

purpose: to promote being **Word-filled** (Col.3:16; Eph.5:18)!

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My assignment: preach/teach the whole counsel of God promoting the concurrent enjoyment/practice of all truth! Jn. 13:17 Imagine mastering the Bible! This is being occupied with Him (Col. 3:16), and the pursuit of God (Phil. 3:10)! Have your own study Bible (with sermon notes, best explanation of difficult passages, best charts)!

master and be mastered by It

Mastery of the Bible!

SS/Bible Study

Joshua 1:8

Ps. 1:1-3; Acts 17:11; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Mt. 4:4;
Job 1:5; Mk. 1:35 rose up early – 38 ref

How to Study the Bible
II Tim. 2:15

1. **mark** – take the time/incorporate
2. meditate
3. **memorize**
4. master – incorporate/enjoy

Focus on Who He is, who I am and what I am to do. Dan. 11:32; Phil. 3:10

A. What is the Bible? the self revelation of God through the words; the revealed word of God (II Tim. 3:16, 17); the mind of God (40 men over 1500 years)

B. How is It organized?

a. two testaments, the OT and the NT

b. 66 books; 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT

c. How are the OT and the NT organized?

OT: 5-12-5-5-12 NT: 4-1-13-8-1

5 law	4 gospels
12 history	1 history
5 poetry	13 Pauline epistles
5 major prophets (length)	8 general epistles
12 minor prophets	1 apocalypse

C. What are the themes of each book? (other sheet)

D. What is a **key verse** (purple), the **admonition/message** to **CBC** (green), an **outline** (teal), the **theme** (orange), **personal** (red), and a key commentary (indigo) of each of the books of the Bible?

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (1:1).

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (12:1-3).

1. **Genesis (1:1; 12:1-3): beginnings; creation, fall, judgment, line of Messiah**

Believe that God created and sustains all things, that man sinned (and sins), and that God provided for our redemption and providentially guides all things.

John Davis, *Paradise to Prison*, 1975

H.C. Leupold, *Expositions of Genesis*, 1956

Derek Kidner, *Genesis*, 1967

(1-11) Primeval history of mankind

(12-50) The Patriarchs

The ten stories (toledoth – “these are the generations of” or “this is the story of” or “this is the history of”): 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2

(1-5) Adam (21-26) Isaac

(6-11) Noah (27-36) Jacob

(12-20) Abraham (37-50) Joseph

Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem (1:3).

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments (7:10).

And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat, And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel (6:22-23).

2. **Ezra (“help,” 450 B.C.) (1:3; 7:10; 6:21-22): restoration of the returned Remnant in Jerusalem**

under the leadership of Zerubbabel (altar and Temple, 1-6) and Ezra (people, 7-10)

Reestablish the worship of God daily, seeking an ever-closer walk with Him, “out of” “unto” (3:12).

Derek Kidner, *Ezra and Nehemiah*, 1979

(1-6) Rebuilding the Temple (Zerubbabel, Joshua, Haggai, Zechariah)

(7-10) Reestablishing a separated walk and worship (Ezra)

(These two sections are separated by a 58 years during which Esther occurs.)

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (4:6).

And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah (4:16).

For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded. And he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me (4:18).

And I sent messengers unto them, saying, *I am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? (6:3)

Now the city *was* large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded (7:4).

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading (8:8).

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength (8:10).

3. **Nehemiah** (“comfort of Jehovah,” 444-425 B.C.)

(4:6, 16, 18; 6:3; 7:4; 8:8, 10): restoration, the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem and the revival of the people

Grow in “pls”: prayer-walk, leadership, and separation! Renew daily (9:38).

Derek Kidner, *Ezra and Nehemiah*, 1979

(1-7) Reconstruction of the wall.

(8-13) Restoration of the people.

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this? (4:14)

4. (preliminary sum) **Esther** (“star,” 521-509 B.C.)

(4:14): providence! the deliverance of the Jews through Esther

“... with the well-advised is wisdom” (Pro. 13:10);

“... come to the kingdom for such a time as this!”

(4:14)

H. A. Ironside, *Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther*, 1913

(1-2) Setting in Shushan

(3-9a) Thwarting of Haman's plot

(9b-10) Purim and Mordecai's greatness

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly (1:21-22).

So Job died, being old and full of days (42:17).

When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves (41:25).

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy (Jms. 5:11).

5. **Job** (“hated,” “persecuted,” 1520 B.C.) (1:21-22;

42:17; 41:25; Jms. 5:11): the divine Person: Who He is and what He does; God's saint – perfecting process in the life of godly Job

Trust Him though He slay you (13:15).

