judah) to be destroyed 1:8-16
 - a. This is the longest stretch of "puns" in Hebrew Bible
 - b. Gath (Tell-town) tell not, Beth Aphrah (Dust-town) sorrow not, Shaphir (Beautiful-town) dress not, Zaanan (March-town) left not, Beth Ezel (Neighborly-town) stand not, Maroth (Bitter-town) sought good, Lachish (Horse-town) ran not freely, Achzib (Falsehood-Town) becomes true, Mareshah (Heredity-town) inheritance of another, Adullam (Wild beast refuge, a.k.a."Zoo-town") will be captured.

B. Central failings 2:1-11

1. "WOE" [meaning people should "Whoa"] for the sins of:
 - a. Plan evil before getting up each morning 2:1
 - b. Squeeze personal property from families 2:2
[maybe lawsuits, property and inheritance taxes?]
 - c. God will take their illicit gains from their grasp 2:3-5
2. God has been refused as:
 - a. Their source of prophecy 2:6-7
 - b. Their source of blessing 2:8-11

C. Consideration for future 2:12-13

II. Leaders Must Hear Micah 3:1-5:15

A. Hopeless present 3:1-12

1. Justice is blind, deaf, and dumb 3:1-4
 - a. Standard is reversed 3:1-3
 - b. Perverse standard applied to perverse 3:4 **Galatians 6:7**
2. Tabloid Prophets 3:5-12
 - a. Misguided will be misled 3:5-7 **Matthew 15:12-14**
 - b. God's Spirit speaks only truth 3:8-12
 - (1) Preaching for pay is not the same as paying the preacher!
 - (2) Preaching the truth regardless of the pay is priceless.

B. Hopeful future **4:1-5:15**

1. Kingdom to come **4:1-3//Isaiah 2:2-4** **John 19:36-37**
2. Only God served by His people **4:4-5** **Hebrews 8:11**
3. God will accept even the "lame" **4:6-8**
4. Immediately with "no king" they're taken captive **4:9-5:2**
5. Distant future king **5:2-5a** **Matthew 2:4-6; Ephesians 2:14**
6. "Assyrian" spiritual enemies of "ruler in Israel" (v.2) **5:5b-9**
7. Under Christ, no witchcraft or idolatry allowed **5:10-15**

III. Mountains Must Hear Micah 6:1-7:20

A. LORD's contention with His people **6:1-16**

1. God's "bone to pick" leaves them stripped **6:1-2**
2. Challenge: Prove what God did wrong **6:3-8**
 - a. Delivered them from Egypt, through wilderness? **6:3-5**
 - b. Been satisfied with their sacrifices? **6:6-7**
 - c. Simplified their service requirements? **6:8//Hosea 6:6**
3. Defense Denied - **6:9-16**

B. People's culpability to the LORD **7:1-20**

1. "WOE" is me = representing Jerusalem [?] **7:1-4**
 - a. Not one faithful person left **7:1-2** **Cf Genesis 18:16-33**
 - b. Doing evil "with both hands" **7:3-4**
 - c. Distrusting friends and family **7:5-6** **Matthew 10:34-37**
 - d. How about leaning on God for a change? **7:7**
2. Wait for God to finish **7:8-17**
3. Praise the God of gods **7:18-20**

Musings In Micah:

- Micah prophesied in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem” **Micah 1:1** (**2 Kings 15:32-16:20; 18:1-20:21; 2 Chronicles 27,32; Isaiah 7; 8**). **Micah** is the only prophet who prophesied to *both* Israel and Judah (**1:1**), though all prophets together included them (**2 Kings 17:13**). **Micah** prophesied along with **Amos & Hosea** (in the North) and **Isaiah** (in the South) at the time that northern Israel was destroyed by Assyria.
- Although this book was written by a “common man,” two passages are used to settle disputes in high places. These “Pivotal Passages” are;
 - (1) Jeremiah is on trial for condemning Jerusalem to destruction, and in **Jeremiah 26:1-24 (verse 18)** a quote from **Micah 3:12** showed that another prophet had said the same thing, and had not been put to death. Jeremiah’s life was thus spared by this defense.
 - (2) Herod inquired of his wise men where another “king” was to be born, and they read **Micah 5:2** to settle the matter. When the wise men from the east did not return to confirm the birth of that special child, all the male children in Bethlehem under the age of 2 were slaughtered (**Matthew 2:1-18**). Sons died because of this prophecy.
- **Jeremiah 26:18** is a quote of **Micah 3:12**;
Hosea 6:6 is the same statement as **Micah 6:8**;
Isaiah 2:2-4 equals **Micah 4:1-3**;
Hosea 5:10; Isaiah 6:11-13 is like **Micah 1:9-16**.
- **Micah’s “Messianic” Prophecies include:**
5:2 - The only prophetic mention of Jesus’ birthplace **Matthew 2:1-6**;
7:6 - Jesus’ division of homes by teaching **Matthew 10:34-39**;
7:20 - Jesus’ birthright by lineage and God’s promise **Luke 1:67-79**
- **Micah 7:15** may be a prophetic limitation on the length of time of miraculous working that left the New Testament behind. A little over 40 years were what it took to deliver Israel out of Egypt, and from Jesus’ first miracle (**John 2:1-11**) until the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D.70) was the same length. John the Baptist did no miracles (**John 10:41**), and the New Testament was completed by the destruction of Jerusalem (**Mark 16:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3; Jude 3**).
- **Micah** marks judgments with “Woes” (**2:1; 7:1**).
- There will be similarity in figures of speech and descriptive phrases between the books of **Micah** and **Revelation** because both are describing God bringing judgment on earth against His people (**Micah**) and those who persecute His people (**Revelation**).

