

GOD'S PLAN FOR HISTORY**THE KINGDOM OF GOD****The Kingdom In The Prophetic Books****INTRODUCTION**

- The Prophetic Books fit with both the Historical Books and the Psalms: They fit into the Historical books, and they fit with the themes of the Psalms.
- The books and their order.

1. Joel — 835 B.C.	4. Hosea — 710 B.C.	7. Daniel 605-537 B.C.
2. Amos — 755 B.C.	5. Micah — 700 B.C.	8. Ezekiel — 592-570 B.C.
3. Isaiah — 740-680 B.C.	6. Jeremiah — 627-585 B.C.	9. Zechariah — 520-518 B.C.

I. JOEL**A. Background**

1. Name — “Yaweh is God”
2. His Ministry Coincides With The Reign Of Jehoash, King Of Judah (835-796 B.C.) (2Kgs 12; 2Chr 23-24).
3. The Occasion Of Joel's Prophecy Was That Of A Severe Drought And Invasion Of Locusts.
4. The Importance Of The Phrase “The Day Of The LORD.” (1:15; 2:1, 11; 3:14)
 - a) This phrase is used 4 times in this short book — 1:15; 2:1, 11; 3:14.
 - b) The Description of the Day of the LORD — at hand, destruction, coming, irresistible force, judgment.
 - c) Basic Definition of the Day of the LORD — time of judgment which precedes restoration.

B. The Kingdom Teaching.

1. The Lord Is Treating The Jews As A Nation.

2. Chapter 3 — Millennial, Kingdom Land Promise Fulfillment

II. AMOS

A. Background

1. He wrote in about 755 B.C.
2. He wrote to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.
3. He was a sheep breeder from Tekoa, a village about 10 miles from Jerusalem, but travels north to Bethel to preach..
4. Amos preaches against Israel's idolatry and social evils.

B. Kingdom Teaching

1. 9:11-12 — The Davidic Dynasty will be raised up and restored. This of course comes through the Messianic King.
2. 9:13-14 — The Prosperity of the Kingdom
3. 9:15 — The Security of the Kingdom

III. ISAIAH

A. Background

- 1. Isaiah is a close contemporary with Amos.**
- 2. His prophetic ministry goes from 740-680 B.C.**
- 3. It takes place during the reigns of the Kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.**
- 4. Context**
 - a) The first 5 chapters gives a broad overview of the contents of this prophecy.
 - b) Chapter 6 — Isaiah's commissioning
 - c) Chapter 7-11 — The Coming Messiah.
 - d) Chapters 13-23 — God's word against Gentile nations for their treatment of the Jews.
 - e) Chapters 24-27 — The Future tribulation and Kingdom.
 - f) Chapters 28-35 — Woes on Israel and Judah.
 - g) 36-39 — Sennacherib.
 - h) 40-66 — the Prophecy of what God is doing with the Jews and the restoration of the Kingdom.

B. Kingdom Teaching

- 1. The Place of the Kingdom on the Earth. (2:2-3)**
- 2. The Messiah and the Kingdom. (9:1-7)**
 - a) The Condition of the People and the Land It the Time Leading up to the Coming of the King — Gloom. (1-2)
 - b) The Condition of the People in the Kingdom — Rejoicing & Peace. (3-5)
 - c) The Sign of the Messiah and the Nature of his Kingdom Rule. (6-7)
- 3. The Nature of the Messianic King and his Kingdom. (11:1-16)**
 - a) He Is From the Family of Jesse. (1)
 - b) The King's Personal Character. (2-3)
 - c) The King's Ruling Qualities. (4-5)
 - d) The Peaceful Nature of the Kingdom. (6-9)

e) The Kingdom in relation to the Gentiles. (10-12)

f) The Kingdom will Unite the Jews. (13-16)

4. The Kingdom Will Be Time When Gentiles Want To Be Connected to the Jews. (14:1-2)

5. Triumphs in the Kingdom. (25:1-12)

a) The Praise of the LORD Because of his Triumph Over his Enemies. (1-5)

b) The Kingdom Blessings of the LORD. (6-8)

c) The Testimony of Israel to the LORD's Triumphs in the Kingdom. (9-12)

