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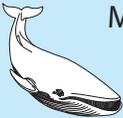
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Prophetic Ministry In Amos, Jonah & Nahum

The Holy Bride — Spiritual Plumb Lines

Time Line

Jonah, 770 Amos, 760 Micah, 740-700 Isaiah, 740-690 Hosea, 725 	Nahum, 663-612 Zephaniah, 640-620 Jeremiah, 627-587 	Habakkuk, 605-590 Ezekiel, 592-550 Obadiah, 587 Daniel, 580-510 	Haggai, 520 Zechariah, 520 Joel, 500-450 Malachi, 470-460
722 BC Fall of N. Kingdom	606 BC Captivity of Judah	536 BC Return of Exiles	

Key Passages

Amos 2.6 This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn back [my wrath]. They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. 7 They trample on the heads of the poor as upon the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name. 8 They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines....11 I also raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from among your young men. Is this not true, people of Israel?” declares the LORD. 12 **“But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.**

Amos 3.2 **“You only have I chosen [known] among all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish [visit] you for all your iniquities.” ...7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing it to his servants the prophets.**

Amos 7. 7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied.

Then the Lord said, “Look, **I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel**; I will spare them no longer. 9 “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.” ...

14Then Amos replied to Amaziah, “I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. 15“**But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, ‘Go prophesy to My people Israel.’**

Amos 8.11 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.”

Vocabulary

City
Credibility
Nazirite
Plumb Line
Prophecy
Prophet
Type, typological

Discussion Questions

▶ **What is the purpose of a plumb line?**

▶ **What is the house we are building? (1 Cor. 3.9-17; 1 Pet. 2.4-5)**

▶ **Review: What is the vital principle taught by Proverbs 29.18?**

See the related article, "The Church's Hairbrush," at:
http://www.tmin.org/tminpages/Plumb_Library.html

▶ **What is the purpose of predictive prophecy? (See Amos 9.7-15)**



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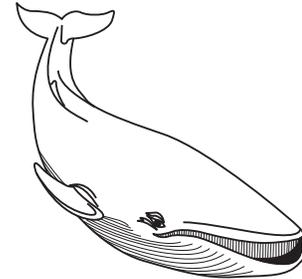
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God's Love For Cities

The Holy Bride — Spiritual Plumb Lines

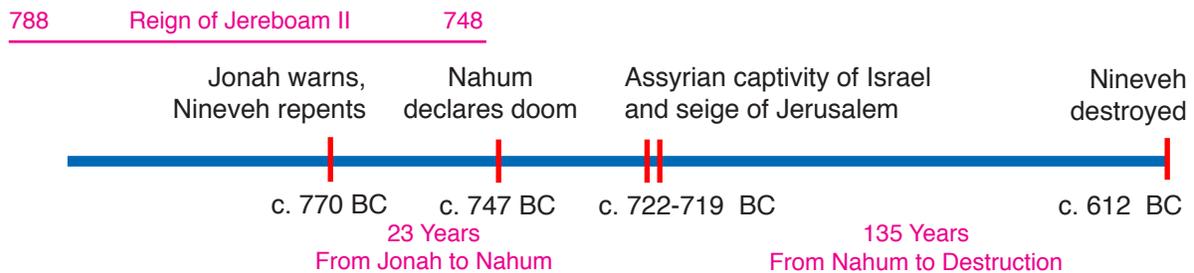
God's Mercy On Nineveh

JONAH: Around 770 BC, Jonah went (the long way) to the wicked city of Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, and warned (or mocked?), “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown!” To Jonah’s chagrin, God had mercy on the Ninevites and brought the entire city to repentance, staying the judgment.



NAHUM: Within a generation after Jonah’s mission (c. 747 BC, according to Josephus), the Ninevites had fallen into such depravity that God sent Nahum to announce the final, complete destruction of the city (Nahum 1.1,3,8-10; 2.8; 3.1,5-7,19), *and this time with no offer of forgiveness!*

HABAKKUK: Sometime later, Habakkuk confirmed that God would destroy wicked nations like Assyria (= Nineveh) by means of the Chaldeans. But it wasn’t until 612 BC, *135 years after Nahum’s prophecy* that a coalition of Medes and Babylonians wiped out Nineveh! Can you see God’s mercy?



