

Diagrams of the Old Testament Books

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ANCIENT JEWISH TRADITION:

Torah
(teaching)

Nevi'im
(prophets)

Ketuvim
(writings)

TaNaK - the Old Testament

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

REFERRED TO IN:

- DEAD SEA SCROLLS (400-100)
- WISDOM OF SIRACH (180-175)
- JESUS OF NAZARETH (LURE 2:14)

WHO DID ALL THIS?



SCRIBES & PROPHETS

Guided By
GOD'S SPIRIT
(PSALMS 141:3;
ISAIAH 59:21, DANIEL 4)

THROUGH HUMAN WORDS
GOD SPEAKS
TO HIS PEOPLE

LATER CHRISTIAN TRADITION



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

TORAH

GENESIS 1-11

GOD'S IMAGE = HUMAN (ADAM)

WISDOM TO DISCERN
GOOD & EVIL

EXILED TO WILDERNESS

OPPRESSION

CAIN & ABEL

LAMECH

ABRAHAM & SARAH

12 SONS

ABRAHAM BETRAYS SARAH

JACOB TRICKS ISAAC

COVENANT PROMISE

ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD

EXILE IN EGYPT

JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS

THE PLOT:

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

EXODUS-DEUTERONOMY

MOSES

PROPHET (EXODUS 3:1-15)

PRIEST (EXODUS 28:1-35)

KING (EXODUS 35:1-35)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

613 LAWS TO BECOME NEW HUMANS

ISRAELITES

DEUTERONOMY 27-32

MOSES PRECISIS ISRAEL'S FAILURE & EXILE

HOPE IN GOD'S PROMISE TO RESCUE ISRAEL

I WISH SOMEONE LIKE MOSES WOULD COME ALONG.

FAIL!

NEVI'IM

FORMER PROPHETS

JOSHUA, JUDGES, 1 & 2 SAMUEL, 1 & 2 KINGS

ISRAEL'S STORY TOLD FROM THE LATER PERSPECTIVE OF THE PROPHETS

JOSHUA 1

JOSHUA SUCCEEDS BECAUSE: - HE MEDITATES ON THE TORAH - HE'S LIKE MOSES - UNTIL CHAPTER 1

KINGS

PRIESTS

ABIMELECH

EXILE IN BABYLON

JEROBAM

DAVID & SOLOMON

POINTERS TO A FUTURE KING

LATTER PROPHETS

THE PROPHET'S JOB

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

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH & EZEKIEL

HOSEA-MALACHI

THE DAY OF THE LORD!

EXILE IN BABYLON

NEW ISRAEL

NEW COVENANT

NEW KING - MOSES - DAVID

HEY READERS! A NEW PROPHET IS COMING!

MALACHI 4:1-6

KETUVIM

including:

PSALMS

THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

THE PROMISED KING

SON OF GOD

THE WISDOM SCROLLS:

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

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

JOB

DANIEL

ISRAEL'S FAILURE AND SUFFERING

A NEW FUTURE FOR THE WORLD

CHRONICLES

THE WHOLE TANAK, JUST SHORTER

2 CHRONICLES 36:20-23

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

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

THE POINT



GENESIS

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



1-11 GOD & THE WORLD

12-50 GOD & ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

1-2 DARKNESS
DISORDER

3 CREATING A WORLD LIKE GOD!

4 TREE OF LIFE
HUMANS (CREATED BY ADAM)

5 CHOICE:
• REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER
• REPRESENTATIVES OF GOD'S KING
• HARNESSE CREATIONS' POTENTIAL AND CREATE BEAUTY AND ORDER
• SCALZ AUTONOMY AND DEFENDING GOOD AND CIVIL FOR THEMSELVES.?

6 BLESSING

12-25a ABRAHAM

12 ABRAHAM BETRAYS HIS WIFE

20!

25b-36 ISAAC AND JACOB

27 JACOB STEALS ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING

28 DECEIVER

29 ISAAC

37-50 JACOB'S SONS

37 JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BROTHERS

40 LET'S KILL HIM!

41 ABRAHAM & SONS' REPEATED FAILURE

3c SNAKE'S DEFEAT & HUMANITY'S GRIEF

4a SONS OF GOD
EVIL ANGELS
KINGS WHO CLAIM DIVINE DESCENT

5a ABEL, CAIN, & LAMECH

6-9 THE FLOOD
NOAH

11 BABYLON
LET'S MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES!

12a LAND NATION NAME BLESS
ABRAM
12b-13

15 COVENANT PROMISE
ABRAHAM WILL BE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS AND A BLESSING TO THE WORLD... (CHILD OF THE COVENANT = CIRCUMCISING)

16 ABRAHAM SLEEPS WITH HAGAR
BUILT A FAMILY THROUGH MY SLAVE!

17 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM
ABRAHAM TRUSTS GOD (GENESIS 15:6)

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

33 ELEVATED, JOSEPH SAVES EGYPT & HIS FAMILY
YOU PLANNED THIS FOR EVIL, BUT GOD PLANNED IT FOR GOOD TO SAVE MANY LIVES (50-20)

34 SCATTERED
TERAH NAHOR SEARH REU PELEG

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

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO RESCUE & BLESS

BLESSING
• HUMANITY (GENESIS 1:26)
• ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12:1-6)

400 YEARS PASS

ISRAEL GROWS AND MULTIPLIES AND FILLS THE LAND (1:7)

1-18 EXODUS FROM EGYPT

PHARAOH TRIES TO DESTROY ISRAEL

MOSES

MOSES' MOM

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

70

EXODUS

GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

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

ISRAEL (EXODUS 19:1-6):

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

1-18 EXODUS FROM EGYPT

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

CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GOD & PHARAOH

HEART GREAT HARD

LET MY PEOPLE GO!

GOD VS PHARAOH

PHARAOH HARDENED HIS HEART

THE HEART (GREAT) HARD

GOD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART

THE POINT

GOD KNEW PHARAOH WOULD RESIST, BUT STILL GAVE HIM HEAVY CHALLENGES

PHARAOH'S HEART REACHES A POINT OF NO RETURN

GOD DEFEATS PHARAOH'S EVIL IN HIS FORTRESS & LURES HIM INTO HIS OWN DESTRUCTION

PASSOVER

GO!

15 SONG OF THE SEA

THE LORD REIGNS AS KING:

- HE CONFRONTS EVIL
- HE RESCUES THE SLAVES
- HE LEADS HIS PEOPLE TO THE PROMISED LAND
- HE REIGNS AMONG HIS PEOPLE

16-18 IN THE WILDERNESS

IT WAS BETTER IN EGYPT?

ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US?!

WHERE'S THE FOOD & WATER?

19-40 COVENANT AT MT. SINAI

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

19-24

TERMS OF THE COVENANT: (EX. 20:2-23)

- THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
- 32 THREE COMMANDS ABOUT WORSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE

SIGN US UP!

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

LOTS OF SYMBOLISM

TABERNACLE BLUEPRINT

25-31

MOST HOLY SPACE

NOT SPOT OF GOD'S PRESENCE

ARK OF THE COVENANT

32-34 ISRAEL BREAKS THE COVENANT

LEAVE ME ALONE THAT I MAY DESTROY THEM.

HERE ARE YOUR GODS WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF EGYPT.

MAKE US A GOD!

REMEMBER YOUR COVENANT PROMISE TO ABRAHAM!

35-40 MOSES BUILDS THE TABERNACLE

MOSES CAN'T ENTER

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



1-7 RITUAL SACRIFICES

GRAIN & FELLOWSHIP OFFERINGS

THANK YOU!

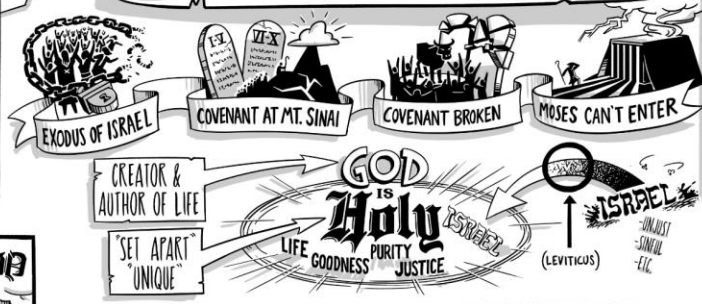
ATONEMENT = 'COVERING' THE SIN

I'M SORRY.

