

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY A

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THE PENTATEUCH

GENESIS - BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

AUTHOR: Moses, using ancient records under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

DATE: Possibly during the first 40 years of Moses' life while in the house of Pharaoh

Approximately 1500 to 1450 BC

PLACE: Probably Egypt

PURPOSES: To reveal The One True God, Yahweh

To relate the doctrine of man

To introduce the concept of a covenant relationship between God and His people

MAJOR THEMES:

The sovereign God

God's blessing on all nature and humanity

God's promise to the patriarchs

A holy God and sinful man

Four great events

1. Creation
2. Fall of man
3. Flood
4. The nations

Four great people

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Joseph

Two major periods

1. Primeval history - the human race

2. Patriarchal history - the Hebrew race
Two major facts

1. Fact of God
2. Fact of creation

DISTINCTIVES:

The creation of all things
The origin of man
The fall of man into sin
The plan of redemption introduced
The great flood
The population of the earth
The Life of Abraham and the birth of a nation
The Lives of Isaac and Jacob
The Life of Joseph and the Egyptian Captivity

OUTLINE:

Genesis 1 : God, the creator of all things
Genesis 2: Man and woman
Genesis 3: Sin and the fall of man
Genesis 4: Cain and Abel
Genesis 5: Descendants of Seth
Genesis 6 - 9: The great flood and the Noahic Covenant
Genesis 10, 11: A repopulated, sinful world
Genesis 12-14: The call and journeys of Abraham
Genesis 15-17: The covenant renewed
Genesis 18,19: Sodom and Gomorrah
Genesis 20-25: The last days of Abraham
Genesis 26-36: The transformation of Jacob
Genesis 37-45: Joseph, from the pit to the palace

Genesis 46-50: The last days of Jacob and Joseph, descent into slavery

EXODUS - GOD'S DELIVERANCE

AUTHOR: Moses, the eyewitness in the center of the action

DATE: During the Exodus

Probably around 1450-1400 BC

PLACE: The Sinai Desert

PURPOSES:

To reveal God's attributes to man

To reveal God's plan of redemption and salvation

To give instruction on godly living

MAJOR THEMES:

The merciful God

God's deliverance in the exodus from Egypt

God's revelation of himself in covenant, law, and tabernacle presence at Sinai

The wandering in the wilderness

OUTLINE:

I. Divine Redemption (1:1-18:27)

A. Preparations for deliverance (1:1-4:26)

B. Preparations for leadership (4:27-7:5)

C. Judgment and Salvation Through the Plagues (7:6-11:10)

D. The Passover (12:1-26)

E. Flight from Egypt (12:29-51)

F. Consecration of the Firstborn (13:1-16)

G. Journey to the Red Sea (13:17-15:21)

H. Journey to Sinai (15:22-18:27)

II. Divine Law (19:1-24:18)

A. The Ten Commandments (20:1-17)

B. The Book of the Covenant (20:22-23:33)

III. Divine Worship (25:1-40:38)

A. The Tabernacle (25:1-31:18)

B. False Worship of the Golden Calf (32:1-33:23)

C. Renewal of the Covenant (34:1-35)

D. Building of the Tabernacle (35:1-40:38)

LEVITICUS-ATONEMENT, HOLINESS, WORSHIP

AUTHOR: Moses

DATE: Probably around 1450-1400 B.C.

PLACE: The Sinai Desert

PURPOSES:

To contrast God's holiness and man's sinfulness

The giving of God's laws

The giving of the offerings or sacrifices

The giving of the priesthood

The Day of Atonement, a foreshadowing of Calvary's sacrifice

MAJOR THEMES:

The holy God

Sacrifice

Sin

Cleanness or holiness

OUTLINE:

I. The Five Major Offerings (1:1-6:7)

II. Directions for Priestly Service (6:8-7:38)

III. Beginning of Tabernacle Worship (8:1-10:20)

IV. Laws of Cleanness (11:1-15:33)

V. The Day of Atonement (16:1-34)

VI. Laws of Personal Holiness (17:1-22:33)

- VII. The Feasts (23:1-24:9)
- VIII. Regarding Strangers (24:10-23)
- IX. Proper Stewardship (25:1-55)
- X. Blessings and Punishments (26:1-46)
- XI. Gifts (27:1-34)

NUMBERS - DISOBEDIENCE IN THE DESERT

AUTHOR: Moses

DATE: Probably around 1400 B.C.

PLACE: Moab

PURPOSES:

God reveals His determination to bring His people to the Promised Land

God provides a manual for worship

To show the consequences of rebellion against God

MAJOR THEMES:

The patience of God

The chastening wrath of God

Worship

The censuses

OUTLINE:

A. The First Generation in the Desert (1:1-25:18)

1. The Census of the First Generation (1:1-4:49)
2. Final Instructions before the Journey (5:1-10:36)
3. Opposition to Moses (11:1-12:16)
4. The Twelve Spies (13:1-33)
5. Rebellions in the Desert (14:1-25:18)

B. The Second Generation Prepared to Enter the Promised Land (26:1-36:13)

1. The Census of the Second Generation (26:1-65)

2. Preparations (27:1-32:42)
3. Review of the past journey (33:1-49)
4. Warning and encouragement (33:50-56)
5. Anticipating the Promised Land (34:1-36:13)

DEUTERONOMY: EXPOSITION AND EDIFICATION

AUTHOR: Moses, except for chapter 34

DATE: Around 1400 B.C.

PLACE: On the border of Canaan

PURPOSES:

To instruct the people

To prepare people for entrance to Canaan

MAJOR THEMES:

The law

The covenant

The end of Moses' service

OUTLINE:

- A. Remembering the Past (1:1-4:43)
- B. Commandments for the Present (4:44-26:19)
 1. Basic laws for living in the new land (4:44-11:32)
 - A. The ten commandments (5:1-33)
 - B. The Greatest Commandment (6:1-25)
 - C. Warnings and exhortations (7:1-11-32)
 2. Laws of worship and holy living (12:1-16:22)
 - A. Worship (12:1-13:18)
 - B. Holy Living (14:1-16:22)
 3. Punishments for offenses (17:1-26:19)
 - A. National concerns (17:1-19:21)

- B. Rules for Warfare (20:1-20)
- C. Interpersonal Relationships (21:1-25:19)
- D. Giving (26:1-15)
- E. Concluding exhortation (26:16-19)
- C. Concerning the Future (27:1-30:20)
 - 1. Ratification of the covenant (27:1-26)
 - 2. Blessings and Curses (28:1-68)
 - 3. The terms of the covenant (29:1-30:20)
- D. Parting words of Moses (31:1-33:29)
 - 1. Charge to Joshua (31:1-29)
 - 2. The Song of Moses (31:30-32:47)
 - 3. Death instructions (32:48-52)
 - 4. The Blessing of Moses (33:1-29)
- E. The death of Moses (34:1-12)

HISTORY

JOSHUA: CONQUER THE LAND

AUTHOR: Mostly by Joshua

DATE: Around 1375 B.C.

PLACE: Israel

PURPOSES:

To show God's holiness, faithfulness, and saving grace

To clearly show God's power and leading in the conquest

MAJOR THEMES:

The Promised Land

The leadership of Joshua

The end of the Exodus and the beginning of the nation

The concept of rest

OUTLINE:

A. Preparation (1:1-5:15)

1. Charge to Joshua (1:1-18)
2. Spying Jericho (2:1-24)
3. Crossing the Jordan (3:1-17)
4. The memorial stones (4:1-24)
5. Circumcision and celebration (5:1-15)

B. Conquest (6:1-12:24)

1. Victory through faith (6:1-27)
2. Defeat through sin (7:1-26)
3. Restoration and renewal (8:1-35)
4. The Southern Campaign (9:1-10:43)
5. The Northern Campaign (11:1-15)
6. Summary (11:16-12:24)

C. Allocation of the land (13:1-21:45)

1. The command to divide the land (13:1-7)
2. Division of the land east of the Jordan (13:8-33)
3. Division of the land west of the Jordan (14:1-19:51)
4. The cities of refuge (20:1-9)
5. Towns for the Levites (21:1-42)
6. God's promises fulfilled (21:43-45)

D. Preparation for life in the Promised Land (22:1-24:33)

1. Eastern tribes return home (22:1-34)
2. Joshua's Farewell (23:1-16)
3. Covenant renewed (24:1-28)
4. Three burials (24:29-33)

JUDGES: SIN, JUDGMENT AND DELIVERANCE

AUTHOR: Unknown

DATE: Around 1050 B.C.