Albert Barnes, *Notes on Job*, 1844

(1,2) Setting

(3-25) The Great Debate: Job vs. three friends

(26-31) Job speaks

(32-37) Elihu speaks

(38-41) God speaks

(42) Resolution

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels (1:5).

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (1:7).

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end (19:20).

6. **Proverbs** (pithy maxims, superiority in mental action, 1000/700 B.C.) (1:5, 7, 20; 2:1-9; 4:7; the 50! about 900 proverbs): the transfer of wisdom, both its giving and getting; wisdom (its acquisition and practice); walking worthy of the vocation wherewith

we are called (Eph. 4:1; Co. 1:10); consequences of being wise and unwise

Get wisdom (4:7).

Charles Bridges, *Proverbs*, Banner of Truth Trust, 1846, 1983

(1-9) Instructions on Wisdom (GCM); Wisdom for Young Men (LAB)

(10-24) First Collection of Proverbs; Wisdom for All
(25-31) Second Collection of Proverbs; Wisdom for Leaders

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea, And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, in departing from the LORD (1:2).

Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts (2:2);

And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor [troubled] for a door of hope; and she shall sing there as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt (2:15).

O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy (14:1-3).

Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein (14:9).

7. **Hosea** (“deliverer,” Jehovah is salvation,” 785-725 B.C.) (1:2; 2:2, 15; 14:1-3,9): **groaning and unfaithful Israel is to be restored to her faithful husband/God** “Pray this prayer” (14:1-3), and flourish (14:4-8), nationally and individually (14:9). Our punishment for “our will” is delighting in foolish things/manure and not in beautiful/pleasant things of God (8:12; 9:10).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952
Six cycles of sin/chastening/restoration (1, 2, 3, 4-5, 6-11, 12-14)

(1-3) Hosea and Gomer (picture)

(4-7) Sins of Israel exposed!

(8-13) Judgment on Israel pronounced!

(14) Call to repentance and promise of restoration (the invitation)!

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty shall it come (1:15).

8. **Joel** (“Jehovah is God,” 800 B.C.) (1:2-3, 15; 2:11-12, 27-32): **the day of the LORD** (5x, 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14, 18, “God’s direct intervention in the affairs of man”)

Turn to God wholeheartedly (2:12-13, 32), prepare to meet thy God (Amos 4:12).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) The day of the LORD in retrospect (locust army)

(2) The imminent day of the LORD (Assyrian invasion)

(3) The ultimate day of the LORD (Second Coming, 2:18-3:18)

Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities (3:1-2).

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel (4:12).

For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live (5:4).

9. **Amos** (“a burden,” a sheep herder, from south preaching in north, 787 B.C.) (3:1-2; 4:12; 5:4-8): **righteous judgment on Israel and surrounding six nations**

Prepare to meet thy God (4:12); seek the LORD, and ye shall live (5:4, 6, 8).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1-2) Eight judgment prophecies (against eight nations)

(3-6) Three sermons (against Israel and the “whole family” 3:1)

(7-9) Five (or three) visions and a narrative (7:10-17) and five promises (9:11-15)

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground (v. 3)?

For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever (1:10).

10. **Obadiah** (“servant or worshiper of the Lord,” 887 B.C.) (vs. 3, 10, 15, 17, 21): **the doom of Edom (and other nations) because of their mistreatment of Israel**
 Do not be deceived by the pride of your heart (v. 3); do not “look on” Israel in the day of his distress (v. 12); know that “upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness” (v. 17).
 Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952
 (1-9) Edom to be brought down
 (10-14) Edom’s sins against Jacob
 (15-21) The Day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen, and Israel will be restored

Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me (1:1-2).
 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy, But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving: I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD (2:8-9).
 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee (3:1-2).
 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death (4:9).
 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixcore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle (4:10-11)?

11. **Jonah** (“dove,” 862 B.C.) (1:1; 2:8-9; 3:1-2; 4:10-11):
“salvation is of the LORD” (2:9) for God’s man and all the world; foreign missions and peevishness
 Be transparent with God and others and be teachable, don’t be peeved over insignificant (4:6-11).
 Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952
 (1) Jonah is called the first time and disobeys.
 (2) Jonah cries out to God who delivers him.
 (3) Jonah is called the second time and obeys.
 (4) Jonah complains.

Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the LORD from His holy temple, For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth (1:2-3).

O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? are these His doings? do not My words do good to him that walketh uprightly (2:7)?
 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin (3:8).
 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting (5:1-2).
 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God (6:8)?
 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy (7:18).