Nahum = "Consolation"

[God Is Potent] Blueprint for Redemption

I. The Choices Given To Ninevah

Nahum 1:2-15

A. God is good to the good **1:2-7**

1 John 2:15-17

1. God will act to protect His people **1:2**

a. "jealous"- will brook no other god **Exodus 20:3**

b. "avenges"- proves His superiority **Deuteronomy 32:35**

c. "vengeance"- only on adversaries

Cf 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

d. "reserves *wrath*"-"for His enemies"

James 4:4

2. He may be "slow" but sure **1:3**

2 Peter 3:8-9; James 1:17-20

3. He is thorough and controls "nature" **1:3b-6**

a. whirlwind, storm and clouds [winds, rain & flooding]

b. seas and rivers dry up [drought ?]

c. mountains quake and melt [volcanoes ?]

4. He shows "anger" when needed **1:6; Psalm 9:15-20**

5. He shows "good" to "those who trust in Him" **1:7**

Psalm 9:9-10; 37:23-29; 46:1; 100:5; 136:1

Matthew 19:17

B. God is over the bad **1:8-15**

Romans 11:22

1. Ninevah's destruction will be **1:8-11:**

a. by flood **1:8**

b. for good **1:9** - existed since Nimrod **Genesis 10:11-12**

c. off guard **1:10**

d. going same direction in the future **1:11**

2. God's judgment will cause **1:12-15:**

a. the end of the bully nation **1:12a**

b. freedom for the persecuted **1:12b-13**

c. a heritage "heap" **1:14**

d. Judah to remember who IS God **1:15**

Cf Romans 10:15

II. The Conviction of Ninevah

Nahum 2:1-13

A. Face-to-face With God! **2:1-7**

1. "O'er the ramparts" you watch **2:1**

2. Restoration of the vanquished **2:2**

3. A call "to arms" **2:3-4**

4. Scared "officers" **2:5**

5. Who "pulled the plug?" **2:6**

6. "Tenderizing" hard hearts **2:7**

B. "Armless" Army 2:8-13

1. Splashing the "puddle" 2:8
2. Spreading the cash 2:9
3. Sluicing the people 2:10
 - a. **Hebrew** words sound like last glugs in a bottle:
"empty" (**bugah**), "desolate" (**mevugah**), "waste" (**mevulagah**)
 - b. Total panic = heart, knees, sides, faces
4. Smugness shattered 2:11-12

C. Dominators of Men Have Met "The Dominator" 2:13

Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Timothy 6:14-16

III. The Crimes of Ninevah

Nahum 3:1-19

A. "Humanism" (the rule of men) produces 3:1-5a:

1. A "bloody city" with a high crime rate 3:1
2. Aggressive crush 3:2-3a
3. A heap of corpses 3:3b
4. Absolute corruption 3:4
5. Antagonism's completion 3:5b

B. Deity's Response 3:5b-19

1. Totally "exposed" 3:5b
2. Filthy to look at 3:6-7
3. Victimized like their victims 3:8-11
4. Shake them like ripe figs 3:12-13
5. Forts of "flees" 3:14-17
6. Weakest of the weak 3:18-19

"News" From Nahum:

- **Nahum** and **Obadiah** say nothing of the sins of their own people. If "might makes right" then God is "mightiest" who can make a "bloody city" die! **Nahum 3:1-5**
- **Nahum** was written over 100 years after **Jonah**, during which time Assyria had arisen through extreme cruelty and violence to the level of "world empire" (Cf below). Assyria had been used by God to bring down His northern kingdom of Israel because of its complete corruption, and now **Nahum** was pronouncing the doom of Assyria by addressing its capital city of Ninevah. In **Jonah's** day, Ninevah had been tender-hearted toward God and repented, but it had long since become

too hard-hearted to repent. Ninevah was known since Nimrod built it (**Genesis 10:11**) but it was so completely destroyed, no ruins were found until A.D. 1842.