PLACE: Israel

PURPOSES:

To show that obedience or disobedience to God determined Israel's material situation

To show Israel's failure to follow God's commands

To show Israel's sin and God's grace

MAJOR THEMES:

Israel rebelling under God's rule

The role of the judges

The cycle of sin, punishment, repentance, and restoration repeated endlessly

OUTLINE:

A. Success and failure of the tribes (1:1-2:5)

B. Introduction (2:6-3:6)

C. Victories (3:7-3:31)

D. Deborah and Barak (4:1-5:31)

E. Gideon (6:1-8:32)

F. Abimelech (8:33-9:57)

G. Tola and Jair (10:1-5)

H. Jephthah (10:6-12:7)

I. Ibzan, Elon, Abdon (12:8-15)

J. Samson (13:1-16:31)

K. Micah's Priest and Migration of Dan (17:1-21:25)

L. Gibeah and civil war (19:1-21:25)

RUTH: REDEMPTION AND REST

AUTHOR: Unknown

DATE: 1000 - 970 B.C.

PLACE: Israel

PURPOSES:

Gives an account of the ancestry of David

To show God's control of human events

MAJOR THEMES:

The kinsman-redeemer

God's preparation of the kingly line

The providence of God

Redemption

Rest

OUTLINE:

A. Sojourn and return (1:22)

B. Ruth the Gleaner (2:1-23)

C. Encounter at the threshing floor (3:1-18)

D. Transaction at the city gate (4:1-12)

E. The birth of a son (4:13-17)

F. Genealogy of David (4:18-22)

FIRST SAMUEL: SAUL AND DAVID

AUTHOR: Unknown

DATE: after 970 B.C.

PLACE: Israel

PURPOSES:

To provide a history of the nation of Israel

To show particular calls to God's service - Samuel and David

To show that God's favor requires faithfulness

MAJOR THEMES:

The judgeship of Samuel

The monarchy both faithful and unfaithful

God's sovereignty in calling His own

Three characters

1. Samuel

2. Saul

3. David

Holy Spirit and prayer

OUTLINE:

A. Samuel's birth and call (1:1-4:1)

B. The Ark of the Covenant (4:1-7:2)

C. Samuel the judge (7:3-8:22)

D. Saul the king (9:1-12:25)

E. Saul rejected (13:1-15:35)

F. David anointed (16:1-17:58)

G. David Flees Saul (18:1-21:9)

H. David in Exile (21:10-28:2)

I. Last Day's of Saul's Reign (28:3-31:13)

SECOND SAMUEL: KING DAVID

AUTHOR: Unknown

DATE: after 970 B.C.

PLACE: Israel

PURPOSES:

To provide a history of the nation of Israel

To detail the life of David - both good and bad

To show the line of sin, punishment, and restoration

MAJOR THEMES:

The king David

Expansion of the kingdom

The city Jerusalem

The Davidic covenant

The everlasting kingdom

OUTLINE:

A. The recognition of David on the throne (1:1-10:19)

1. David's lament (1:1-27)

2. David's reign over Judah (2:1-4:12)

3. David's Reign over all Israel (5:1-10:19)

B. The rejection of David from the throne (11:1-19:20)

1. David's sins (11:1-12:31)

2. David's troubles (13:1-19:20)

C. The restoration of David to his throne (19:20-24:25)

1. Restoration as king (19:20:26)

2. Famine (21:1-14)

3. Philistine Wars (21:15-22)

4. Psalms of Thanksgiving (22:1-23:7)

5. David's mighty men (23:8-39)

6. Census and pestilence (24:1-25)

FIRST AND SECOND KINGS: FROM GLORY TO CAPTIVITY

FIRST KINGS: A GLORIOUS KINGDOM IN DECLINE

AUTHOR: Tradition says Jeremiah, but truly unknown

DATE: Between 562 and 536 B.C.

PLACE: Probably from exile in Babylon

PURPOSES:

To provide a historical record of the main acts of the kings of Israel and Judah

To show that obedience brought prosperity; disobedience brought captivity

To show God's faithfulness to the Davidic Covenant. The future Messiah from David's line

MAJOR THEMES:

Solomon

Solomon's temple

The split of the kingdom

The ministry of Elijah

OUTLINE:

A. The Glorification of the nation (1:1-11:43)

1. Solomon's Wisdom (1:1-3:28)

2. Solomon's Wealth (4:1-10:29)

A. Domestic Prosperity (4:1-34)

B. Solomon's Temple (5:1-8:66)

C. Political Stability (9:1-10:29)

3. Solomon's Wickedness (11:1-43)

B. The Division of the Nation (12:1-22:53)

1. The revolt of the ten tribes of Israel (12:1-33)

2. The reign of the early kings of Israel and Judah (13:1-16:34)

3. The reforms of Elijah (17:1-19:21)

4. The reign of Ahab (20:1-22:53)

SECOND KINGS: OFF TO CAPTIVITY

AUTHOR: Tradition says Jeremiah, but truly unknown

DATE: Between 562 and 536 B.C.

PLACE: Probably from exile in Babylon

PURPOSES:

To show that God gives repeated warnings of judgment

To show that God is patient

To show that God is just

To record the history of the major acts of the kings of the divided kingdom

MAJOR THEMES:

The prophet Elisha

The fall of Samaria

King Hezekiah

The fall of Jerusalem

OUTLINE:

A. The deterioration of Israel and Judah (1:1-17:41)

1. The decline of Israel and Judah (1:1-16:20)

2. The deportation of Israel to Assyria (17:1-41)

B. The deportation of the Southern Tribes (18:1-25:30)

1. The decline of the Davidic dynasty (18:1-23:35)

2. The deportation of the Davidic dynasty to Babylon (23:36-25:30)

FIRST AND SECOND CHRONICLES: JUDAH UNDER A MONARCH

FIRST CHRONICLES: PREPARING FOR THE TEMPLE

AUTHOR: Probably Ezra

DATE: Between 450 and 425 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSES:

To provide a religious history of Israel and Judah

Written from a priest's point of view

To provide a history of the temple

MAJOR THEMES:

The faithfulness of God in keeping His promises to His people

The power of the Word of God

The essential role of worship in the life of God's people

The recording of the Messianic line

The temple as it points to Christ

OUTLINE:

The Preparation for the Temple

A. The predecessors of the Temple (1:1-10:14))

1. The primeval period (1:1-1:27)
2. The patriarchal period (1:28-2:55)
3. The national period (3:1-10:14)

B. The preparation for the Temple (11:1-29:30)

1. David's preparation for the construction of the temple (11:1-22:19)
2. David's preparation for the operation of the Temple (23:1-29:30)

SECOND CHRONICLES : THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

AUTHOR: probably Ezra

DATE: between 450 and 425 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSES:

To show a Southern Kingdom history of the Temple

To show the majesty of the Temple

MAIN THEMES:

Solomon's reign and the Temple project

The split of the kingdom

The fall of Judah and Babylonian captivity

The decree of Cyrus

OUTLINE:

A. The majesty of the Temple under Solomon (1:1-9:31)

B. The history of the Temple after Solomon (10:1-36:23)

1. The split of the Northern Kingdom from the Temple (10:1-11:23)
2. The loyalty of the Southern Kingdom to the Temple (12:1-36:23)

EZRA: THE RETURN OF ISRAEL FROM CAPTIVITY

AUTHOR: Ezra

DATE: between 483 and 433 B.C.

PLACE: Judah (Jerusalem)

PURPOSES:

To encourage returned exiles

To record the preservation of the Messianic line

MAJOR THEMES:

Restoration of the Temple

Return from the Captivity

Reformation of the people

The faithfulness of God

OUTLINE:

A. The restoration of the Temple (1:1-6:22)

1. Return from Babylon (1:1-2:70)

2. Return to Jerusalem (3:1-4:24)

3. Rebuilding the Temple (5:1-6:22)

B. The reformation of the nation (7:1-10:44)

1. The declaration of Artaxerxes (7:1-28)

2. The return of the remnant (8:1-36)

3. Ezra's prayer (9:1-15)

4. The reformation of the Jews (10:1-44)

NEHEMIAH: REBUILDING THE PHYSICAL, REVIVING THE SPIRITUAL

AUTHOR: Ezra, perhaps Nehemiah's account

DATE: between 483 and 433 B.C.

PLACE: Judah (Jerusalem)

PURPOSES:

To show God's favor on His chosen people

To show restoration

MAIN THEMES:

The character of Nehemiah

God's restoration

Revival

OUTLINE:

A. Rebuilding the city (1:1-7:73)

1. Nehemiah's prayer (1:1-11)
2. Nehemiah's visit to Jerusalem (2:1-20)
3. Rebuilding the walls and the gates (3:1-32)
4. Opposition and response (4:1-23)
5. Completing the work (6:1-7:73)

B. Reviving the people (8:1-13:31)

1. Reading of the law (8:1-18)
2. Fasting and confession of sin (9:1-38)
3. Renewing the covenant (10:1-39)
4. Reclaiming the cities (11:1-12:47)
5. Reforms (13:1-31)

ESTHER: GOD'S PROTECTION OF HIS PEOPLE

AUTHOR: Unknown Persian Jew

DATE: around 450 B.C.