12. **Micah** (“who is like Jehovah?” [holy and pronouncing judgment, loving and pronouncing forgiveness], 750-710 B.C., from south preached in south regarding north) (1:2-3; 2:7; 3:8; 5:1-2; 6:8; 7:9, 18): **coming judgment on Samaria and Jerusalem (for ungodliness of people and leaders), and what the LORD expects (6:8)**
 Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God (6:8).
 Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952
 (1-3) Prediction of Judgment (TTtB)
 (4-5) Prediction of Restoration
 (6-7) Pleading for Repentance

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him (1:7)

13. **Nahum** (“consolation,” 713 B.C.) (1:7): **the doom of Nineveh (1:1)**
 Trust that “the LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him” (1:7).
 Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952
 (1) Who God is (and therefore does)
 (2) How God will do it (destroy Nineveh)
 (3) Why God will do it

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto Thee of violence, and Thou wilt not save (1:2)?

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he (1:13)?

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved (2:1).

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith (2:4).

O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy (3:2).

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places (3:17-19).

14. **Habakkuk** (“to embrace,” 626 B.C., two questions) (1:2, 13; 2:1, 4; 3:2, 17-19): **the doom of Babylon; the just shall live by faith, and God matures His children; from frustration to faith (MMin); problems of faith (GCM)**

Know that “the just shall live by his faith” (2:4), and “joy in the God of my salvation” (3:18-19).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Coming invasion of the Chaldeans

(2) Coming judgment of God on the Chaldeans

(3) Coming of the LORD

(1:1-11) Habakkuk's first question and God's answer

(1:12-2:20) Habakkuk's second question and God's answer

(3:1-19) Habakkuk's hymn of prayer, praise, and testimony!

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests (1:7).

The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry bitterly.

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness (1:14-15).

And I will bring distress upon men that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung (1:17).

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger (2:3).

The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing (3:17). “Jn. 3:16 of OT!”

15. **Zephaniah** (“the LORD hides,” 630 B.C., during Josiah's revival) (1:7, 14-15, 17; 2:3; 3:17): **the day of the LORD (6x) and coming judgment on Judah and surrounding nations “because they have sinned against the LORD” (1:17), and the remnant (2:7, 9; 3:13)**

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth (2:3); be glad and rejoice now for what is coming (3:14); rest in the LORD's love (3:13, 17).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Judgment on Judah (1:1-2:3)

(2) Judgment on nations surrounding Judah (2:4-3:8)

(3) Judgment on Jerusalem and restoration (3:9-20)

Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste? (1:4)

Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD (1:8).

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD (1:12).

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts: (2:4)

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts (2:6-7).

16. **Haggai** (“festal one,” 520 B.C.) (1:4, 8, 12; 2:4, 6-7): **the people of Judah have not been blessed because they have failed to rebuild the temple (following the exile to Babylon), and they are called to rebuild, which they do**

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God” (Mt. 6:33);

“build the house” (1:8).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Rebuke for not rebuilding, and responding obedience (“Rebuild”)

(2) Encouragement to keep rebuilding, and promise of future blessing (“Be encouraged”)

Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD (1:4).

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD (2:10).

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts (4:6).

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth (4:10).

Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain? And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate (7:7-14).

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass (9:9).

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn (12:10).

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south (14:4).

17. **Zechariah** (“God remembers,” 520 B.C.) (1:4; 2:10; 4:6, 10; 7:7-13; 9:9): **encouragements to rebuild the Temple, which will be filled with His presence (Spirit and glory)**

Be learning “**not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit**” (4:6), and “despise not the day of small things” (4:10)—our great need is (the Spirit of) Christ (which is grace).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952 (1-6) Israel’s **Fortune**—glorious present and future (eight visions regarding now and future)

(7-8) Israel’s **Fasting** (four messages answering fasting question)

(9-14) Israel’s **Future** (two burdens—the two advents, rejection and reign)

I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob (1:2).

A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name (1:6)?

Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD (1:13).

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart (2:2).

Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously (2:14-16).

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts (3:1).

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room* enough to receive *it* (3:8-10).

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was

written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name (3:16).

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall (4:2).

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse (4:5-6).

18. **Malachi** (“my messenger,” 397 B.C.) (1:2, 6, 13; 2:2, 14-16; 3:1, 8-10; 3:16; 4:2, 5-6): **backsliding Israel is rebuked**

Know and reflect on God’s love for you (1:2), and beware thinking “Behold what a weariness” (1:13); don’t deal treacherously with the wife of your youth (2:14-17); “bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse” (3:8-10); fear the Lord, and speak often one to another (3:16); and, “go forth, and grow up as the calves of the stall” (frisk joyfully, 4:2).