BURNT, PURIFICATION, & RESTITUTION OFFERINGS

LEVITICUS

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



23-25 RITUAL FEASTS

SEVEN ANNUAL FEASTS

PASSOVER, UNLEAVENED BREAD, FIRST FRUITS, WEEKS/PENTECOST, TRUMPETS, DAY OF ATONEMENT, TABERNACLES



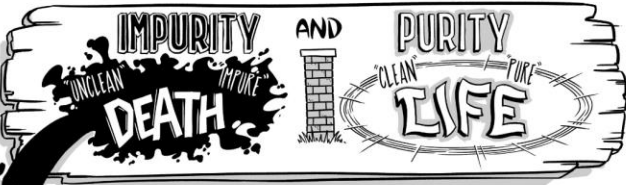
26-27 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

OBEDIENCE, PEACE & ABUNDANCE IN THE LAND, UNFAITHFULNESS, DISASTER & EXILE FROM THE LAND

8-10 PRIESTS ORDAINED

8-7 MOSES ORDAINS THE PRIESTS

10 AARON'S SONS VIOLATE GOD'S HOLINESS... AND DIE



21-22 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRIESTS

PEOPLE ← PRIESTS REPRESENT → GOD

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MORAL INTEGRITY & RITUAL HOLINESS

11-15 RITUAL PURITY

THIS IS WHY IMPURITY IS SOOOO SINFUL... IT'S NORMAL & TEMPORARY.

SEE YOU IN TWO WEEKS!

1. CONTACT WITH REPRODUCTIVE FLUIDS
2. HAVING A SKIN DISEASE
3. TOUCHING MOLD
4. TOUCHING DEAD BODIES
5. EATING IMPURE ANIMALS

ASSOCIATED WITH MORTALITY & THE LOSS OF LIFE

HYGIENE? CULTURAL TABOO?

CULTURAL SYMBOLS TO REMIND ISRAEL THAT GOD'S HOLINESS AFFECTS EVERY PART OF LIFE

16-17 DAY OF ATONEMENT

PURIFICATION OFFERINGS TO ATONE FOR THE SINS OF ISRAEL

THE SCAPEGOAT A SYMBOL OF GOD'S REMOVAL OF SIN FROM ISRAEL

CONFESS THE SINS OF ISRAEL

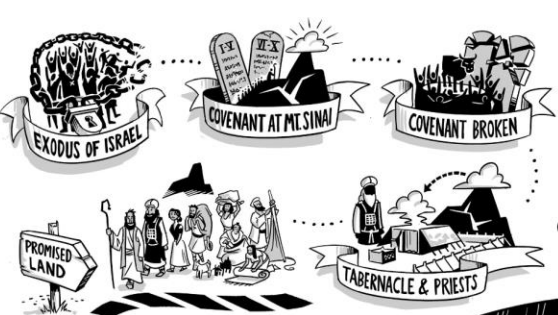
CAST INTO THE WILDERNESSES

18-20 MORAL PURITY

CARE FOR THE POOR, SEXUAL INTEGRITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE

ISRAEL CALLED TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY THAN THE CANAANITES

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NUMBERS

REBELLION IN THE WILDERNESS
— GOD BRINGS JUDGEMENT... BUT SHOWS MERCY.

WILDERNESS STORIES:

ISRAEL'S REBELLION VS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

RETOLD BY THE
PROPHETS & POETS & APOSTLES

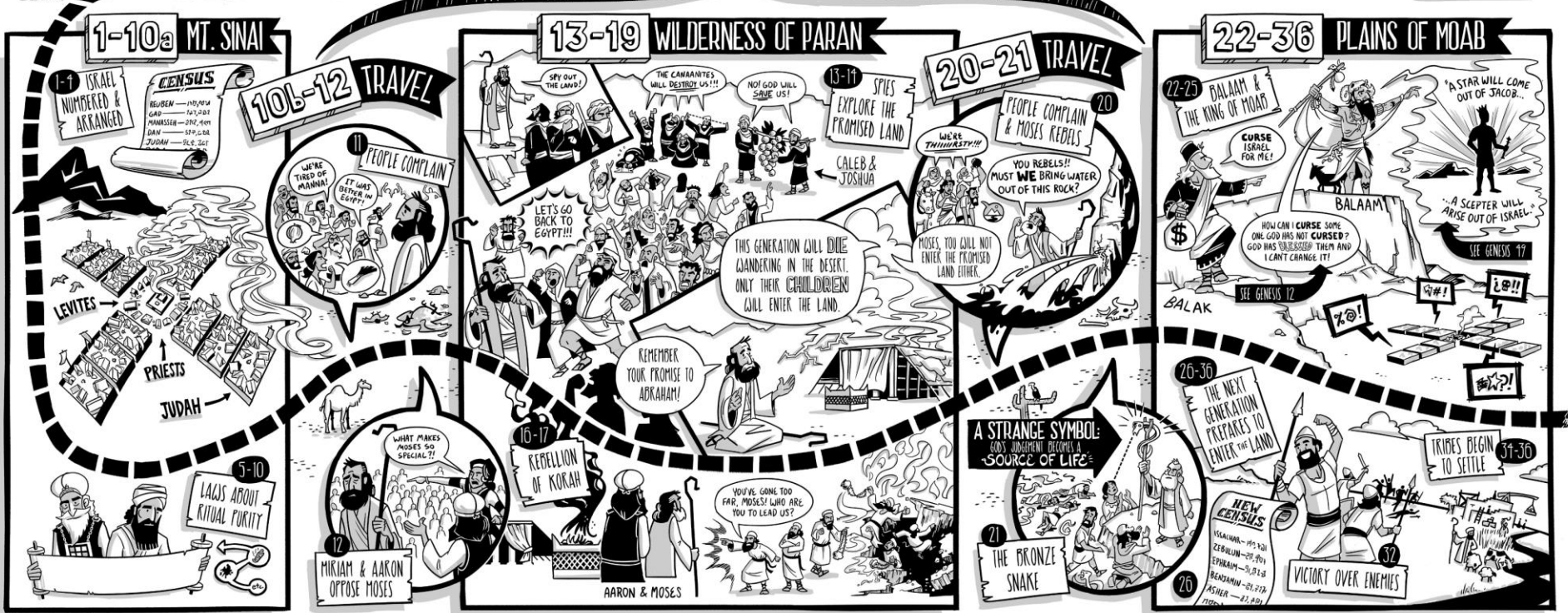
ISAIAH 43
EZEKIEL 20
JEREMIAH 7

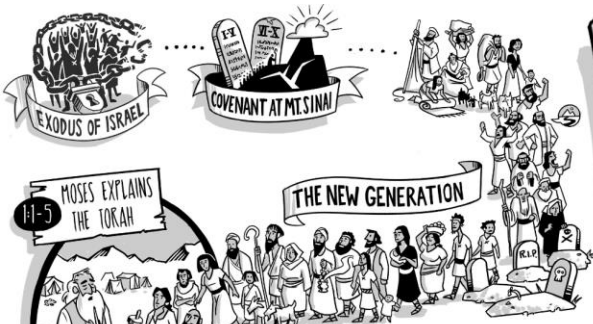
PSALMS 78, 95, 106

1 CORINTHIANS 10
HEBREWS 3-4

WARNING

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





DEUTERONOMY

A CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

SOME LAWS ARE NEW, BUT MANY ARE REPEATED.

GREEK: ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΝΟΜΙΟΝ = "SECOND LAW"

QUESTIONS UNRESOLVED IN THE TORAH

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

1-11 MOSES' OPENING SPEECH



THE SHEMA

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

LISTEN "HEAR" + "RESPOND" = **OBEY**
LOVE "EMOTION" + "DECISION" = **DEVOTION**
(LITERALLY "THE LORD IS ONE")
LORD ALONE ISRAEL IS TO WORSHIP **ONLY THE ONE GOD**



12-26 COLLECTION OF LAWS



CIVIL LAWS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

TIPS FOR READING THESE LAWS:

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



VS.



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

27-34 MOSES' FINAL SPEECH & DEATH



31-34 MOSES' LAST WORDS & DEATH





JOSHUA

Looking back:

CIRCUMCISION PRESOVER

Looking forward:



GOD'S BATTLE PLAN



1-5 JOSHUA LEADS ISRAEL



2 THE SENDING OF THE SPIES



6-12 BATTLES WITH THE CANAANITES



GOD'S JUSTICE ON HUMAN EVIL

WHY THE CANAANITES?

1

MORAL CORRUPTION

CHILD SACRIFICE

(SEE LEVITICUS 18)

(SEE DEUTERONOMY 12:29-31)

2

DID GOD INITIATE A GENOCIDE?

