



OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

LESSONS 16

17 Periods of Bible History

CREATION

FLOOD

SCATTERING

PATRIARCHS

EXODUS

WANDERING

INVASION & CONQUEST

JUDGES

UNITED KINGDOM

DIVIDED KINGDOM

JUDAH ALONE

CAPTIVITY

RETURN & REBUILDING

YEARS of SILENCE

LIFE of CHRIST

EARLY CHURCH

LETTERS to CHRISTIANS

ONE STORY



Nahum

- Audience: Assyria
- Ca. 663–612 BC or 640–625 BC
- Judah alone
- Topic: Judgment against Assyria (2:13–3:7)



Zephaniah

- Audience: Judah
- Josiah (1:1)
- Ca. 640–625 BC
- Judah alone



Zephaniah

- Topics
 - Judgment on Judah (1:2–4)
 - Call to repent (2:3)



Habakkuk

- Audience: Judah
- Ca. 609–606 BC
- Judah alone
- Topic: Judgment on Judah via Chaldeans (1:2–8)



Jeremiah

- Audience: Judah
- Josiah–Zedekiah, Gedaliah (1:1–3; 40:7ff)
- Ca. 627–586 BC
- Waning days of Judah; Babylonian captivity



Jeremiah

- Topics
 - Narrative (35–45; 52)
 - Downfall of Judah (25:8–11)
 - Duration of captivity (25:12, 13)
 - Judgment against the nations (47–51)
 - New covenant (31:31–34)



Ezekiel

- Audience: Judah in captivity
- Jehoiachin's captivity (1:2)
- Ca. 593–573 BC
- Waning days of Judah; Babylonian captivity



Ezekiel

- Topics
 - God's departure from the temple (8–11)
 - Hope of restoration (37; 43:4–7)
 - The watchman (33:7–9)
 - The soul who sins shall die (18)
 - Judgment upon the nations (25–32)



Daniel

- Audience: Babylonian / Medo-Persian court
- Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, Cyrus
- Ca. 605–537 BC
- Waning days of Judah; Babylonian captivity



Daniel

- Topics
 - Narrative (1–6)
 - Future events (7–12)
 - Messianic prophecy (2:44; 7:13, 14; 9:24–27)



Haggai

- Audience: Judah
- Second year of Darius (1:1)
- Ca. 520 BC
- Return & rebuilding



Haggai

- Topics
 - Rebuild the temple (1:2–8)
 - The Lord returns to His temple (2:6–9)
 - Zerubbabel: the signet (2:20–23)



Zechariah

- Audience: Judah
- Darius (1:1)
- Ca. 520–? BC
- Return & rebuilding



Zechariah

- Topics
 - Retribution to the nations (1:15, 18–21; 14)
 - The temple will be rebuilt (1:16; 3:6, 7; 4:9)
 - Zerubbabel and Joshua (4:11–14; 6:9–13)
 - The King comes (9:9, 10)
 - **The earthquake (14:5; cf. Am 1:1)*



Malachi

- Audience: Judah
- Ca. 425? BC
- Return & rebuilding



Malachi

- Topics
 - Half-hearted service (1:6–8)
 - Unfaithful priests (2:1, 2, 7–9)
 - Divorcing wives, marrying foreigners (2:11–16)
 - The Messiah's messenger (3:1a; 4:5, 6)
 - The Messiah (3:1a–4; 4:3, 4)

