

**Prophets**

**Review**

# Objectives

- \* What determines a major or minor prophet?**
  - \*What are the 4 major prophets?**
  - \*Who did the prophets prophecy to?**
- \*Can this influence our understanding of the tribulation and end days?**

**There are three ways  
that the prophet  
books are  
categorized.**

**Major and Minor Prophets**  
Major and Minor prophets are a traditional *Protestant* form of categorizing the books of the prophets.

**The Protestant bible includes Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations and Daniel**

# What determines a major prophet from a minor prophet?

- \* Status is not based on importance
- \* Not based on spiritual authority

But..

- \* Major prophets are based on length  
and volume of the work
- \* Scope of context is broader

# Major and Minor Prophets

## Major Prophets

**Jeremiah (52)**

**Isaiah (66)**

**Ezekiel (48)**

**Daniel (12)**

**\*Lamentations (5)**

## The 12 Minor Prophets

1) Hosea (14)

2) Joel (3)

3) Amos (9)

4) Obadiah (1)

5) Jonah (4)

6) Micah (7)

7) Nahum (3)

8) Habakkuk (3)

9) Zephaniah (3)

10) Haggi (2)

11) Zechariah (14)

12) Malachi (4)

## **2. The Catholic Bible**

**The Catholic bible includes all five books in the Hebrew Bible but also includes the Book of Baruch and the Letter of Jeremiah found in Chapter 6 of the Book of Baruch written by Baruch ben Neriah a scribe of Jeremiah**

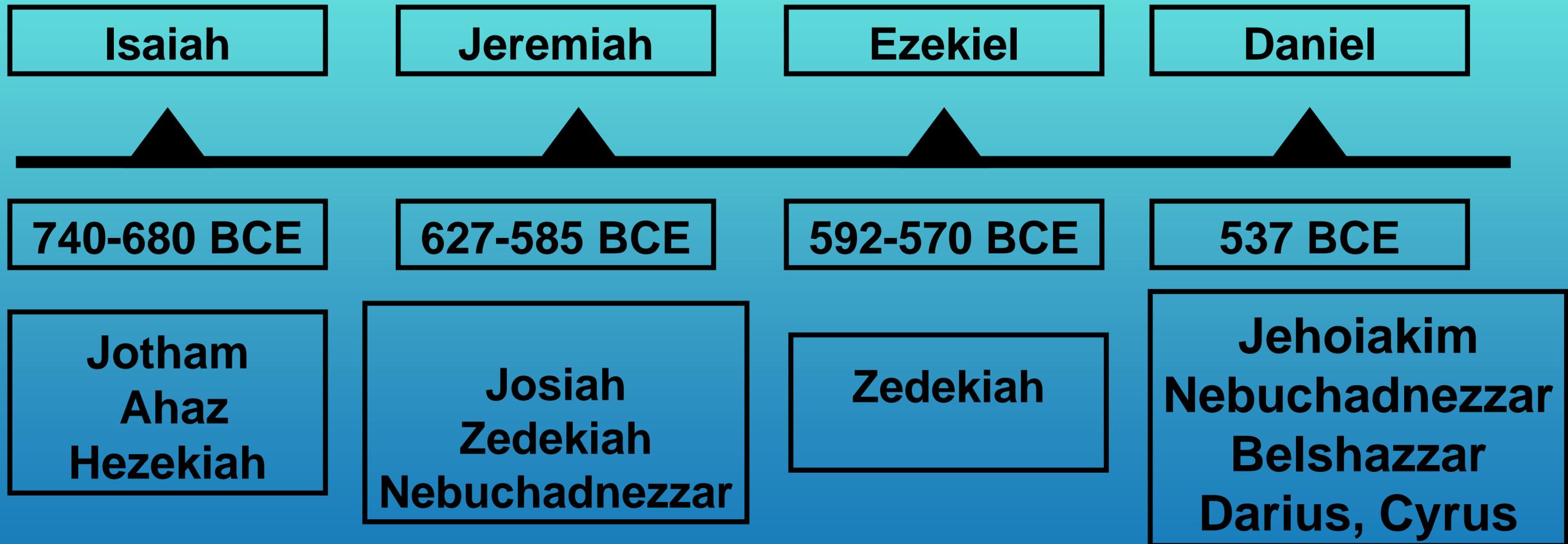
**Modern day Judaism does not divide  
the prophet books into  
different categories.**

**The division of categories of the  
Old Testament are:**

- 1) Torah - law and instruction**
- 2) Nevi'im - prophets**
- 3) Ketuvim - writings**

**\* Daniel is listed as part of the Ketuvim**

# Major Prophets Timeline



# Isaiah

- \* **Born into an upper-class family**
  - \* **Foreign affairs advisor**
- \* **Spoke against the social ills of the day**
  - \* **Lived mostly in Jerusalem**
- \* **Tradition says Isaiah was martyred by being sawed in two inside a hollow log**  
**(Hebrews 11:37)**

# Isaiah

**Dates: 740-680 BCE**

**Propheesied to: Jews in Judea**

**Concerning: Judah and Jerusalem**

**Isaiah 1:1, 2:1**

**Message: The coming of Messiah and  
King of Israel**

# Prophetic Themes

- \* **The Day of the Lord “In that day”**
  - \* **Blessing upon restored Israel**
  - \* **Restoration of Israel to Palestine**
    - \* **Restoration of Palestine itself**
- \* **Jerusalem as the capital of the earth**
  - \* **Blessing upon the remnant**
  - \* **Blessing upon the nations**
  - \* **Blessing to the entire creation**

# Cross References

## Isaiah 2:8-9

- 8) Their land also is full of idols, they worship the work of their own hands that which their own fingers have made
- 9) And the mean man boweth down and the great man humbleth himself therefore forgive them not.