STORIES USE HYPERBOLE

TOTALLY INSIST NO THINGS ALL THAT THINGS

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

CANAANITES CAN TURN TO GOD OF ISRAEL

3

UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY

LIMITED TO CANAANITES

PEACE WITH OTHER NATIONS (SEE DEUTERONOMY 20)

13-22 JOSHUA DIVIDES UP THE LAND



23-24 JOSHUA'S FINAL WORDS



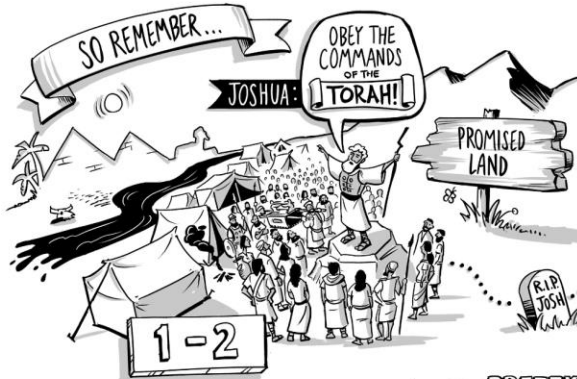
FAITHFULNESS TO THE TORAH

LIFE AND BLESSINGS IN THE LAND

UNFAITHFULNESS

DIVINE JUSTICE AND EXILE





JUDGES

ISRAEL'S TOTAL FAILURE



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

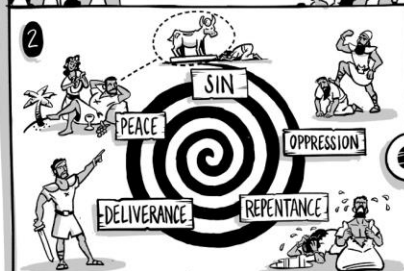


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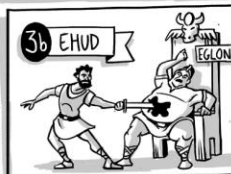
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17-21

PRETTY GOOD ——— OKAY ——— BAD ——— WORSE



ISRAEL FAILS TO DRIVE
OUT THE CANAANITES



CORRUPTION OF ISRAEL'S JUDGES



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



CORRUPTION OF THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL



1

RUTH

2

3

CURIOUS FACT: GOD IS HARDLY MENTIONED

NAOMI THE WIDOW RUTH THE MOABITE BOAZ THE FARMER



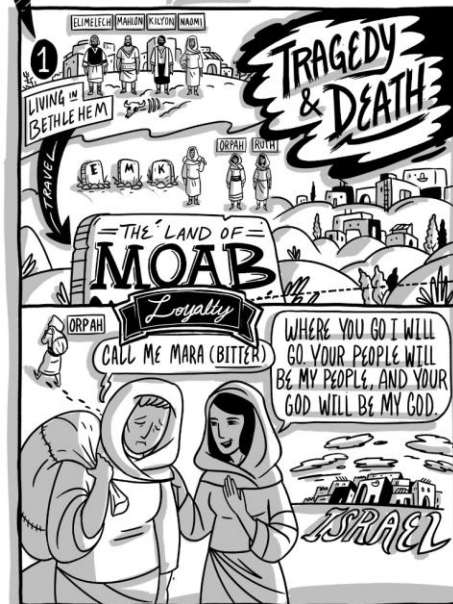
INTERPLAY OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND HUMAN DECISIONS

TRAGEDY

BOLDNESS
LOYALTY

GENEROSITY
LOYALTY

4



RECAP



-SAMUEL-

2 SAMUEL 7

FUTURE KING = TEMPLE = ETERNAL KINGDOM

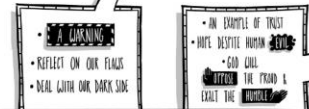
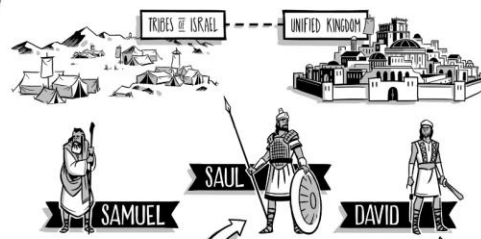
KEY CHAPTER & BIBLICAL STORY

PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

PROMISE OF MESSIAH

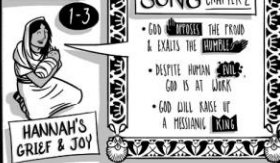


PSALMS 2, 72, 132, 135
KINGDOMS: ISRAEL 11, EZRA 31, ZECARIAH

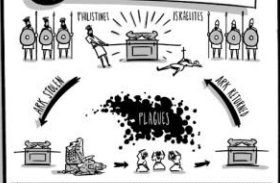


CHARACTER STUDIES

1-7



4-7 PHILISTINES VS ISRAEL



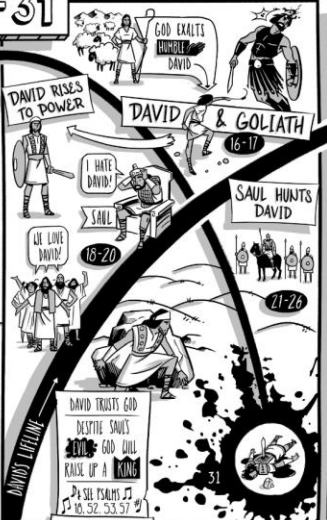
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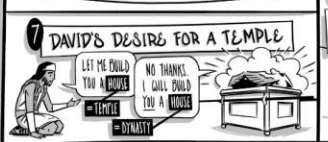
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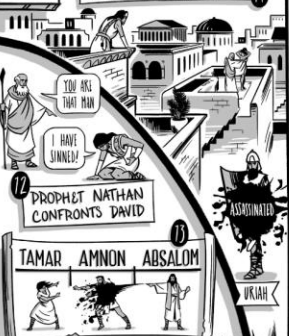
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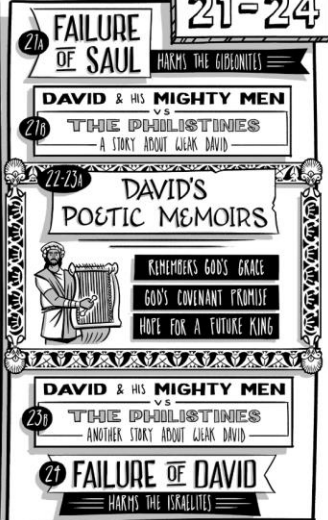
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DAVID & BATHSHEBA



21-24



1 SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL



KINGS

THE CRITERIA FOR KINGS:

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

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

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

THE ROLE OF PROPHETS:

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

1-2 SOLOMON SUCCEEDS DAVID

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

ADONIAH

JOAB

SHIMEI

3-4 SOLOMON ASKS FOR WISDOM

1-11 SOLOMON'S REIGN

5-8 ...AND BUILDS THE TEMPLE

GARDEN OF EDEN

HEAVEN + EARTH MEET

GOD'S PRESENCE

9-11 SOLOMON'S DOWNFALL

READ DEUT 17!

RESEMBLES PHARAOH

MORE THAN HE DOES DAVID

12-16 ISRAEL SPLITS IN TWO

READ EXODUS 32

REHOBOAM

SPLIT!

NORTHERN ISRAEL

JEROBOAM

SAMARIA

SOUTHERN JUDAH

JERUSALEM

17-8 ISRAEL'S KINGS VS. THE PROPHETS

1K17-2K8

NABOTH

INJUSTICE

IDOLATRY

THE HEALING OF NAAMAN

PURIFYING THE TEMPLE

RAISING A DEAD BOY

THE FLOATING AXE?

ELIJAH

ELISHA

7 Miracles

14

9-17 THE ROAD TO EXILE

EXILE CHAPTER 17

PROPHETIC REFLECTION:

- IDOLATRY
- INJUSTICE
- COVENANT UNFAITHFULNESS

HAVE ALL LED TO THIS

JERU

AHAB'S FAMILY

JEZEBEL

ZECHARIAH

SHALLUM

MENACHEM

PEKAHIAH

HOSHEA

PEKAH

SAMARIA

18-20 HEZEKIAH

18-25 JERUSALEM'S DEMISE AND BABYLONIAN EXILE

21 MANASSEH

KICK KNOCK

PROPHETS

THE POINT OF NO RETURN!