Charles L. Feinberg, *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1:1-5) **Privilege** of the Nation (TTtB)
(1:6-3:15) **Pollution** of the Nation (sins of the priest 1:6-2:9 and people 2:10-3:15)
(3:16-4:6) **Promise** of a Nation

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

19. **Matthew** (16:16): **Jesus Christ the King**
Receive Him as King.
G. Campbell Morgan, *Gospel According to Matthew*, 1929
(1-3) Confirmation of the King (incl. 4:1-11)
(4-18) Galilee and north
(19-28) Jerusalem and south

(1-4) Presentation of the King
(5-7) Principles of the rule of the King (Sermon on the Mount)
(8-12) Jurisdiction of the King manifested and rejected (12:24)
(13) Mysteries of the Kingdom between the Advents
(14-23) Ministry of the rejected King
(24-25) Predicted return of the King (Olivet Discourse)

(26-28) Death and resurrection of the King

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

20. **Mark** (10:45; 1:1): **Jesus Christ the Servant**
Give your life in service to others.
D. Edmond Herbert, *The Gospel of Mark*, 1974
(1-10) Serve (10:45)
(11-15) Suffer (8:34-37)
(16) Succor (16:20)

(1-9) Galilean ministry
(10-16) Judean ministry

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

21. **John** (20:31): **Jesus is the Son of God**
Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have true life.
Homer Kent, *Light in the Darkness*, 1974
(1-4) Jesus’ Presentation
(5-12) Jesus’ Confrontations
(13-17) Jesus’ Private Instruction
(18-21) Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

22. **Acts** (1:8): **witnesses**
Go! As ye are going, give the gospel.
Homer Kent, *Jerusalem to Rome Studies in Acts*, 1972
(1-7) Jerusalem
(8-12) Judea and Samaria
(13-28) Uttermost parts of the earth

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

23. **Romans** (1:16, 17; 6:23): the righteousness of God, obtained (1-11) and practiced (12-16) Here is the most complete explanation of the gospel, continues last verse of Acts;

→ (I Cor. carnality problem)

Know, receive, and work out the gospel.

John Phillips, *Exploring Romans*, 1969

(1-3) Condemnation (9-11) Vindication

(4-5) Justification (12-16) Application

(6-8) Sanctification

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

24. **I Corinthians** (1:10; 5:7; 12:1): carnalities corrected and spiritualities constructed

Promote the purity and unity of the church.

(Within the church) Purge out...the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump; fresh loaf, uncontaminated don't become part of spiral!

maintain separated mindset

Matthew Henry, *I, II Corinthians*, 1706

(1-11) Carnalities corrected

(12-16) Spiritualities constructed

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

25. **II Corinthians** (4:1, 5, 6): restoration of a relationship and financial giving

Restore broken relationships.

Matthew Henry, *I, II Corinthians*, 1706

(1-7) Explanation of Paul's ministry

(8-9) Collection for the poor saints

(10-13) Enforcement of authority for edification

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

26. **Galatians** (2:20): the just shall live and walk by faith Walk by faith.

Martin Luther, *Galatians*, Kregel, 1978

(1-2) Doctrine defended

(3-4) Doctrine explained

(5-6) Doctrine applied

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

27. **Ephesians** (1:3; 4:1): doctrine (1-3) and duties (4-6) concerning the church our body here – our fellowship, most glorious!

Know and rejoice in our relationship to Christ!

Homer Kent, *The Glory of the Church*, 1971; John

Stott, *God's New Society*, 1979

(1) Blessings of redemption

(2) God's plan of salvation

(3) Paul's ministry

(4) Walk worthy

(5) Walk in Spirit, and relationships

(6) Spiritual warfare

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

28. **Philippians** (4:4): the all sufficiency of Christ The world seeks joy in circumstances; the Christian life seeks it in everything ("in Christ").

Find your sufficiency and joy in Christ.

William Hendriksen, *Exposition of Philippians*, 1962

(1) Joy in suffering (3) Joy in knowing Christ

(2) Joy in humiliation (4) Joy in everything

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

29. **Colossians** (1:17): the preeminence of Christ Be Christ-centered and fear the Lord!

Homer Kent, *Treasures of Wisdom*, 1978

(1) Christ's roles: Ruler, Redeemer, Image, Creator, Sustainer, Head of Church, Reconciler

(2) False philosophies: ritualism, angelism, asceticism

(3-4) Exalted living: put off-renew-put on, domestic duties; pray-walk-speak, greetings

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

30. **I Thessalonians (2:12,13; 4:10): establishing the**

Thessalonians in holiness—here's this theme again!; be established in holiness; separated mindset

Increase more and more!