- The date of the book is set between “the fall of No-amon, the Egyptian Thebes (**3:8** [verses **8-10**, **jtpII**]). The expedition alluded to was carried out by Ashurbanipal, king of Assyria, about the year 663 B.C. In the campaign Thebes was destroyed and a great store of booty carried into Assyria. Ninevah was destroyed by the combined forces of the Medes and Chaldeans, 612, B.C.” --page. 249, *A Commentary on the Minor Prophets*, by Homer Hailey.
- Capernaum, a village on western shore of the sea of Galilee, may have been named for the prophet **Nahum**, but there is no Old Testament mention of it. It may have existed by another name and identified by this prophet’s name after his work came to pass (**Cf John 7:52; Isaiah 9:1-2**). Jesus went to Capernaum after His first miracle (**John 2:1-12**) and following the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 6-7; 8:5**).
- Assyria’s bloody rise to power was led by these kings:
 - Tiglath-pileser III*, 745-727 B.C.-deported some northern Israelites
(**1 Chronicles 5:26; 2 Kings 15:19-20, 29; 16:7-10,18; 2 Chronicles 28:16-21 Cf 28:20**);
 - Shalmaneser V*, 727-722 B.C.-began siege of Samaria, 722 B.C. He died before the siege was complete (**2 Kings 17:1-18:12**);
 - Sargon II*, 722-705 B.C.-completed siege of Samaria, 721 B.C. He was murdered 705 B.C.;
 - Sennacherib*, 705-681 B.C.-antagonist of Hezekiah in Jerusalem. Murdered by two of his sons in 681 B.C. who then were driven out by a younger son, Esarhaddon (**2 Kings 18:13-19:37a; Isaiah 36:1-39:8; Cf 37:36-38a; 2 Chronicles 32:1-22**);
 - Esarhaddon*, 681-668 B.C.(**2 Kings 19:37b; Isaiah 37:38b**);
 - Ashurbanipal*, 668-625 B.C.-Egyptian campaign brought the fall of No-amon (mentioned in **Nahum 3:8**). A very cruel person;
 - Assur-etil-ilani*, 625-620 B.C.;
 - Sin-shar-ishkeen (Esarhaddon II)*, 620-612 B.C. As the Medes/Chaldeans besieged Ninevah under Nabopolassar, he (Esarhaddon II) gathered his wives and children and wealth into the palace and set fire to it and died.

(modified from and added to information taken from page 250,
A Commentary on the Minor Prophets, by Homer Hailey)

Habakkuk = “Embracing”

[God Is Principled] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Where Is God When His People Sin? 1:2-11

A. Prophet’s Problem #1: What About *Unanswered Prayer*? 1:2-4

1. Cries to God about “violence” among His people 1:2
2. More trouble (it gets worse) 1:3
3. Human conclusion: God and His law are “powerless” 1:4

B. God’s Answer to #1: What About *Unprincipled People*? 1:5-11

1. Your unbelievable answer is coming *soon* from
“among the nations” 1:5 **Cf John 8:45**
2. God is “raising up the Chaldeans” to put you in your misery 1:6-11
 - a. Cruel, capricious, criminal 1:6
 - b. Homicidal, horrifying, head-strong 1:7
 - c. Speedy, savage, swift 1:8
 - d. Violent, vehement, virulent 1:9
 - e. Scoffing, scorning, sneering, seizing 1:10
 - f. Idolatrous 1:11

II. Where Is God When Evil People Win? 1:12-2:20

A. Prophet’s Problem #2: How Can *Wicked Work For God*? 1:12-2:1

1. God’s people are marked for punishment by the godless 1:12
2. God cannot endorse (“look on”) wickedness 1:13a
3. How, then, can the ungodly conquer the godly? 1:13b-17
 - a. They respect no higher authority 1:14
 - b. They respect absolute power over others 1:15-16
 - c. They respect no pain in their victims 1:17
4. The prophet waits to respond to God’s reply 2:1

B. God’s Answer to #2: *One Law Fits All* 2:2-20

1. God’s application of the rule was soon to be seen 2:2-3
2. **God’s inflexible, unyielding rule for everyone:**
Human pride is unjustified - Only the faithful are justified 2:4
3. Description of unjustifiable wickedness 2:5-19
 - a. **WOE #1 - Disrespect for Perimeters 2:5-8**
 - (1 Inebriate, insatiable 2:5 **CF Proverbs 20:1; 30:15-16**)
 - (2 The robbed will rebel 2:6-8)
 - b. **WOE #2 - Lust for Possessions 2:9-11**
 - (1 Nests on top of “evil gain” 2:9)

- (2 Loses conscience in the process **2:10**)
- (3 House secrets revealed **2:11**)
- c. **WOE #3 - Disrespect for People 2:12-14**
 - (1 Personal glory through using others **2:12**)
 - (2 God makes this "vain" **2:13**)
 - (3 Everyone knows better **2:14**)
- d. **WOE #4 - Disrespect for Privacy 2:15-17**
 - (1 Drunkenness loosens inhibitions **2:15**)
 - Cf Genesis 9:20-27; 19:30-38; Ephesians 5:18**
 - (2 Nations may drink of the cup of God's wrath **2:16-17**)
 - Cf Jeremiah 51:7; Revelation 14:8-11; 17:1-6; 18:1-10**
- e. **WOE #5 - Disrespect for The Power 2:18-19**
 - (1 Man-made gods **2:18**)
 - (2 Man cannot invent life! **2:19**)
 - (3 Description of untouchable God **2:20**)
 - Cf Psalm 11:4; Zephaniah 1:7; Zechariah 2:13; Matthew 6:9; 1 Timothy 6:14-16**