22-23 JOSIAH

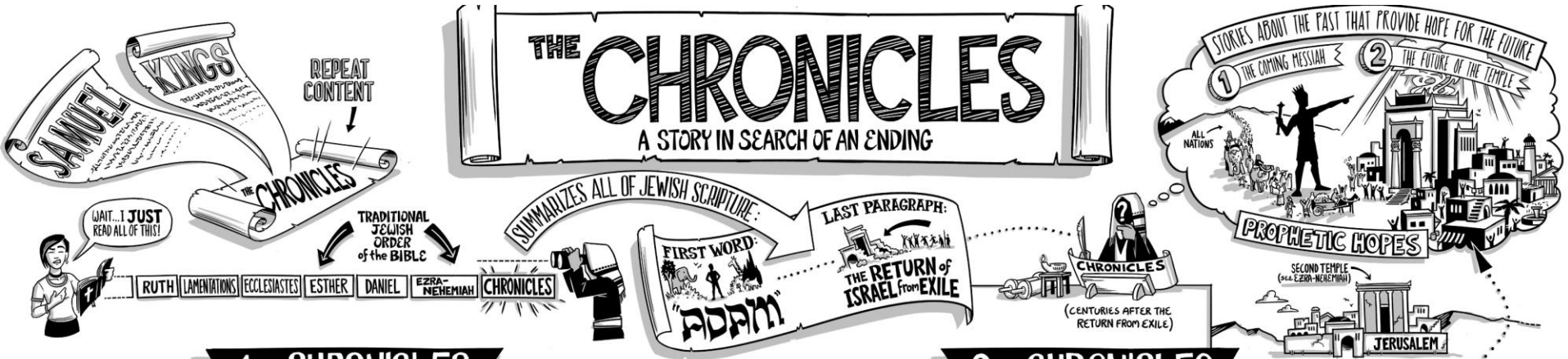
EXILE CHAPTERS 24-25

WE MUST REFORM!

BABYLON

IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL AND DAVID'S LINE

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1st CHRONICLES

1-9 GENEALOGIES!

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

BORING!
(but really important!)

SUMMARIZING the STORYLINE by NAMING KEY CHARACTERS



10-29 STORIES ABOUT DAVID

NEGATIVE STORIES of DAVID



POSITIVE STORIES of DAVID



Q: WHY THIS NEW MATERIAL?



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

2nd CHRONICLES

1-36 KINGS IN JERUSALEM

KINGS OF NORTHERN ISRAEL



OBEDIENT KINGS



UNFAITHFUL KINGS



THE END?

Incomplete Sentence!

CYRUS

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

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EZRA-NEHEMIAH

BABYLON →

50 YEARS LATER

PARALLEL DESIGN



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



2. LEADER FACES OPPOSITION TO REBUILDING



3. STRANGE ANTI-CLIMAX

EZRA 1-6

ZERUBBABEL THE TEMPLE



1-2

WHOEVER WANTS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU! (ECCLESIASTICUS 25)

ZERUBBABEL "PLANTED IN BABYLON"

3-6

GOD'S PRESENCE? (1 KINGS 8)



YOU HAVE NO PART IN THE TEMPLE!

WE JUST WANT TO HELP!



ISRAELITES WHO NEVER WENT INTO EXILE

THE END

ANOTHER 70 YEARS

EZRA 7-10

EZRA JEWISH COMMUNITY



7-8

GO TEACH THE TORAH AND REBUILD YOUR COMMUNITY!



9-10

THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BAD AS COMMUNISTS!



GOD NEVER COMMANDS EZRA TO DO THIS

GOD OPPOSES DIVORCE (104 MALACHI 2:13-14)

MIXED RESULTS LEAD TO ANOTHER ANTICLIMAX

YOU HAVE NO PART IN ISRAEL!



THE END

NEHEMIAH 1-7

NEHEMIAH CITY WALLS



1

MAY I GO REPAIR JERUSALEM'S WALLS?



YES! GO IN PEACE



YOU HAVE NO PART IN JERUSALEM!



THIS AGAIN

NEHEMIAH 8-12

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH MARATHON



NEW 13

...BUT IT'S NOT



TEMPLE NEGLECTED



SABBATH DISHONORED...



...WITHIN SIGHT OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS!



OH GOD... AT LEAST I TRIED!

the end.

PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 33, HOSEA 3)

GODS PRESENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECARIAH 3)

GODS KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECARIAH 8)

FULFILL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)



PROPHETS



WELCOME!

WELCOME!



BEGINS WITH HOPE

BUT



ENDS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

THE BOOK POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR A...

NEW HEART (ISAIAH 31 & ZECARIAH 36)

1-2 KING OF PERSIA'S GREATNESS

BRING ME VASHTATI!

DECREED LET ALL MEN BE MASTERS OF THEIR HOMES

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVED THE KING

ESTHER

9-10 MORDECAI'S GREATNESS

2 FEAST DAYS PURIM

COMMEMORATES THE JEWS' DELIVERANCE FROM DESTRUCTION

QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVED THE JEWS

ENEMIES & HAMAN'S SONS

3A HAMAN ELEVATED

ACAGITE = CANAANITE

100 YEARS AFTER BABYLONIAN EXILE

SUSA = PERSIAN CAPITAL

MORDECAI

HADASSAH (ESTHER)

JEWISH COMMUNITY

KING IS PURIM

HAMAN

CURIOUS FACT:

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

MORAL AMBIGUITY:

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

THE POINT:

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

3B HAMAN'S DECREE TO KILL THE JEWS

ROLLS THE DICE

13th ADAR

PUR

BANQUET

4 ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE

DELIVERANCE MUST COME FROM SOMEWHERE

PERHAPS YOU'VE BECOME QUEEN FOR THIS MOMENT

IF I PERISH, I PERISH

6 THE STORY PIVOTS

MORDECAI - I FORGOT!

LET MORDECAI BE PRAISED!

8A ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE

7 ESTHER'S 2ND BANQUET

HAMAN'S PLOTTED TO KILL THE JEWS!

WAIT!!

WHAT??

8B MORDECAI'S DECREE TO SAVE THE JEWS

13th OF ADAR

ALL JEWS CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AND DESTROY THEIR ENEMIES!

BANQUET



JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

CYCLE 1
CHAPTERS 13-14

CYCLE 2
CHAPTERS 15-21

CYCLE 3
CHAPTERS 22-28

FOCUS OF DEBATE

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

BIG ASSUMPTION

HUMAN ACTION WISE & GOOD
EVIL & STUPID

GOD'S JUSTICE SUCCESS & REWARD
DISASTER & PUNISHMENT

3-37

JOB'S PROTEST

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

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

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

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

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

JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

29-31

- ASSERTS INNOCENCE
- DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

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

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE



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

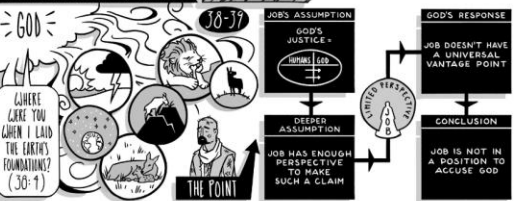
INTENTIONAL!

The Point

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

38-41

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE



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SA-TAN-NI 71 (HEBREW) ACCUSOR, PROSECUTOR

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

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

JOB'S CUFF: CURSE GOD AND DIE!

ELIPHAZ THE THAMITE, BALDAD THE SHARANITE, ZOPHAR THE NAUSATHI

JOB

BEST OF ANCIENT & NEAR-EASTERN THOUGHT

ASHES

PROLOGUE

JOB & THE FRIENDS

GOD'S RESPONSE

EPILOGUE



150 Hebrew Poems

 DAVID (73)
  HEMAN & ETHAN (2)

 ASAPH (12)
  SOLOMON & MOSES (3)

 SONS OF KORAH (11)
  ANONYMOUS (19)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR... BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

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




PSALMS

Torah & Messiah Lament & Praise Faith & Hope



HOW LONG, O LORD?

