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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

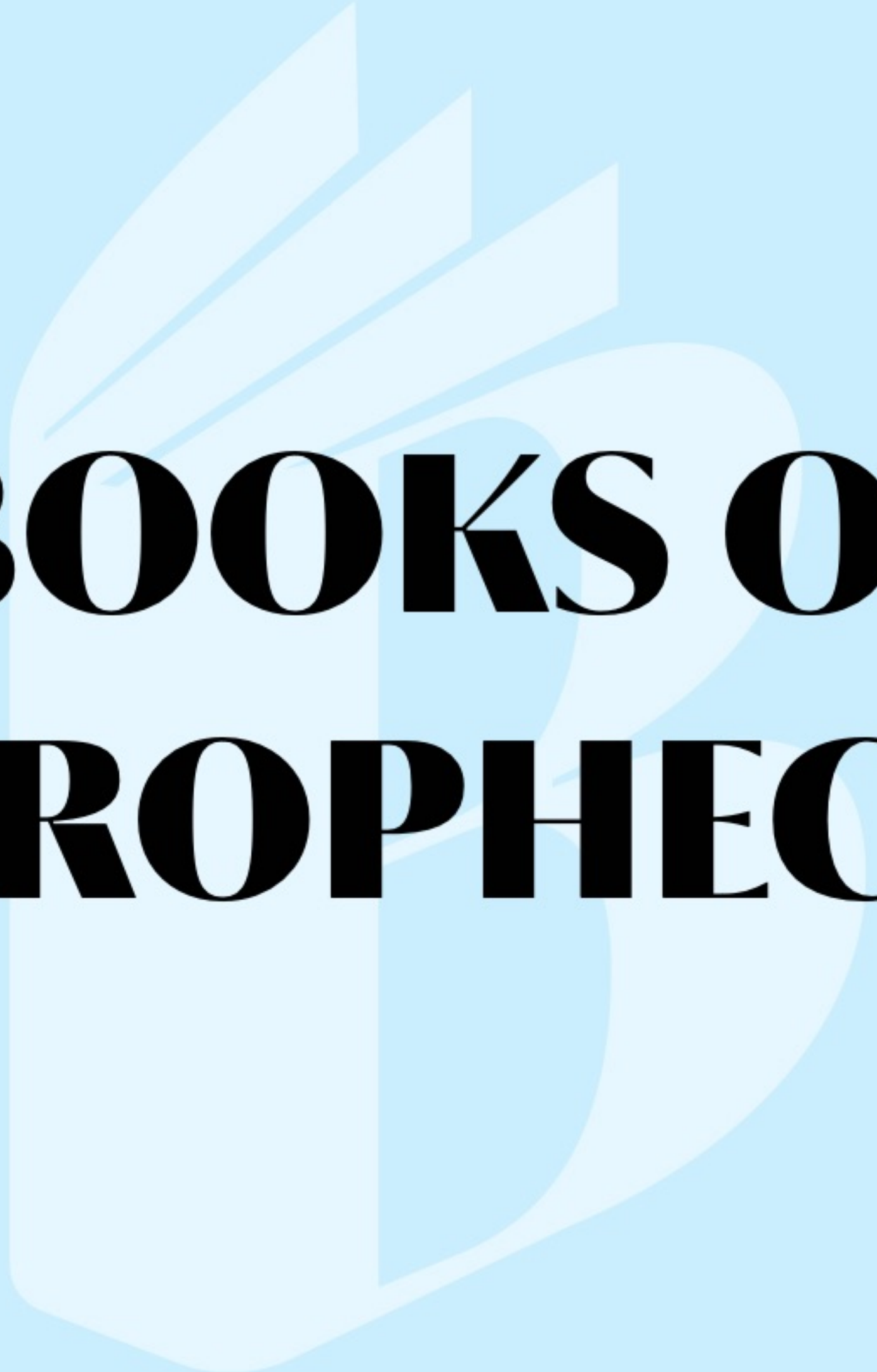
39 Books

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



JEREMIAH

Condemnation, Consolation
And the Coming Kingdom

WHO IS JEREMIAH?