III. Where Is God When He Is Needed? **3:1-19**

A. Prophet's Prayer **3:1-16**

1. For God's plans to *get moving* and *have mercy* **3:2**
2. For God's discipline on wicked people, as before **3:3-7** **Cf Deuteronomy 33:2**
3. For God's displeasure to save His people **3:8-9**
 - Cf Psalm 77; Deuteronomy 32:40-42**
4. For God's use of *natural forces* **3:10-11** **Cf Joshua 10:1-15**
 - Cf Isaiah 13:9-13; Joel 2:1-2,10; 3:14; Amos 8:9**
5. For God's permanent purpose of good for His people **3:12-15**
6. For God's respect and awe **3:16**

B. Prophet's Praise **3:17-19**

1. Though all may be lost in persecution **3:17**
2. God's people will NOT lose faith in God's way **3:18-19**

“Hugs” From Habakkuk:

- Nothing known about Habakkuk’s personal background, but he prophesied just before Babylonians conquered Judah, about 612-606 B.C. (**2 Kings 23:31-25:21**; **2 Chronicles 36:1-23**), and was contemporary with **Jeremiah** and **Daniel**. **Habakkuk**’s prophecy is unique in that he is the only prophet to plead the people’s case before God before giving God’s explanations to the people.
- **Habakkuk summarizes the entire Bible principle of God’s religion, whether patriarchal, mosaic, or Christian.** In **2:4** it is set forth in so many words for the first time in the Bible: “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith” (**Habakkuk 2:4** NKJV). **God does NOT justify those who live by evil, only those who live by faith.**
 - (1) The apostle Paul uses this phrase to show that the church of Christ is among the Gentiles by the preaching of the Gospel (**Romans 1:17**) and contrasts this with their previous ungodly lives (**Romans 1:18-32**);
 - (2) shows that Jews cannot be saved by Moses’ law (**Galatians 3:11**) but by Christ’s law (**Galatians 3:12-4:7**).
 - (3) In **Hebrews**, it is used to show it was the guiding principle of the entire Old Testament (**10:38**; **Cf 10:31-12:11**). *God always punishes the evil and always rewards the faithful* (**Psalms 37:25**; **Hebrews 11:6**).
- The only use of the term “Selah” outside of the **Book of Psalms** is in **Habakkuk 3:3, 9, 13**.

Zephaniah = "Jehovah Hides"

[God Is Precise] Blueprint for Redemption

I. "The Day of the LORD" 1:2-3:7

A. God Is Over "Corrupted Land" 1:2-3

1. "All" (beasts, birds, fish, idols) will pay with destruction 1:2-3
Cf Joel 1:18; Hosea 4:3; Jeremiah 12:4
2. "All" (man - people who have become "wicked") 1:2-3

B. God Is Over "Corrupted People" 1:4-2:3

1. Judah (land) and Jerusalem (individuals) for:
 - a. Baal and idolatrous priests 1:4; 2 Kings 23:5; Hosea 10:5
 - b. Worshippers of "host of heaven" 1:5a; Deuteronomy 4:19
 - c. Profaners of LORD's name 1:5b
 - d. Rejecters of the LORD's way 1:6
2. Too late for Judah's "plea bargaining" 1:7; Habakkuk 2:20
 - a. The compromisers who have the:
 - (1 dress of foreigners 1:8
 - (2 traditions of foreigners 1:9
 - (3 business practices of foreigners 1:10-11
 - b. The complacent 1:12-13; Jeremiah 48:11-12
3. Too "near" for a lack of response 1:14-18
 - a. "Hastens quickly" 1:14a Cf Matthew 3:1-2; Revelation 1:1-3
 - b. Weakens the mighty 1:14b Cf Revelation 6:12-17
 - c. "That day" of wrath has *an event* and *an effect*: 1:15-16
 - (1 trouble ----- distress
 - (2 devastation ----- desolation
 - (3 darkness ----- gloominess
 - (4 clouds ----- thick darkness
 - (5 trumpet ----- alarm
 - d. Judah would be *aimless* and *worthless* 1:17
 - e. Judah's wealth would be *useless* 1:18
4. One last invitation to repent 2:1-3

C. God Is Over "Corrupted Neighbors" (No nation escaped) 2:4-15

1. **Philistia to the west 2:4-7**
 - a. Its cities of: Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron) 2:4
Cf Amos 1:6-8; Zechariah 9:5-7
 - b. "Woe" to the seacoast and "Cherethites" 2:5
Cf 2 Samuel 8:18; 20:23; 1 Chronicles 18:17; 30:14;
Ezekiel 25:16

- c. Their land would be used for farming by Judah when it returned **2:6-7**
- 2. **Moab and Amon to the east 2:8-11**
 - a. Payback for always hating Israel **2:8, 10-11**
Cf Numbers 22-24; Amos 1:13-15; 2:1-3
 - b. God could swear by none Higher **2:9;** **Hebrews 6:13-14**
 - c. Desolation would end when "the remnant" returned **2:9**
- 3. **Ethiopia to the south 2:12**
 - a. Jehovah's sword in Nebuchadnezzar's hand
Cf Ezekiel 30:4-5,24-25; 29:17-20
 - b. Just like governments function today **Cf Romans 13:1-4**
- 4. **Assyria to the north 2:13-15**
 - a. Assyria was then prospering - become abandoned **2:13-14**
 - b. Arrogance did not "become" her! **2:15**