## Revelation 6:15

And the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bondman and every free man hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains.

## **Isaiah 2:19**

**And they shall go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth for fear of the Lord and for the glory of his majesty when he rises to shake terrible the earth.**

## **Revelation 6:16**

**And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.**

## **Isaiah 4:3**

**And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion,  
and he that remained in Jerusalem shall be called  
holy even every one that is written among the living  
in Jerusalem.**

## **Revelation 3:5**

**He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in  
white raiment and I will not blot out his name out of  
the book of life, but I will confess his name before  
my Father and before his angels.**

## Isaiah 66:20-21

**20) And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts to my holy mountain.**

**21) And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord.**

## Revelation 1:6

**And he hath made us kings and priests unto his God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen**

# Jeremiah

- \* Called the weeping prophet or the Prophet of Loneliness**
  - \* Over 40 years of prophecy**
  - \* King Jehoiakim destroyed Jeremiah's written predictions and imprisoned him**
  - \* He fled to Egypt and died there**

# **Jeremiah**

**Dates: 627-585 BCE**

**Propheesied to: Jews in Judea and Captivity**

**Concerning: Judah and Nations  
Jeremiah 1:5, 9-10, 2:1-2**

**Message: Jerusalem's judgement and  
coming glory**

# Prophetic Themes

- \* **Warnings against sin and judgement**
  - \* **Curse on Jehoiachin**
  - \* **Prediction of Messiah**
- \* **The concept of backsliding or unfaithfulness**
  - \* **164 references to Babylon-  
more than the rest of the Bible together**

# Cross References

## Jeremiah 2:3

**Israel was holiness unto the Lord and the first fruits of his increase all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them saith the Lord**

## Revelation 14:4

**These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb**

## **Jeremiah 7:34**

**Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride for the land shall be desolate.**

## **Revelation 18:23**

**And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee, and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee for thy merchants were the great men of the earth for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.**

## Jeremiah 10:7

**Who would not fear thee O King of nations?**

**For to thee doth it appertain forasmuch as among all wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms there is none like unto thee.**

## Revelation 15:4

**Who shall not fear thee, O Lord and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy, for all nations shall come and worship before thee for thy judgments are made manifest.**

# Ezekiel

- \* Born to a priestly family**
- \* His name means God strengthens**
- \* Ezekiel spent his early years in Jerusalem but was taken by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon in 605 BCE**
- \* He prophesied for 22 years and his wife died in 597 BCE**

# **Prophetic Themes**

**Dates: 592-570 BCE**

**Propheesied to: Jews captive in Babylon**

**Concerning: The whole house of Israel  
(Ezekiel 2:3-6, 3:4-10)**

**Contents: Keep the sins of the exiles before them and  
the judgement of God**

**God's judgement on the city of Jerusalem,  
Prophecies against foreign nations**

# Cross References

## Ezekiel 1:28

**As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.**

## Revelation 4:3

**And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone, and there was a rainbow round about the throne in sight like unto an emerald.**

### Ezekiel 3:3

**And he said unto me, Son of Man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.**

### Revelation 10:9

**And I went unto the angel and said unto him “Give me the little book” and he said unto me “Take it and eat it up and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey”**

# Daniel

- \* Daniel means God is my Judge**
- \* Yeshua identified Daniel as a prophet  
( Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14)**
- \* Taken captive as a youth to Babylon by  
Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BCE**
- \* The book of Daniel is found in the 3rd division of  
the Hebrew bible (“The Writings”)**

# **Prophetic Themes**

**Dates: 605-536 BCE**

**\* Prophesied to: Jews captive in Babylon and Gentile Kings**

**\* Concerning: Israel and Gentile Nations (Daniel 2:36, 9)**

**\* The course of Gentile Kingdoms (Persia, Greece, Rome)**

**\* Details concerning Medo-Persia, and Greece**

**\*The activities of the Antichrist (11:36-45)**

**\* Doctrines mentioned are:**

**Personal separation (1:8, 3:12, 6:10)**

**Angels (8:16, 9:21, 10:13, 20-21, 11:1)**

**Resurrection (12:2)**

# **Cross References**

## **Daniel 3:6**

**And who does not fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.**

## **Revelation 13:15**

**And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

## Daniel 7: 25

**And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws and they shall be given into his hand until time and times, and the dividing of time.**

## Revelation 17:6

**And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Yeshua and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.**

## **Daniel 11:36**

**And the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished for that that is determined shall be done.**

## **Revelation 13:5-6**

**5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months**

**6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle and them that dwell in heaven.**

# **In Conclusion**

- \* The categories for prophets vary between Protestants, Catholics, and Jews**
- \* There are 4 major prophets and sometimes Lamentation is included as a 5th prophet**
- \* Prophets prophesied to specific groups. All prophecies are profitable for all men but directed at certain groups.**
- \* Sometimes the recipient of the prophecy can alter our understanding of the end time events.**