PLACE: Persia

PURPOSES:

Written for the Jews who would not return to Judah

To show the providential care of God for His people

MAIN THEMES:

The providential protection of God

The feast of Purim

Note: the name of God never appears in this book

OUTLINE:

A. The danger to the Jews (1:1-4:17)

1. The banquets of the king (1:1-22)
2. Esther finds favor (2:1-23)
3. The plot against the Jews (3:1-15)
4. Mordecai's leading, Esther's obedience (4:1-17)

B. Deliverance of the Jews (5:1-10:3)

1. Venture of Esther (5:1-14)
2. Vengeance of Haman (6:1-7:10)
3. Vindication of the Jews (8:1-17)
4. Victory of the Jews (9:1-10:3)

POETRY

JOB: TRUSTING GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

AUTHOR: Unknown

DATE: perhaps sometime between 2000 and 1500 B.C.

PLACE: near or in Midian

PURPOSES:

To show the attributes of God - sovereign, almighty

To show that suffering is not always the result of sins

To show that we learn much about God in times of suffering

MAIN THEMES:

God's sovereignty

God, the almighty

Satan is under God's control

To show the positive ways God uses suffering to help us grow spiritually

OUTLINE:

- A. The affliction of Job by Satan (1:1-2:13)
 - 1. The source of affliction : Satan (1:1-12)
 - 2. The nature of the affliction (1:13-2:13)
- B. The accusations by friends (3:1-31:38)
 - 1. Job's lament (3:1-26)
 - 2. Answers by accusations (4:1-31:38)
- C. The answers of Elihu (32:1-37:24)
- D. The revelation from God (38:1-41:34)
- E. The restoration of Job (42:1-17)
 - 1. Repentance (42:1-6)
 - 2. Reward (42:7:17)

PSALMS: PRAISE AND INSTRUCTION

AUTHORS: David, Moses, Solomon, Asaph, Heman, Ethan and others

DATE: 1450 B.C. to 450 B.C.

PLACE: Mostly Judah

PURPOSES:

- For formal instruction (1,5,7,15,17,50,73,94,101)
- To record history (78,105,106,136)
- For praise (106, 111-113,115-117,135,146-150)
- For confession of sin (6,32,38,51,102,130,143)
- For supplication (86)
- For thanksgiving (16,18)
- To prophesy of the Messiah (2,20-23,41,68,118)
- To acknowledge God's handiwork in creation (8,19,29,33,65,104)
- To use as a pilgrim's hymnal (120-134)

To curse one's enemies before God (35,52,58,59,69,83,109,137,140)

MAIN THEMES:

Worship and service

The doctrine of God

The coming Messiah

Sin and righteousness

Deliverance

Note: Christ frequently quotes from the Psalms during His earthly ministry

OUTLINE:

A. Psalms about man and creation (1-41) corresponding to Genesis

B. Psalms about Israel and redemption (42-72) corresponding to Exodus

C. Psalms about worship and the Temple (73-89) corresponding to Leviticus

D. Psalms about our earthly sojourn (90-106) corresponding to Numbers

E. Psalms about praise and the Word of God (107-150 corresponding to Deuteronomy

PROVERBS: PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR LIVING

AUTHOR: Mostly Solomon

DATE: From 950 to 700 B. C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSES:

To impart wisdom (Proverbs 1:2-4)

To teach personal ethics

MAIN THEMES:

True wisdom comes from God

True wisdom is attained through the fear of the Lord

OUTLINE:

A. Seek wisdom because it is valuable (1:1-9:18)

B. Wisdom is practical : follow it (10:1-22:16)

C. Hear what wisdom says (22:17-24:34)

D. Do what wisdom teaches)25:1-31:31)

ECCLESIASTES: THE EMPTY LIFE WITHOUT GOD

AUTHOR: Solomon

DATE: before 931 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSES:

To show that true happiness is only found in God

To show that fear of God is the beginning of wisdom

MAIN THEMES:

The source of the true joy of living

The natural view of man

The view of the godly

OUTLINE:

Ten vanities:

1. Human wisdom (2:15,16)
2. Human labor (2:19-21)
3. Human purpose (2:26)
4. Human rivalry (4:4)
5. Human avarice (4:8)
6. Human fame (4:16)
7. Human insatiation (5:10)
8. Human coveting (6:9)
9. Human frivolity (7:4)
10. Human awards (8:10, 14)

Conclusion : Fear God (12:13,14)

THE SONG OF SOLOMON: UNION AND COMMUNION

AUTHOR: Solomon

DATE: around 970 B.C. in his younger years

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSE:

To give advice about human love

To show God's love for Israel

To show Christ's love for His church

MAIN THEMES:

The person of Christ

Feeling the love

The love of the groom (Christ) for the bride (church)

OUTLINE:

A. The courtship (1:1-2-7)

B. The dream (2:8-3:5)

C. The wedding (3:6-5:1)

D. The wife (5:2-6:3)

E. The husband (6:4-8:4)

F. The couple (8:5-8:14)

MAJOR PROPHETS

ISAIAH: THE GLORIOUS JEHOVAH

AUTHOR: Isaiah

DATE: around 680 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSES:

Warnings to the wicked

To prophesy of the coming Messiah

MAIN THEMES:

The coming Messiah

The servant of the Lord

The holiness and majesty of God

Righteousness

Sin and judgment

Salvation

OUTLINE:

OUTLINE ONE

A. Prophetic condemnations (1:1-35:10)

1. Condemnations concerning Judah and Israel (1:1-12:6)

A. Note : The day of the Lord (2:6-22)

B. Note: Coming of Immanuel (7:1-12:6)

2. Condemnation of the surrounding nations (13:1-23:18)

3. Condemnations concerning all nations (24:1-35:10)

A. Note: The Great Tribulation & Millennial Kingdom (24:1-27:13)

B. Historic confiscation (36:1-39:8)

1. Looking back to the Assyrian invasion (36:1-37:38)

2. Looking forward to the Babylonian invasion (38:1-39:8)

C. Messianic consolation (40:1-66:24)

1. The deliverance from God (40:1-48:22)

2. The deliverer from God, The Prince of Peace (49:1-57:21)

Note: The suffering servant (52:13-53:12)

3. The delivered of God (58:1-66:24)

JEREMIAH: BOOK OF JUDGMENT

AUTHOR: Jeremiah

DATE: between 626-586 B.C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSES:

Final warning of captivity to come

Emphasize the need for repentance

To express hope for the future

To illustrate an obedient servant in time of persecution

MAIN THEMES:

The life and obedient service of Jeremiah

Judgment is coming

There is hope in God's grace

OUTLINE:

A. The call of Jeremiah (1:1-1:19)

B. Public warnings of impending judgment (2:1-10:25)

C. Personal experiences of the prophet of judgment (11:1-20:18)

D. Prophecies of the certainty of captivity (21:1-29:32)

E. Book of consolation (30:1-33:26)

F. Narrative of the siege and fall of Jerusalem (34:1-39:18)

G. Narrative of Jeremiah's ministry after the fall of Jerusalem (40:1-44:30)

H. Message to Baruch (41:1-45:5)

I. Prophecies against foreign nations (46:1-51:64)

J. The fall of Jerusalem (52:1-34)

LAMENTATIONS: MOURNING OVER AFFLICTION

AUTHOR: traditionally Jeremiah

DATE: between 586-562 B. C.

PLACE: from exile

PURPOSE:

To express the extremes of sorrow

MAIN THEMES:

Mourning over an irretrievable past

Confession of sin

A ray of hope

Some Messianic prophecies

OUTLINE:

A. The desolation and misery of Jerusalem (1:1-22)

B. The Lord's anger with His people (2:1-22)

C. The complaint of an afflicted man (3:1-66)

Note: Yet, great hope (3:22,23)

D. Zion's fall (4:1-22)

E. An appeal to the Lord (5:1-22)

EZEKIEL: THE GLORY OF THE LORD

AUTHOR: Ezekiel

DATE: around 571 B. C.

