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 - 14 Peoples' response, and Moses' intercession
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19:1-30 Abomination Committed in Gibeah
20:1-48 Civil War Fought against Benjamin
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1-7 Samuel's Rise and Eli's Demise
8-15 The Rise and Fall of King Saul
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1-17 The End of Israel
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1:2-12 Details

1:13-20 Call to Repentance

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2:18-27 Promise of healing of land

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3:1-21 Promise of judgment of nations, restoration of Israel

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1:1-16 God Sovereignly Saves Sailors

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1:2-9:6 Judgment

1:2 Yahweh Roars

1:3-2:16 Judgment is Coming against All Nations

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3:1-6:14 Oracles Explain Judgment is coming for Proud Injustice

3:1-15 Oracle 1

4:1-13 Oracle 2

5:1-6:14 Dirge

7:1-9:6 Visions Show the Certainty and Inescapability of Judgment

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7:4-6 Fire

7:7-9 Plumb line

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9:1-6 Yahweh by the altar

9:7-15 Restoration

Hosea

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1:2-3:5 Hosea's Pursuit of an Unfaithful Wife mirrors Yahweh's

1:2-2:1 Go take a Prostitute and her Children

2:2-23 Israel Deprived and then Pursued by Yahweh

3:1-5 Buy your Wife back so she will be Faithful

4-14 Yahweh Contends with His Unfaithful Wife

4:1-6:3 Israel doesn't Know Yahweh

6:4-11:11 Israel has no Loyal-Love

11:12-13:16 Israel hasn't been Faithful to Yahweh

14 Israel is called to Return

Isaiah

1-5 Introduction/Overview

6 Isaiah's Call

7-35 Book of Judgment

7-12 Book of Immanuel (Ahaz)

13-23 Oracles against the Nations

24-35 Who will you trust?

36-39 Narrative Hinge (Hezekiah)

40-66 Book of Comfort

40-55 The Saving Servant (The 4 songs)

56-66 The Consummation of New Creation

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1:2-2:11 Captivity

2:12-13 Collection

3-5 Cycle 2

3:1-12 Jerusalem Desolated

4:1-5:15 Jerusalem Exalted

6-7 Cycle 3

6:1-7:6 All are guilty

7:7-20 God is merciful

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1:1 Superscription

1:2-15 Yahweh will show up to Save and Judge

1:2-8 Yahweh shows up in Judgment

1:9-15 The Wicked Schemer will be Cut Off

2:1-13 Nineveh's Strength will be Humbled

2:1-10 Nineveh will be like a Fleeing Pool

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3:1-19 A Taunt and Woe for Nineveh

3:1-7 Nineveh will Mourn

3:8-19 Your Soldiers are Women and your Leaders are Grasshoppers

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1:2-3:8 Day of Judgment

1:2-1:18 Against All (including Judah)

2:1-3 Call to Humility

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3:1-8 Against Jerusalem

3:9-20 Day of Joy

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1:1 Prescript

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2:1 Prophet Waits

2:2-4 Yahweh Calls for Patience

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2-45 Prophecies to Judah

2-25 10 Messages of Judgment

2:1-3:5 Judah's shocking forsaking of Yahweh

3:6-6:30 Judah will be punished and Yahweh avenged

7-10 False trust in empty externals will not save

11-12 Opposition to the Covenant and its messenger

13 The humbling warning of the worthless wasteband

14-17 Judgment will come because of self-trust

18-20 Submission to Yahweh's sovereign plan

21 The way of life is to flee and live

22-24 Warning to wicked kings and hope of Messiah

25 Seventy year desolate exile is sure for not listening

26-29 Opposition to Jeremiah

26 Death to Jeremiah for the Shiloh warning

27 Take the yoke of Babylon and serve him

28 Hananiah predicts the yoke broken, Jeremiah mocks

29 Shemiah opposes Jeremiah and dies

30-33 Messages of Consolation

30 Return and Restoration under Messiah

31:1-22 God will rebuild and replant with joy

31:23-40 God will put His New Covenant within all of them forever

32 Jeremiah buys a field as a sure sign of God's promise

33 Healing, cleansing, and righteous peace will be in God's kingdom

34-36 Judah's Kings are rebellious

34 During seige Zedekiah captured released slaves

35 Rechabites' generational listening contrasted with Judah

36 Baruch reads Jeremiah's scroll in the temple, Zedekiah burns it

37-39 Final days of Jerusalem

37-38 Jeremiah imprisoned, thrown in pit, and secretly inquired of

39 Jerusalem breached and burned, Zedekiah captured and sons killed

40-44 Rebellion after the Fall

40-41 Jeremiah freed to Gedaliah who is wickedly murdered

42-43 Jeremiah petitioned, yet people flee to Egypt in defiance

44 Jeremiah rebukes foolish idolatry and predicts further death

45 God's message to humble and encourage Baruch

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4-11 Signs and Visions of Judgment for Israel

12-24 Prophecies of Judgment against Israel

35-32 Oracles Against Foreign Nations

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34-48 Messages of Salvation

34-37 Future Salvation of Israel

34 Shepherds

35 Mt. Seir

36a Mts. of Israel

36b New Covenant

37 Dry Bones

38-39 Future Defeat of Gog and Magog

40-48 Vision of Future Temple and Return of Glory

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1:2-11 Message- Time to Build God's House