II. The Day of Conversion **3:1-20**

A. Judah's 2nd Chance **3:1-7**

- 1. Jerusalem, herself, has NOT: **3:1-2**
 - a. obeyed *His* voice **Cf Hebrews 3:5-4:2**
 - b. received correction **Cf Hebrews 12:5-11**
 - c. trusted in the LORD **Cf Hebrews 10:26-39**
 - d. drawn near to her God **Cf Hebrews 12:18-29**
- 2. Jerusalem's leaders were: **3:3-7**
 - a. changed for the worse **3:3-4**
 - (1 princes - changed laws of the land
 - (2 judges - changed legalities
 - (3 prophets - changed God's Word
 - (4 priests - changed worship
 - b. unchanged for their destruction **3:5-7** **Cf Revelation 1-3**
 - (1 God is always right unchanged by human behavior **3:5**
 - (2 God's past is always against ungodly **3:6**
 - (3 God's pattern always trusts people to do right **3:7**

B. God's 2nd Change **3:8-20**

- 1. Wait for God's "equality" of judgment **3:8**
Cf Isaiah 40:31; 49:23; 64:4 **Matthew 19:28; Acts 2:36-38**
- 2. Wait for God's purification of worship **3:9-10** **Hebrews 13:9-16**
- 3. Wait for God's salvation from sins **3:11-12** **Galatians 6:12-17**
- 4. Wait for God's reformation of lives **3:13** **Colossians 3:1-17**
- 5. Wait for God's return to be among His Israel **3:14-17**
Cf Matthew 1:19-23; John 1:1-14; Colossians 2:9
- 6. Wait for God's restoration of Judah's glory **3:18-20**

Zephaniah's "Zingers:"

- Prophesied after **Nahum** and during early years of **Jeremiah 1:1-3**, "in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah" (**Zephaniah 1:1; 2 Kings 2:1-23:24; 2 Chronicles 34:1-36:4**). This dates his writing between 639-608 B.C., and may well have been before by Hilkiah the high priest "found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD" (**2 Kings 22:8**).
- "The day of the LORD" (**1:7,8,10,14,15,16,18; 2:2,3; 3:8,11,16**) occupies a prominence in **Zephaniah** (in fact, he uses the expression more than any other prophet), but it is a shared term with other prophets, also: **Isaiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, et.al.**
- The prophet is one of 3 Zephaniahs in Scripture: (1) the prophet; (2) a Kohathite, of Heman the singer (**1 Chronicles 6:36**); (3) a pro-Egyptian priest in **Jeremiah's** day (**2 Kings 25:18; Jeremiah 21:1-2; 29:25; 37:3; 52:24**).
- There doesn't appear to be any specific reference to the Messiah in his book, but there clearly is an optimistic view of the future "Messianic Age" involving "the remnant of Israel" (**Zephaniah 3:14-20**).
- **Zephaniah 3:8** is the only verse in the entire Hebrew Old Testament that contains every letter of the Hebrew alphabet!
- Hebrew "pun" in **Zephaniah 2:4** is poignant: *azza* (Gaza) *azubah* (forsaken) *eqron* (Ekron) *teaqr* (destroyed).
- "Deism" is the belief that God is too great, too busy, or too unconcerned to interfere in the affairs of the world. This was the belief of America's Thomas Paine, but has been falsely charged as the belief of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin. **Franklin** said: "If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can arise without his aid?" **Nebuchadnezzar** learned that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (**Daniel 4:25**). **David** asked the question but gave the answer in the very next verse (**Psalms 8:4-5**)! **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount** surely shows the detailed interaction His disciples should expect from God (**Matthew 5-7**). NOWHERE IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE DOES IT CLAIM GOD CEASES TO INTERACT WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD! He just does not reveal such work through inspired speakers or writers, but nonetheless, His work is manifest, as any observer of history can assess.
- When calamities occur today, many call for "US to come together" but it's usually to denounce government policy, burn candles, hold hands, or conduct "a benefit" for the victims. God called His people to "Gather yourselves together" to throw themselves on His mercy in repentance (**Zephaniah 2:1-3**). Big difference between man-made and God-called!