The son of Hilkiah, a priest.

From the town of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. (About 3 miles northeast of Jerusalem)

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

The Lord gave me this message:

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:4-5

WHEN DID HE BEGIN MINISTRY?

The Lord first gave messages to Jeremiah during the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah. (About 627 BC)

Jeremiah 1:2.

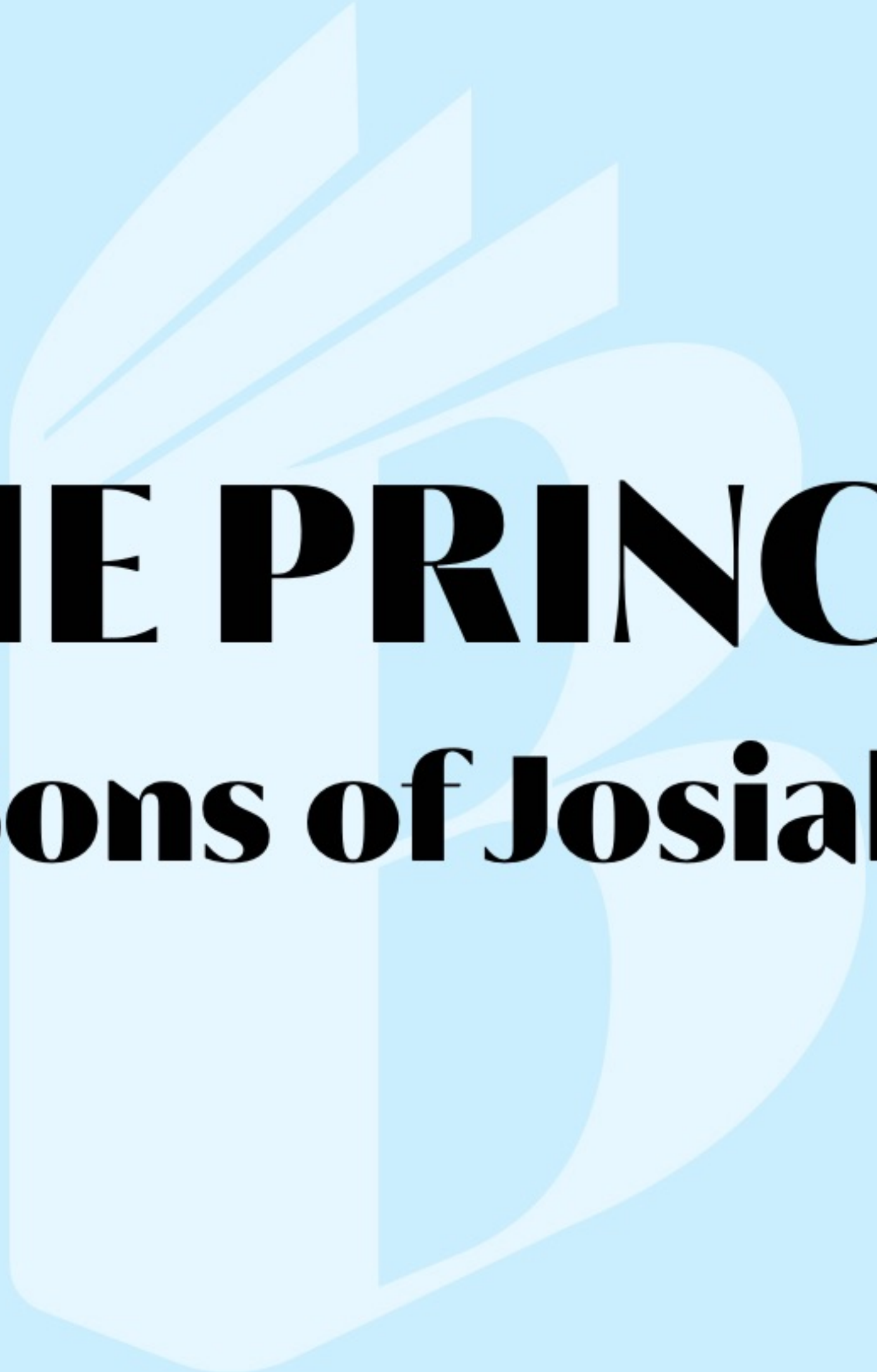


THE LAST KINGS OF JUDAH

JOSIAH (640-609 BC)

He was a good king who took the throne at the tender age of 8 and over 31 years did many wonderful things to bring the people back to God, but at the end of his reign, he unwisely decided to go out to fight King Neco of Egypt and was killed in battle.