1:12-15 Response- The Spirit Stirred up the People to Listen

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- 1:7-6:7 The 8 Night Visions
 - 1:7-17 The 4 Horsemen
 - 1:18-21 The 4 Horns
 - 2:1-13 The Surveyor
 - 3:1-10 The Priest
 - 4:1-14 The Menorah
 - 5:1-4 The Flying Scroll
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 - 14:20-21 Conclusion: Holy to Yahweh

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- 1:1 Heading
- 1:2-4:3 Six Disputations
 - 1:2-5 Chosen People
 - 1:6-2:9 Holy Priesthood
 - 2:10-16 Sanctity of Marriage
 - 2:17-3:5 Lord is Coming with Justice
 - 3:6-12 Tithes & Contributions
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- 4:4-6 Covenant Exhortations

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Lamentations

- 1 How lonely is the city
- 2 In His anger Yahweh Destroyed
- 3 Great is your Faithfulness
- 4 How Dark the gold has become
- 5 Restore us to you Unless you are too Angry

Daniel

- 1 Introduction
- 2-7 Times of the Gentiles
- 2 Neb's Dream
- 3 Neb's Image
- 4 Neb's Humility
- 5 Bel's Stupidity
- 6 Dar's Helplessness
- 7 The Four beasts
- 8-12 Future for Israel
- 8 The Ram and the Goat
- 9 Daniel's Prayer for the Future of Israel
- 10-12 War to the End

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- 2 True strength
- 3 A Shady Proposal
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Song of Songs

- 1:1 Introduction
- 1:2-3:5 Meeting and Courtship
- 3:6-5:1 Marriage and Consummation
- 5:2-6:13 Difficulties and Resolution
- 7:1-8:14 Deepening of Relationship

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1:1-2:18 Esther Replaces Vashti
1:1-22 Vashti disobeys
2:1-18 Esther becomes Queen
2:19-8:2 Mordecai Replaces Haman
2:19-23 Mordecai saves the king
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4-5 Esther goes before the king
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6:14-8:2 Haman is hanged, Mordecai takes his place
8:3-10:3 The Jews Replace their Enemies' Fate
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4:6 Letter of Opposition to Ahasuerus
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5:1-17 Work Restarted under Hag/Zec and Opposed by Tattenai
6:1-12 Darius Finds Cyrus' Decree and Orders Help
6:13-22 The Temple is Finished and Dedicated
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7:1-8:36 Ezra Goes up to Jerusalem with God's Blessing
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1:1-7:3 Nehemiah Leads the People to Rebuild the Walls
1-2 Nehemiah Learns about Jerusalem, Petitions the King, Returns, and Inspects
3 The Jews Work Together to Rebuild the Walls
4 The Samaritans Conspire to Fight, but the Jews Work ready to Fight
5 Exploitation in Trial Breaks Unity of the People
6 Schemes against Nehemiah, but God Gave Strength
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7:4-13:31 Ezra and Nehemiah Lead the People to Repent and be Purified
7:4-73 Nehemiah finds the List of Returnees to Establish Identity
8-9 Ezra Reads the Law and the People Repent and Worship
10 The People Renew the Covenant and Swear to Obey
11-12 The Citizens and Priests are Listed
13 The Purification of the People

Chronicles

1-9 Genealogies

10 Saul's reign

11-29 David's reign

 11-12 David's mighty men

 13-16 David and the ark

 17 David and the temple

 18-20 David's wars

 21 David's sin in numbering the people

 22-29 David's preparation and organization for building the temple

1-9 Solomon's reign (Building the temple is key)

10-36 Division of the kingdom and the history of Judah

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 14-16 Asa

 17-20 Jehoshapha

 23-24 Joash

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1:8-9:18 Speeches to a Son: Value and Prize Wisdom above all and she will give you Life
10-29 Catalogs of Proverbs: God's Value System for Life and Eternity
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30 Agur: Man is Broken with limited Knowledge, Pride and Greed,
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31 Lemuel: Power Comes with Responsibility; A Strong Woman Fears Yahweh

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1:12-2:23 Solomon Searches for Meaning

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3:1-21 Solomon Meditates on Time and Eternity

3:22 Be Happy and Accept your Lot from God

4:1-6:12 The Vanity of Labor and Seeking Satisfaction in Life

5:18-20 Enjoy Labor as a Gift from God

7:1-11:10 Solomon's Advice: Wisdom is Found in Knowing our Place

7 The Wisdom of Sobriety and Healthy Expectations about Life

8 The Wisdom of Submitting to Authority and Fearing God

9 The Wisdom of Living to the Fullest because Life is Short

10 Proverbial Wisdom because Wisdom Gives Success

11 Plan for and Enjoy Life to the Fullest, because Death is Coming

12:1-7 Ode to Death

12:8-14 Conclusion: Fear God and Keep His Commands because there is Eternity

Job

1-2 Introduction: Job's Fear is Tested and yet He Worships God

3 Job's Lament: What I Fear Comes, there is no Rest, so Let me Die

4-27 Three cycles of debates: Friends claim Job has Hidden Sin, He Wants Vindication

4-14 First Cycle

15-21 Second Cycle

22-27 Third Cycle

28 Ode to Wisdom: Wisdom is only Found in Fearing God

29-41 Three Long Speeches

29-31 Job: In my Integrity I am Innocent, so let the Almighty Answer me!

32-37 Elihu: Job is Wrong to Blame God, He always Does Right, is Beyond Us,

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38-41 God: Who are you Job?! By My Wisdom I Created Everything

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