Haggai = "Festival"

[God Is Paramount] Blueprint for Redemption

- I. Sermon #1 (6th month, 1st day) - "Rebuke" 1:2-15**
- A. People Say, "It's Not Time" To Build God's House 1:2-4**
 - 1. Is there time to build *your own* houses? 1:3-4
 - 2. Should you not give God's house as much consideration? 1:4
 - B. God Says Listen To Yourselves 1:5-6**
 - 1. How blessed (crops, food, drink, clothing, salaries)
 - 2. Yet how *needy*! 1:6
 - C. God Says Listen To Yourselves 1:7-11**
 - 1. Finding wood "failed" for temple to glorify God 1:8-9
 - 2. Drought should remind people of God 1:10-11
 - D. God Was With The Willing Workers 1:12-15**
- II. Sermon #2 (7th month, 21st day) - "Re-Focus" 2:1-9**
- A. God's Word Of Encouragement 2:1-7**
 - 1. Speak to the willing workers 2:1-2
 - 2. Compare temple of Solomon and Zerubbabel 2:3; Ezra 3:12-13
 - 3. God + obedient = strength 2:4-5 Romans 8:31
 - 4. God shakes nations with wars 2:6-7
 - B. God's Word Of Enlightenment 2:8-9**
 - 1. All treasure is of God 2:8
Matthew 6:25-34; James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 10:25-26
 - 2. Build for greater future [Jesus' spiritual temple=church] 2:9
Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:26, 28
- III. Sermon #3 (9th month, 24th day) - "Resolution" 2:10-19**
- A. Priestly Issue Of "Purity" 2:10-14**
 - 1. Priests should know the Law of Moses 2:11
 - 2. Holiness caused by touch? 2:12; Leviticus 6:27; 10:9-10;
Deuteronomy 17:8-13; Malachi 2:7
 - 3. Uncleaness caused by touch! 2:13; Leviticus 21:1, 11;
Numbers 6:6-8; 19:11-13, 22
 - 4. Corrupt work from corrupt people! 2:14
 - B. God Says Listen To Me 2:15-19**
 - 1. I spoke to you in blight, mildew, and hail on your work 2:15-17
 - 2. If you prepare and do the rest "I will bless *you*" 2:18-19
- IV. Sermon #4 (9th month, 24th day) - "Renewal" 2:20-23**
- A. God Will Deal With The Opposition 2:20-22**
 - B. God Will Lead With The Right Man 2:23; Jeremiah 22:30**

Haggai's "Highlights:'

- Prophesied in 520 B.C., during the 15-year lapse in rebuilding God's house in Jerusalem (**Ezra 5:1-2; 6:13-15**) which was caused by "Samaritan" opposition (**Ezra 4:1-24; 2 Kings 17:24-41**). This was a rebuilding of Solomon's temple (**1 Kings 6:1-8:66, especially 6:38-7:1**) which had been gutted and burned by Nebuchadnezzar's forces (**2 Chronicles 36:19**). This temple built by the Jews led by Zerubbabel (**Ezra 3:8; 5:2**), was later ruined and then re-built by Herod. This latter one was in use when Jesus Christ lived.
- Though delivered into Assyrian then Babylonian captivity, God had promised to leave them there for only 70 years (**2 Chronicles 36:15-23; Ezra 1:1-5; Jeremiah 25:1-14**). Some 150 years before, God promised through **Isaiah (44:24-45:7)** that "My Shepherd Cyrus" would order the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple. At the time **Isaiah** prophesied, THERE WAS NO PERSIAN KINGDOM, CAPTIVE ISRAELITES, OR A KING NAMED "CYRUS!" It was God's statements through **Jeremiah (29:1, 10, 21-23; 51:1-11, 20, 24, 29, 34-44, 49, 59-64)** that when read to Cyrus caused him to order the return of the Jews to their "chosen" land.
- A contemporary of **Zechariah**, they were last of the writing prophets to Israel, until the New Testament activities begin.

Zechariah = "Jehovah Remembers"

[God Is Provident] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Why Restoration Lingered (3 Sermons) Chapters 1-8

A. Sermon #1 - They Were Repeating The Past 1:1-6;

1. In Darius's 2nd year, 8th month **1:1; Ezra 4:24-5:2**
2. **God's anger** overshadowed the heedless **1:2-4**
3. **God's word** outlives the useless **1:5-6a**
4. **God's people** overcame the idleness **1:6b**

B. Sermon #2 - They Should Look Ahead (8 Visions) 1:7-6:15

1. In Darius's 2nd year, 11th month, 24th day **1:7**
2. **God's Visions of What Should Happen**
 - a. **#1 Horseman's message: LORD's house shall be built**
1:8-17 **Revelation 6:1-8; 11:1-2**
 - b. **#2 Power of 4 scattering horns defeated**
1:18-21
 - c. **#3 Jerusalem measured for many nations**
2:1-13 **Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-3; Luke 24:44-47**
 - d. **#4 Cleansed High Priest must receive BRANCH**
3:1-10 **John 15:1-7**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-13;
Revelation 12:1-4,9-10
 - e. **#5 Lampstand & 2 Olive Trees (or light for the world)**
4:1-14 **John 1:48:12; 9:5; 12:35;**
2 Corinthians 4:1-6
 - f. **#6 Throwing the Book at them (or conviction for sins)**
5:1-4 **John 16:5-15; Acts 2:1-43;**
1 Thessalonians 1:8-10
 - g. **#7 Ephah and the Woman (or removing sin)**
5:5-11 **Acts 2:22-41; 22:1-16; 1 John 2:28-3:9**
1 Peter 1:1-11; 3:18-4:6
 - h. **#8 Four Chariots and message of judgment**
6:1-8 **Matthew 19:27-28; Luke 22:27-30**
 - i. **Coronation scene**
6:9-15
 - (1 First of "Joshua, the son of
Jehozadak, the high priest" **6:9-11; Ezra 5:2**
 - (2 THEN to "Joshua/Jesus" of New Testament **6:11-13**
Hebrews 1:1-4, 8-9; 2:14-3:6; 4:14-16;
7:11-19; 10:11-18; 12:1-2

