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The Book of the Twelve

Session 4: Intro to Minor Prophets

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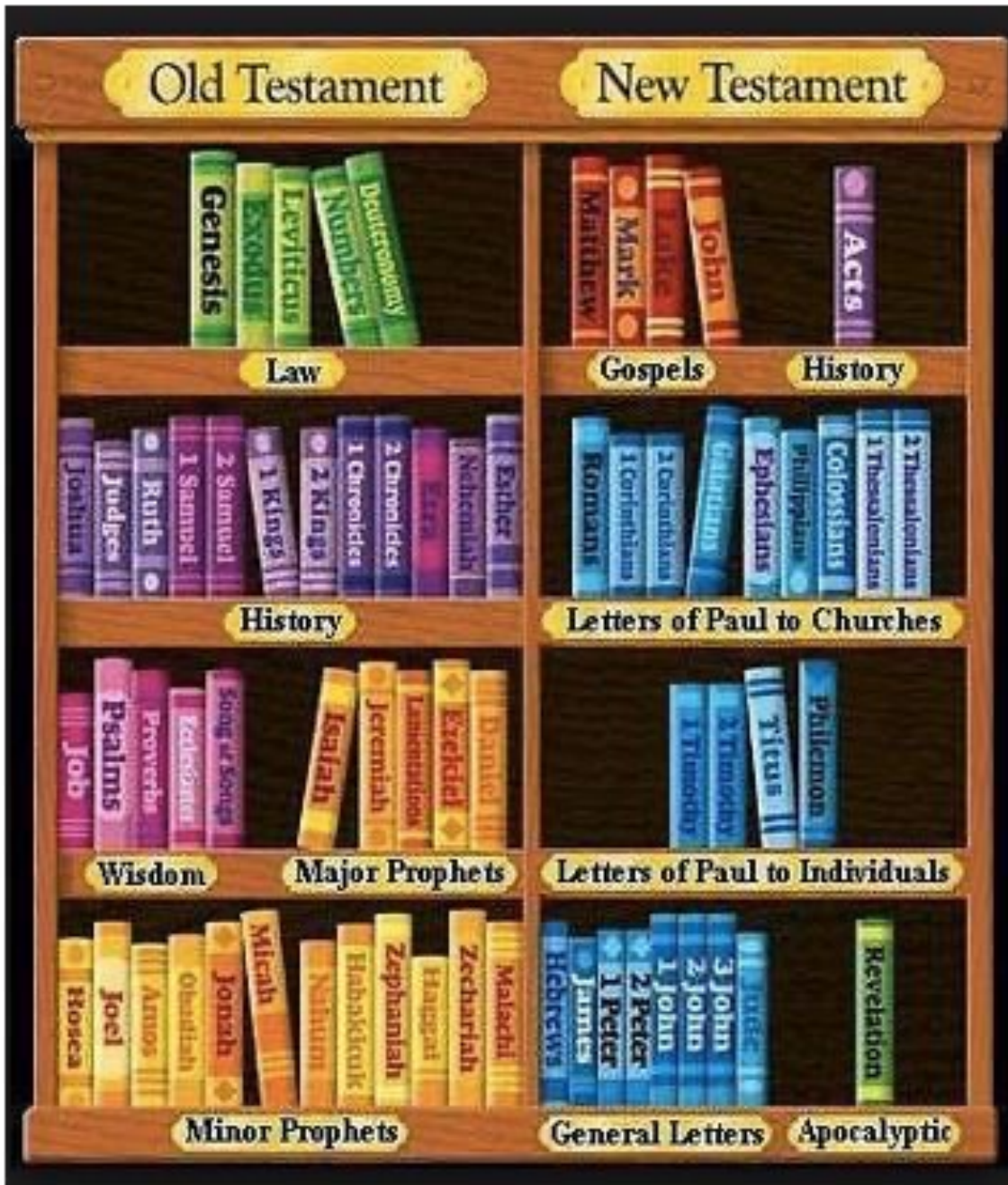


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Initial thoughts...

Who were the minor prophets?

Popular verses?



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Bible

Major and
minor prophets

Augustine 4th
Century onwards.



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8th Century BCE – Isaiah

Amos

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7th Century BCE – Jeremiah

Nahum

Zephaniah

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6th Century BCE – Ezekiel

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The outliers- likely postexilic

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Obadiah

Joel



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Amos (3)

Hosea (1)

Micah (6)

7th Century BCE – Jeremiah

Nahum (7)

Zephaniah (9)

Habakkuk(8)

6th Century BCE – Ezekiel

Haggai (10)

Zechariah (11)

Malachi (12)

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Obadiah (4)

Joel (2)

