

HABAKKUK

Habakkuk was the 'Questioning Prophet' who did not understand why God could punish one nation (Judah) by using an even more ungodly nation (Babylon). Habakkuk struggled to find a reason for national suffering but God's answers came. In chapter 3 he concludes with a song of joyful invincibility—in spite of adverse circumstances he was determined to rejoice in God.

ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah mean 'hidden of Jehovah'. He was born during the wicked reign of Manasseh, King of Judah. He was of royal blood (1:1) and like Moses and Joash before him, may have required protection in his early years. He survived, however, and his name became part of his message (2:3). Zechariah speaks much about the two comings of Christ (one already fulfilled, and the second still in the future). The first chapters deal with the judgement of Judah and the surrounding nations and concludes with promises of triumphant joy.

JOB

Watch the video series on the book of Job. Job is probably the oldest book in the bible and yet deals with one of the oldest problems in the world—suffering.



STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

Can be downloaded and watched on the Newcraigs Website

Useful information:

Newcraigs Church are grateful for the resources of The Bible Project. The full program can be obtained from thebibleproject.org. We have made the monthly readings and videos alongside the study guides available at our website newcraigs.co.uk/the-bible-project.

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THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

PSALMS of PRAYER

One Psalm is listed each day for you to slowly pray through, making its words your own. By the end you’ll have prayed through the book of Psalms 2.5 times.

VIDEOS

Each day you come to a new biblical book there will be a short animated video provided by ‘The Bible Project’ and available on our website www.newcraigs.co.uk. Each one is all about that book’s design and message and what to look for as you read.

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Study guides and more information from thebibleproject.com. We also have our online bookstore at newcraigs.co.uk/book-shop.

AMOS

As we continue through the minor prophets we come to the book of Amos. Amos is the third of the 12 minor prophets. Amos lived about 750 years before Christ when the Northern Kingdom of Israel reached its Zenith of power under Jereboam II. Military strength had brought a period of material prosperity. Business was booming; affluence abounded; people were living in the lap of luxury. But economic prosperity is a breeding ground for spiritual poverty. Deut. 6:10-13 warned against this. Israel was deaf to the warning. Are we?

More information can be gleaned from the Bible Project video series, however the division of the book is as follows:

CH 1-9:10

GREED PUNISHED

CH 9:11-15

GLORY PROMISED

Amos uses direct sermons (ch.3-6) and visions or illustrations (ch.7-9).

OBADIAH

Obadiah is a small book but deals with the biggest sin - pride. Obadiah is the Prophet of Unbrotherly Conduct. If the first sin was pride, the first murder was that of a brother (Gen.4). The book deals with the family feud traced back to Jacob and Esau (Gen. 25;27). Their descendants were known as Israel and Edom. The Edomites could not forget and would not forgive family differences from a bygone history.

The last of the Edomites were the Herods in the time of Christ. They maintained cruel treatment of the Jews to the end. Christ had nothing to say to the Herod he was taunted by. (Luke 23:8&9). Today the nation does not exist.

JONAH

Jonah does not contain a made up story, but is historical fact. The Lord Jesus endorsed it in Matthew’s gospel. It’s main subject is not of a man being swallowed by a big fish, but of a God being interested in foreign mission.

Jonah contains a prophetic picture within it’s unfolding story. His own experience of going down to the depths before he rises again and so goes and preaches the message of Salvation to the Nations typifies Christ who was sent, suffered, buried for 3 days and nights, and rose to offer salvation to the Gentiles. Matthew 12 :39-41.

MICAH

Micah is the sixth of the 12 minor prophets. He lived 700 years before Christ, when the Assyrians were about to defeat the Northern Kingdom, and threaten the Southern Kingdom of Judah. He was a contemporary of Isaiah. Isaiah was God’s messenger in the palace; Micah was God’s messenger to the people. Isaiah dealt with political matters; Micah dealt with personal matters.

Micah contains three controversies against nations, leaders and people. Each section begins with ‘Hear’ and yet each section ends with words of ‘Cheer’.

NAHUM

Nahum being the seventh minor prophet was the second prophet whose ministry was confined to the Gentiles following Jonah 150 years previously. Naham prophesied against the same city of Niniveh who had repented of their repentance and had turned back to it’s cruel oppressive ways again. Jonah’s message had been ‘Now is the accepted time’ Nahum’s message ‘Now it’s too late!’