LAMENT

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

PRAISE

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



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

LAMENT & PRAISE BOOK 1 BOOK 2 BOOK 3 BOOK 4 BOOK 5 PRAISE & LAMENT

BOOK 1 3-41

1 BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH

TEACHING: 5 BOOKS OF MOSES

PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT PRAYER

15 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

16-18 DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE ELEVATION AS KING

PSALM 19 TORAH

20-23 FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS

24 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

2 POETIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7

MESSIANIC KING

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KING

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

BOOK 2 42-72

12-13 HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION

72 FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING

ECHOES THE PROPHECIES: ISAIAH 11, 45, & 60 • ZECHARIAH 9

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (PS 72-17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

BOOK 3 73-89

73-77 THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS & RIVERS SING"

89 EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM

PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM

VERSUS

EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM

BOOK 4 90-106

90 MOSES HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!

93-97 THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

106-108 THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

BOOK 5 107-145

107-110 THE MESSIANIC KING DEFEATS EVIL & BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM

112-118 THE HALLEL

118 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

PSALM 119 TORAH

"GOD HAS RAISED UP A MESSIAH FOR HIS PEOPLE" (118-11)

SEE 1 SAM 2:10 & PS 132:17

120-136 THE SONGS OF ASCENTS

132 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

HALLELU-YAH PRAISE + YAHWEH

146 HALLELU-YAH

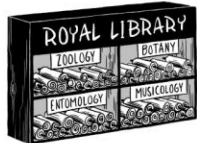
147 HALLELU-YAH

148 HALLELU-YAH

149 HALLELU-YAH

150 HALLELU-YAH

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



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

SOLOMON

FATHER OF ISRAEL'S WISDOM TRADITION



PROVERBS

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

BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE

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



1-9

AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1:1-9

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

FOR GAINING WISDOM

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



THE FEAR OF THE LORD

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

TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON



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

THE MORAL LOGIC OF PROVERBS



APPLY WISDOM IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

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



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

10-29

HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE JUSTICE DEBT
ALCOHOL SPEECH CHARACTER POVERTY WORK
FAMILY FORGIVENESS



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

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

30 AGUR

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



MODEL READER OF PROVERBS



31 LEMUEL



HERES WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:
• GUIDANCE FOR CHIEF LEADERSHIP (31:1-7)
• ALPHABET POEM ABOUT THE WISE WOMAN (31:10-31)



HER HUSBAND



THE POOR



THE MERCHANTS

PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES



PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES



NO GUARANTEES

PROVERBS FOCUS ON



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

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

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

MAYBE AUTHOR? MAYBE NOT

✓ HIS NAME REIGNS THE BOOK.

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

"OF SOLOMON" = IN THE WISDOM TRADITION OF SOLOMON

SOLOMON WAS KNOWN FOR WISDOM, POETRY, AND A LOVE OF LEARNING. (SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-34)

POEMS THAT EXPLORE *TOTE AND DESIRE*

the Song of Songs

1:2-7 INTRODUCTION

LET HIM KISS ME! (1:2)

COME FIND ME. (1:3)

TAKE ME AWAY WITH YOU! (1:4)

FINDING, EMBRACING

SEPARATE, SEEKING

THEME ONE

INTENSE DESIRE: SEEKING AND FINDING

8:1-3

THE JOY OF PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

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

THEME TWO

REMEMBER:
HEBREW METAPHORS ARE
NOT
—PRIMARILY—
VISUAL!



8:6-14 CONCLUSION

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

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

THE HUMAN LONGING TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN

TRANSCENDENT, MYSTERIOUS, AND A GIFT FROM GOD

LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE!

RUN AWAY WITH ME!

8:10-12

8:13-14

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

WHAT IS LOVE POETRY DOING IN THE BIBLE?

THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS THROUGH HISTORY:

1 JEWISH TRADITION
AN ALLEGORY OF ISRAEL AND GOD

2 CHRISTIAN TRADITION
AN ALLEGORY OF THE CHURCH AND CHRIST
(SEE EPHESIANS 5:23-33)

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

3 COLLECTION OF ANCIENT POETRY
THAT REFLECTS ON THE DIVINE GIFT OF LOVE

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

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

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JUDGMENT!

ISRAEL'S REBELLION WILL COME AT A COST

BABYLON

ASSYRIA

ISAIAH'S MESSAGE:

JERUSALEM

HOPE!

THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

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

ISRAEL'S OBEDIENCE TO THE COVENANT
(EXODUS 19)

GOD'S BLESSING TO THE NATIONS
(GENESIS 12)

ISAIAH

Suffering-Servant-King Covenant Family of All Nations Hope for a Renewed Creation

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

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

A. THE VOICE of ISAIAH TRANSPORTED INTO THE FUTURE

720's B.C.

530's B.C.

B. THE VOICE of ISAIAH AND HIS PROPHETIC DISCIPLES

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

720's B.C.

530's B.C.

1-12 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR JERUSALEM

1-2

OLD JERUSALEM

REBELLION, IDOLATRY & INJUSTICE

3-12

NEW JERUSALEM

JUSTICE & PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS

6

ISAIAH'S TEMPLE VISION

ASSYRIA & BABYLON

NO, YOU'RE PURIFIED! NOW GO.

I'M DONE FOR!

ISRAEL

A HOLY SEED?

7-12

IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

A NEW BRANCH FROM THE STUMP OF DAVID'S FAMILY

EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

FREE FROM OPPRESSION

YOU'RE GOING DOWN! GOD WILL RAISE UP A NEW KING.

NEW JERUSALEM

ALL NATIONS

13-27 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

13-23

FALL OF BABYLON & ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS

PHILISTIA

MOAB

SYRIA

EGYPT

ASSYRIA

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

BUT YOU'LL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO THE GRAVE! (N 15)

24-27

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

ARCHETYPE OF REBELLIOUS IMPUNITY

DESCRIBED WITH IMAGES FROM CHAPTERS 9-23

THE DITY CITY

DESTINY FOR RUIN!

GOD'S KINGDOM OVER ALL NATIONS!

NO MORE SUFFERING OR DEATH!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

28-39 THE RISE & FALL OF JERUSALEM

28-35

ACCUSATION OF JERUSALEM'S LEADERS

ALLIANCE WITH EGYPT

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

DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIANS, O LORD!

HEZEKIAH'S RISE 36-38

MIRACULOUSLY SAVED!

39

HEZEKIAH'S FALL

NO! BABYLON WILL BETRAY & DESTROY JERUSALEM!

BABYLON ATTACKS!

(SEE 2 KINGS 24-25)

SURE, ENOUGH, 100+ YEARS LATER.

EXILE!

40-48 ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOPE

40

"COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE!"

EXILE IS OVER!

ISRAEL CAN RETURN HOME

GOD'S KINGDOM IS COMING

41-47

THE TRIAL

THE ACCUSATION

GOD'S RESPONSE

THE RIGHT CONCLUSION

ISRAEL IS STILL REBELLIOUS

GOD'S GOING TO DO A NEW THING!

49-55 THE SERVANT FULFILLS GOD'S MISSION

49

GOD'S SERVANT

YOU ARE NOW ISRAEL

GOD NEW! GOD'S KINGDOM!

THE MISSION:

1 TO RESTORE ISRAEL

2 TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

51-55

2 Ways to Respond:

THE WICKED RESIST & REJECT THE SERVANT

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

56-66 THE SERVANTS INHERIT GOD'S KINGDOM

56-62

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE WICKED & THE SERVANTS

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

THE SERVANTS: INHERIT THE NEW CREATION

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

SERVANT ANNOUNCES GOD'S KINGDOM

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

63-66

ALL NATIONS INVITED TO JOIN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

56b-56

56a

60b-62

65-66a

66b



JEREMIAH

MESSANGER of GOD'S JUSTICE and GRACE



1-24 ACCUSATION & WARNING FOR ISRAEL

CORE IDEA:

ISRAEL HAS BROKEN THE COVENANT



WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS
IDOLATRY AS ADULTERY

ACCUSATION OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS
PRIESTS, KINGS, PROPHETS



RAMPANT SOCIAL INJUSTICE
WIDOWS, ORPHANS, IMMIGRANTS



7 JEREMIAH'S TEMPLE SERMON

INSIDE - JERUSALEM - OUTSIDE



GOD WILL DESTROY HIS OWN TEMPLE BY SENDING AN ENEMY FROM THE NORTH!

BABYLON - CUP OF GOD'S JUST ANGER



26-45 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR ISRAEL

26-29 JEREMIAH REJECTED BY ISRAEL'S LEADERS

25

BABYLON WILL DESTROY JERUSALEM & EXILE ISRAEL FOR 70 YEARS!



30-33 HOPE FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE

AFTER EXILE, GOD WILL RENEW THE COVENANT AND TRANSFORM ISRAEL'S HEARTS.



MOSES

"I WILL PLACE MY TORAH INSIDE THEM, AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS."

JEREMIAH

RETURN TO THE LAND! MESSIAH!



ALL NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGE ISRAEL'S GOD!