GOD’S WRATH AND MERCY: Bible critics and skeptics have complained that “the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath, unlike the loving God of the New Testament.” Actually, the God of the Old Testament is *profoundly loving*, but we can only fully appreciate His love and mercy in the light of His attribute of wrath. Habakkuk understood that God’s attribute of mercy was never absent, but only obscured at times, just as one facet of a diamond can be hidden from view though still integral to the diamond. Thus, in Hab. 3.2, the prophet says, “LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; *in wrath remember mercy.*” God’s attributes of wrath and mercy always complement and enhance each other. How fitting that Nahum, the prophet who announced the final and complete destruction of Nineveh, had a name meaning, “compassionate, consolation, full of comfort.” God’s people should take comfort in the fact that God’s wrath will not let wickedness go unchecked!



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“This Is Your Day!” Book of Joel

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Key Passages



Joel 1.8 Wail *like* a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth. ...

Joel 1.15 (NKJV) Alas for the day!

For the **day of the LORD** is at hand;
It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2.1 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;

For the **day of the LORD** is coming...

10 ... The heavens tremble;

The sun and moon grow dark,

And the stars diminish their brightness.

11 ... For **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible;

Who can endure it?

12 “Now, therefore,” says the LORD,

“Turn to Me with all your heart,

With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

16 ... Let the bridegroom come out of his room And the bride out of her *bridal* chamber.

Vocabulary

Apostasy

Day of the Lord (*Yom YHVH*, יום יהוה)

Millennium

Survivors

Joel 2. 328 (NIV) “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. 30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

31 **The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before** the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD**. 32 And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the **survivors** whom the LORD calls.

Joel 3.14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision. 15 **The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.** 16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Discussion Questions

- ▶ Why is it difficult to date prophecies on the basis of their content?

- ▶ What is the Yom YHVH (יום יהוה)? (See Amos 5.18-20; Isaiah 13.6; Malachi 4.5.)

- ▶ In the Old Testament era, what were the precursors of the yet coming Day of the Lord?

- ▶ What did the great battle at the climax of Tolkien's *Return Of The King* have to do with marriage?

- ▶ What does Joel teach us about the coming of the Spirit?

The Future Manifestation of the Spirit

From The Old Testament Perspective



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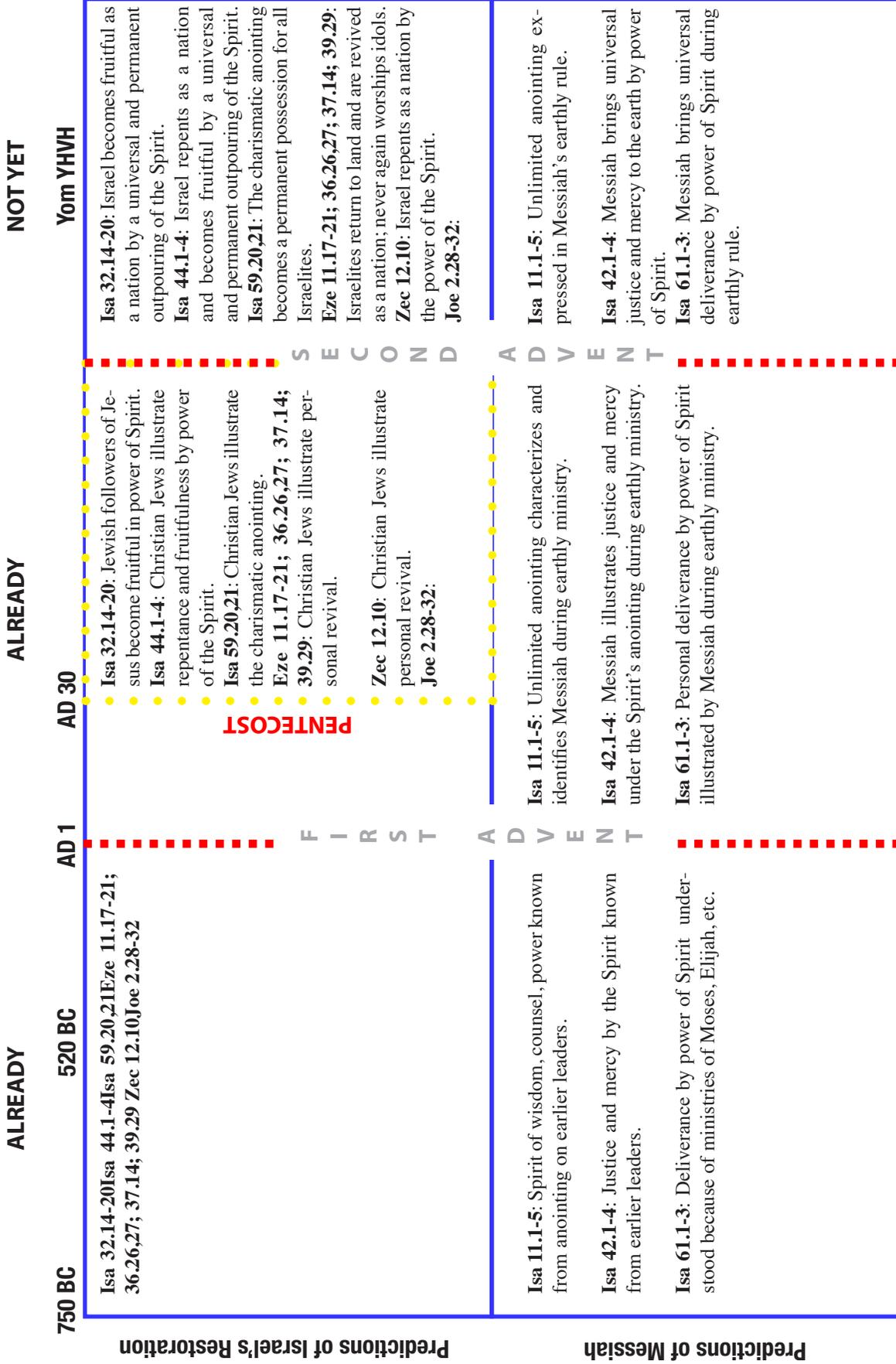
Yom YHWH