Edmund Hiebert, *I and II Thessalonians*, 1992

(1-3) Paul's personal ministry - thanks, with them, away from them

(4-5) Paul's practical message - sanctification, rapture, Second Coming

(1) Salvation, (2) Service, (3) Suffering,
(4) Sanctification, (5) Security

So that ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

31. **II Thessalonians (1:7): suffering, Second Coming, and separate**

Continue standing knowing what's coming.

Edmund Hiebert, *I and II Thessalonians*, 1992

(1) (Sense in) suffering
(2) Second Coming
(3) Separate

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

32. **I Timothy (1:18; 4:12): the ministry and how to behave in church**

Hold yourself and your flock accountable for right doctrine and practice.

Homer Kent, *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

(1) (Right) doctrine
(2) Public worship
(3) Leadership and creed
(4) The times and ministry

(5) Fellow treatment: elders, others, widows

(6) Doctrine, walk, accountability

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

33. **II Timothy (3:14): the ministry—encouragements**

Be encouraged to minister.

Homer Kent, *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

(1) Be unafraid
(2) Serve seven-fold (pictures): son, soldier, athlete, farmer, student, vessel, servant
(3) Withstand apostasy
(4) Preach the word

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

34. **Titus (3:8): what we all should be**

Maintain good works.

Homer Kent, *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

(1) Elder qualifications – what we all should be!
(2-3) Becoming sound doctrine

Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels.

35. **Philemon (v. 12): how to ask a favor (a model of influencing behavior which you can't command; direct behavior)**

Practice Christian forgiveness and acceptance.

Homer Kent, *Treasurers of Wisdom*, 1978

(vs. 1-7) Paul's relationship with Philemon
(vs. 8-25) Philemon's relationship with Onesimus

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John; (1:1)

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; (1:19)

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God (21:3).

36. **Revelation ("disclosure," "apocalypse," A.D. 96)**

(1:1, 19; 21:3): the second unveiling of Jesus Christ to show His servants the future

Live in light of the future.

Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation*, 1992

W. A. Criswell, *Revelation*, 1962

(1-3) Church age

(4-18) The tribulation (from rapture to return)

(19-22) The millennium and eternity

How to Interpret the Bible

II Timothy 2:15

1. Literal vs. symbolic (Pro. 30:6)
2. Comparing scriptures (I Cor. 2:13)
(in context of whole, rhema and logos)
(progressive and systematic)
3. Reliance on Spirit (I Cor. 2:13)
4. Understanding of church (II P. 1:20)
5. Christ-centered (Jn. 5:39)

Other Study Helps

read cross references
attitude – early will I seek
separate Bible reading from study
simple reading
8 x through to remember
Use “Word-Study Bible”

How to Pursue God

Pro.2:1-9; 4:7; Mt.6:33; Ps.42:1; 105:3-4;
Is.55:6-time; Dt.12:5-place; Phil.3:7-14

1. Study the Bible (and have your own notes) (II Tim.2:15).
2. Pray (II Chron.7:14).
3. Obey – He is known by obedient learning (II Chron.15:2; 31:21).
4. Enjoy and contemplate His creation (Ps.19:1-6; Pro.1:20).
5. See Him as your Beloved, Friend, Lord, God, King, and Father (SS.5:16; Jn.20:30; Rev.19:16; Mt.6:9).
6. Pray for illumination (Ps.119:18; Jn.6:45; Eph.1:18; 3:18; Col.2:2; Heb.10:32).

Biblical theology: what does each passage say (as had been revealed to that point in time-“progressively”)? Lk. 10:24; II Tim. 3:16-17; SS Study Guide-most questions

Systematic theology: what does the Bible teach as a whole? This involves systematizing all the verses so that there is no contradiction (I Cor. 2:13). This is “putting it all together.” This includes “already/not yet” (Scofield’s “partial and continuous”).

Historical theology: how has the body of Christ (universal and local) understood it? II Tim. 3:14; II Pet. 1:20

Practical theology: how is theology incorporated (worked out) in the life of man (and bless him)? Phil. 2:12-13; Ps. 1:1-3 (See Philip Schaff’s *Theological Propaedeutic*.)

Approximate Dates

4-10,000 B.C.	Creation
2,500	Noah
2,000	Abraham
1,500	Moses
1,000	David
722	Fall of Northern Tribes
(612	Fall of Assyria
586	Judah into Captivity
(539	Fall of Babylon
800-400	Minor Prophets
400-0	Silent Years
(400	Socrates

Theology: study of God (doctrine, revealed truth, revelation-of spiritual and underlying truth), the pursuit (study) of God!