34-45 SIEGE & DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM



46-51 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR THE NATIONS



52 DESTRUCTION & EXILE (FROM 2 KINGS 25)



FULFILLMENT OF JUDGMENT... ...PROMISE OF HOPE



LAMENTATIONS

DESIGN OF THE FIVE POEMS:

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

ORDERED & LINEAR STRUCTURE

DISORDERED & PAINFUL GRIEF

LAMENT POEMS IN THE BIBLE:

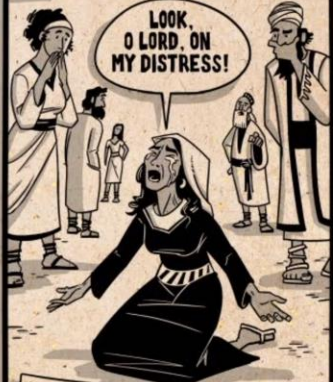
(SEE PSALMS 10, 63, 69, 74, 79)

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



LAMENT POEMS RESTORE A SACRED DIGNITY TO HUMAN SUFFERING

1 LADY ZION'S GRIEF & SHAME



JERUSALEM PERSONIFIED AS THE DAUGHTER OF ZION

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

2 THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & GOD'S WRATH



DIVINE WRATH ≠ VOLATILE ANGER
= GOD'S JUSTICE

GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER
BUT WILL JUDGE HUMAN EVIL.

3 THE SUFFERING ONE



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

— 3:22-24

GOD'S JUDGMENT BECOMES THE

SEEDBED OF HOPE

4 THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM



5 COMMUNAL PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY



THE BOOK ENDS WITH A PARADOX:



WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY DOING IN BABYLON??

5 YEARS AFTER EXILE...

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

HEBREW: **KAPOD** - PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S SIGNIFICANCE (SEE EZEKIELS 19, 29, 25)

1-11 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

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

EZEKIEL 1-3 COMMISSIONED

WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS
SOCIAL INJUSTICE

EZEKIEL'S SIGN ACTS

EZEKIEL THE SCAFFOLD, BEARING ISRAEL'S SINS

THE TEMPLE VISION

STAINING THE SABBATH'S SILENCE
CARRYING HIS SINS

BAD NEWS: NO ONE'S GOING TO LISTEN.

(RECALL DEUTERONOMY ch.30)

ISRAEL'S HARD HEART

ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY HAS DRIVEN GOD AWAY...

ISRAEL'S NEW HEART

...BUT HE HASN'T ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE.

A REMNANT WILL RETURN (WITH NEW, TRANSFORMED HEARTS).

EZEKIEL

12-24 JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

USE OF PARABLE & ALLEGORY

15 2 10 23 19 4 DANGEROUS SITUATION

EZEKIEL AS LAWYER

GOD: HAVE MERCY!

THIS LATE? MOSES, DANIEL, & JOB

ISRAEL'S JUDGMENT IS DESERVED

GOD'S GOODNESS DEMANDING HE BEING JUSTICE

THEY'VE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN

34-37 HOPE FOR ISRAEL

MESSIANIC KING
A NEW DAVID
GOD'S SPIRIT
A NEW ISRAEL WITH A NEW HEART
A NEW DAVID
GOD'S SPIRIT
A NEW ISRAEL WITH A NEW HEART
A NEW DAVID
GOD'S SPIRIT
A NEW ISRAEL WITH A NEW HEART

RECALLS GENESIS 2:XX - THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR GOD TO REMAKE HUMANS - DIRTY + DIVINE BREATH HUMANS TO LOVE GOD + OTHERS.

25-32 JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

PHILISTIA

AMMON

MOAB

EDOM

EGYPT

VIEWING THEMSELVES AS GODS

TYRE

BABYLON'S COMING FOR YOU TOO!

ALL BROUGHT DOWN BY BABYLON...

33

JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN!

JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN!

38-39 HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

GOD DEFEATS EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS
GOG
ANCIENT KINGDOM FROM GENESIS 10
DESCRIPTION OF GOG - DESCRIPTION OF KINGS OF TYRE & EGYPT
ARCHETYPE OF HUMAN REBELLION
THESE SCENES ARE FULL OF SYMBOLS & IMAGERY ABOUT GOD'S FINAL DEFEAT OF EVIL

40-48 HOPE FOR ALL CREATION

10-10 VISION OF A NEW TEMPLE
THE MEANING OF THE VISIONS?
1) LITERAL BLUEPRINTS OF NEW TEMPLE IN THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KINGDOM
2) SYMBOLIC DEPICTION OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM
DEAD SEA VALLEY
17-10 NEW GARDEN OF EDEN: "THE LORD IS THERE"



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

DANIEL

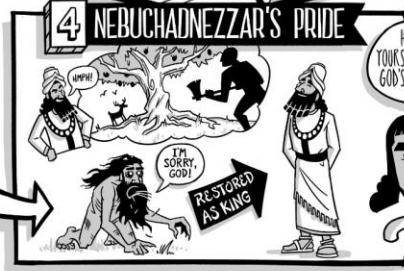
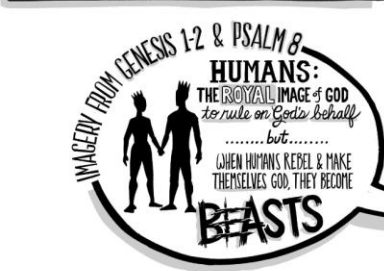
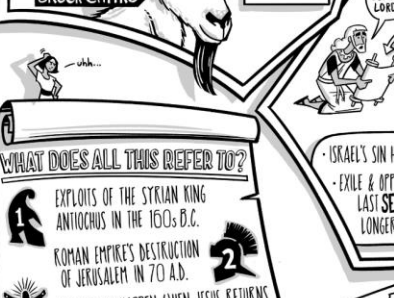
HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

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

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

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

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HOSEA

1-3 INTRODUCE HOSEA'S MAIN THEMES:

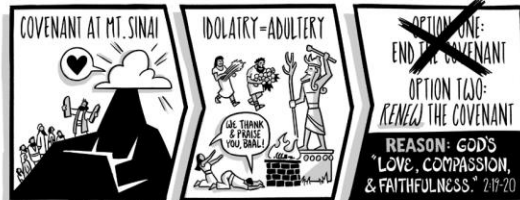
ISRAEL HAS REBELLED & GOD WILL BRING SEVERE CONSEQUENCES...
BUT GOD'S LOVE & MERCY ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ISRAEL'S SIN.

(EXPLORED IN MORE DEPTH)

1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE TO GOMER

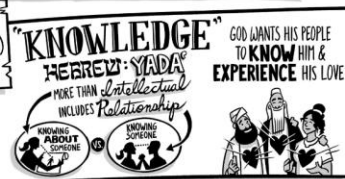


PROPHETIC SYMBOL OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL



4-11 ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS FOR ISRAEL

1-10 CAUSES & EFFECTS OF ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS



HYPOCRISY OF ISRAEL'S WORSHIP



11 HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



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

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

GOD'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO

Heal & Save

12-14 MORE ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS

12-13 HOSEA'S HISTORY LESSON



the DAY of the LORD

PAST EVENTS
WHEN GOD SAVED
HIS PEOPLE &
CONFRONTED EVIL

FUTURE TIME
WHEN GOD WILL
DEFEAT EVIL &
SAVE THE WORLD

JOEL

A BIBLICAL AUTHOR EXPRESSED
HIS VIEWS ON THE DAY OF THE LORD
IN EARLIER BIBLICAL
CARVINGS

MALACHI
OBADIAH
ZECHARIAH
NAHUM
ISAIAH
AMOS

UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT JOEL:

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

ISRAEL'S SIN LED
TO DISASTER

BUT GOD'S MERCY
CREATES HOPE

THE PAST BECOMES AN
IMAGE OF THE FUTURE

1 A PAST DAY OF THE LORD

A RECENT LOCUST
SWARM IN ISRAEL

REMEMBER
THE PLAGUES
ON EGYPT
(SEE EXODUS 10)

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF DISASTER

2a A FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

AN IMMINENT
DISASTER FOR
JERUSALEM

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

CALL TO
REPENTANCE

TO YOU,
O LORD,
I CALL!

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

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

QUOTATION OF
EXODUS 34:6

ACTS OF
REPENTANCE

SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD!

