

Crossword Puzzle

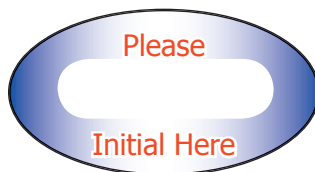


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| 1. The books of _____. | 2. Ezekiel saw visions about the spiritual _____ of Israel. |
| 5. Jeremiah spoke many _____ to the people of Israel. | 3. Lamentations contains Jeremiah's lamenting and _____. |
| 6. Isaiah spoke of Jesus being the Mighty _____! | 4. He wrote two of the books of the major prophets. |
| 7. Daniel's prayer brought about the return to _____. | 9. Even though Jeremiah spoke many warnings, the people did not _____. |
| 8. Jeremiah lived during a difficult time in Israel's _____. | 10. Daniel interpreted many _____. |
| 13. Daniel lived in a _____ and unbelieving land. | 11. Daniel's _____ brought about the return to Jerusalem. |
| 14. Daniel became a ruler there. | 12. Daniel became a _____ in Babylon. |
| 15. Ezekiel spoke of the recovery of God's house, the _____. | |
| 16. The children of _____. | |

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The Bible

- Lesson Ten -

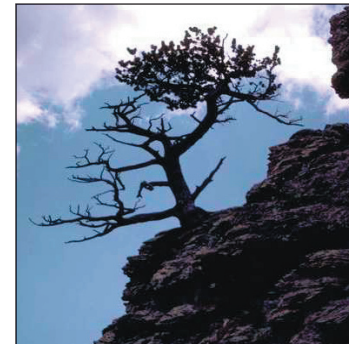
The Bible -

The Books of Prophecy (1)

I. Overview.

Beginning with this lesson we will be looking at the books of prophecy in the Bible. In this lesson we will look at the books of the “major prophets” and in next week’s lesson, we will look at the books of the “minor prophets”.

There are five books in the section of the Bible referred to as the “major prophets”. These five books are written by four authors, each writing one book except one who wrote two.



Daniel was still for God,
even in captivity.

Except for one book the books of the prophets are all named after their writer.

The books of the major prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations (written by Jeremiah), Ezekiel and Daniel. These books are called the “major prophets” because they are longer than most books of prophecy and they contain many important things spoken by God.

II. Memory Verse.

“So that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, He Himself took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

(Matt. 8:17)

III. Lesson.

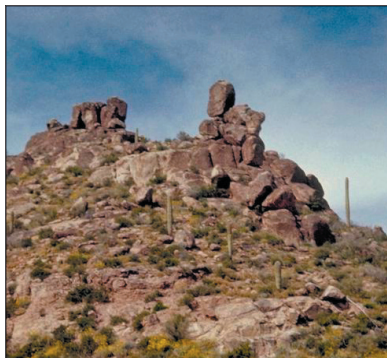
The Book of Isaiah

The book of Isaiah was written by the prophet Isaiah before Israel fell into captivity. It is a long book of sixty-six chapters. The book of Isaiah contains many wonderful prophecies or “speaking” concerning Jesus Christ. Some of the important things that Isaiah spoke of include the fact that Jesus would be born of a virgin, and that even though He would be born as an infant, He was the Mighty God! Isaiah also spoke much concerning the Lord Jesus’ suffering life and crucifixion for our sins. Isaiah is quoted many times in the New Testament.

The Books of Jeremiah and Lamentations

The books of Jeremiah and Lamentation were both written by the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah lived and spoke for God in a very difficult time during Israel’s history. The people of God had mostly turned away from God, and Jeremiah had to speak many difficult things to them. Even though Jeremiah spoke many warnings to the people of Israel, they did not repent and fell into captivity.

The book of Lamentations was written by Jeremiah after the children of Israel fell into captivity and Jerusalem was destroyed. It contains many expressions of Jeremiah’s suffering, lamenting, confessing and prayers.



Jeremiah prophesied during a difficult time in Israel.

The Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel wrote his book of prophecy after Israel had fallen into captivity in Babylon. He him-

self was a captive. Ezekiel saw marvelous visions concerning the spiritual recovery of the people of Israel. He spoke of God giving the people a new heart and a new spirit. Ezekiel eventually spoke of a wonderful recovery of God’s house, the Temple.

The Book of Daniel

Daniel was also a captive in Babylon. He lived a life wholly for God even in a foreign and unbelieving land. God was always with Daniel to save him from those who tried to prevent him from worshiping God and praying. Daniel interpreted many dreams and became a ruler in Babylon. Daniel’s prayer brought about the return of God’s people to Jerusalem.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How many books of the major prophets are there?

2. What are the names of the books of the major prophets in the Bible?

3. Who wrote two of the major prophet books?

4. Which of the major prophets actually lived in captivity?

