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WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

OBSERVATION

What does the text say?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

OBSERVATION

- **Mark key words and phrases** (person, theme)
- **Look for lists**
- **Watch for contrasts and comparisons**
(like, as)
- **Note expressions of time**
(until, then, when, after, a date, day of week, etc.)
- **Identify terms of conclusion**
(wherefore, therefore, because, finally)

INTERPRETATION

- **The Rule of Context**
- **Other Scripture References**
- **Take the Scripture At Face Value**
(In its natural, normal sense)

Understand and recognize figures of speech and interpret them accordingly.

APPLICATION

- **What did I learn that should affect my life?**
- **Does this expose any error in my beliefs or behavior?**
- **Are there any truths, commands or promises that apply to me?**

BASIC BIBLE NAVIGATION

OLD TESTAMENT

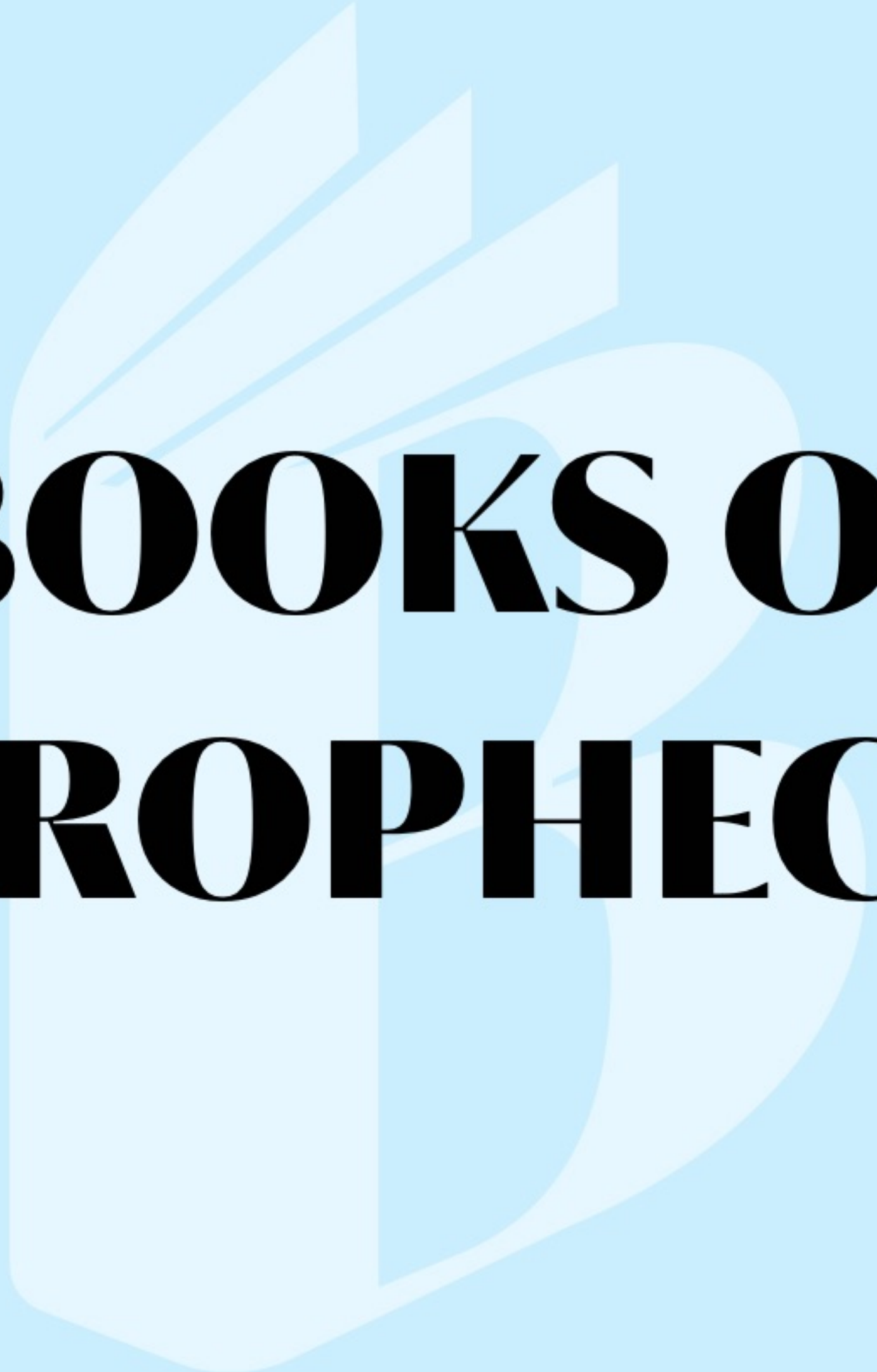
39 Books

NEW TESTAMENT

27 Books

YOU ARE HERE

- Law (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua - Esther)
- Poetry (Job - Song of Solomon)
- ➔ Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)



BOOKS OF PROPHECY

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel



MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

ABOUT PROPHECY

Greek word *propheteia* from two words:

pro - forth

phemi - to speak

To speak forth the mind and counsel of God.
Revealing God's will and purposes

INCLUDES

- Forth-telling: the prophet's own time or near fulfillment
- Fore-telling: a future fulfillment

WHY PROPHECY?

