

Old Testament Prophetic Books

Name	Kingdom Lived In	Kingdom Propesied to	Other Nations	Years Served	Messianic
Obadiah	Judah	Judah	Edom	845 BC	W. 17-21
Jonah	Israel	Israel	Nineveh	about 800	Jonah a 'type' 3 days
Joel	Judah	Judah		877-851	2:28-3:21 Kingdom
Amos	Judah	Israel/Judah	Damascus, Tyre, Gaza, Edom, Moab, Ammonites	760 (800)	9:11-15
Hosea	Israel	Israel		760-725	1:10-2:11 2:19-20 3:5
Isaiah	Judah	Judah/Israel	Babylon, Moab, Damascus, Egypt	740-680	7:14, 9:6-7 53....
Micah	Judah	Judah(Jerusalem) Samaria		735-690	4:1-6, 5:2
Nahum	Judah	Judah	Nineveh(Assyria)	640c.	1:15
Zephaniah	Judah	Judah	Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Ethiopia, Assyria	640-630	3:9-20
Jeremiah	Judah	Judah	Egypt, Philist, Moab, Ammon, Edom, Damasc., Kedar, Elam, Babylon	626-585	23:5-6 33:15
Habakkuk	Judah	Judah	Babylon	628-622	1:12, 2:14
Lamenta.	Jerusalem	Jerusalem		587+	
Ezekiel	Babylon	Exiles	Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philist, Tyre, Egypt	597-570	34:15 36:25-30 37:24-25
Daniel	Babylon	Exiles	Babylon, Persia	600-530	7:13-14 9:24-27
Zechariah	Judah	Judah		519-475	2:9-12 3:8-10
Haggai	Judah	Judah		520	2:6-7,20-23
Malachi	Judah	Judah		ca. 435	3:1-4,4:2

Esther ca. 485-465, Ezra 458, Nehemiah 433+

Brief Summaries and Points to Ponder of the Bible Books Listed Below

Obadiah – God judges the enemy of His people, Edom, for their persecution.

Jonah – The Lord is God not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles.

Joel – In the face of locusts and drought Judah repents and calls on the Lord. He saves them just as He will save His people on the last day.

Amos – Judgment is upon six nations, Judah and especially Israel. God's people forsook the laws of God and became materialistic, forgetting the poor yet trooping to their hypocritical false worship.

Hosea – Israel has violated the covenant relationship, but God's love can heal all harm

Isaiah – As he announces divine judgment on the impenitent, he gives the fullest presentation of the Gospel of all the Old Testament prophets.

Micah – He prophesies to Judah and Jerusalem in particular that they were sinning just like Israel had and so were bringing judgment on themselves. He comforts believers with news of the Messiah's kingdom and of the coming Messiah/King.

Nahum – God assures Judah that Nineveh will be punished for her sins.

Zephaniah – Jehovah's great day of wrath and judgment will come.

Jeremiah – He warns Judah and nine other nations of the judgment that must fall. To the remnant in Judah he gives promise of the Messiah.

Habakkuk – He announces God's judgment on Judah through the Chaldeans and comforts God's people saying their enemies will be finally punished.

Lamentation – Jeremiah tells of Jerusalem's destruction praying the people to repent and God to restore them.

Ezekiel – He warned the exiles in Babylon against materialism and told them to truly repent assuring them of the final deliverance by the Messiah.

Daniel – He instructs the people of God that they understand the Lord can protect them and comfort them in any distress.

Zechariah – He pictures the glory of God's people which will come after tribulation, also clearly picturing the Messiah.

Haggai – He encourages the people to rebuild the temple.

Esther – God would preserve His people in exile punishing their enemies.

Ezra -He shows how God delivered His people, from whom the Messiah would come. Deliverance was from the Babylonian captivity and the people were restored to their land.

Nehemiah – He returned to build the walls of Jerusalem and up build God's people as governor.

Malachi – He calls the priests and people to repentance and presents the last Messianic prophecies.

In looking over the major and minor prophets we see them in order of appearance and the purposes of their preaching. The periods of Old Testament history are: Patriarchs, Moses and Joshua, Judges, United Kingdom, Divided Kingdom, Exile, Return. The books we look at were given during the last three periods of Old Testament history. With Malachi, the last book, there begins four hundred years of no prophets of books given until New Testament times.

Notice that throughout these books we have prophecies of the Messiah's Kingdom and of His Person. The Law and the Gospel are preached.