PLACE: Babylon

PURPOSES:

To declare the attributes of God: faithfulness, holiness, glory

To declare that sin brings judgment

To declare that the exile was not permanent, but for 70 years

To prophesy the return to Israel of a restored remnant

MAIN THEMES:

The visions of Ezekiel

The allegories

The apocalyptic images

The departure of God's glory

The sin of idolatry

The glory and majesty of the Lord

The future resurrection of Israel

OUTLINE:

A. The glory departed (1:1-39:29)

1. The Fate of Judah (1:1-24:27)
 - A. Ezekiel's commission (1:1-3:27)
 - B. Jerusalem's destruction predicted (4:1-7:27)
 - C. Jerusalem's iniquity (8:1-11:25)
 - D. The certainty of judgment (12:1-19:14)
 - E. The righteous judgment (20:1-24:27)
 2. Judgments against the foreign nations (25:1-32:32)
 3. Nation regathered (33:1-37:28)
 4. Nation reestablished (38:1-39:29)
- B. The glory returns (40:1-48:35)
1. New Temple (40:1-43:12)
 2. New worship (43:13-46:24)
 3. New land (47:1-48:35)

DANIEL: THE SOVEREIGN GOD

AUTHOR: Daniel

DATE: around 530 B.C., maybe a little before

PLACE: Babylonia

PURPOSE:

To encourage Jewish exiles

To show that God is in control of the past, present, and future

To show that God's plan will come to be

To show that God is sovereign above all creation

To show that governments and kings and earthly powers are under God's control

MAIN THEMES:

The sovereignty of God

The contests between the one true God and the false gods of man

The mighty power of prayer

God's continuing plan of redemption

The grace of God

The miracles of God

The end times

OUTLINE:

- A. Introduction to Babylon (1:1-21)
- B. Nebuchadnezzar's dream: God's plan for the ages (2:1-49)
- C. The golden image and the fiery furnace (3:1-30)
- D. Nebuchadnezzar's second dream and its fulfillment (4:1-37)
- E. Belshazzar's Feast and the writing on the wall (5:1-31)
- F. Daniel and the Lion's den (6:1-28)
- G. The Ancient of Days and the Son of Man (7:1-28)
- H. The coming of the Greeks (8:1-27)
- I. Persistent prayer and The seventy weeks (9:1-27)
- J. The messenger from God (10:1-21)
- K. Future wars and persecutions (11:1-45)
- L. Great distress and final triumph (12:1-13)

MINOR PROPHETS

HOSEA: LOVE AND GRACE

AUTHOR: Hosea

DATE: around 720 B.C.

PLACE: Northern Kingdom

PURPOSE:

To illustrate God's love for His people

To illustrate God's restoration for unfaithful Israel

MAIN THEMES:

Undying, sacrificial love

The Messiah is the Son of God

OUTLINE:

- A. Israel's infidelity illustrated by Hosea's marriage (1:1-3:5)
- B. Israel's indictment (4:1-7:16)
- C. Israel's punishment (8:1-10:15)
- D. Israel's restoration (11:1-14:9)

JOEL: THE DAY OF THE LORD

AUTHOR: Joel

DATE: around 820 B. C.

PLACE: Southern Kingdom

PURPOSE:

To warn of future judgment of Judah

To preach repentance

To foretell future events

MAIN THEMES:

Sin brings judgment

The judgment of Judah

The Day of the Lord

OUTLINE:

- A. The terrible present judgment (1:1-2:27)
- B. The future judgment (2:28-3:21)
 - 1. The outpouring of the Spirit (2:28-31)
 - 2. The outworking of salvation (2:32)
 - 3. The tribulation program (3:1-17)
 - 4. The millennial prosperity (3:18-21)

AMOS: SIN AND JUDGMENT

AUTHOR: Amos

DATE: around 755 B.C.

PLACE: cult center at Bethel

PURPOSE:

To warn the wicked, idolatrous Northern Kingdom

MAIN THEMES:

Sin and judgment

The righteousness and holiness of God

The mercy of God in offering deliverance

The Day of the Lord

OUTLINE:

A. Prophecies of judgments against the nations (1:1-2:16)

B. Prophecies of judgments against Israel (3:1-6:14)

1. Note: The Day of the Lord (5:18-20)

C. The prophetic visions (7:1-9:10)

D. Messianic promise (9:11-15)

OBADIAH: JUDGMENT ON EDOM

AUTHOR: Obadiah

DATE: 840 - 830 B.C.

PLACE: Petra in Edom

PURPOSES:

To pronounce doom on Edom

To predict the restoration of the land to Judah

MAIN THEMES:

The justice of God

The Messiah is both Savior and possessor of the kingdom

OUTLINE:

A. The message from the Lord (verse 1)

- B. Edom's doom pronounced (verses 2-9)
- C. The reason for Edom's doom (verses 10-14)
- D. The Day of the Lord (verses 15-21)

JONAH: GOD'S GRACE TO THE WORLD

AUTHOR: Jonah

DATE: 770 B.C.

PLACE: Northern Kingdom

PURPOSE:

To rebuke the proud patriotism of the Jews

To teach the Jews their responsibility to deliver the salvation message to all peoples

To demonstrate that God honors the repentance of sin of any person

To serve as a "type" of Christ

MAIN THEMES:

The universality of salvation

The need for obedience to God

The truth that salvation is from the Lord

OUTLINE:

A. The Disobedient Prophet (1:1-2:10)

1. Commission (1:1,2)
2. Disobedience (1:3-1:17)
3. Repentance (2:1-2:9)
4. Deliverance (2:10)

B. The Obedient Prophet (3:1-4:11)

1. Recommission (3:1,2)
2. Obedience (3:3,4)
3. Repentance (3:5-10)
4. Complaint (4:1-4)
5. God's rebuke (4:5-9)

6. God's mercy (4:10-11)

MICAH: THE COMING MESSIAH

AUTHOR: Micah

DATE: 732-722 B.C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSES:

To show God's hatred of empty formal religion

To show God's concern for social justice

To show God's pardoning grace and His faithfulness to His covenants

MAIN THEMES:

God will send judgment for sin, so repent now

The sovereignty of God

The messianic king

OUTLINE:

A. The superscription (1:1)

B. The judgment of the Lord (1:2-3:12)

C. The hope of the Lord (4:1-5:15)

D. Accusations and laments (6:1-7:10)

E. Victory in God (7:11-20)

NAHUM: WOE TO NINEVEH

AUTHOR: Nahum

DATE: between 663 and 612 B.C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSE:

To pronounce judgment on Nineveh

To declare the sparing of Judah

MAIN THEMES:

The justice of God

The goodness of God

OUTLINE:

A. Judgment declared (1:1-2:2)

B. Judgment described (2:3-3:1)

C. Judgment defended (3:2-19)

HABAKKUK: THE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH

AUTHOR: Habakkuk

DATE: around 610 B. C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSE:

To comfort Judah and condemn Babylon

MAIN THEMES:

Salvation is by faith

The just live by faith

OUTLINE:

A. The prophet complains as faith is tested (1:1-17)

B. The prophet listens as faith is taught (2:1-20)

C. The prophet prays as faith is triumphant (3:1-19)

ZEPHANIAH: DAY OF DESOLATION AND DELIVERANCE

AUTHOR: Zephaniah

DATE: around 625 B.C.

PLACE: Judah

PURPOSE:

To warn Judah of impending doom

To call for revival

To show God's holiness in judgment

MAIN THEMES:

God's holiness

God's faithfulness to those who call on Him

The Day of the Lord

OUTLINE:

- A. Introduction (1:1)
- B. Day of judgment against Judah (1:-2:3)
- C. Day of judgment against Gentile nations (2:4-15)
- D. Day of judgment against Jerusalem (3:1-8)
- E. Restoration for Judah (3:9-20)

HAGGAI: BUILD THE HOUSE FOR GOD'S GLORY

AUTHOR: Haggai

DATE: 520 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSE:

To exhort the returned remnant to rebuild the Temple

MAIN THEMES:

- Remember spiritual priorities
- Never weary of doing good

OUTLINE:

- A. Reproof (1:1-11)
- B. Positive response (1:12-15)
- C. Encouragement (2:1-5)
- D. The glorious new house (2:6-9)
- E. Blessings (2:10-19)
- F. Promise (2:20-23)

ZECHARIAH: THE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH

AUTHOR: Zechariah

DATE: 520-500 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSE:

To encourage the returned remnant

To exhort the returned remnant to finish rebuilding the Temple

To bring about spiritual revival

To prophecy about the coming Messiah

MAIN THEMES:

The sovereignty of God over all things

The coming Messiah

OUTLINE :

A. Zion's sanctuary (1:1-6:9)

B. Zion's services (7:1-8:18)

C. Zion's Savior (9:1-14:21)

MALACHI: WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

AUTHOR: Malachi

DATE: around 434 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

PURPOSE:

Last recorded words of Old Testament times

To rebuke Israel's social and moral decay

MAIN THEMES:

Sincerity and purity is necessary to serve God

The love of God

The sins of the priests and the people

Judgment for sin

Blessing for righteousness

OUTLINE:

A. The favor of the Lord rejected (1:1-5)

- B. The failure of the priests (1:6-14)
- C. The rebuke of the Lord (2:1-9)
- D. The sins of the people (2:10-3:12)
- E. The servants of the Lord (3:13-18)
- F. The Day of the Lord (4:1-6)

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NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

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GOALS

1. UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE
 - A. KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD
 - B. POSSESSION OF THE WORD
 - C. TRANSFORMATION BY THE WORD
2. UTILIZING SCRIPTURE
 - A. LIVING THE WORD
 - B. GROWING IN THE WORD
 - C. SHARING THE WORD
3. A SURVEY (MORE BASIC), NOT AN INTRODUCTION (MORE IN DEPTH)