See 2 Chronicles 35



THE PRINCES

(Sons of Josiah)

JEHOAHAZ (609 BC)

Installed by the people after the death of his father, he was an evil king and reigned only 3 months. He was deposed by Pharaoh Neco, put in prison in Riblah (north) then taken to Egypt where he died.

See 2 Kings 23

JEHOIAKIM (609–598 BC)

He was an evil king installed by Pharaoh Neco, who later deposed him. He was put in chains and taken to Babylon in the first deportation (606 BC).

See 2 Chronicles 36

JEHOIACHIN (598–597 BC)

The son of Jehoiakim and grandson of Josiah. He reigned only 3 months until he surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar and taken to Babylon (along with Ezekiel).

See 2 Chronicles 36

JEHOIACHIN (598–597 BC)

³¹In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of King Jehoiachin of Judah, Evil-merodach ascended to the Babylonian throne. He was kind to Jehoiachin and released him from prison on March 31 of that year. ³²He spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and gave him a higher place than all the other exiled kings in Babylon. ³³He supplied Jehoiachin with new clothes to replace his prison garb and allowed him to dine in the king's presence for the rest of his life. ³⁴So the Babylonian king gave him a regular food allowance as long as he lived. This continued until the day of his death.

Jeremiah 52:31-34

ZEDEKIAH (597–586 BC)

He was an evil king. He tried to escape the king of Babylon, but was captured. Before being taken to Babylon, his sons were executed and his eyes were gouged out.

