

Basic Training in the Bible

Andrew Stepp | Prophets (Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah)

Pre-Exilic (Israel)	Pre-Exilic (Judah)	Exilic	Post Exilic
Jonah Amos Hosea	Isaiah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah	Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Obadiah	Haggai Joel Zechariah Malachi

Historical Context:

- Jeremiah begins prophesying 5 years before Josiah's reform in 627
- Josiah's reform (622)
- Nineveh and Assyria's fall to Babylon (612)
- Josiah is killed by Neco of Egypt (609)
- Jehoahaz replaced by Jehoiakim per Pharaoh Neco (609)
- Nebuchadnezzar defeats Egypt and Assyria; first wave of Jews deported to Babylon, including **Daniel**. (605)
- Jehoiakim rebels against Babylon (601)
- 2nd deportation by Babylon; **Ezekiel** and 10,000 others taken (598)
- Fall of Jerusalem; Gedaliah appointed as governor and is assassinated; refugees flee to Egypt, including Jeremiah. 3rd deportation (586) **Obadiah** writes as a result of this.

Ezekiel

- I. Ch. 1-24: Oracles from the 5 years leading up to the siege of Jerusalem that began in 588
- II. Ch. 25-32: Oracles against the surrounding nations (...except Babylon!)
- III. Ch. 33-48: Oracles of hope for the future
 - The Good Shepherd (34)
 - The Valley of Dry Bones (37)
 - The Temple Restored! (40-48)

Obadiah

“a doom oracle against Edom for taking advantage of the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586” (...probably!)

Daniel

Part One: Court stories of Daniel and his three friends

- Daniel and his determination to be pure though in exile (1:1-21)
- Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's promotion (2:1-49)
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego & the fiery furnace (3:1-30)
- Nebuchadnezzar's second dream and temporary insanity (4:1-37)
- The writing on the wall and fall of Belshazzar (5:1-31)
- Darius and his den of lions (6:1-28)

Part Two: Apocalyptic Visions

- Daniel's dream of the four beasts (7:1-28)
- Daniel's dream of the ram and the goat (8:1-27)
- Daniel's prayer, and the vision of the seventy weeks (9:1-27)
- Daniel's vision of the time of the end (10:1-12:13)
- The Big Takeaway: God will judge his enemies and God's kingdom has a glorious future.
- It was born in a time of oppression.

...But there is hope for the exiles!

- Ezekiel 11:16-25
- Jeremiah 29:4-14
- The nations will be conquered and destroyed. There will be a “Day of the Lord” for all the nations.

This Week's Readings:

Plan 1:

Ezekiel = 48 ch.

Daniel = 12

Obadiah = 1! 😊

12ch/day +1

Plan 2:

Day One: 4-5,6,8,9

Day Two: 12,14,15,16,

Day Three: 22,23,24

Day Four: 34,37, Obadiah

Day Five: Daniel 1-6