1) A call to godly living

“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”

Isaiah 1:18

WHY PROPHECY?

2) To build faith and confidence in the God who miraculously foretold events.

I tell you this beforehand, so that when it happens you will believe that I am the Messiah. John 13:19

I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe. John 14:29

KEEP IN MIND

The prophets did not always indicate intervals of time between events nor did they always write in chronological order.

Always consider the historical context of that writing, remembering that God was delivering His prophecy to a particular people at a particular time.

KEEP IN MIND

The meaning of a specific prophecy could not always be understood by the prophet or by the people who heard the message.

I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, “How will all this finally end, my lord?”

But he said, “Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:8-9

GROUP TALK

In what ways does our current culture misunderstand Bible prophecy and its relevance to us today?



ISAIAH

Condemnation, Consolation
And the Coming Kingdom

ISAIAH, THE MAN

- His name means “Jehovah Saves.”
- His father is Amoz. (not to be confused with Amos, the prophet)
- He was married
- He had two sons

ACCORDING TO JEWISH TRADITION

- He was a man of wealth, rank and learning
- He was executed by Manasseh (see Hebrews 11:37)

ISAIAH'S CALLING

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Isaiah 6:8



THE KINGS

UZZIAH (AZARIAH)

Made king at age of sixteen

Reigned 52 years

Brought the nation to its greatest days since David and Solomon

But...

But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar.

2 Chronicles 26:16

JOTHAM

Was co-regent after his father was struck with leprosy

Reigned 16 years

Was a good and powerful king

King Jotham became powerful because he was careful to live in obedience to the Lord his God.

2 Chronicles 27:6

AHAZ

Reigned 16 years

Encouraged his people to sin

Was utterly unfaithful to the Lord

He shut the doors of the Lord's Temple so that no one could worship there,
and he set up altars to pagan gods in every corner of Jerusalem. 2

Chronicles 28:24

HEZEKIAH

Reigned 42 years

One of Judah's greatest kings

Led the people back to the Lord

Built the famous water system that still exists in Jerusalem



OTHER PROPHETS

CONTEMPORARIES

- Hosea (in the north)
- Micah
- Oded



ANCIENT PLACES

THEN

Judah

Aram

Babylon

Assyria

Ethiopia

Edom

Arabia

NOW

Israel

Syria

Iraq

Northern Iraq

Sudan (south of Egypt)

SW Jordan

Parts of Saudi Arabia, Jordan,
Syria & Iraq



THE BIG QUESTION: WHEN?

THE PROPHEIC POINTS OF HISTORY



PROPHET'S
OWN TIME



CAPTIVITY
70 YEARS



RETURN &
RESTORATION



CHRIST'S
FIRST COMING



CHRIST'S SECOND COMING
& REIGN OF CHRIST



NEW HEAVEN/
NEW EARTH



ISAIAH'S OWN TIME

NORTHERN KINGDOM

What sorrow awaits the proud city of Samaria—
the glorious crown of the drunks of Israel.
It sits at the head of a fertile valley,
but its glorious beauty will fade like a flower.
It is the pride of a people
brought down by wine.

²For the Lord will send a mighty army against it.
Like a mighty hailstorm and a torrential rain,
they will burst upon it like a surging flood
and smash it to the ground.