Predictions of Israel's Restoration

Predictions of Messiah

<p>Isa 32.14-20: Israel has seen times of spiritual revival bringing fruitfulness and social justice.</p> <p>Isa 44.1-4: Israel has seen repentance from idolatry and spiritual fruitfulness.</p> <p>Isa 59.20-21: Israel has seen prophetic anointing in its prophets.</p>	<p>Eze 11.17-21; 36.26-27; 37.14; 39.29: Return to land and revival under Ezra, Nehemiah.</p> <p>Zec 12.10: Revival seen under Ezra, Nehemiah.</p>	<p>Isa 32.14-20: Israel becomes fruitful as a nation by a universal and permanent outpouring of the Spirit.</p> <p>Isa 44.1-4: Israel repents as a nation and becomes fruitful by a universal and permanent outpouring of the Spirit.</p> <p>Isa 59.20-21: The charismatic anointing becomes a permanent possession for all Israelites.</p> <p>Eze 11.17-21; 36.26-27; 37.14; 39.29: Israelites return to land and are revived as a nation; never again worships idols.</p> <p>Zec 12.10: Israel repents as a nation by the power of the Spirit.</p> <p>Joe 2.28-32:</p>
<p>Joe 2.28-32:</p>	<p>PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isa 32.14-20: Jewish followers of Jesus become fruitful in power of Spirit. ● Isa 44.1-4: Christian Jews illustrate repentance and fruitfulness by power of the Spirit. ● Isa 59.20-21: Christian Jews illustrate the charismatic anointing. ● Eze 11.17-21; 36.26,27; 37.14; 39.29: Christian Jews illustrate personal revival. ● Zec 12.10: Christian Jews illustrate personal revival. ● Joe 2.28-32: 	<p>Isa 11.1-5: Unlimied anointing expressed in Messiah's earthly rule.</p>
<p>Isa 11.1-5: Spirit of wisdom, counsel, power known from anointing on earlier leaders.</p> <p>Isa 42.1-4: Justice and mercy by the Spirit known from earlier leaders.</p> <p>Isa 61.1-3: Deliverance by power of Spirit understood because of ministries of Moses, Elijah, etc.</p>	<p>Isa 11.1-5: Unlimited anointing characterizes and identifies Messiah during earthly ministry.</p> <p>Isa 42.1-4: Messiah illustrates justice and mercy under the Spirit's anointing during earthly ministry.</p> <p>Isa 61.1-3: Personal deliverance by power of Spirit illustrated by Messiah during earthly ministry.</p>	<p>Isa 11.1-5: Unlimied anointing expressed in Messiah's earthly rule.</p> <p>Isa 42.1-4: Messiah brings universal justice and mercy to the earth by power of Spirit.</p> <p>Isa 61.1-3: Messiah brings universal deliverance by power of Spirit during earthly rule.</p>

The Future Manifestation of the Spirit From The New Testament Perspective



Predictions of Israel's Restoration

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Isaiah

Predictions Of The Coming Bridegroom

The Holy Bride — Spiritual Plumb Lines

Key Passages

Is. 2.12 **The LORD Almighty has a day in store** for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled)...