6. The Kingdom Hymn Of Praise. (26:1-21)

a) The Humble (those who trust God) Are Exalted, but the Prideful Are Brought Low. (1-6)

b) Kingdom Belief Is Reflected in Kingdom Living. (7-9)

c) The Kingdom Contrasted With Isaiah's Day. (10-11)

d) The Kingdom Is a Time of Peace Established by God. (12-15)

e) The Kingdom Is Preceded by a Time of Trouble, Chastening. (16-18)

f) The Kingdom Will Be Preceded by the Resurrection of OT Saints. (19)

g) The Kingdom is Coming, don't be dishearten by the brief time of trouble. (20-21)

7. The LORD's Deliverance Of Israel And Judah. (27:1-13)

- a) "In that day" (1, 2, 12, 13)
- b) The Execution of the LORD's Judgment Against the Wicked. 1
- c) Israel is a Fruitful Vineyard. (2-6)
- d) Israel's Judgment Precedes Her Restoration. 7-11
- e) The Regathering of Israel and Judah. 12-13

8. The King of the Kingdom. (32:1-20)

- a) The King's Reign. 1-2
- b) The King's Subjects. 3-8
- c) Judgement Will Come, Don't Be Complacent. 9-14
- d) The Restoration and Blessings of the Kingdom will be Marked By The Out Pouring of the Holy Spirit. 15a
- e) The Prosperity of the Kingdom. 15b-20

9. The Blessings Of The Kingdom. (35:1-10)

- a) Agricultural Blessings. 1-2
- b) Emotional and Spiritual Encouragement. 3-4
- c) Healing for People and the Land. 5-7
- d) Travel to Temple Worship Will Not Be Hindered or Dangerous. 8-10

10. The Restoration Of Israel. (43:1-44:28)

- a) No Reason For Israel To Fear. 1-7
- b) Israel Will Be the LORD's Witnesses In The Kingdom. 8-13
- c) The LORD Will Deliver Israel From Babylon. 14-21
- d) The Exodus from Babylon is Dependent on Their Spiritual Condition. 22-25
- e) The LORD Reiterates That There Is No Reason To Fear. 44:1-5
- f) The LORD God of Israel Is The Only God. 44:6-28

11. 56:1-8 — Millennial Blessings extended to Gentiles

- a) One's present behavior should reflect the certainty of the salvation which is about to come including Gentiles. (1-3)
- b) Eunuchs and Foreigners are included in the LORD's salvation. (4-7)
- c) God will gather the Eunuch and Foreigner who love Him, but like He gathers Israel. (8)

12. 60:1-22 — The Glory of Israel in the Millennial Kingdom

- a) God's Glory to Israel. 1-2
- b) This transfer glory is attractive to Gentiles. 3
- c) An aspect of this glory is the regathering of Israel. 4
- d) The wealth of the Gentile will be given to Israel cause it joy. 5-9
- e) The nations will give preeminence to Israel because of God mercy. 10-14
- f) The reason for all this is so the Israel knows that the LORD is their God. 15-16
- g) Increase in wealth. 17
- h) Increase in peace and praise. 18
- i) Utopia. 19-22

13. 61:1-11 — The Messiah's Ministry of Peace.**a) The structure of vv. 1-3.**

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor;"

to heal the brokenhearted...

to proclaim liberty to the captives...

to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...

to comfort...

to console...

to give...

b) The Divine Interpretation. (Lk 4:18-20)**14. 62:1-12 — the Restoration of Israel****a) Israel's Preeminence. 1-5****b) Jerusalem's Preeminence. 6-7****c) The Things that the LORD is going to do for Israel. 8-12****15. 65:17-25 — The Characteristics of the Kingdom****a) New heavens and new earth. 17****b) Joy and not sorrow. 18-19****c) Long Life. 20****d) The work of one hands will be enjoyed and not given to another. 21-22****e) There is be no toiling or trouble (this seems to be in some sense are reversal of some of the affects of the Fall). 23****f) An intimate connection with God. 24****g) Universal Peace. 25**