(3 AND to "those far away" who participate **6:14-15**
Acts 2:36-40; Ephesians 2:17-18

C. Sermon #3 - Make It Glad Work, NOT Sad Work 7:1-8:23

1. Fast because of God, not our past 7:1-7

- a. Darius' 4th year, 9th month, 4th day **7:1**
- b. People asked at Beth-el: "Should we weep" **7:2-3**
- c. God asked: Do you weep for yourselves, or for Me? **7:4-7**

2. Learn first the missed lesson of the past 7:8-8:17

- a. Four "righteous rules" **7:8-10**
- b. Flint-hearts scattered **7:11-14**
- c. Old hearts reunited in Jerusalem **8:1-11**
- d. Renewed hearts strong **8:12-17**
 - (1 **God remembers** their curse **8:12-13**)
 - (2 **God remembers** their blessing **8:14-15**)
 - (3 **God remembers** their rules **8:16-17**)

3. Change fasts to feasts 8:18-23

- a. 4th month fast - Jerusalem breached
2 Kings 25: 3-7; Jeremiah 52:1-11
- b. 5th month fast - temple burnt
2 Kings 25: 8-10; Jeremiah 52:12-14
- c. 7th month fast - Gedaliah murdered
2 Kings 25: 22-26; Jeremiah 41:1-2
- d. 10th month fast - siege of Jerusalem begun **2 Kings 25:1**
- e. Feast for obeying the LORD & others will come **8:19b-23**
Cf Acts 2:38-42, 46-47

II. Burdens Of Restoration Chapters 9-14

A. Against Illegal Land Occupants (#1) 9:1-11:17

- 1. Hadrach (Medes/Persians [?]) **9:1a**
- 2. Damascus **9:1b**
- 3. Hamath (northern border) **9:2a**
- 4. Tyre & Sidon (Phoenicians) **9:3-4**
- 5. Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, Ashdon (Philistians) **9:5-8**
- 6. Entrance of "the King" **9:9-10**
- 7. After "Greece" was defeated **9:11-17**
- 8. Judah & Joseph (Ephraim) united under King **10:1-12**
- 9. BUT IMMEDIATELY REBUILD TEMPLE! **11:1-3**
- 10. God no longer pities land's occupants **11:4-6**
- 11. BEAUTY ("Grace") & BONDS ("Unity") shared **11:7-17**

B. Against Israel When Messiah Is Rejected (#2) 12:1-14:21

1. God made men and "In that day" will: 12:1-9

- a. make Jerusalem unstoppable **12:3** **Matthew 21:43-44;
Acts 5:17-42; 6:8-14**
- b. confuse opposition, support Judah **12:4-5** **Hebrews 7:14; Acts 3:11-26**
- c. Jerusalem's glory not greater than Judah **12:6-7** **Hebrews 12:22-29**
- d. Jerusalem protected **12:8-9** **Matthew 12:30**
- e. Pierced one mourned over **12:10-14** **John 19:37**
- f. Fountain opened up **13:1** **Hebrews 10:1, 4; 9:15**
- g. True prophecy would cease **13:2-6** **Acts 3:20-26**
 - (1 No revelation from God **13:2-3** **John 1:11**)
 - (2 No prophet's clothing for ID **13:4-6** **Matthew 26:31-32;
John 16:32 Acts 2:22-23**)

2. Strike Shepherd to save sheep 13:7-9

3. "The day of the LORD" in the Gospel of Christ 14:1-21

"Zesty" Zechariah:

- There are about 20 **Zechariahs** in the Old Testament, but this one, a prophet, died for proclaiming what was right **Matthew 23:34-37**.
- Fundamental rule of ritual: It's meaningless without an obedient heart **1:4-6; 7:4-14**.
- **In Zechariah, Jesus is known as:**
 - The **Branch 3:8; 6:12**
 - The **King-Priest 6:12-13** **Acts 2:29-31;
Hebrews 1:3, 13; 8:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28**
 - The **True Shepherd 11:4-17** **John 10:1-30**
- **In Zechariah, Jesus' life's events are:**
 - His **triumphant entry** into Jerusalem **9:9** **Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19**
 - His **betrayal 11:12-13; Jeremiah 32:6-9** **Matthew 27:3-10;
Acts 1:15-19**
 - His **rejection** by His own **13:6** **John 1:10-11**
 - His **need to shepherd 13:7** **Matthew 9:35-36; 26:31-32**
 - His **death 12:10** **John 19:31-37; Revelation 1:7**
 - His **kingdom avenged 12:9** **1 Thessalonians 2:14-16;
Galatians 6:12-16; Romans 2:28-29;
Revelation 6:9-11; 16:4-7; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2**
 - His **universal kingdom 14:9** **Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:11-26;
Ephesians 1:19b-23; 2:11-22; 3:1-13; 4:1-6**
 - His **salvation to persecutors** of Israel **14:16-21** **Genesis 12:1-3; Luke 11:39, 47-51**