Is. 7.14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel**.... 16 But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.... 8.3 ¶ Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the LORD said to me, “Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

Is. 9.6 **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given**, and the government will be on his shoulders. And **he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**.

Is. 11.1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a **Branch** will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD — 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD....

Is. 42.1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 **A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out**. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.”

Is. 54.4 ...you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 “For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, 6 “For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,” Says your God. ... 10 “For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken,” Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

Isa 61.10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,
My soul will exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isa 62.5 ...And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So your God will rejoice over you.

Vocabulary

Branch, The
Eschatology
Fulfillment
Gentiles/Nations (Isa 49.6)
Holy (Isa 1.4; 6.3)
Kinsman-Redeemer (Isa 41.14; 44.6,24; **54.5**)
Last Days (Isa 2.2; αἱ ἐσχάται ἡμέραι)
Progressive Revelation
Repent, Repentance (Isa 30.15)
Torah (Isa 2.3)

Discussion Questions

▶ **When Jesus read Isaiah 61 in the synagogue, why did he stop reading in the middle of verse 2?**

▶ **In Isaiah 53, what is the significance of:**

• **The words *shoot* and *root*?**

• **The word *pierced*?**

• **The suffering servant not opening his mouth?**

• **The connection to the *wicked* and the *rich*?**

▶ **How can someone die and still “see his offspring and prolong his days”?**

Is. 61.1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor /

Is. 53.1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 He grew up before him like a tender **shoot**, and like a **root** out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was **pierced** for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, **yet he did not open his mouth**; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9 He was assigned a grave **with the wicked**, and with the **rich** in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, **he will see his offspring and prolong his days**, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities....



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The Faithful Bridegroom In Jeremiah

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Key Passages

Jer. 1.4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”... 9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Jer 2.2 ... ‘Thus says the LORD, “I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown. 3 “Israel was holy to the LORD, The first of His harvest....

Jer. 7.16 “As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.... 11.14 “Do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them, because I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their distress. ...14.11 **Then the LORD said to me, “Do not pray for the well-being of this people.**

Jer. 16.14 “However, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when men will no longer say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,’ 15 but they will say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.’ **For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers.**

Jer. 17.5 This is what the LORD says: “**Cursed is the one who trusts in man**, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.... 9 **The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?**

Jer. 23.5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: **The LORD Our Righteousness.**

Jer 31.3 The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. 4 “Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! ... 21 “Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities. 22 “How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth — A woman will encompass a man.”

Vocabulary

Apostasy (Jer 8.5)
Covenant, New Covenant
Consecrate (Jer 1.5; 51.28)
Remnant

Discussion Questions

▶ **Why is the existence of the nation of Israel so important to us?**

Jer 31.31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

▶ **When does the new covenant go into effect?**

33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

▶ **What does Daniel 9.2-3 teach us about prayer? (See Jer. 25.11-12)**

34 “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

▶ **Five Testimonies of Divine Preservation**

35 Thus says the LORD,

Who gives the sun for light by day

And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,

Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;

The LORD of hosts is His name:

36 “If this fixed order departs

From before Me,” declares the LORD,

“Then the offspring of Israel also will cease

From being a nation before Me forever.”

37 Thus says the LORD,

“If the heavens above can be measured

And the foundations of the earth searched out below,

Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel

For all that they have done,” declares the LORD.

1. Jeremiah: Jer. 1.17-19

2. The Recabites: Jer. 35

3. Ebedmelech: Jer. 38.7-13; 39.15-18

4. Baruch: Jer. 45

5. Israel’s Remnant: Jer. 30; 50.18-20



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Hosea

Restoring The Adulterous Bride

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Hosea, His Unfaithful Wife And God's Program For The Bride

God, in a most unexpected command, told Hosea to marry an adulterous woman to illustrate how Israel's worship of other gods was adultery against their heavenly Bridegroom. Then God warned that He would bring severe judgment, even an end, to the northern kingdom of Israel (Hos 1.4). However, in one of the most poignant passages in the books of prophecy, God spoke to Hosea again and said,

Hos. 3.1 ... "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods ...

Taken as a whole, the prophecies of Hosea reveal, how God is preparing a holy *and forgiven* Bride for His Son. This preparation requires a thorough breaking of the Bride (Luk 20.18), as illustrated in the future shattering of "the hand" of the Proto-Bride (Hos 1.5; Dan 12.7) "in the valley of Jezreel," i.e., the valley of Armageddon. This very breaking will lead to ultimate restoration and blessing, "For great will be the day of Jezreel," (Hos 1.11). The doorway to hope for Israel is through the valley of Achor, i.e., "the valley of trouble" (Hos 2.15), even as it is for us (Act 14.22).