2b GOD'S RESPONSE

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

20-21 DEFEAT OF
THE INVADERS

22-26 RESTORATION OF THE
DEVASTATED LAND

27 DIVINE PRESENCE
AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE

2c-3 THE FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

31-35 GOD WILL CONFRONT
EVIL AMONG ALL NATIONS

God

SEE:
ISAIAH 13
ZECHARIAH 3
EZEKIEL 38-39

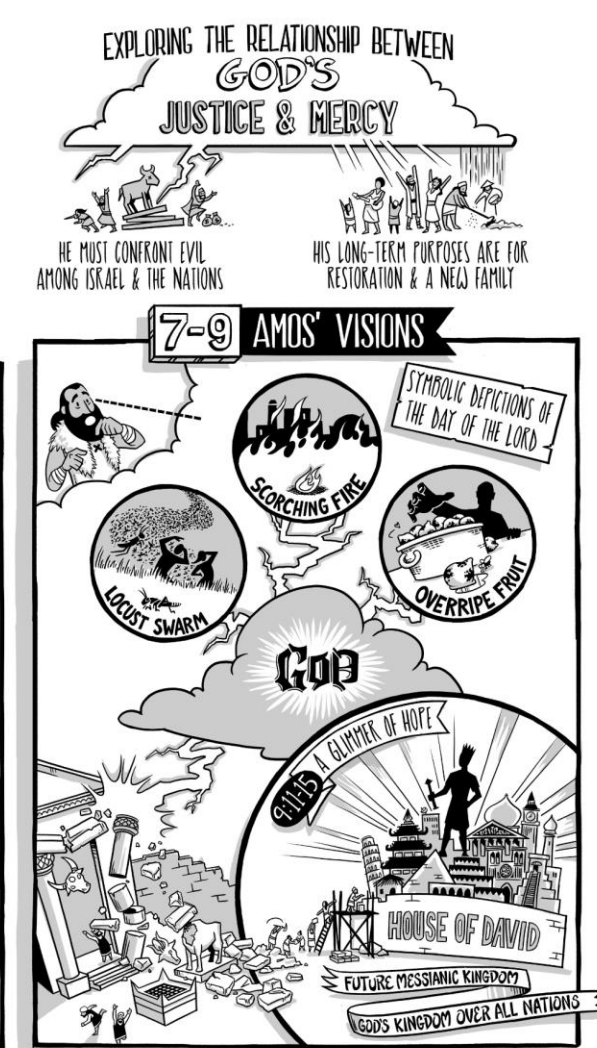
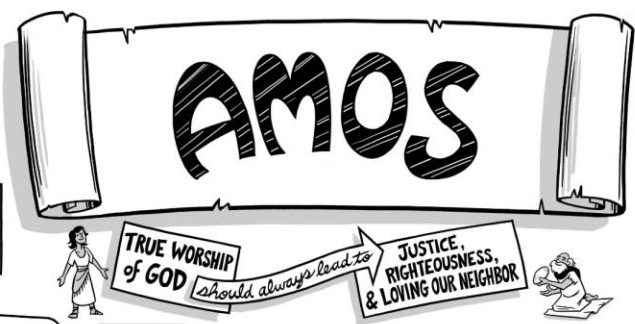
37-41 RENEWAL OF
ALL CREATION

A NEW EDEN

SEE:
ISAIAH 35
EZEKIEL 47
ZECHARIAH 14

220-32 GOD'S SPIRIT WILL
FILL ALL HIS PEOPLE

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



THE BACKSTORY:

ABRAHAM & SARAH

ISAAC & REBEKAH

JACOB & ESAU

SEE GENESIS 25-27

SEE NUMBERS 20:14-20

AKA

AKA
EDOM

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

EDOM:

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

OBADIAH

EDOM'S PRIDE & FALL

- HEBREW: עֲדָם "EDOM"

IS AN IMAGE OF

THE PRIDE & FALL OF ALL NATIONS

HEBREW: אָדָם "ADAM"=HUMANITY

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

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

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vv1-14 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EDM

WE LIVE IN THE
HEIGHTS, AT HOME WITH
THE STARS! WHO CAN
BRING US DOWN?!

(1:3-4)

EDOM'S PRIDE & SELF-EXALTATION

v15

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

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

vv16-21 THE DAY OF THE LORD FOR ALL NATIONS

vv17-21 RESTORATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM OVER JERUSALEM & ALL NATIONS

NEW JERUSALEM

AFTER THE DAY OF THE LORD:

JOEL 2&3:

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

AMOS 9:11-15

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

YOU GUYS TOO!

ALL NATIONS

UNIQUE AMONG the PROPHETS:

WORDS OF A PROPHET

VS.

STORY ABOUT A PROPHET

JONAH'S ONE OTHER APPEARANCE in the OLD TESTAMENT:

GOD'S FAVOR IS WITH YOU!

NO! GOD'S JUSTICE IS AGAINST YOU!

JEROBAM II (REALLY BAD KING)

JONAH

AMOS

2 KINGS 14:23-25

6:13-14

PROPHET WHO REBELS

PAGAN SAILORS WHO REPENT

JONAH

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

DISTINCT NARRATIVE STYLE:

Satire

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

HUMOR AND IRONY

POWERFUL KING WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF

EVEN COWS REPENT!

THIS BOOK IS TRYING TO MESS WITH YOU:

ARE YOU OKAY WITH GOD LOVING YOUR ENEMIES?

AREN'T YOU GLAD GOD LOVES HIS ENEMIES?

1 JONAH AND THE SAILORS

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

TARSHISH

NINEVEH

WHY DOES HE RUN...??

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

CALL YOUR GOD!

O GOD! DON'T LET ME BE BLIND TO OUR OWN HANDS!

THIS SHOULD WORK.

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

THIS MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!

NEVER TECHNICALLY REPENTS, BUT...

THANKS GOD FOR NOT ABANDONING HIM AND...

PROMISES TO OBEY FROM THIS POINT ON.

GOD'S DIVINE RESPONSE

BLECH!

3 JONAH AND THE NINEVITES

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

NINEVEH MORE NINEVEH

A SHORT, ODD SERMON

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

NEVERTHELESS...

FORGIVE US, OH GOD!!!

FORTY MORE DAYS AND NINEVEH SHALL BE OVERTURNED!

IS THIS PROPHECY SABOTAGE???

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

"OVERTURNED"

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

HERE'S WHY HE RAN:

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

JUST KILL ME NOW...

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

YES, JUST LET ME DIE...

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

THE END.

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



MICAH

GOD DELIGHTS IN COVENANT LOVE, SO HE WILL AGAIN SHOW COMPASSION. HE WILL TRAMPLE OUR EVIL; HE WILL TOSS OUR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA. **7:18-20**

ALLUSION TO GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12, 15, 17)

ALL NATIONS WILL FIND BLESSING THROUGH ABRAHAM

JUDGMENT ↔ **HOPE**

GOD MUST CONFRONT & JUDGE EVIL AMONG HIS PEOPLE.

GOD'S COVENANT LOVE & PROMISE ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN HUMAN EVIL.

1-2

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

ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS

ACCUSATIONS: GATH, SHAPIR, LACHISH, ABULAYUS, JERUSALEM

BUT WHY...?

THOUGHT: NABOTH (2 KINGS 23)

LEADERS & PROPHETS

WEALTHY THROUGH THEFT & GREED

HOPE & RESTORATION

2:12-13 GOD WILL SHEPHERD THE REMNANT OF HIS PEOPLE

3-4a

INJUSTICE OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS

BUT IT'S OUR LAND!

TORAH VIOLATION!
Illegal sale of family land (see LEVITICUS 25:23, NUMBERS 36:7)

DISASTER IS COMING...

NO MORE!

BUT IT'S NOT PERMANENT

7:1-7 REMNANT RESTORED!

PEACE ON EARTH!

NEW JERUSALEM

4b-5

7:8-13 ASSYRIA → BABYLONIAN EXILE → RESTORATION

BABYLON

BETHLEHEM

NEW JERUSALEM

5:1-6 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

5:7-14 GOD'S KINGDOM CONFRONTS EVIL & BLESSES THE NATIONS

THE REMNANT AMONG THE NATIONS!

6-7

ISRAEL'S UNJUST ECONOMIC PRACTICES

THE LORD HAS TOLD YOU, O HUMAN, WHAT IS GOOD, AND WHAT THE LORD REQUIRES OF YOU: TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. **(6-8)**

7:8-20 ISRAEL PERSONIFIED AS A SUFFERING, DEFEATED INDIVIDUAL

2 REASONS FOR FUTURE HOPE:

1 GOD'S CHARACTER
"WHO IS A GOD LIKE YOU, WHO FORGIVES SIN & PARDONS REBELLION?" **(7:18)**

"I WATCH FOR THE LORD..."

LET MY GOD HEAR ME!