Isaiah 28:1-2

HEZEKIAH

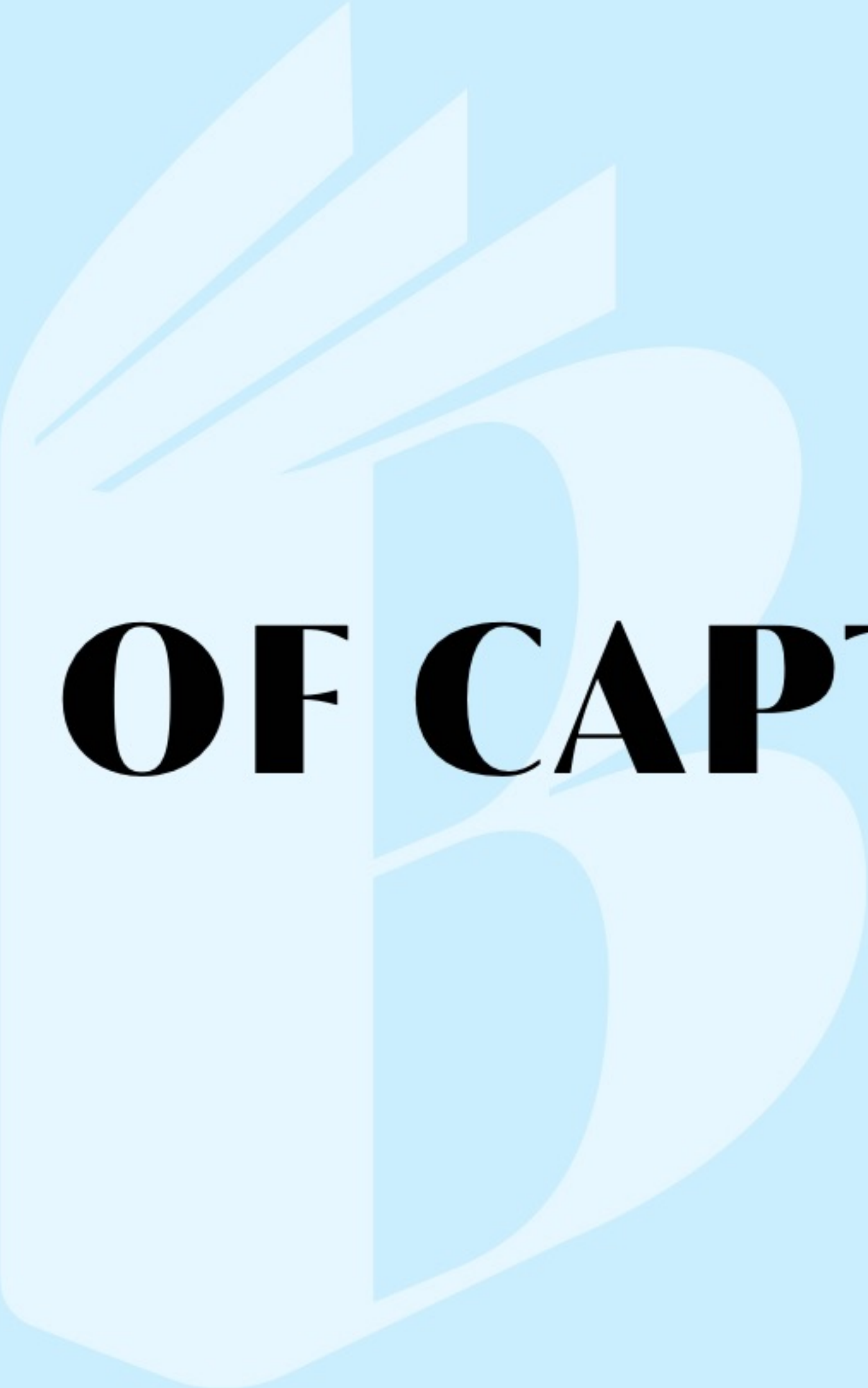
About that time Hezekiah became deathly ill, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: “This is what the Lord says: ‘Set your affairs in order, for you are going to die. You will not recover from this illness.’”

²When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, ³“Remember, O Lord, how I have always been faithful to you and have served you single-mindedly, always doing what pleases you.” Then he broke down and wept bitterly.

⁴ Then this message came to Isaiah from the Lord: ⁵ “Go back to Hezekiah and tell him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life, ⁶ and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. Yes, I will defend this city.

⁷ ““And this is the sign from the Lord to prove that he will do as he promised: ⁸ I will cause the sun’s shadow to move ten steps backward on the sundial of Ahaz!”” So the shadow on the sundial moved backward ten steps.

Isaiah 38:1-8



YEARS OF CAPTIVITY

JUDAH

Your country lies in ruins,
and your towns are burned.

Foreigners plunder your fields before your eyes
and destroy everything they see.

⁸ Beautiful Jerusalem stands abandoned
like a watchman's shelter in a vineyard,
like a lean-to in a cucumber field after the harvest,
like a helpless city under siege.

Isaiah 1:7-8



RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

CYRUS

I will raise up Cyrus to fulfill my righteous purpose,
and I will guide his actions.

He will restore my city and free my captive people—
without seeking a reward!

I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!”

Isaiah 45:13



CHRIST'S FIRST COMING

VIRGIN BIRTH

¹⁴ All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Isaiah 7:14

CRUCIFIXION

My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.

He was despised and rejected—

a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

CRUCIFIXION

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;
it was our sorrows that weighed him down.
And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for his own sins!
But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

Isaiah 53:1-5



CHRIST'S SECOND COMING & REIGN

KING JESUS

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth.

It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.

People from many nations will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God.

There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.”

KING JESUS

For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.

The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes.

They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.

Isaiah 2:1-4

**NEW HEAVEN
& NEW EARTH**

“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.

Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!

And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy.

I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people.

And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more.

Isaiah 65:17-19



**MORE THAN A
CENTURY LATER...**



JEREMIAH

THE WEEPING PROPHET



LAMENTATIONS

DESPERATE BUT NOT HOPELESS

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read the books of
Jeremiah & Lamentations

(There are 57 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as you read and study along with any questions you encounter.

PREVIOUS NOTES

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