Key Passages

Hos. 1.2 When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, "Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD." 3 So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Hos. 1.4 Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. 5 In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel."

Hos. 1.6 Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the LORD said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them. 7 Yet I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them — not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the LORD their God."

Hos. 1.8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. 9 Then the LORD said, "Call him Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

Hos. 1.10 "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.' 11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be reunited, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

Nuptial Motif Terms

Adorn, Adornment
Adultery
Betroth, Betrothal(s)
Bride, Bridegroom
Covenant
Faithful, Unfaithful
Feast
Garland, Crown
House, Home, Dwelling
Husband
Know (יָדָע), Knowledge
Ring, Jewels
Robe
Virgin
Widow
Wife

Discussion Questions

Key Passages in Hosea (Continued)

Hos 2.14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness And speak kindly to her. 15 “Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. 16 “It will come about **in that day**,” declares the LORD,

“That you will call Me Ishi

And will no longer call Me Baali.

18 “**In that day** ... 19 “**I will betroth you to Me forever**; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In lovingkindness and in compassion, 20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. **Then you will know** the LORD.

Hos. 4.6 ... **my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge**. “Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.

Hos 5.10 The princes of Judah have become like those who move a boundary;
On them I will pour out My wrath like water.

Hos. 6.1 “Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us;
He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.

2 “He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him. 3 “**So let us know, let us press on to know [vs. NIV *acknowledge*] the LORD**. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.”

Hos 8.2 They cry out to Me, “My God, we of Israel **know** You!” 3 Israel has rejected the good ... With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves, That they might be cut off.

Hos 10.1 Israel is a luxuriant vine; He produces fruit for himself.

The more his fruit, The more altars he made;

The richer his land, The better he made the sacred pillars.

2 Their heart is faithless; Now they must bear their guilt.

Hos. 11.1 “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

Hos 13.6 As they had their pasture, they became satisfied, And being satisfied, their heart became proud; Therefore they forgot Me.

► **What do Hosea’s prophecies about Israel have to do with us?**



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Ezekiel

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Ezek. 16.1 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 “Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations 3 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. 4 “As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths. 5 “No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born. 6 “When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ 7 “I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare. 8 “Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. **I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,**” declares the Lord GOD. 9 “Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. 10 “I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 “I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck. 12 “I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and **advanced to royalty**. 14 “Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord GOD. 60 “Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 “Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. 62 “Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, 63 so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” the Lord GOD declares.

Ezek. 18.30 “Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. 31 Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and **get a new heart and a new spirit**. Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Vocabulary

Gog of Magog

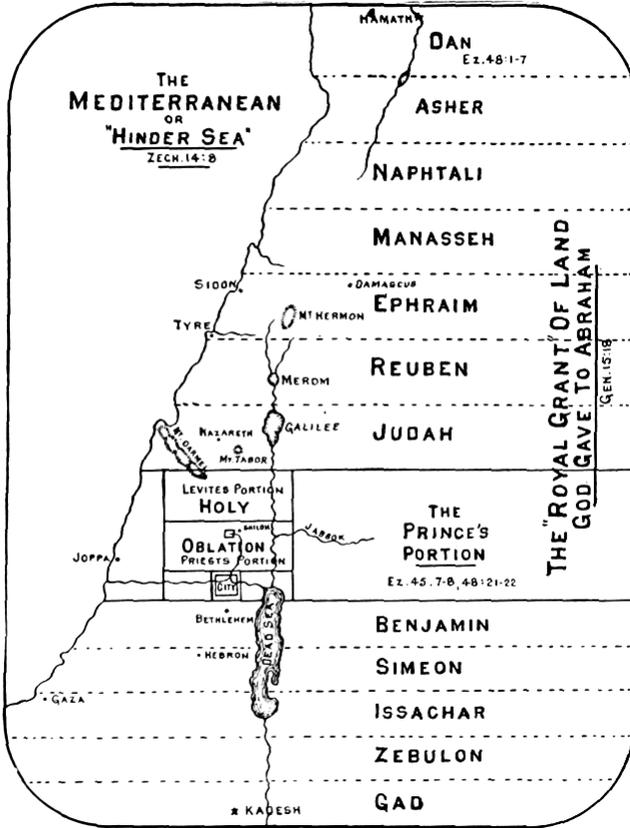
Oblation

Walling a wall (גִּדְרֵי-גִדְרֵי,
goder-gader, 13.5; 22.30)

