

Bible Overview Week 5 –Relationship Promised

God's Unfaithful Bride

What surprises and shocks you about the early chapters of Hosea? How does it shock us with its view of sin?

How does thinking of our faithfulness or unfaithfulness to God in terms of a marriage change the way we think of sin?

Jeremiah: Tragedy and Hope

Read Jeremiah 2v1-9, what similarities are there here between Judah and Israel? How have Judah failed to learn lessons from her sister?

Turn to Jeremiah 31, in the early verses God promises exile and weeping because Judah will not repent and turn back to him. But what is the amazing promise God makes in v31-37? And what is it a promise of?

Malachi – Familiar Struggles but a New Hope

Read Malachi 1v1-5. What is the problem Malachi prophesies against? Flick through the headings of the rest of ch1-3v15 – what are the practical consequences of not believing God loves them?

Israel feel free to sin because they don't think God loves them as they look at their circumstances. How do we see that in ourselves and in others?

Given everything we have seen in Israel, what do they deserve and why?

But what does God promise in ch3v1-6, 3v16-18, 4v1-6?

So What?

What are the stand out lessons from this quick flyover of the prophets for you? How does the emphasis on knowing God and being his people encourage and challenge you? What response does it call for?

Prophetic books Timeline

Year	King of Judah	Prophet to Judah		Prophet to Israel			King of Israel
780BC							Jeroboam (781-753) Zechariah (753-752) Shallum(752) Menahem(752-742) Pekahiah (742-740) Pekah (740-732) Hoshea (732-722)
	Uzziah (767-740)						
760				Amos (c.760)	Jonah (c.760)	Hosea (c.755)	
	Jotham (750-735)						
740		Micah (c.742)	Isaiah (c.740)				
	Ahaz (735-715)						
720							Fall of Samaria 722BC
	Hezekiah (715-686)						
700							
680							
	Manasseh (686-642)						
660		Nahum (c.660-630)					
640	Amon (642-640)		Zephaniah (c.640-609)	Habakkuk (c.640-609)			
	Josiah (640-609)						
620							
	Jehoahaz (609)	Jeremiah (c.627)					
600	Jehoiakim (609-597)			Daniel (c.605)			
	Jehoiachin (598-597)						
	Zedekiah (597-586BC)					Ezekiel (c.597)	
580	Fall of Jerusalem 586BC	Obadiah (after 586)					
560							
540							
	1 st Exiles return (538)						
520	Temple Rebuilt (516/515)	Haggai (c.520)	Zechariah (c.520)				
500							
480							
460		Malachi (c.460)					
	2 nd Exiles return (458)						
440	3 rd Exiles return (445)						

Minor Prophet	Major Prophet
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Joel isn't displayed as there's considerable debate about dating. Anywhere from 9th-4th century BC

Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David did.

Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father David had done.

Did what was evil in the eyes of the LORD.