

Major Prophets

Fun Fact:

Isaiah has 16932 words

Jeremiah has 21835 words

Ezekiel has 18730 words

How many chapters?

Isaiah - 66

Jeremiah - 52

Ezekiel - 48

Basics About these books:

- Poetry
- Prophecy
- Mystery
- Calling of Each of the Authors
- Fulfillment in Christ
- Future fulfilment
- Statements about the New Covenant.

Acts 28:23b – “From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.”

Expound – to set forth, to declare

Testifying – to give solemn evidence (warn); to affirm

Trying to convince (persuade) – to urge, to persuade because trustworthy

Source – Law of Moses and Prophets

Take Time to Meditate or take notes on I Peter 1:10-12

“Concerning this salvation the prophets...the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted

the sufferings of Christ

And the subsequent glories...”

Isaiah

God's Salvation

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Name means God is Salvation

Probably ministered for about 50 years

Key Verse: Isaiah 9:6

Ministered during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah

Especially during the reign of good King Hezekiah

See Isaiah 36-39

Overview of King Hezekiah:

1. He calls the people of Judah to repentance.
2. He was a man who worshipped God and called the people to do the same.
3. He had the people keep the Passover.
4. He organized the priests in the worship of God in the temple.
5. Yet He experienced trouble; though he was faithful. (2 Chron. 32:1)

Outline

Trusting and hoping in God- and His Messiah

Isaiah 1-35 – Prophecy and poetry

Warnings against nations

Some strong mentioning of the Messiah

Isaiah 36-39 – History

Isaiah 40-66 – Prophecy and poetry

Coming of Christ – His life, death, etc.

Kingdom of God

Second coming

Quotations of Isaiah

How many times do you think it is quoted in the New Testament?

Isaiah 53

Some background Acts 8:26ff

Remember this is prophecy.

He was born into a common family.

He was despised during his life and ministry.

He was a true; He “no beauty that we should desire Him.”

He was the perfect sacrifice and answered not a word back.

He will see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

We see the ugliness of sin and the price it requires to be forgiven.

Do you have a Favorite Chapters or Verse in Isaiah?

Isaiah 7:12 and 9:6

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 26:3

Isaiah 30:18

Isaiah 32

Isaiah 40-43, 53, 60-66

Jeremiah: The Weeping Prophet

Read Jeremiah 1

Facts

1. Jeremiah is the author
2. He was a priest and prophet; the son of Hilkiyah
3. Served under the kings – Josiah and Jehoikim
4. Assisted by Baruch (Jer. 45:1-3)
5. From Anathoth

Jeremiah's call:

1. God had appointed him even before he was born.
2. Jeremiah pushes back at God's call.
3. God promises His presence with Jeremiah- "You can't back out."
4. God promises to fill his mouth with his word.
5. God gives Jeremiah a "prophecy test."

Jeremiah the Prophet

Brief Notes ON Jer. 1:1-19

Vs. 1-3 – Context or History of Jeremiah's Call

Vs. 4-10 – Calling Of Jeremiah

Vs. 11-18 – Vision Test

Vs 19 – Assurance

Theme: God's coming judgment

Lamentations

Lamentations:

Author: Not expressly mentioned in the book but external evidence from Jewish and Christian fathers attribute it to him. Internal evidence is like Jeremiah.

Time: Probably when Nebuchadnezzar took over Jerusalem in 586 BC.

Amazing poem in its literacy structure

Title comes from two Hebrew words

Ekah – Ah, how

Ginoth – Elegies or lamentation

What is a lamentation?

Definition: the passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping.

Synonyms:

weeping

wailing

crying

sobbing

moaning

Lamentations 3:22-23 - ... his compassions fail not...great is your faithfulness...

The people of Judah will go into exile of whom are Ezekiel and Daniel.

These books set the stage for especially Daniel.

Ezekiel

“God will strengthen”

Ezekiel

Ezekiel was a priest.

Probably written about 593-571 BC

Key Word – Glory

Recipients – Jewish exiles in Babylon

The invading Babylonians brought around ten thousand Jews to the village in 597 BC, including Ezekiel and the last king of Judah, Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:8–14).

Ezekiel lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon at a settlement along the river Chebar called Tel Abib (Ezekiel 3:15), less than one hundred miles south of Babylon.

God Call's Ezekiel to Ministry

Ezekiel 1-3

Further Notes:

Outline (from Duiguid's commentary)

Ezekiel's Call and Commissioning (1.1-3.27)

Oracles of Doom (4.1-24:27)

Oracles Against the Nations (25.1-32.32)

Oracles of Good News (33.1-48.35)

Chapter

34 – God Will Bring a Shepherd

36 – A new Covenant

37 – The Power of God to save

40ff – The New Temple

Revelation 10:17

but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants **the prophets**.

References: