

Books of the Prophets – These are sub divided into two, five Major and 12 Minor Prophets, which end the Old Testament, namely:

1. Isaiah - Major

Isaiah

700-681 B.C.

Prophecy

The first book of the Major Prophets, Isaiah contains warnings of God's coming judgement and detailed prophecies about the Messiah.

2. Jeremiah - Major

Jeremiah

627-586 B.C.

Prophecy

Known as the weeping prophet, Jeremiah passionately pleads with the people to repent before the coming Babylonian captivity, but is ignored.

3. Lamentations - Major

Jeremiah

586 B.C.

Poetry & Prophecy

Lamentations is a book of sadness that reflects on the destruction of Jerusalem and captivity of Israel.

4. Ezekiel - Major

Ezekiel

571 B.C.

Prophecy

Ezekiel is called by God to preach a message of judgement and deliverance for the captives living in Babylon.

5. Daniel - Major

Daniel

535 B.C.

Narrative & Prophecy

Like Ezekiel, Daniel has been taken to Babylon in captivity and receives prophetic visions while serving in the courts of the king.

6. Hosea - Minor

Hosea

715 B.C.

Prophecy

The first book of the Minor Prophets, Hosea is a tragic love story that demonstrates God's unending love for His people despite their unfaithfulness.

7. Joel - Minor

Joel

835-796 B.C.

Prophecy

Joel warns the people to repent and turn back to God before judgement falls upon them.

8. Amos - Minor

Amos

760-750 B.C.

Prophecy

A shepherd named Amos prophesies to the northern kingdom which has become self-sufficient and indifferent towards God during a time of great prosperity.

9. Obadiah - Minor

Obadiah

627-586 B.C.

Prophecy

Only one chapter, Obadiah demonstrates God's ongoing protection of His people and coming judgement on the nation of Edom, which was indifferent during the Babylonian plunder of Jerusalem.

10. Jonah - Minor

Jonah

785-760 B.C.

Narrative

A reluctant prophet, Jonah is sent by God to Nineveh, but refuses and learns the futility of it in the belly of a giant fish.

11. Micah - Minor

Micah

742-687 B.C.

Prophecy

Micah warns of the coming judgement that will eventually exile the nation, and includes some of the clearest predictions of the Messiah.

12. Nahum - Minor

Nahum

663-654 B.C.

Prophecy

Nahum is the second prophet sent to Nineveh (Jonah being the first) to preach God's judgement on the Assyrian city and empire.

13. Habakkuk - Minor

Habakkuk

612-589 B.C.

Prophecy

God answers Habakkuk's complaints of wickedness and injustice in the land.

14. Zephaniah - Minor

Zephaniah

640-621 B.C.

Prophecy

Written shortly before the fall of Judah (Southern Kingdom of Israel) to Babylonian conquest, Zephaniah warns the people and the surrounding nations that the day of the Lord is near.

15. Haggai - Minor

Haggai

520 B.C.

Prophecy

Written after the Babylonian exile, work to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem had halted due to opposition and spiritual apathy, so Haggai motivates the people to finish.

16. Zechariah - Minor

Zechariah

520-480 B.C.

Prophecy

Zechariah ministered with Haggai after the 70-year exile, encouraging the remnant to return to God.

17. Malachi - Minor

Malachi

430 B.C.

Prophecy

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi is a beautiful expression of God's love for a nation that continues to disobey Him.

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