



PRINCIPLES IN SERVING GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

MAJOR PROPHETS

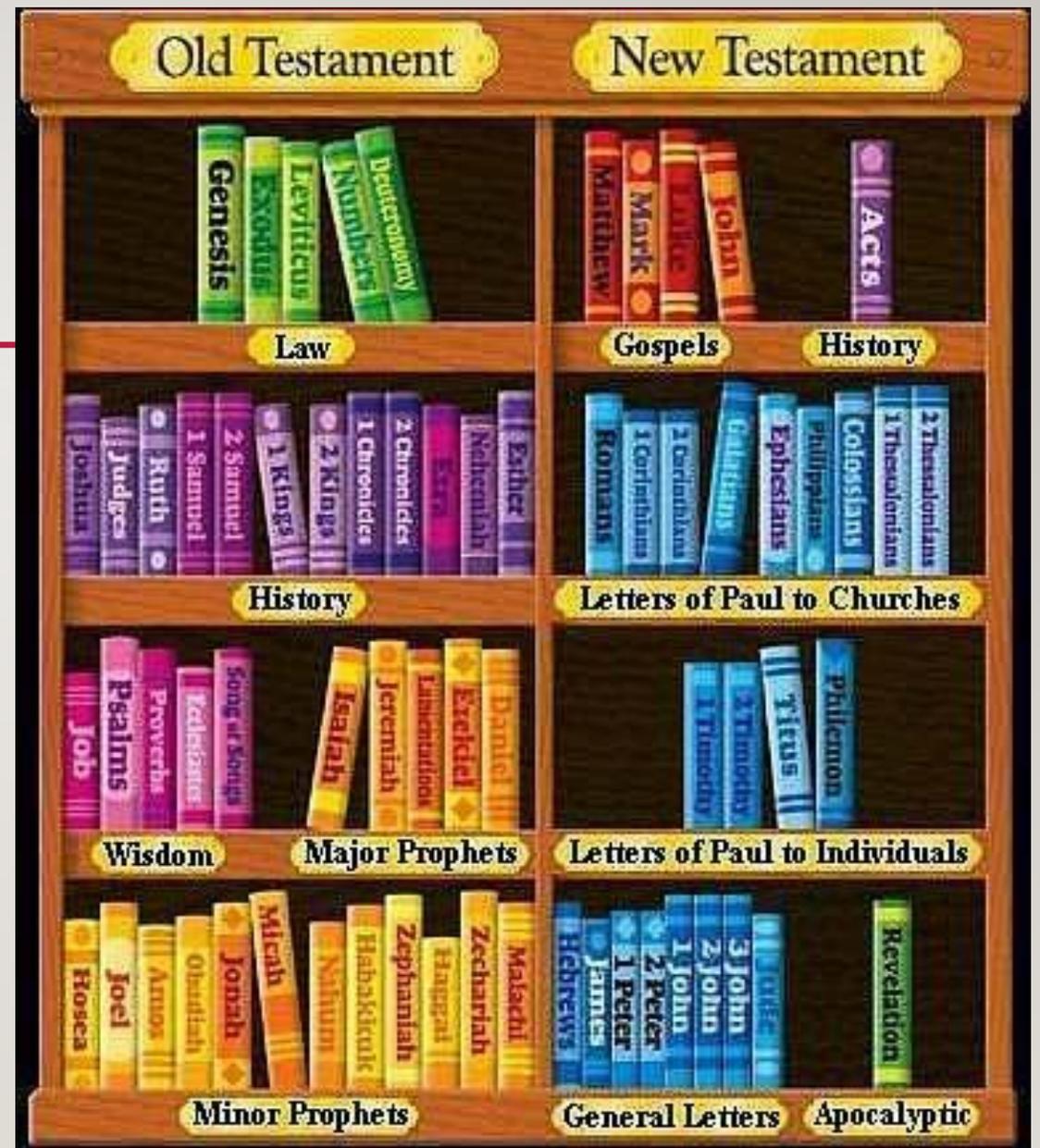
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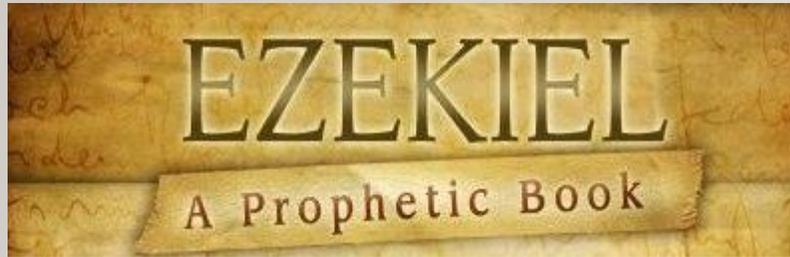
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- **Isaiah:** The great prophet of the redemption.
 - Isaiah prophesied from 739–681 BC to a nation that had turned a deaf ear to the Lord.
 - A book rich in Messianic prophecies mingled with woes pronounced upon sinful nations.
 - The book of Isaiah provides us with the most comprehensive prophetic picture of Jesus Christ in the entire Old Testament.
 - Isaiah's overall theme receives its clearest statement in chapter 12: "Behold, God is my salvation, / I will trust and not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2).