YHVH Shammah

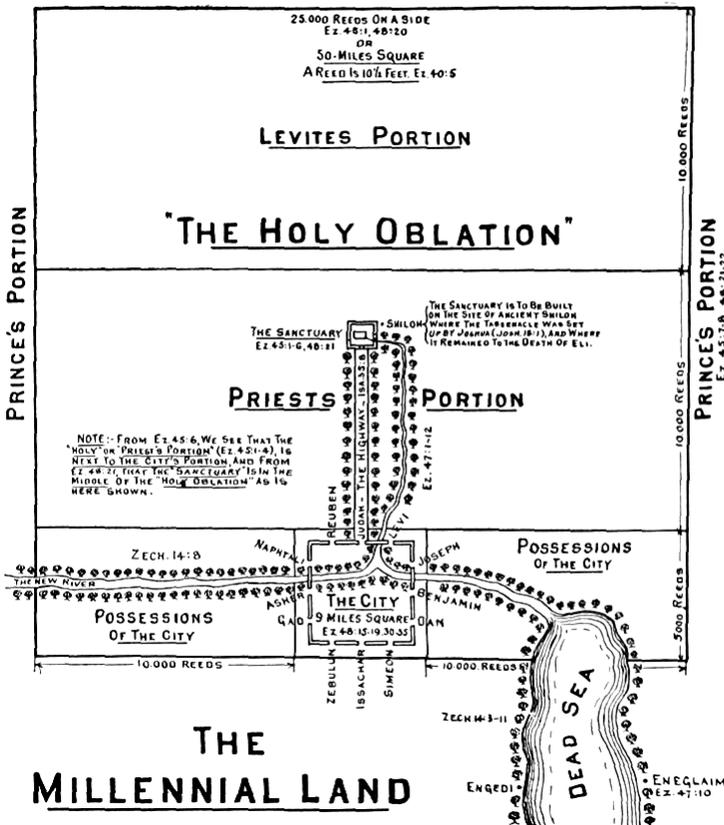
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Discussion Questions



► Why did God choose only one nation and only one geographical spot for His special presence?

► Why will there be a temple and holy city on earth during the millennial reign?



Ezek. 10.18 Then **the glory of the LORD departed** from over the threshold of the temple...

Ezek. 43.1 Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, 2 and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. 3 The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions I had seen by the Ke-bar River, and I fell facedown. 4 The glory of the LORD entered the temple through the gate facing east. 5 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and **the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ...48.35 ...**“And the name of the city from that time on will be: **THE LORD IS THERE.**”



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Daniel

Unveiling The Bridegroom Part 1

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Key Passages

Lam 5.19 You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation. 20 Why do You forget us forever? Why do You forsake us so long? 21 Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old, 22 Unless You have utterly rejected us And are exceedingly angry with us.

Dan. 3.24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, O king.”

25 He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like **a son of the gods.**”

Dan. 7.13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like **a son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Dan. 9.4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

“O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, 5 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land....

Dan. 9.17 “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. 18 Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

Dan. 12.5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. 6 One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?”

7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. **When the power of the holy people has been finally broken**, all these things will be completed.”

Vocabulary

Apocalypse
Apocalyptic Literature
Apocrypha
Aramaic
Messiah (Dan 9.25-26)
Premillennialism
Son of God (Dan 3.25)
Son of Man (Dan 7.13;
8.17)

Discussion Questions

God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.

— Martin Luther



- ▶ **What are the foci of the apocalyptic passages of the Bible?**
- ▶ **Why do apocalyptic passages use so many the bizarre symbols and metaphors, and what should we be looking for in these passages?**



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Zechariah

The Bridegroom's Comings

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Key Passages

Zech. 9.9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zech. 12.1 This is the word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares: 2 “I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. ... 8 On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. 9 On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

Zech. 12.10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. **They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.**”

Zech. 13.1 “On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. ... 9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

Zech. 14.2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. 4 **On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

6 On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. 7 It will be **a unique day**, without daytime or nighttime — a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light. ...

9 **The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.**

Vocabulary

Booths, Feast of
Ingathering, Feast of
Sukkot, Feast of
Tabernacles, Feast of

Discussion Questions

▶ **What will happen after Christ's Second Coming? (See Isaiah 66.15,16,19-21; Revelation 2.26,27.)**

Zech. 14.12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. 13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other. 14 Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected — great quantities of gold and silver and clothing. 15 A similar plague will strike the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the animals in those camps.

▶ **Why is the Feast of Tabernacles emphasized as the one that people will keep after the Lord's coming?**

Zech. 14.16 Then **the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.** 17 If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain. 18 If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zech. 14.20 On that day **HOLY TO THE LORD** will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. 21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.



