



**- EPOCH FOUR -
PROPHETS & CAPTIVITY**

ENDLESS ETERNITY PAST

THE AGE OF TIME

1. Origins
2. Deliverance
3. Kings & Kingdoms
4. Prophets & Captivity
5. Return (400 silent years)
6. The Shining Light
7. To the Ends of the Earth
8. The End of the Age

ENDLESS ETERNITY FUTURE

DAY TWENTY-THREE 23

WATCH VIDEO FOUR
"PROPHETS"
as you work through
this section.

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WELCOME TO THE PROPHETS & THE STORY OF ISRAEL'S CAPTIVITY

The early prophets began to explain to the people why they were headed for captivity. Even their best kings were unable to deliver them spiritually. It is in God's eternal plan to bring all honor and glory to Himself. Men and women of God are instruments in this process.

The particulars and purpose of Israel's fall and subsequent captivity is two-fold. First is to recount the story of these two disobedient "sisters" and the consequences for placing idols above the Living God. But there is also a deep companion message communicated through the prophets: "If you will return to Me - I will return to you."

The Lord is gracious with humanity - and gracious with His people.
He "longs to be gracious" to us (ISAIAH 30).

*As you encounter this section and observe the severity of captivity -
remember that God will move heaven and earth to restore a soul.
Life is for 80 years if we are fortunate. Eternity is forever!*

DAY TWENTY-THREE 23

TIMELINE OF THE LAW & PROPHETS

One

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Joshua
Job		Numbers	Judges
		Deuteronomy	Ruth

2 Step Deliverance:

Human Race	Chosen Race
Creation	Abraham
Fall	Isaac
Flood	Jacob
Tower	Joseph

420
Years of
Bondage

Israel out
of Egypt

Egypt out
of the
people!

CONQUEST!

8
Cycles

PATRIARCHS

MOSES

JUDGES

TAKE A FEW MOMENTS AND RECOUNT OUR JOURNEY THUS FAR.
DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE GETTING A STRONG SENSE FOR THE GOD STORY?

TIMELINE OF THE LAW & PROPHETS

Two

	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	
1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings

	Psalms	Proverbs Ecclesiastes
SAUL No Heart	DAVID Whole Heart	SOLOMON Half a Heart

...Samuel

Songs

ISRAEL

722 BC
To Assyria

931BC
Division

CAPTIVITY

JUDAH

586 BC
To Babylon

JUDGES

KINGS

PROPHETS

DAY TWENTY-FOUR 24

— Why was Israel exiled? —

Two sisters - Jeremiah 3:6-10

READ JEREMIAH 3:6-10

What do you learn from the story of the two sisters?

READ HEBREWS 11:32-40

What does this reflective passage teach us about the role of the prophets?

READ DEUTERONOMY 30:1-6

What does this passage teach us about the threefold grace of the prophets?

MY WORLDVIEW

What would be the potential purposes of the prophets in my life?

— Who were the prophets? —

Hebrews 11:32-40

The Prophets of Grace!
Face to face reinforcement
Face to face consolation
Messianic preparation

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

DAY TWENTY-FOUR 24

The Prophets of Israel!

PRE-EXILE.....Samaria & Judah
CAPTIVITY.....Ezekiel & Daniel
RETURN.....Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

DIVIDED KINGDOM = GOOD & EVIL KINGS
NORTHERN KINGDOM = SAMARIA/ISRAEL
SOUTHERN KINGDOM = JUDAH

HERE ARE SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE PROPHETS THAT PROVIDE A HELPFUL BACKDROP FOR YOUR STUDY OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL:

Before the **EXILE** prophets were speaking to both the Northern Kingdom (known both as Israel and Samaria) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). Ezekiel followed Israel into **CAPTIVITY** and Daniel was taken as a young man - and prophesied there all of his life. During the **RETURN** three prophets were raised up to encourage the returning remnant of Jews: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Prophecies found their fulfillment sometimes in the current time they prophesied, sometimes in the Messiah, others in the future - and some in more than one time period.

After the split in the Kingdom there were two dynasties of kings. Each prophet had a particular audience and a specific role. They came from both low and high places in society. Each prophet's desire and mission can be summarized in the phrase "return to Me." God wanted the hearts of His people to **RETURN** to Him.

DAY TWENTY-FIVE 25

*Each king & prophet brings
insight into human idolatry
and Yahweh's everlasting love.*

Micah 7:18; 1 John 5:20,21

READ MICAH 7:18-20

What does this teach us about God's hopes for His wandering people?

READ 1 JOHN 5:20,21

What does this teach us about the presence of idols in our lives?