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. NEW TESTAMENT IS GOD'S FINAL REVELATION THROUGH CHRIST
 - A. MAJOR SUBJECTS
 - (1) FULFILLMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES
 - (2) CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY
 - (3) INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH
 - (4) PROPHECIES OF THE END TIMES
 - (5) DOCTRINE
 - B. KEY REVEALED TRUTHS
 - (1) REDEMPTION IS MOST PROMINENT SUBJECT
 - (2) SIN IS MAN'S BASIC PROBLEM
 - (3) MAN IS HOPELESS WITHOUT GOD'S GRACE
 - (4) GOSPEL IS A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE
 - (5) WORK OF CHRIST IS PERSONAL (BY HIM, TO ME)
 - (6) MIRACLES ARE GOD'S INVOLVEMENT
 - (7) HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ACTIVE WORKER
 - (8) ALL HISTORY LEADS TO THE LAST DAYS
2. INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

DEFINED: "THAT INEXPLICABLE POWER IN WHICH THE DIVINE SPIRIT PUT FORTH OF OLD ON THE AUTHORS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE, IN ORDER TO THEIR GUIDANCE EVEN IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE WORDS THEY USED , AND TO PRESERVE THEM FROM ALL ERROR AND OMISSION" L. GAUSSEN, ORATOIRE, GENEVE

THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE ARE INSPIRED BY HOLY SPIRIT
THE ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS (TEXTS) ARE INSPIRED AND INERRANT
SEE GALATIANS 1:11, 12; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:13; 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13;
2 TIMOTHY 3:16; 2 PETER 1:21; HEBREWS 2:3,4
3. CANONICITY

DEFINED: THAT WHICH HAS BEEN MEASURED OR ACCEPTED FACTORS FOR DETERMINING CANONICITY

 - (1). APOSTOLIC WRITING
 - (2). CONTENTS
 - (3). UNIVERSALITY OF ACCEPTANCE
 - (4). INSPIRATION EVIDENCED
 - (5). AGREEMENT WITH OTHER SCRIPTURE
4. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

400 YEARS BETWEEN OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT

HARSH ROMAN GOVERNMENT OVER ISRAEL
CULTURE IS MIXTURE OF ORIENTAL, JEWISH, GREEK AND ROMAN
JEWS ARE EAGERLY LOOKING FOR A MESSIAH

THE GOSPELS

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPELS

A MESSAGE TAILORED TO ALL PEOPLE(S)
MESSIANIC PROPHECY FULFILLED
COMPLETING THE OLD TESTAMENT
GENESIS - BOOK OF BEGINNINGS
GOSPELS - BOOKS OF NEW BEGINNINGS
SEE HEBREWS 2:1,2

SYNOPTIC PROBLEM/ HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS SYNOPTIC PROBLEM

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE ARE SIMILAR
JOHN IS DIFFERENT

SOLUTION

WRITTEN TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES
WRITTEN FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES
WRITTEN FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES
WRITTEN FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES
SEE LUKE 1:1,2

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

AUTHOR

MATTHEW THE DISCIPLE
WEALTHY TAX COLLECTOR, A DESPISED OCCUPATION
CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP - MARK 3:13-19; LUKE 6:12-16
WRITES IN THE STYLE OF A PATRIOTIC CHRISTIAN JEW

DATE: AD 50 - AD 70; PROBABLY AFTER GOSPEL OF MARK, AD 60-70

WRITTEN IN ANTIOCH OF SYRIA OR JERUSALEM

AUDIENCE: PREDOMINANTLY JEWS, BUT ALSO INCLUDES GENTILES

THEME: JESUS, THE KING OF THE PROMISED KINGDOM

PURPOSES:

A BRIDGE BETWEEN OLD TESTAMENT AND THE GOSPELS
THE JEWISH GOSPEL (IN THOUGHTS AND OUTLOOK)
ENCOURAGE AND CONFIRM JEWISH CHRISTIANS IN THEIR FAITH
SHOW THAT GOSPEL IS FULFILLMENT OF ABRAHAMIC AND DAVIDIC
PROMISES

DISTINCTIVES

MOST HIGHLY REVERED OF FOUR GOSPELS BY EARLY CHURCH
ONLY GOSPEL TO USE THE WORD "CHURCH"
EMPHASIZES FINAL REWARDS AND JUDGMENTS
QUOTES OLD TESTAMENT MORE THAN OTHER GOSPELS
15 PARABLES (10 UNIKUES TO MATTHEW)
20 MIRACLES (3 UNIQUE TO MATTHEW)
5 GREAT DISCOURSES

OUTLINE

PRESENTATION OF JESUS 1:1-4:11
PROCLAMATION OF JESUS 4:12-16:20
PASSION OF THE CHRIST 16:21-28:20

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

AUTHOR

JOHN MARK

A COUSIN OF BARNABAS - COLOSSIANS 4:10
SON A DEVOUT, RICH MOTHER - ACTS 12:12-17
THOUGHT TO BE THE YOUNG MAN OF MARK 14:51
PERHAPS A CONVERT OF PETER - 1 PETER 5:13

WRITING PETER'S INFORMATION - 2 PETER 1:13-15

DATE: PRE-AD 65 (DEATH OF PETER); PRE-MATTHEW; AD 57-59

WRITTEN AT ROME

AUDIENCE: GENTILES, ROMANS IN PARTICULAR

THEME: JESUS, THE SERVANT OF GOD

PURPOSE

TO RECORD ACTIONS OF JESUS, THE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH

TO SHOW THE OBEDIENCE OF A SERVANT

TO SHOW THE PATH AND COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

DISTINCTIVES

LIKELY THE FIRST GOSPEL WRITTEN

ONLY ABOUT 30 VERSES ARE UNIQUE TO MARK

PROVIDES VIVID LITTLE DETAILS OF JESUS

PRESENTS A HUMAN SIDE OF JESUS

18 MIRACLES (2 EXCLUSIVE TO MARK)

4 PARABLES (1 EXCLUSIVE TO MARK)

FILLS IN THE DETAILS OF PETER'S SERMON IN ACTS 10:34-43

OUTLINE

SERVICE OF JESUS 1:1-9:1

SACRIFICE OF JESUS 9:2-15:47

TRIUMPH OF JESUS 16:1-20

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

AUTHOR - LUKE, SAME AUTHOR OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

GREEK PARENTS, SO ONLY GENTILE WRITER OF NEW TESTAMENT

PHYSICIAN

MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CONVERT OF PAUL - ACTS 11:25,26

CO-LABORER OF PAUL

DATE: AD 60

WRITTEN IN EITHER ACHAIA OR ROME

AUDIENCE: THEOPHILUS, A GREEK BELIEVER AND GENTILES IN GENERAL

THEME: THE SON OF MAN, A PERFECT GOD-MAN

PURPOSE

SEE LUKE 1:3,4

TO PRESENT JESUS TO THE GENTILES AS THE SAVIOUR

DISTINCTIVES

PRODUCT OF EXTENSIVE RESEARCH

EARLIER WRITTEN MATERIALS (MARK)

INTERVIEWS WITH EYEWITNESSES

PAUL'S SECOND PERSON ACCOUNTS

LONGEST BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

CONTAINS 5 GREAT SONGS, 3 ANGELIC BENEDICTIONS

INTERESTED IN THE LOWLY - WOMEN, CHILDREN, POOR, SICK, ETC.

MOST THOROUGH ACCOUNT OF BIRTH OF JESUS

DEEP INTEREST IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

SALVATION IS A KEY WORD IN LUKE'S WRITINGS

EMPHASIS IS ON THE PASSION (DEATH) OF CHRIST

OUTLINE

PREPARATION 1:1-4:13

IDENTIFICATION 4:14-9:50

INSTRUCTION 9:51-19:27

SACRIFICE 19:28-24:53

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

AUTHOR - APOSTLE JOHN

DATE: AD 85

WRITTEN AT EPHEBUS

AUDIENCE: THE WORLD

THEME: JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, MESSIAH, AND SAVIOUR - JOHN 1:1-18

PURPOSE: SEE JOHN 20:30,31

DISTINCTIVES

SEVEN "I AM" STATEMENTS

SEVEN SIGNS OR MIRACLES

ADDS TO, BUT IS UNIQUE FROM SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 20 DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE

THE TEXT MOVES DIRECTLY TO CROSS AND RESURRECTION

KEY WORDS: WITNESS, LIGHT, LOVE

NO GENEALOGY - EMPHASISES DEITY OF JESUS

AT LEAST 3, MAYBE 4 PASSOVER OBSERVANCES RECORDED

OUTLINE (MERRILL C. TENNEY)