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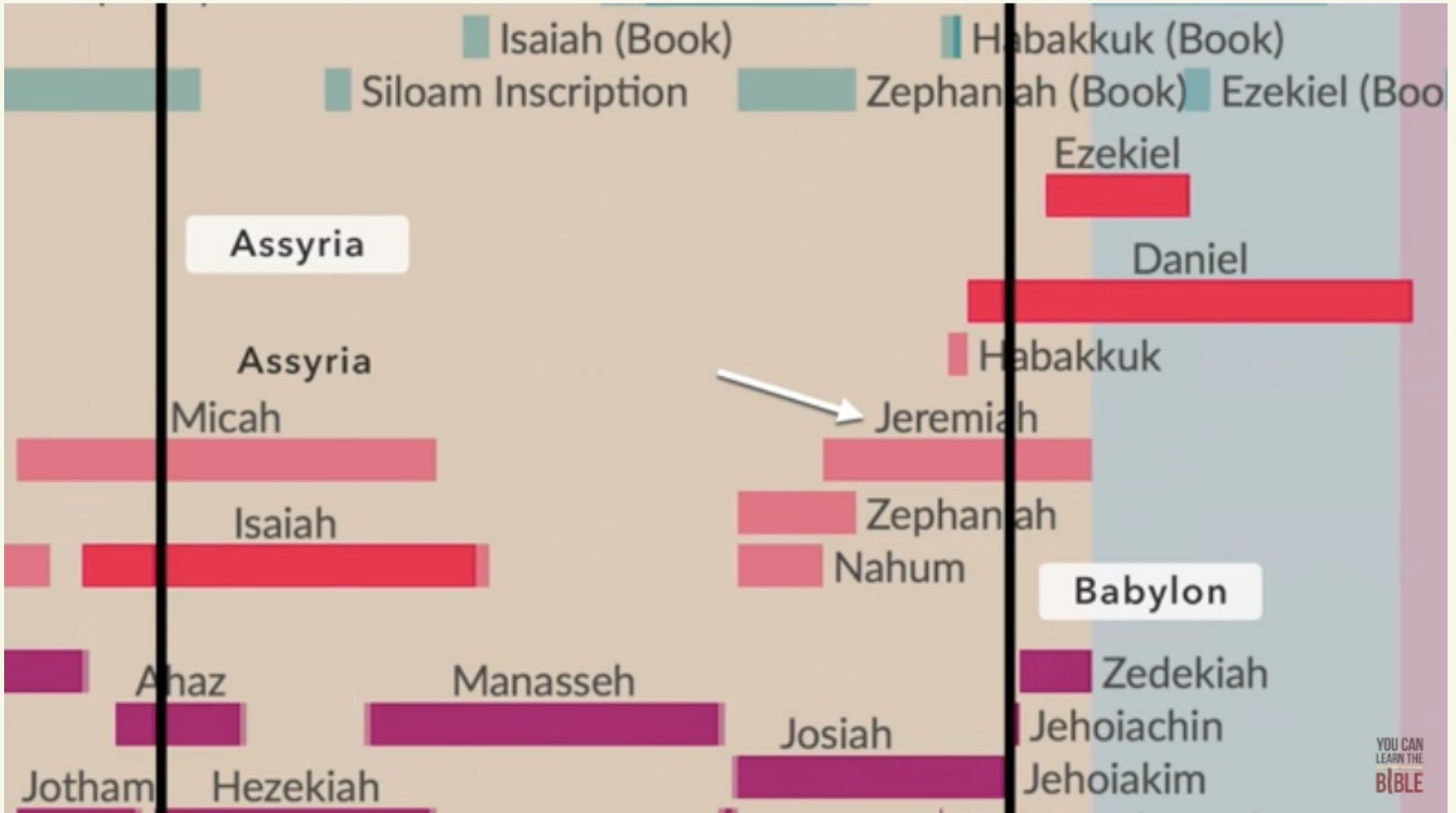




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Editorial similarities to Jeremiah

- Redactors
- Prophetic narrative over character or chronology
- Themes
 - Judgement and restoration
 - Broken covenant
 - Theodicy
 - Other nations



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Amos – treatment of the poor, military judgement

Hosea – broken covenant/unfaithful wife

Micah – political and religious leaders' corruption

Assyrian
dominance

Nahum – divine judgement on Assyria

Zephaniah – religious corruption, judgment, and hope

Habbakuk - trust in God in disaster and chaos

Babylonian
dominance

Haggai – post exilic, vision to rebuild

Zechariah – dreamlike vision of reconstruction

Malachi - rebukes corruption and urges faithful ethics,
cf Ezra and Nehemiah, Messianic

Post exilic



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The Outliers (introductory)

Joel – probably post exilic,
anchor for the Book

Obadiah – post exilic,
rage against Edomites

Jonah – post exilic book,
atypical for prophetic literature,
reception and repentance in Assyria.



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Hosea – introduction, scene setting, broken covenant
the prophet's personal experience.
clear links to Deuteronomy and covenant teaching
YHWH, covenant, concern for poor

*I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

Hosea 6.6 quoted by Jesus twice (Matt 9.12-13, 12.7)



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Joel ‘The day of the Lord’

2.1-2

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them in ages to come.



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Joel 2. 12-14

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain-offering and a drink-offering
for the Lord, your God?



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Joel 2. 28-32

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.



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Group Discussion

Look at Joel chapter 2 and talk about 'The Day of the Lord' within the context of The Book and the Twelve and Old Testament Prophetic Literature, and it's use in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost.



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