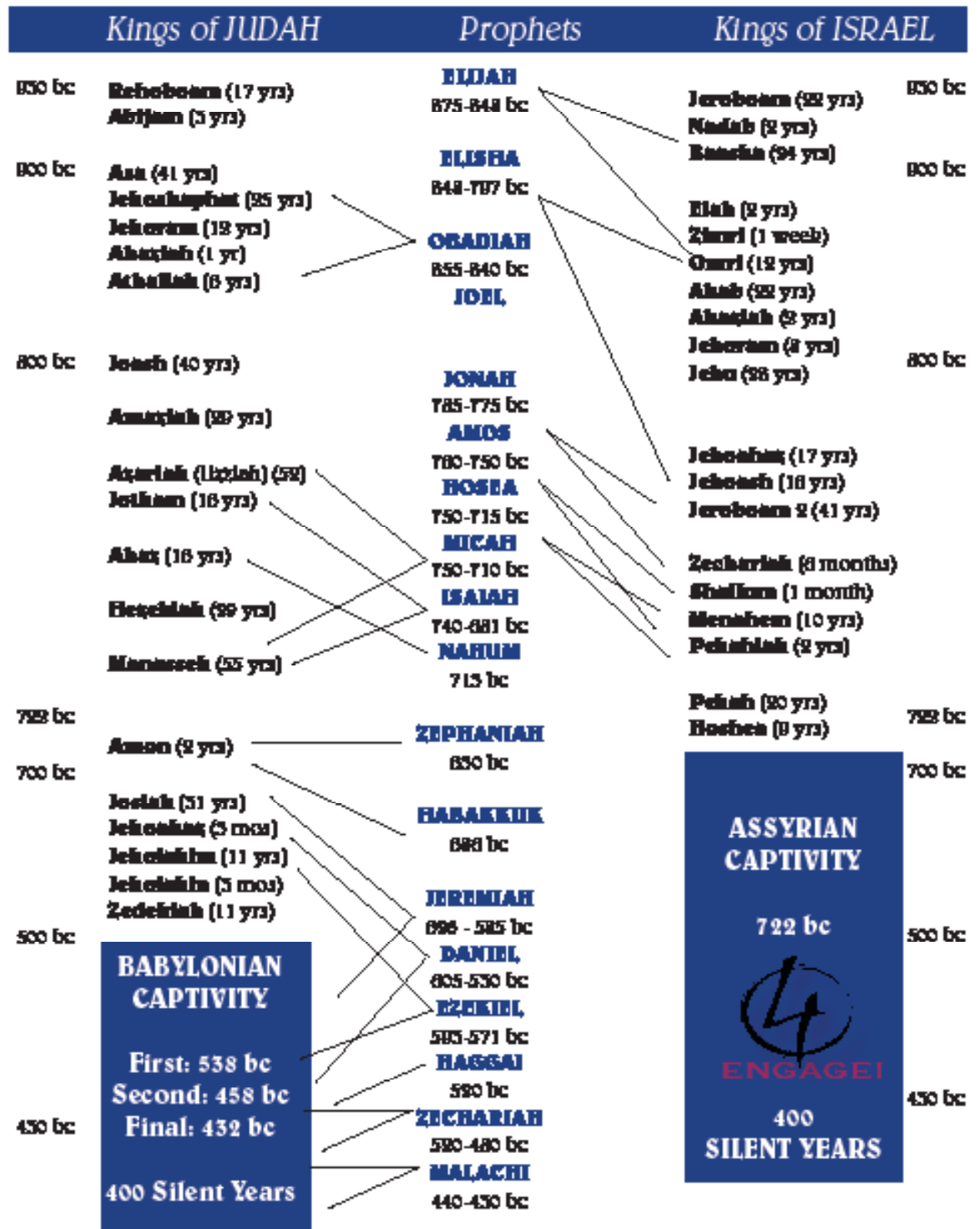
MY WORLDVIEW

What premium do I place upon everlasting life? In what ways do the prophets articulate the wandering of America? Of the Church? My own wandering?

DAY TWENTY-FIVE 25

Take a few minutes to study this chart. These are the prophets and the corresponding kings and kingdoms to which they prophesied. Note where each captivity begins, and which prophet spoke to which king(s). This should help in your future analysis of the kings. There are many helpful principles that can be distilled from these chapters found in 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles.

Take the time to highlight the key verses from the following page in each respective book.



DAY TWENTY-FIVE 25

5 LAW

Genesis	Origins	12:2
Exodus	Exit	12:51
Leviticus	Worship	11:44
Numbers	Wander	33:1
Deuteronomy	Standards	10:12

12 HISTORICAL

Joshua	Conquest	11:23
Judges	Cycles	17:6
Ruth	Love Story	2:12
1 Samuel	People's King	8:6
2 Samuel	God's King	5:2
1 Kings	Solomon/Split	12:20
2 Kings	Exile/Scatter	17:7
1 Chronicles	Throne Secured	14:2
2 Chronicles	Temple Revered	6:18
Ezra	Return/Reform...the Temple	7:10
Nehemiah	Renew/Rebuild...the Walls	5:16
Esther	God Delivers	4:14

5 POETS

Job	Sovereign Suffering	1:21-22
Psalms	Prayer/Praise	100:4
Proverbs	Wisdom Above	1:7
Ecclesiastes	Vanity Below	2:11
Song of Solomon	Intimate Love	8:6

5 MAJOR PROPHETS

Isaiah	Christ is Salvation	53:6
Jeremiah	Sin's Condemnation	6:16
Lamentations	Weeping Prophet	1:16
Ezekiel	Exiles-Ruined/Restored	21:27
Daniel	Future Things	7:27

12 MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea	Love/Apostasy	14:4
Joel	Blow the Trumpet	2:31,32
Amos	Roaring Punishment	1:2
Obadiah	Brother Violence	1:10
Jonah	Compassion's Voice	1:3
Micah	Unchanging Love	7:18
Nahum	Nineveh's Doom	3:19
Habakkuk	Just/Rejoice	2:4
Zephaniah	Last Chance	2:3
Haggai	Obedient Building	1:4,5
Zechariah	Lord of Hosts	4:6
Malachi	Sin's Dialogue	2:2