2 GOD'S PROMISES
"YOU WILL STAY TRUE TO JACOB & SHOW COVENANT LOVE TO ABRAHAM, AS YOU SAW LONG AGO." **(7:20)**



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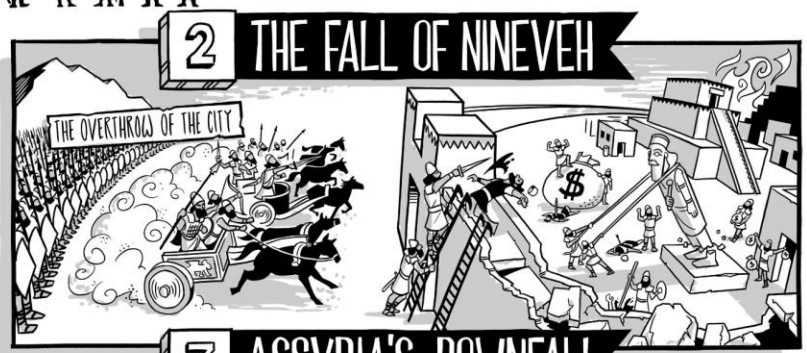
NAHUM IS PORTRAYING NINEVEH'S FALL AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD WON'T ALLOW VIOLENT EMPIRES TO ENDURE. (SEE DANIEL)



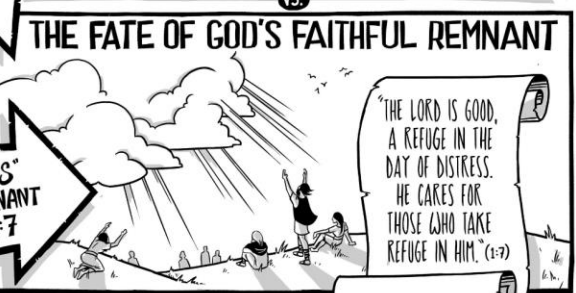
the **POINT:**

SIMILAR TO MICAH ch.1 & HABAKKUK ch.3

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



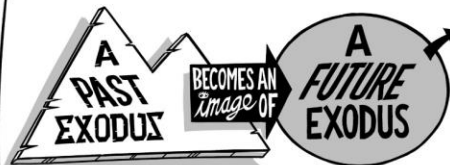
10-9-11 FALL of the 'BAD GUYS' = FALL of BABYLON (ISAIAH 10:4 & 11)
NAHUM NOWHERE MENTIONS NINEVEH IN ch.1





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

HABAKKUK



WHEN GOD WILL:

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

GOD'S ANSWER TO

Habakkuk ♦ Later Generations

NOT UNIQUE! MOST NATIONS EVENTUALLY BECOME BABYLON...

1-2a HABAKKUK ... & GOD

1:2-4 COMPLAINT #1

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

TORAH NEGLECTED

VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE

CORRUPT LEADERSHIP

1:5-11 RESPONSE #1

LOOK! I'M RAISING UP THE BABYLONIANS.

1:12-2:1 COMPLAINT #2

WHAT?! BABYLON IS EVEN WORSE THAN ISRAEL!

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

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

2:2-5 RESPONSE #2

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

VISION ABOUT AN APPOINTED TIME

"Righteous will LIVE BY THEIR Faith"

2b FIVE 'WOES'

THE OPPRESSIVE INJUSTICE OF BABYLON

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

3 HABAKKUK'S PRAYER

3:1-2 HABAKKUK PLEADS WITH GOD

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

3:3-7 GOD APPEARS IN POWER!

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

ARCHETYPE OF EVIL NATIONS

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

A FUTURE EXODUS

3:15-19 WINTER PRAYER

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

SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE "Righteous LIVING BY Faith"



ZEPHANIAH



1-2:3 JUDGMENT ON JERUSALEM



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



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

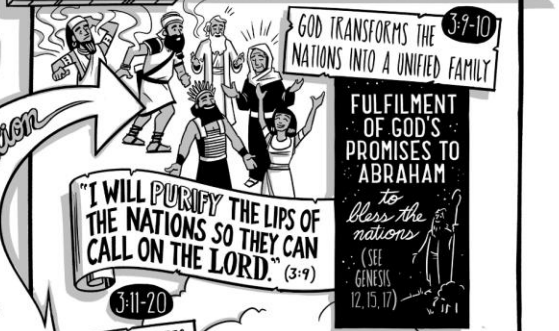


3:1-8 ...INCLUDING JERUSALEM!

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



3:9-20 HOPE FOR THE NATIONS & JERUSALEM

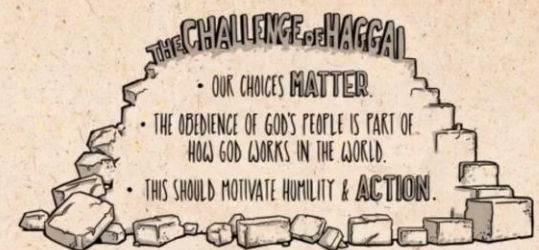


"MY DECISION IS TO GATHER ALL THE NATIONS & POUR OUT MY BURNING INDIGNATION." (3:8)





HAGGAI



1:1-15 ACCUSATION & RESPONSE

AUGUST 520 B.C.

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

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

THIS IS COVENANT REBELLION!
(SEE DEUTERONOMY 29:22-30)

THE TEMPLE

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

JOSHUA & ZERUBBABEL

2:1-9 ADDRESSING SHATTERED EXPECTATIONS

ONE MONTH LATER

ELDERS WHO REMEMBER SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

REMEMBER THE PROMISE OF GOD'S FUTURE KINGDOM!

NEW JERUSALEM

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

NEW TEMPLE



2:10-19 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

TWO MONTHS LATER

A CONVERSATION ABOUT RITUAL PURITY (REMEMBER LEVITICS)

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

...IS THE FOOD IMPURE TOO?

YES!

THAT'S WHAT THESE PEOPLE ARE LIKE:

IMPURITY = INJUSTICE, APATHY

THE WILDERNESS GENERATION

OBEDIENCE = BLESSING

UNFAITHFULNESS = RUIN

THE EXILED GENERATION

MOSES

HAGGAI

ONLY TRUE REPENTANCE & COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

WILL LEAD TO...

THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM & BLESSING

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

THAT SAME DAY

ESTABLISHMENT of MESSIANIC KING (ZERUBBABEL?)

NEW JERUSALEM

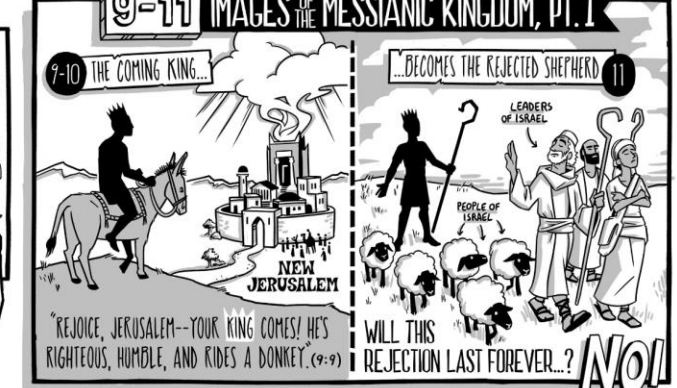
DEFEAT EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS

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

KEEP READING!



ZECHARIAH





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

TORAH and PROPHETS

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

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

1-2 EXPOSING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION

1:2-5 DISPUTE #1

I STILL LOVE YOU. (1:2)

HOW HAVE YOU SHOWN US LOVE?

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

...BUT NOT ESAU'S FAMILY.

JACOB & ISRAEL

ESAU & EDM.

SEE GENESIS 25-27 & OBADIAH

1:6-2:9 DISPUTE #2

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

HOW ARE WE DESPIISING YOU?

IT'S... GOOD ENOUGH.

NO PROBLEM!

IT'S FINE.

2:10-10 DISPUTE #3

YOU'VE TURNED AGAINST ME & YOUR WIVES.

WHAT?! HOW?!!

IDOLATRY & DIVORCE (SEE NEHEMIAH 13)

HARRY ME & WORSHIP MY GODS!

YEE PUAH!

3 CONFRONTING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION & THE DAY OF THE LORD

2:17-3:5 DISPUTE #4

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

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

PURIFYING FIRE

FAITHFUL REMNANT

3:6-12 DISPUTE #5

TURN BACK TO ME. (3:7)

HOW?!

START OFFERING THE TITHE AGAIN. (3:10)

10% OF ANNUAL INCOME, DONATED TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE (SEE LEVITICUS 27:30)

3:13-10 DISPUTE #6

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

GOD'S RESPONSE: A SHORT STORY

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT

SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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

4:1-3 CONCLUSION

THE FUTURE OF THE REMNANT

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