



COURSE: BIBLE HISTORY

SUBJECT: JOSHUA THROUGH NEHEMIAH – HISTORY OF THE HEBREW NATION

LESSON NO. 49 – THE PROPHETS OF THE POST-EXILIC PERIOD 520-430 B.C.

- A. Revelation of The Redeeming Purpose *Gen. 1:1-11:9.*
1. The Hebrew Family *Gen. 11:10-50:26.*
  2. The Israelite Nation *Exodus-Nehemiah.*
    - a. Bondage *Exod. 1:1-7:7.*
    - b. Wonders -The Ten Plagues *Exod. 7:8-12:36.*
    - c. Exodus Wandering *Exod. 12:37-Num. 21:20.*
    - d. Conquest of The East Bank *Num. 21:21-36:13.*
    - e. Conquest of Canaan *Josh. 1-12.*
    - f. Division of the Land of Canaan *Josh. 13-22.*
    - g. The Judges *Judges 1:1-1 Samuel 8.*
    - h. The United Kingdom *1 Sam. 9:1-1 Kings 11:43.*
    - i. The Divided Kingdom *1 Kings 12:1-Neh. 13:31.*
    - j. Analysis of Ezra *(536-516 B.C. Chs. 1-6 / 458 B.C. Chs. 7-10)*
    - k. Analysis of Esther *(484-465 B.C.)*
    - l. Analysis of Nehemiah *(445-420 B.C.)*
    - m. The Prophets of the Post-Exilic Period *(520-430 B.C.)*
      - (1) Haggai – The Temple Builder 520 B .C.
        - a. Theme : God's blessing contingent upon building the Temple.
        - b. Message : Be strong and build the Temple.
        - c. Lesson : God blesses faithful work.
        - d. Outline
          - A message of Rebuke *Ch. 1.*
          - A message of Courage *Ch. 2:1-9.*
          - A message of Assurance *Ch. 2:10-23.*
      - (2) Zechariah – The Messianic Prophet 520 B.C. →
        - a. Theme : The Universal Sovereignty of God.
        - b. Message : All things must be holy unto the Lord.
        - c. Outline
          1. The Chosen People and The Temple *Chs. 1-8.*
            - (a) The visions of the seer *Chs. 1-6.*
              - (1) A warning word *1:1-6.*
              - (2) A series of visions *1:7-6:8.*
              - (3) A symbolic act *6:9-15.*
            - (b) The fast and the feasts *Chs. 7-8.*
              - (1) Urgent inquiry concerning fasts *7:1-3.*
              - (2) Fourfold answer introducing feasts *7:4-8:23.*
          2. The Messiah and The Kingdom *Chs. 9-14.*
            - (a) Restoration of Israel and Judah *Chs. 9-11.*
              - (1) Destruction of the enemy *9:1-8.*
              - (2) Restoration of the people *9:9-10:12.*
              - (3) Rejection of The Shepherd *11:1-17.*

- (b) Drama of Judgment and Redemption *Chs. 12-14.*
  - (1) The Messianic forecast *12:1-13:6.*
  - (2) The Messianic method *13:7-14:15.*
  - (3) The Messianic victory *14:16-21.*

(3) Malachi – God’s Messenger 445-430 B.C.

- a. Theme : God’s love for Israel.
- b. Message : The tragedy of materialism.
- c. Outline
  - 1. Religious Declension *1:1-2:9.*
    - (a) Expression of Jehovah’s love *1:1-5.*
    - (b) Expostulation with Priests for their sins *1:6-14.*
    - (c) Execration of the Priests for their indifference *2:1-9.*
  - 2. Social Debasement *2:10-16.*
    - (a) Condemnation for alien marriages *2:10-12.*
    - (b) Condemnation for cruel divorces *2:13-16.*
  - 3. Moral Defection *2:17-4:6.*
    - (c) The coming of the Lord for judgment *2:17-3:6.*
    - (d) The charge preferred against the people *3:7-12.*
    - (e) The contrast between the righteous and the wicked *3:13-4:6.*

(4) Old Testament Summarization

- a. Chronological
  - 1. ??? - c.3000 From the dawn of history to the flood.
  - 2. c.3000 – 2092 From the flood to the call of Abraham.
  - 3. 2092 – 1877 From the call of Abraham to the descent into Egypt.
  - 4. 1877 – 1447 From the descent into Egypt to the Exodus.
  - 5. 1447 – 1386 From the Exodus to the death of Joshua.
  - 6. 1386 – 1051 From the death of Joshua to the ascension of Saul (Judges).
  - 7. 1051 – 931 From the ascension of Saul to the division of the kingdom.
    - (a) 1051 – 1011 The reign of Saul.
    - (b) 1011 – 971 The reign of David.
    - (c) 971 – 931 The reign of Solomon.
  - 8. 931 – 721 From the division to the fall of Samaria.
  - 9. 721 – 586 From the fall of Samaria to the fall of Jerusalem.
  - 10. 586 – 536 Babylonian exile.
  - 11. 536 – 333 Medo-Persian rule.
  - 12. 333 – 200 Alexander and Ptolemaic rule.
  - 13. 200 – 63 Syrian rule – Maccabean rule.
  - 14. 63 – 5 Roman rule – from Pompey’s entrance to birth of Jesus.

b. Outstanding Men

- 1. Adam The prototype of all other sinners.
- 2. Noah A preacher of righteousness saves the seed.
- 3. Abraham The father of the faithful.
- 4. Jacob The seed becomes a nation.
- 5. Joseph The preservation of the nation.
- 6. Moses The great emancipator.
- 7. Joshua God’s general leads God’s people into God’s land.
- 8. Samuel Prototype of the judges – originator of the prophetic office.
- 9. David Prototype of the kings – man after God’s own heart.
- 10. Hezekiah Restored purity to the Temple worship.
- 11. Josiah Last chance for Judah.
- 12. Daniel Prototype of righteous in captivity.
- 13. Zerubbabel Led people in rebuilding the Temple.
- 14. Ezra Scribe led in restoring law and worship.
- 15. Nehemiah Led in rebuilding wall establishing peace.