See 2 Chronicles 36

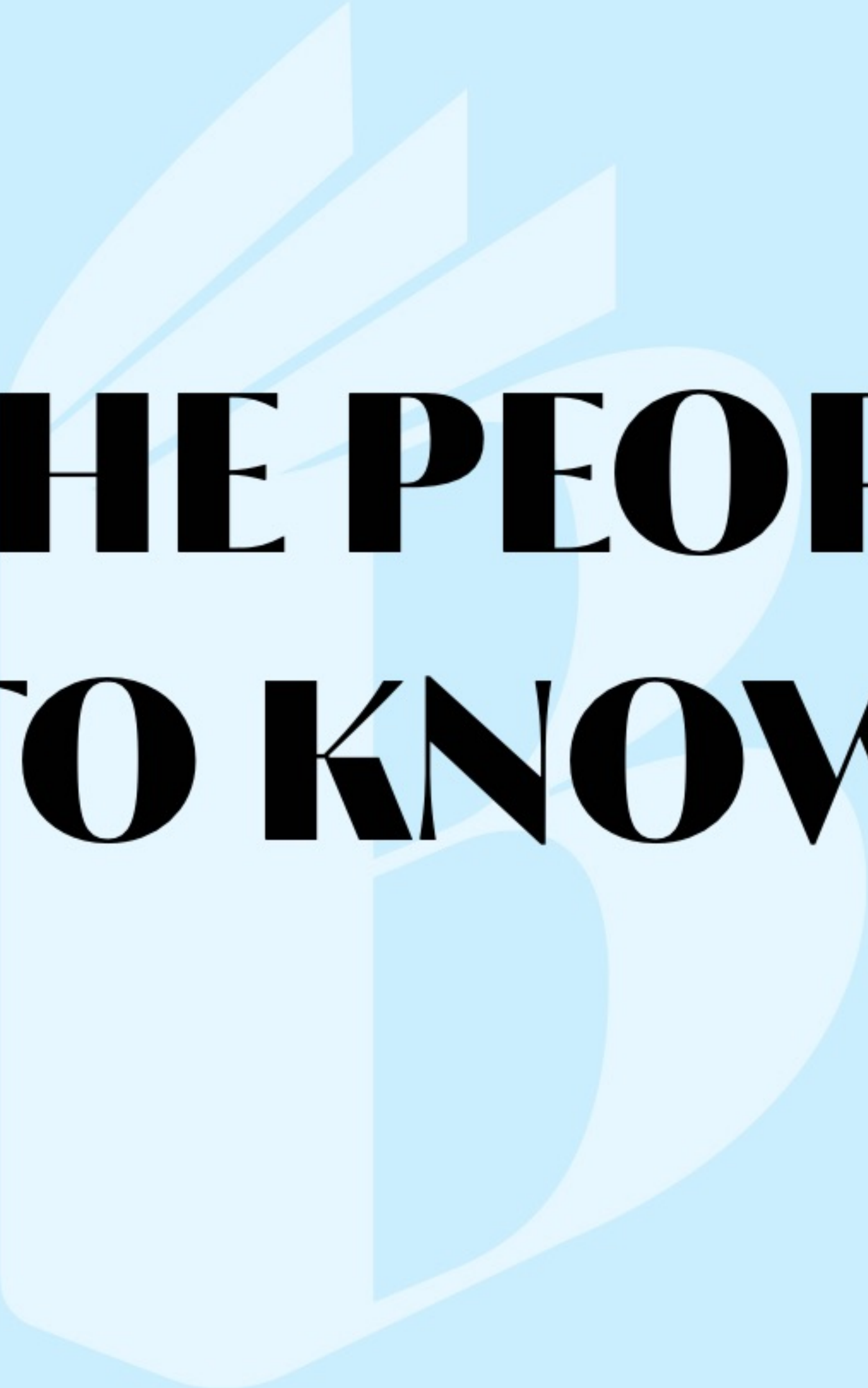


OTHER PROPHETS

CONTEMPORARIES

- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Nahum
- Obadiah





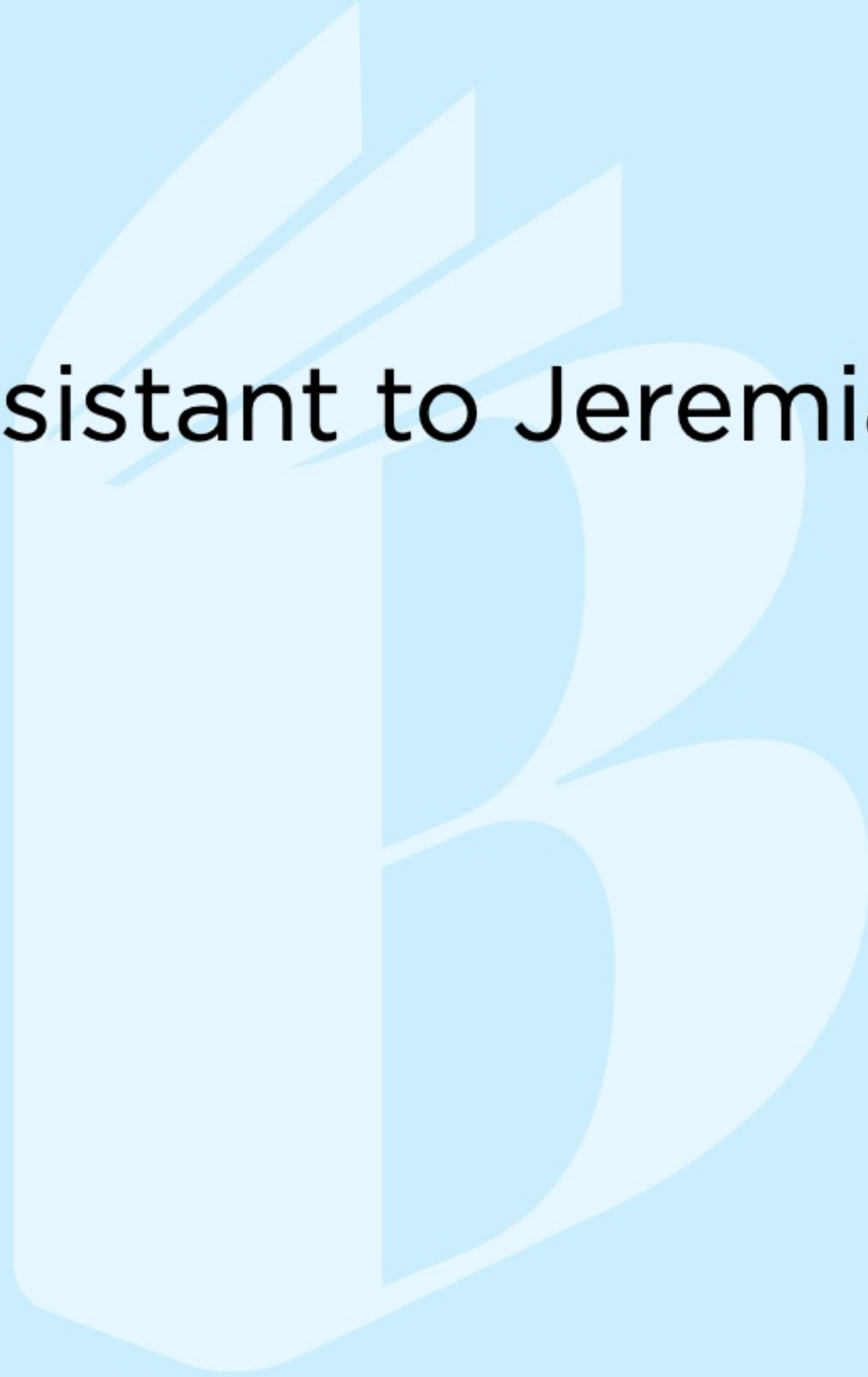
**OTHE PEOPLE
TO KNOW**

GEDALIAH

Appointed as governor over Judah after the temple was destroyed. He was killed by Ishmael, who was sent by the Ammonites.

BARUCH

A scribe and assistant to Jeremiah



EBED-MELECH

An important court official who rescued Jeremiah from the cistern.

¹⁵The Lord had given the following message to Jeremiah while he was still in prison: ¹⁶“Say to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says: I will do to this city everything I have threatened. I will send disaster, not prosperity. You will see its destruction, ¹⁷but I will rescue you from those you fear so much.

Jeremiah 39:15-17

JEREMIAH – VOICE OF DOOM?

God sent Jeremiah with an unpleasant and unwelcome message to Judah and also surrounding nations, but he also gave him promises for the future.

GOD WILL BRING THEM HOME

“Listen to this message from the Lord, you nations of the world; proclaim it in distant coastlands. The Lord, who scattered his people, will gather them and watch over them as a shepherd does his flock.

¹¹ For the Lord has redeemed Israel from those too strong for them.

¹² They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem. They will be radiant because of the Lord’s good gifts—the abundant crops of grain, new wine, and olive oil, and the healthy flocks and herds. Their life will be like a watered garden, and all their sorrows will be gone.

Jeremiah 31:10-12

A NEW COVENANT

³¹ “The day is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³² This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,” says the Lord.

³³ “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the Lord. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the Lord. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE PROMISE

The story of the Old Testament is the perfect creation ruined by sin, but with the promise of redemption by a coming Messiah.