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- ***Jeremiah***: the weeping prophet. Lived from the time of Josiah to the captivity, main theme: The backsliding, bondage, and restoration of the Jews.
 - Jeremiah's ministry began in 627 BC and ended sometime around 582 BC with his prophecy to the Jews who fled to Egypt (Jeremiah 44:1).
 - For the majority of this time, Jeremiah based his ministry out of Jerusalem
 - The prophecies of Jeremiah offer us a unique insight into the mind and heart of one of God's faithful servants.



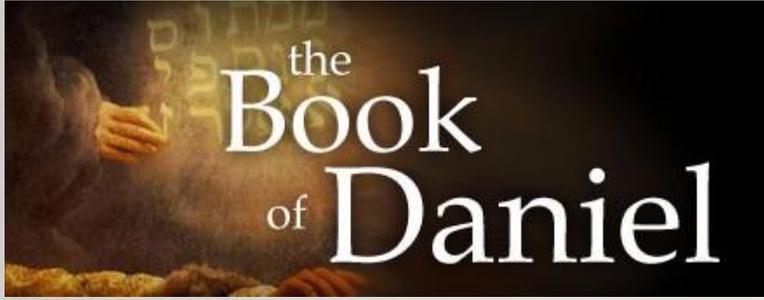
- *Lamentations*: a series of dirges by Jeremiah lamenting the afflictions of Israel.
- “How lonely sits the city / That was full of people!” (Lamentations 1:1), so goes the beginning of Lamentations. The city in question was none other than Jerusalem.
- We read part of it on Good Friday at Church every year



EZEKIEL

A Prophetic Book

- Ezekiel lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon at a settlement along the river Chebar called Tel-abib (Ezekiel 3:15), less than one hundred miles south of Babylon. The invading Babylonians brought about ten thousand Jews to the village in 597 BC, including Ezekiel and the last king of Judah, Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:8–14).
- ***Ezekiel is*** one of the mystery books. Full of striking metaphors vividly portraying the sad condition of God's people and the pathway to future exaltation and glory



- **Daniel:** A book of personal biography and apocalyptic visions concerning events in both secular and sacred history.
- The Babylonians exiled the group containing Daniel and his three friends—best known by their Babylonian names, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego—to the cultural center of their empire, the city of Babylon, in 605 BC.
- This move was part of the first of three deportations (605, 597, and 586 BC) carried out by the Babylonians in Israel after they subdued Jerusalem and the unfaithful King Jehoiakim (2 Kings 23:36–24:2).
- Between the culture's idol worship and Daniel's faithful purity in the account of the arrogant Nebuchadnezzar and his humbling encounter with God