THE PROLOGUE 1:1-18

THE PERIOD OF CONSIDERATION 1:19-4:54

THE PERIOD OF CONTROVERSY 5:1-6:71

THE PERIOD OF CONFLICT 7:1-11:53

THE PERIOD OF CRISIS 11:54- 12:36a

THE PERIOD OF CONFERENCE 12:36b-17:26

THE PERIOD OF CONSUMATION 18:1-20:31

THE EPILOGUE 21:1-25

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

AUTHOR: LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

DATE: AD 62

WRITTEN FROM ROME

AUDIENCE: THEOPHILUS, ALL BELIEVERS, THE WORLD

THEME

SEE ACTS 1:8

THE ENABLING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PURPOSE

TO EDIFY (BUILD UP) CHRISTIANS

TO RECORD EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

TO BE A CHRISTIAN APOLOGETIC

DISTINCTIVES

THREE DIVISIONS: JERUSALEM (1-7), JUDEA AND SAMARIA (8-12) AND
ANTIOCH TO ROME (13-28)

TALE OF TWO MEN: PETER 1-12; PAUL 13-28

18 RECORDED PRAYER MEETINGS

9 RECORDED REVIVALS

18 RECORDED SERMONS

COVERS ABOUT 30 YEARS

CHAPTERS 1-11:19 COVERS AD30-35

SILENT PERIOD

CHAPTERS 11:20 - 28:31 COVERS AD44-62

SHOWS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MISSIONARY EPIC

BOOK OF ORIGINS

CHURCH
APOSTOLIC MIRACLES AND SERMONS
CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND MARTYRS
GENTILE CONVERTS
CHURCH DISCIPLINE
CHURCH GOVERNMENT
MISSIONS
DEACONS AND BISHOPS
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

NOTE: CONCENTRATE ON THE MESSAGE, NOT THE EVENTS!

OUTLINE (KENT)

THE BEGINNING: JERUSALEM 1-7
THE CHURCH IS BORN 1-2
A MIRACLE AND ITS AFTERMATH 3:1-4:31
TROUBLE WITHIN AND WITHOUT 4:32-5:42
SERVING AND SUFFERING 6,7
THE EARLY GROWTH :PALESTINE AND SYRIA 8-12
PHILIP, SAUL AND PETER 8,9
TO CAESAREA AND ANTIOCH 10-12
THE WESTWARD ADVANCE: ASIA MINOR, GREECE, ROME 13-28
PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY 13, 14
THE JERUSALME COUNCIL 15:1-35
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY 15:36-18:22
PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY 18:23-21:16
PAUL'S FINAL VISIT TO JERUSALEM 21:17-23:35
FELIX, FESTUS, AND AGRIPPA 24-26
ROME AT LAST 27,28

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

AUTHOR: PAUL, SEE ROMANS 1:1

DATE: 56, 57 AD

WRITTEN IN CORINTH

AUDIENCE: THE BELIEVERS IN ROME, BOTH JEW AND GENTILE

THEME: THE GOSPEL - GOD'S SALVATION FOR SINNERS

PURPOSE

TO TEACH THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE OF SALVATION 1-8
TO EXPLAIN ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF AND SHOW GOD'S FAITHFULNESS 9-11
TO GIVE PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION ON CHRISTIAN LIVING 12-16

DISTINCTIVES

TRULY THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL
MOST COMPLETE SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE IN BIBLE
DECLARES THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

1. GOD IS RIGHTEOUS
2. GOD DEMANDS RIGHTEOUSNESS
3. GOD PROVIDES RIGHTEOUSNESS

DETAILS JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, GLORIFICATION, IMPUTATION
GIVES EXPLANATION OF GOD'S DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL

OUTLINE (CARSON, PHILLIPS)

PROLOGUE 1:1-18
THE GOSPEL AS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD BY FAITH 1:18-5:21
THE GOSPEL AS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION 6:1-8:39
THE GOSPEL AND ISRAEL 9:1-11:36
THE GOSPEL AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF LIFE 12:1-15:13
EPILOGUE 15:14-16:24

FIRST CORINTHIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL

DATE: AD 55

WRITTEN IN EPHESUS

AUDIENCE: CHURCH AT CORINTH, LARGELY GENTILE, SOME WEALTHY, BUT MAINLY LOWER CLASS

THEME: THE EPISTLE OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE CROSS IN APPLICATION

PURPOSE:

TO REBUKE TROUBLEMAKERS AND ENCOURAGE UNITY (CH. 1-4)

DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF INCEST (CH.5)

INSTRUCT ON PROPER RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES (CH. 6)

ANSWER QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (CH. 7)

ISSUE OF FOODS OFFERED TO IDOLS (CH. 8-10)

WOMEN'S BEHAVIOR (CH. 11)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS (CH. 12-14)

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (CH. 15)

DISTINCTIVES

MORE THAN TWO LETTERS WRITTEN. FIRST IS LOST AND NOT IN BIBLE.

DETAILS THE LIFE AND PROBLEMS OF THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH

MARRIAGE AND SEPARATION - CHAPTER 7

FULLEST REFERENCE TO THE LORD'S SUPPER- CHAPTER 11

THE CHURCH - UNITY IN DIVERSITY - CHAPTER 12

LOVE - CHAPTER 13

RESURRECTION - CHAPTER 15

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

SALUTATION 1:1-9

REPLY TO PERSONAL REPORT 1:10-6:20

REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN THEIR LETTER 7:1-16:24

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREETINGS 16:5-24

SECOND CORINTHIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL

DATE: 56 AD

WRITTEN IN MACEDONIA

AUDIENCE: CORINTHIAN CHURCH, A REBELLIOUS CHURCH

THEME: TO REPRESENT THE GOSPEL AND ITS MINISTRY AS SUPERIOR TO THE LAW AND ITS MINISTRY

PURPOSE: TO CONDEMN ARROGANCE, SELF-PROMOTION, BOASTING AND SELF-CONFIDENCE

DISTINCTIVES

MOST CLEAR PICTURE OF PAUL'S CHARACTER AND MISSION

MOST AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL OF PAUL'S LETTERS

LEAST DOCTRINAL OF PAUL'S LETTERS

MAKES AN EXTENDED DEFENSE OF PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP (10:1-13:10)

CLASSIC TREATISE ON CHRISTIAN GIVING (8:1-9:15)

CONTRASTS THE OLD COVENANT AND THE NEW (CHAPTER 3)

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

SALUTATION 1:1,2

DEFENSE OF HIS CONDUCT 13-2:11

DEFENSE OF HIS MINISTRY 2:12-7:16

DEFENSE OF THE COLLECTION 8:1-9:15

DEFENSE OF HIS APOSTLESHIP 10:1-12:13

DEFENSE OF HIS PROPOSED MINISTRY 12:14-13:10

CONCLUSION 13:11-14

GALATIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL, NO DOUBT AT ALL!

DATE: AD 48 BEFORE THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL OF ACTS 15

WRITTEN IN ANTIOCH

AUDIENCE: SOUTH GALATIA CHURCHES, MAINLY GENTILE

THEME: CHRISTIAN LIBERTY IN THE GRACE OF GOD : GALATIANS 5:1

PURPOSE

TO STATE DEFINITELY WHAT CHRISTIANITY IS

TO VINDICATE PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP AND MESSAGE

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BY FAITH ALONE

TO DESCRIBE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIBERTY

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

INTRODUCTION 1:1-5

HIS BIOGRAPHICAL ARGUMENT 1:6-2:21

HIS THEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT 3:1-4:31

HIS PRACTICAL ARGUMENT 5:1-6:16

CONCLUSION 6:17,18

EPHESIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL

DATE: AD 60

WRITTEN IN PRISON IN ROME

AUDIENCE: CHURCH AT EPHESUS, PERHAPS A LETTER TO BE SENT ON TO OTHER CHURCHES

THEME: THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL, EMPHASIZING THE BODY

PURPOSE

TO TEACH CHURCH AS BODY OF CHRIST WITH JEW AND GENTILE MEMBERS

TO EXHORT BELIEVERS TO PROPER CONDUCT THROUGH ONENESS WITH CHRIST

TO EQUIP FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

CHRIST IS AT THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN WAY

BELIEVERS SHOULD GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

LIVE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SALVATION GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

DISTINCTIVES

"TWIN" EPISTLE WITH COLOSSIANS

DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THREE GREAT FIGURES OF SPEECH DESCRIBING UNION WITH CHRIST

1. BUILDING

2. BODY

3. BRIDE

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

INTRODUCTION 1:1,2

THE WEALTH OF THE CHURCH 1:3-3:21

THE WALK OF THE CHURCH 4:1-6:9

THE WARFARE OF THE CHURCH 6:10-20

CONCLUSION 6:21-24

PHILIPPIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL

DATE: AD 60

WRITTEN IN PRISON IN ROME

AUDIENCE: CHURCH AT PHILLIPI, GREEK PEOPLE WITH ROMAN CITIZENSHIP

THEME: EPISTLE OF JOY

PURPOSE

TO PUT CHRIST FIRST IN EVERYDAY LIFE
WARN AND CORRECT SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS
INSTRUCT IN CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
TO SHOW NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE TO BE ONE OF ABIDING JOY AND
GRACIOUS HARMONY WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS

DISTINCTIVES

INTIMATE, PERSONAL LETTER
INSIGHTS INTO PAUL'S MOTIVES
KENOSIS PASSAGE (2:5-11)
CONTAINS NO DIRECT QUOTATIONS FROM OLD TESTAMENT

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

REJOICING IN OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE CHRIST (1:1-19)
REJOICING IN WAYS TO GLORIFY CHRIST (2:1-11)
REJOICING IN THE SELFLESSNESS OF CHRIST (2:1-11)
REJOICING IN THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST (2:12-16)
REJOICING IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST (3:1-9)
REJOICING IN THE CALLING OF CHRIST (3:10-16)
REJOICING IN THE COMING OF CHRIST (3:10-16)
REJOICING IN THE PROVISION OF CHRIST (4:4-19)
CONCLUSION (4:20-23)

COLOSSIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL
DATE: AD60
WRITTEN IN PRISON IN ROME
AUDIENCE: CHURCH AT COLOSSAE, A GENTILE CHURCH
THEME CHRIST PREEMINENT (3:11)
THE CHURCH COMPLETE IN CHRIST

PURPOSE

TO SET FORTH THE SOVEREIGN LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST OVER ALL
TO COMBAT HERESIES

1. JUDAISTIC LEGALISM
2. ORDINANCES
3. FOOD AND HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES
4. SEVERE ASCETICISM (MATTER IS EVIL)
5. ANGEL WORSHIP AND EMANATIONS
6. GLORIFICATION OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

TO EXHORT TO A LIFE OF HOLINESS

DISTINCTIVES

CLASSIC PASSAGE ON PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST, A HIGH CHRISTOLOGY,
CHAPTER 1:13-3;4
MOST SEVERE WARNING AGAINST UNGUIDED HUMAN INTELLECT
COMBATS:
JUDAISTIC LEGALISM
ASCETIC EXCESS
PHILOSOPHICAL SPECULATION

OUTLINE (GROMACKI)

INTRODUCTION 1:1-8
THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST 1:9-29
THE WARNING AGAINST THE HERESY 2:1-23
THE PRACTICE OF TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVING 3:1-4:6
CONCLUSION 4:7-18

FIRST THESSALONIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL
DATE: AD 51

WRITTEN IN CORINTH

AUDIENCE: CHURCH IN THESSALONICA, MOSTLY GREEK SLAVES AND WORKERS

THEME: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

PURPOSE

TO ENCOURAGE IN THE MIDST OF PERSECUTION

TO DEFEND PAUL'S CONDUCT

TO WARN AGAINST HEATHEN PRACTICES

TO INSTRUCT ON SEXUAL PURITY

TO ENCOURAGE SPIRITUAL CONCORD

TO REASSURE REGARDING THOSE WHO DIE BEFORE SECOND COMING

TO EXPLAIN THE EVENTS OF THE SECOND COMING

TO GIVE INSTRUCTION ON CHRISTIAN LIVING

DISTINCTIVES

ESCHATOLOGICAL

NO OLD TESTAMENT QUOTES

GIVES BIBLE'S MOST DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RAPTURE

CHAPTER FIVE CONTAINS MANY CONTRASTS OF INTEREST

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE

PAUL REMEMBERS

HOW THE CHURCH WAS BORN (CHAPTER 1)

HOW THE CHURCH WAS NURTURED (CHAPTER 2)

HOW THE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED (CHAPTER 3)

PAUL EXHORTS

IN HOLINESS (4:1-8)

IN HARMONY (4:9-10)

IN HONESTY (4:11-12)

IN HOPE (4:13-5:11)

IN HELPFULNESS (5:12-28)

SECOND THESSALONIANS

AUTHOR: PAUL, AUTHORSHIP OFTEN QUESTIONED

DATE: AD 51

WRITTEN IN CORINTH

AUDIENCE: CHURCH AT THESSALONICA

THEME: ANTICIPATING THE LORD'S RETURN

PURPOSE

TO SHOW THE RAPTURE AND TRIBULATION WERE FUTURE EVENTS

TO EXHORT TO STEADFASTNESS AND ADHERENCE TO THE WORD

TO ADMONISH THE DISORDERLY AND IDLE

DISTINCTIVES

SECOND SHORTEST EPISTLE

MOST DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANTICHRIST

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE

ENCOURAGEMENT IN SUFFERING - CHAPTER 1

ENLIGHTENMENT IN TEACHING - CHAPTER 2

ENABLEMENT IN LIVING - CHAPTER 3

FIRST TIMOTHY

AUTHOR: PAUL, AUTHORSHIP OFTEN QUESTIONED

DATE: AD 62

WRITTEN IN MACEDONIA

AUDIENCE: TIMOTHY IN EPHESUS WHO DESIRED TO ESCAPE HIS DUTIES

THEME: GODLINESS AND PASTORAL CARE

PURPOSE

TO ENCOURAGE A FIRM STAND AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS

TO INSTRUCT ON CONDUCT AND ORGANIZATION IN THE CHURCH

TO ENCOURAGE AND EXHORT TIMOTHY TO BE DILIGENT AND FAITHFUL
TO INSTRUCT ON PERSONAL CONDUCT
DISTINCTIVE - TRULY PASTORAL EPISTLE WITH UNIVERSAL APPLICATION
OUTLINE

THE CHURCH AND ITS MESSAGE - CHAPTER ONE
THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS - CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE
THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTER - CHAPTER FOUR
THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY - CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

SECOND TIMOTHY

AUTHOR: PAUL
DATE: AD 67
WRITTEN IN THE PRISON IN ROME
AUDIENCE: TIMOTHY WHO IS NO LONGER IN EPHESUS
THEME: ENDURANCE
PURPOSE

TO STRENGTHEN TIMOTHY
ENCOURAGE TIMOTHY IN:
FAITHFULNESS
ENDURANCE
ADHERENCE TO SOUND DOCTRINE
DANGER OF APOSTASY
HIS MINISTRY

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE

THE PASTORAL APPEAL - CHAPTER ONE
THE PRACTICAL APPEAL - CHAPTER TWO
THE PROPHETIC APPEAL - CHAPTER THREE
THE PERSONAL APPEAL - CHAPTER FOUR

TITUS

AUTHOR: PAUL
DATE: AD 62
WRITTEN IN GREECE OR ASIA MINOR
AUDIENCE: TITUS, A GENTILE GREEK MINISTERING IN CRETE
THEME: ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD
PURPOSE

TO ENCOURAGE TITUS IN CHURCH ORGANIZING
TO DISCUSS TEACHING OF DOCTRINE AND CONDUCT OF MINISTRY
TO INSTRUCT ON QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS
TO ENCOURAGE TEACHING OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

DISTINCTIVES

MANUAL OF PASTORAL ADVICE
GRACE DOES NOT NEGATE NECESSITY OF GOOD WORKS - CHAPTER 3

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE

CHURCH ORGANIZATION - CHAPTER ONE
CHRISTIAN OBLIGATION - CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

PHILEMON

AUTHOR: PAUL
DATE : AD 60
WRITTEN IN PRISON IN ROME
AUDIENCE: PHILEMON AND OTHERS IN COLOSSAE
THEME: FORGIVENESS
PURPOSE

TO EFFECT RECONCILIATION
TO COMMEND COMPASSION AND PLEAD FOR FORGIVENESS

DISTINCTIVES

ONLY PRIVATE PERSONAL LETTER IN NEW TESTAMENT OF WORK
HUMAN FORGIVENESS SHOULD REFLECT DIVINE FORGIVENESS

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE

APPRECIATION "I THANK MY GOD" - VERSES 1-7
APPEAL "I BESEECH THEE" - VERSES 8-16
ASSURANCE "I WILL REPAY" - VERSES 17-25

HEBREWS

AUTHOR: UNKNOWN, PROBABLY NOT PAUL

DATE: AD 67-68

UNKNOWN PLACE OF WRITING

AUDIENCE: SECOND GENERATION CHRISTIANS IN AND AROUND JERUSALEM

THEME : "CONSIDER JESUS"; OR THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

PURPOSE

TO SHOW SUPERIORITY OF WORK AND PERSON OF CHRIST
TO WARN AGAINST APOSTASY
TO AFFIRM AND APPROVE THE FINALITY OF CHRISTIANITY AND NEED TO
BREAK WITH JUDAISM
TO GIVE COMFORT IN PERSECUTION AND ENCOURAGE RENEWED EFFORT

DISTINCTIVES

ALL OLD TESTAMENT QUOTES ARE FROM SEPTUAGINT (ABOUT 100)
PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING OFFICES FULFILLED BY CHRIST
DETAILS THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF CHRIST
"LET US" EXHORTATIONS
HALL OF FAITH - CHAPTER 11
EXPOSITION ON DIVINE CHASTISEMENT - CHAPTER 12:3-12

OUTLINE - HAROLD WILLMINGTON

THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST - 1:1-10:18
CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE APPLIED - 10:19-13:25