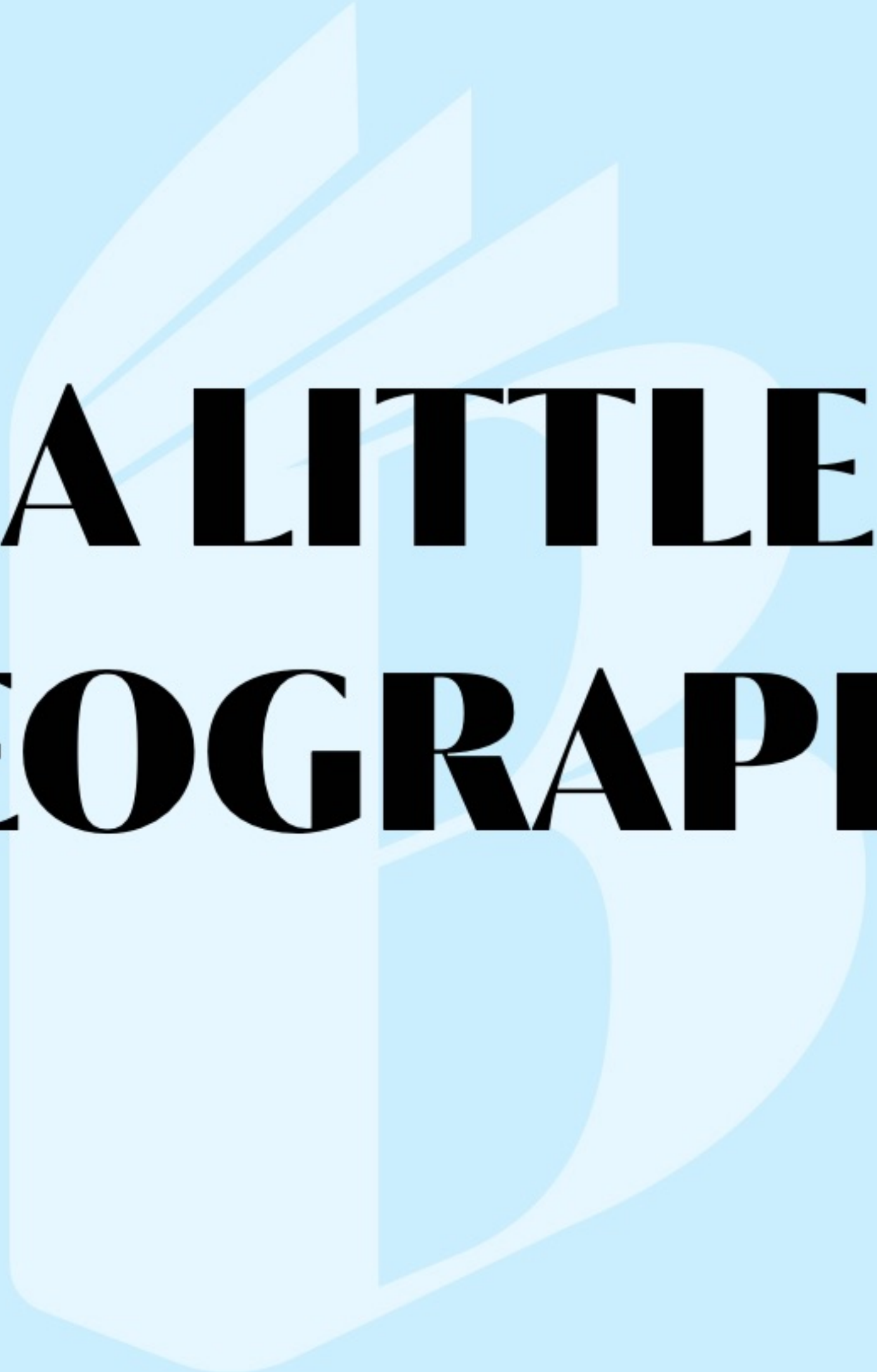
THE PEOPLE

God announces in Genesis 3 that the Messiah will come through the seed of the woman.

In Genesis 12, we are God announces that the Messiah will come through Abraham.

THE LAND

God also announces that He is giving Abraham's descendants a particular land as an eternal possession.



A LITTLE GEOGRAPHY

BOUNDARIES ACCORDING TO GENESIS 15



ISRAEL and...

The Arab World



THE ONGOING BATTLE

Throughout all history, we see Satan try every strategy to stop God from fulfilling his promises.

GOOD NEWS!

GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT ON TIME!

Throughout all history, we see Satan try every strategy to stop God from fulfilling his promises.

God is always at work and most of the time, we don't see or hear those stories.

GROUP TALK

Why do you think so many news outlets
misrepresent Israel?



NEXT MONTH



EZEKIEL

Visions for today, tomorrow
And beyond

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read the book of
Ezekiel

There is a reading plan in your notes to help you divide the 48 chapters into 35 days of reading.

PREVIOUS NOTES

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