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Marriage In Malachi

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Key Passages

Mal 1.2 **“I have loved you,” says the LORD.** But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob; 3 but I have hated Esau ...

Mal. 2. 11 “Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for **Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.** ...

13 Another thing you do: You flood the LORD’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. 14 You ask, “Why?” It is because **the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth**, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. 15 Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. 16 **“I hate divorce,”** says the LORD God of Israel, “and I hate a man’s covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,” says the LORD Almighty.

Mal. 3.1 “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then **suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,**” says the LORD Almighty. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap....

Mal. 3.6 **“I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.** 7 Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you,**” says the LORD Almighty.

Mal. 4.1 “Surely **the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace.** All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2 **But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.** And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. 3 Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty.

4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 “See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6 He will **turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.**”

Vocabulary

Angel
Divorce



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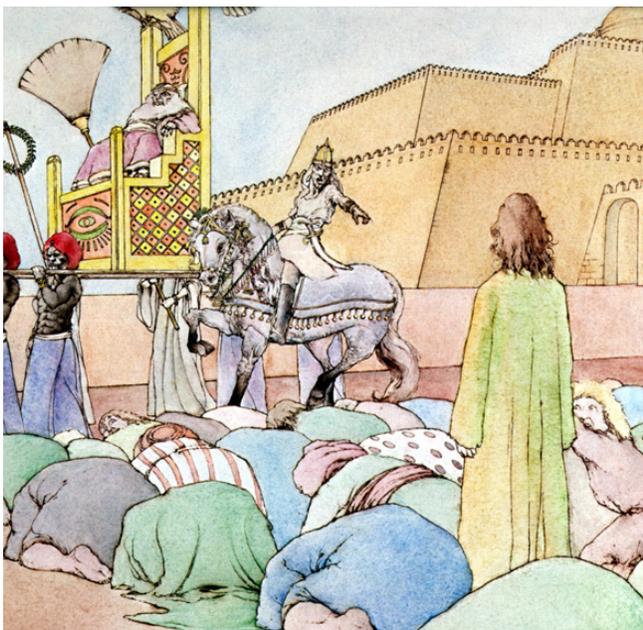
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When to Exhort...

Effective exhortation requires the exercise of discernment. The following diagram can help us know when to speak and when to keep our mouths shut:

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	Recipient Willing to Hear	Recipient Unwilling to Hear
Issue of Eternal Importance		
Issue of Secondary Importance		



What do we need to discern?

1. Whether the issue is of eternal or only secondary importance.
2. Whether the recipient is willing to hear.
3. Whether we have _____ with respect to the message.

The Biblical Holy Days And Their Eschatological Parallels

Religious Month	Civil Month		Farm Seasons & Western Months		Correlations (Items in blue await fulfillment)
1	7	Abib/Nisan	Barley Harvest Mar-Apr	14 — Passover (Pesach) 15-21 — Unleavened Bread 16 — Firstfruits Sheaf 21 — Close of Passover	1Co 5.7 1Co 15.20-23
2	8	Iyyar/Ziv	General Harvest Apr-May		
3	9	Sivan	Wheat Harvest May-Jun	6 — Pentecost (Shavuoth, Weeks, Wheat Firstfruits)	Rom 8.23; Rev 14.1-4
4	10	Tammuz	Jun-Jul		
5	11	Ab	Grape, Fig, Olive Jul-Aug		
6	12	Elul	Vintage Aug-Sep		Isa 63.1-6; Joe 3.7-21; Rev 14.19,20; 19.11-16
7	1	Tishri/ Ethanim	Plowing Sep-Oct	1 — New Year (Trumpets) 10 — Atonement 15-21 — Tabernacles or In-gathering (Sukkot) + 8th	Mat 24.31; 1Th 4.16; Rev 11.15 50th = Jub., Lev 25.8-12; Luk 4.19 Zec 2.10-13; 12.10 to 13.1; 14.16-19 8th "Great Day": Joh 7.37-41
8	2	Marchesvan	Grain Planting Oct-Nov		
9	3	Chislev	Early Rains Nov-Dec		25 — Lights (Dedication)
10	4	Tebeth	Dec-Jan		
11	5	Shebat	Rain Season Jan-Feb		
12	6	Adar	Feb-Mar		13-15 — Purim



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RECOMMENDED READING

One book on eschatology that is both readable and biblically responsible is David Pawson's ***When Jesus Returns***. It's available on Amazon.