OUTLINE - W. GRAHAM SCROGGIE

PROLOGUE - 1:1-4
THE DOCTRINAL DISSERTATION
THE PERSONALITIES - 1:5- CHAPTER 7
THE INSTITUTIONS - 8:1-10-18
THE CENTRAL EXHORTATION - 10:19-39
THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION - 11:1-13-21
EPILOGUE - 13:22-25

JAMES

AUTHOR- JAMES, HALF-BROTHER OF CHRIST

DATE: AD 45

WRITTEN IN JERUSALEM

AUDIENCE: JEWS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

THEME- FAITH FOR LIVING; A LIVING FAITH

PURPOSE

TO EXHORT PATIENCE IN TRIALS
TO WARN OF SIN AND EVIL TENDENCIES
TO INSTRUCT IN CHRISTIAN MATURITY

DISTINCTIVES

MOST JEWISH BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
STYLED LIKE A SERMON
PRACTICAL, RATHER THAN DOCTRINAL
SHOWS GREAT CONCERN WITH BELIEVER'S SPEECH

OUTLINE - WARREN WIERSBE - THE MARKS OF THE MATURE CHRISTIAN
HE IS PATIENT IN TESTING - CHAPTER ONE
HE PRACTICES THE TRUTH - CHAPTER TWO
HE HAS POWER OVER HIS TONGUE - CHAPTER THREE
HE IS A PEACEMAKER, NOT A TROUBLEMAKER - CHAPTER FOUR
HE IS PRAYERFUL IN TROUBLES - CHAPTER FIVE

FIRST PETER

AUTHOR - APOSTLE PETER
DATE: AD 64
PROBABLY WRITTEN FROM BABYLON
AUDIENCE: CHRISTIANS IN NORTHERN ASIA MINOR, PRIMARILY GENTILES
THEME: HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING
PURPOSE
TO ENCOURAGE IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL AND PERSECUTION
TO ADMONISH TO LIVE A LIFE BEFITTING SO GREAT A SALVATION
TO MAGNIFY THE GRACE OF GOD IN THEIR SALVATION
TO INSTRUCT CONCERNING SUBJECTION
DISTINCTIVES
TEACHES ABOUT CHRIST
EMPHASIZES CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS
FILLED WITH OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS
OUTLINE - DUNNETT
SALUTATION - 1:1,2
PERSPECTIVE AND SUFFERING - 1:3-2:10
PRESSURE AND SUFFERING - 2:11-4:6
SERVICE AND SUFFERING - 4:7-11
WITNESS AND SUFFERING - 4:12-19
PERSONAL ATTITUDES AND SUFFERING - 5:1-11
CONCLUSION

SECOND PETER

AUTHOR: APOSTLE PETER, BUT WIDELY DISPUTED
DATE : AD 67 SHORTLY BEFORE DEATH
WRITTEN IN ROME
AUDIENCE - CHRISTIANS IN NORTHERN ASIA MINOR
THEME - TRUE KNOWLEDGE
PURPOSE
TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER
TO REMIND OF GOD'S PROVISIONS FOR SALVATION AND SPIRITUAL
MATURITY
TO ENCOURAGE A PATIENT EXPECTATION OF LORD'S RETURN
TO WARN ABOUT FALSE TEACHINGS
DISTINCTIVES
EMPHASIZES TRUE KNOWLEDGE AS ANTIDOTE FOR FALSE TEACHING
KEY PASSAGES ON
THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE - 1:19-21
FALSE TEACHERS - CHAPTER 2
THE DAY OF THE LORD - 3:10-13
OUTLINE - DUNNETT
INTRODUCTION - 1:1,2
KNOWLEDGE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - 1:3-11
KNOWLEDGE AND THE WORD OF GOD - 1:12-21
KNOWLEDGE AND THE FALSE TEACHING - 2:1-22
KNOWLEDGE AND THE SECOND COMING - 3:1-13

CONCLUSION : STEADFASTNESS AND GROWTH - 3:14-18

FIRST JOHN

AUTHOR - APOSTLE JOHN

DATE: AD 85-90, AFTER THE GOSPEL OF JOHN WAS WRITTEN

WRITTEN IN EPHESUS

AUDIENCE: GENTILE CHURCHES (PROBABLY THOSE MENTIONED IN REVELATION)

THEME: FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

PURPOSE

TO GIVE CERTAINTY OF FAITH AND POSSESSION OF ETERNAL LIFE

TO KEEP FROM SIN

TO WARN AGAINST ERROR

DISTINCTIVES

HIGHLIGHTS THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

GOD IS LIGHT

GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS

GOD IS LOVE

CONTAINS BIBLE'S BEST DESCRIPTION OF WORLDLINESS - 2:15-17

"TO KNOW" IS USED 40 TIMES

FELLOWSHIP

ANTICHRISTS

TRUTH AND LOVE

OUTLINE - LIBERTY BIBLE COMMENTARY

INTRODUCTION - 1:1-4

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD - 1:5-2:8

FELLOWSHIP WITH LIGHT AND DARKNESS - 2:9-28

FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE - 2:29-4:21

FELLOWSHIP AND ASSURANCE - 5:1-17

CONCLUSION - 5:18-21

SECOND JOHN

AUTHOR: APOSTLE JOHN

DATE: AD 85-90

WRITTEN IN EPHESUS

AUDIENCE: TO "A CERTAIN LADY", PERHAPS TO A CHURCH

THEME: TRUTH AND THE CHRISTIAN

PURPOSE

TO WARN AGAINST DECEIVERS

TO SHOW HOW A CHRISTIAN SHOULD DEAL WITH FALSE TEACHERS

TO INSTRUCT TESTING OF ALL NEW TEACHINGS AGAINST THE GOSPEL

TO ENCOURAGE TO WALK IN LOVE AND KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

OUTLINE : LIBERTY BIBLE COMMENTARY

INTRODUCTION- VERSES 1-3

EXHORTATION TO LOVE- VERSES 4-6

EXHORTATION TO DOCTRINE- VERSES 7-11

CONCLUSION- VERSES 12,13

THIRD JOHN

AUTHOR: APOSTLE JOHN

DATE: 85-90

WRITTEN IN EPHESUS

AUDIENCE- GAIUS, NOT SURE WHICH ONE

THEME: CHRISITAN HOSPITALITY

PURPOSE- TO PROMOTE HOSPITALITY AMONG BELIEVERS

DISTINCTIVE- SHORTEST BOOK IN NEW TESTAMENT

OUTLINE: LIBERTY BIBLE COMMENTARY

INTRODUCTION - VERSE 1
PRAYERS FOR THE BELOVED- VERSES 2-4
EXAMPLES OF THE BELIEVERS- VERSES 5-8
DIOTREPHES AND THE BRETHREN- VERSES 9-10
DEMETRIUS AND HIS BELIEFS- VERSES 11,12
CONCLUSION- VERSES 13, 14

JUDE

AUTHOR: JUDE, HALF-BROTHER OF CHRIST
DATE: AD 68
UNKNOWN PLACE OF WRITING
AUDIENCE: JEWISH CHRISTIANS IN PARTICULAR
THEME: CONTEND FOR THE FAITH
PURPOSE
TO INSTRUCT IN SALVATION
TO WARN AGAINST FALS TEACHERS
TO ENCOURAGE TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH (RIGHT DOCTRINE)
DISTINCTIVES
SIMILAR IN CONTENT TO SECOND PETER
EMPHASIZES REALATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIGHT BELIEFS AND RIGHT LIFE
OUTLINE - LIBERTY BIBLE COMMENTARY
INTRODUCTION- VERSES 1,2
OCCASION OF THE EPISTLE- VERSES 3,4
THE APOSTATE PAST- VERSES 5-7
THE APOSTATE PRESENT- VERSES 8-16
EXHORTATIONS AGAINST APOSTATES- VERSES 17-23
CONCLUSION- VERSES 24,25

REVELATION

AUTHOR: APOSTLE JOHN
DATE: AD 95
WRITTEN IN PATMOS
AUDIENCE: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA MINOR AND EVERYONE
THEME: REVELATION 1:199- THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST
PURPOSE
SEE REVELATION 1:1
AN UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST
TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL IN THE PRESENT
TO CALL FOR REPENTENCE AND RENEWAL
TO REVEAL GOD'S FUTURE PLAN FOR THE CHURCH
DISTINCTIVES
THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN
OFFERS A HIGH CHRISTOLOGY; THE CROSS IS ALWAYS IN VIEW
JESUS IS AT THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS
NUMBERS HAVE A PROMINENT ROLE
OUTLINE OF REVELATION - GROMACKI
INTRODUCTION- 1:1-8
THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN- 1:9-20
THE THINGS WHICH ARE- 2:1-3:22
THE THINGS WHICH SHALL BE HEREAFTER- 4:1-22:5
CONCLUSION- 22:6-21