I. Israel Had Despised God's: 1:1-3:18

A. LOVE - Objection #1 - 1:2-5

1. Truth: God loved Israel **1:2a**
2. Gripe: How did You love us? **1:2b**
3. Facts:
 - a. Birth preference **1:2-3; Genesis 25:23** **Romans 9:8-13**
 - b. National preference **1:4-5; Genesis 36:17-19, 43**
(1 Rejection of Ishmael's descendants [which Muslims claim to be??] **Genesis 21:13, 18; 16:12; 17:20**
(2 Named, "Territory of Wickedness" [USA 9/11/01!] **1:4**

B. NAME - Objection #2 - 1:6-7a

1. Truth: Your priests despise My name **1:6a**
 - a. Not even the respect of a son or servant **1:6**
 - b. Serious sin under Moses **Exodus 21:15, 17; Deuteronomy 21:18-21**
2. Gripe: How have we despised Your name? **1:6b**
3. Facts: In offering defiled food on My altar **1:7a**

C. SACRIFICES - Objection #3 - 1:7-11

1. Truth: You offer defiled sacrifices on My altar **1:7a**
2. Gripe: How have we defiled You? **1:7b**
3. Facts:
 - a. Saying: "It doesn't matter" **1:7c**
 - b. Offerings are blind, lame, sick **1:7b-8a**
Leviticus 22:22; Deuteronomy 15:19-21
 - c. Even the Governor wouldn't accept them! **1:8b**
 - d. God's displeasure no greater than if they had simply quit offering sacrifices altogether! **1:9-10**
 - e. God will, in the future, be satisfied with "incense" offered by Gentiles **1:11** **Revelation 5:8; Romans 15:7-13**

D. ALTAR - Objection #4 - 1:12

1. Truth: God's altar is profaned **1:12a**
2. Gripe: Defiled sacrifices are accepted on altar **1:12b**
3. Facts: Your sacrifices are actually "contemptible" **1:12c**

E. DEVOTION TIME - Objection #5 - 1:13-2:9

1. Truth: You sneer at altar time **1:13b**
2. Gripe: You say, "Oh, what a weariness" **1:13a**
3. Facts:
 - a. You give me 2nd rate offerings when you have better, *and know it!* **1:13c-14**
 - b. Your priests are cursed for accepting these **2:1-9**
Deuteronomy 10:8

1 Peter 3:15

F. MARRIAGE COVENANT - Objection #6 - 2:10-16

1. Truth: You profaned the covenant of marriage **2:10-13**
2. Gripe: Why does God not accept our worship? **2:14**
3. Facts:
 - a. Profaned national covenant with God **2:10-13**
 - b. Profaned personal marriage covenants before God **2:14-16**
Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:3-6

G. MORAL JUDGMENT - Objection #7 - 2:17

1. Truth: God is weary with your words **2:17a**
2. Gripe: How have we wearied Him? **2:17b**
3. Facts: You call evil "good" **2:17c**

H. GRACE - Objection #8 - 3:1-7

1. Truth: You need to return to Me for My future plans **3:1-5**
2. Gripe: How shall we return? **3:7**
3. Facts:
 - a. "My messenger" will prepare the way: **3:1-5**
 - (1 Messenger of the covenant **3:1**)
 - (2 Purify the sons of Levi **3:2-3**)
 - (3 Condemn sins **3:4-5**)
 - b. God does NOT change -- men must! **3:6**
 - c. Thus, God invites men to change **3:7**

I. BLESSING IN GIVING - Objection #9 - 3:8-12

1. Truth: You have robbed God **3:8a**
2. Gripe: How have we robbed God? **3:8b**
3. Facts:
 - a. By keeping back from your offering **3:8c-9**
Leviticus 27:30-33
 - b. Give fairly to God and see if you are not blessed **3:10-12**
Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 10:26,28

Cf Acts 5:1-11

J. LAW - Objection #10- 3:13-18

1. Truth: You used harsh words against Me **3:13a**
2. Gripe: What have we said? **3:13b**
3. Facts:
 - a. Here is an exact quote **3:14-15**
 - b. Here is what those who fear the LORD said **3:16**
 - c. God never forgot the difference between the two! **3:17-18**
Jonah 4:11; 1 Kings 3:7
Mark 16:15-16; Romans 12:9; 1 John 3:1-15

II. The Future For Those With Faith & Hope 4:1-6

A. The Coming Day in which: 4:1-3

1. The proud will "be stubble" **4:1**
2. The God-fearing will overcome wicked **4:2-3**

B. The Basis Of Stability In Faith [Then] 4:4-6

1. "Remember the Law of Moses" **4:4; Nehemiah 9:13, 14;10:29**
No "new" Moses, prophet, revelation, miracles, etc. needed!
2. Let Elijah turn your hearts **4:5-6**

Matthew 11:2-15; 17:11-13