We also recommend articles related to eschatology that are posted on our website:

The Beast At The Center Of The Earth. A treatise on how the prophets and apostles understood the End Time geography, explaining why the mark of the beast will never come to the Americas, 21 pages (1Mb).

<http://www.tmin.org/pdfs/BeastatCenter.pdf>

A Glossary of Eschatology Terms

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The Olivet Apocalypse: A Harmony of Christ's Eschatological Teaching In The Gospels, 5 pages (88k).

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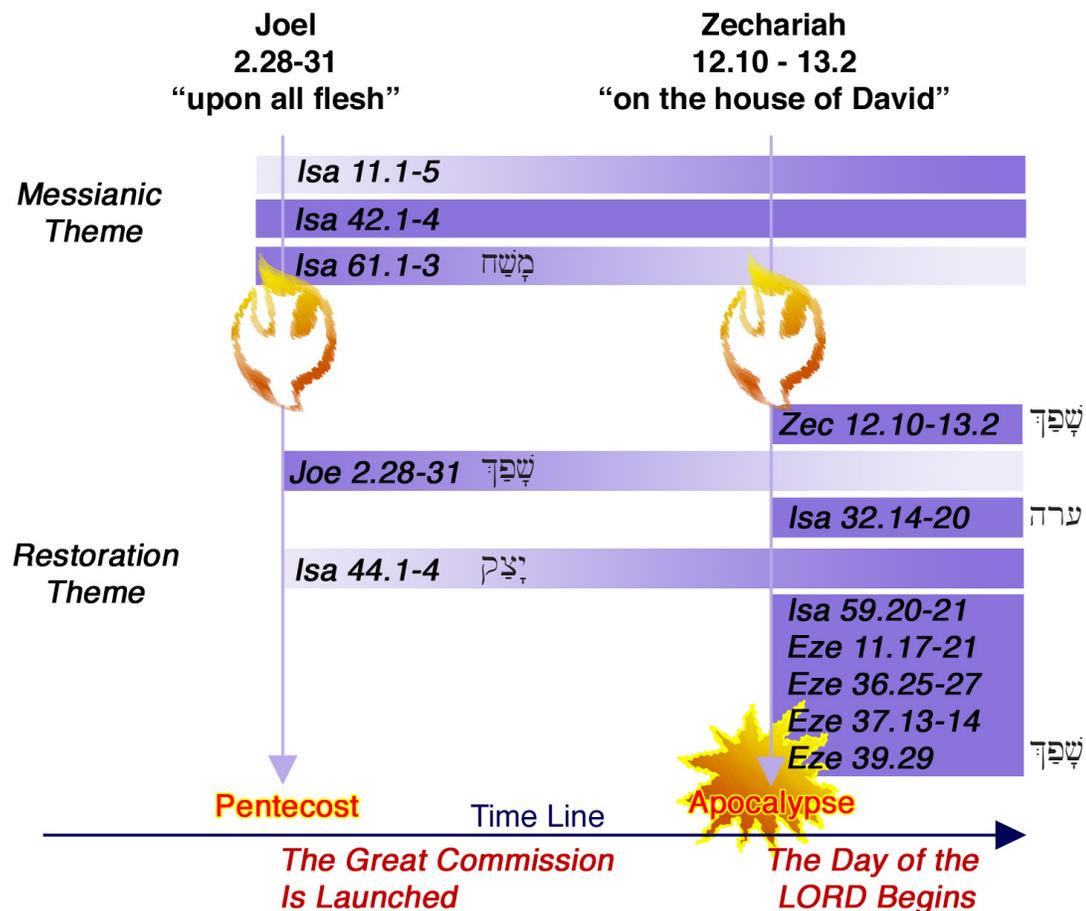
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The 12 Old Testament Predictions Of The Spirit's Coming Manifestation

Diagrammed According To Their Theme And Time Of Fulfillment

One Anointing of the Spirit And Two Outpourings



In summary, these predictions tell us that:

1. A mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit will come as the anointing upon God's Messianic Servant.
2. The agency of God's Spirit will accomplish Israel's restoration, both spiritual and national.
3. The restorative outpouring of the Spirit upon Israel will occur in connection with the coming of their Redeemer.
4. Israel's restoration will come through their national repentance.
5. Their restoration will usher in an epoch of great fruitfulness.
6. The prophets expected two distinct outpourings of the Spirit. The first outpouring will begin Israel's restoration, while the second outpouring will fully accomplish that restoration in the Day of the LORD.
7. **The first outpouring will not be limited to Israel, but will come upon "all flesh," accompanied by prophetic and other charismatic manifestations.**