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1. Jeremiah—Lamented Jerusalem’s Demise; Prophesied the New Covenant. Jer., Lam.

- a. He told of Judah’s condemnation, fall (1-30) and the future New Covenant (31-33).
- b. He prophesied Jerusalem’s fall (34-45), wrath for other nations (46-51), and exile (52).
- c. He cried for Jerusalem and God’s anger (Lam. 1-2); prayed for mercy, restoration (3-5).

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people,” ... “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him,’” Jer. 31:33 ... Lam. 3:22-24

2. Ezekiel—During Judah’s Fall and Exile—Gives Hope and Vision for Israel. Ezekiel

- a. Ezekiel saw the glory of God, was called, commissioned, given words and sent (1-3).
- b. He prophesied judgment on Judah (4-24), and on the other Gentile nations (25-32).
- c. He foretold the return (33-39) and restoration of Jerusalem and Israel (40-48).

“And he said to me, ‘Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.’ And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, ‘Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me,’” ... “I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules,” Ezek. 2:1-3a ... 36:24-27

3. Daniel—Chosen to Advise Kings—Revealed World History and Israel’s Future. Daniel

- a. A faithful and prepared Daniel was deported to Babylon at 16 to speak for his God (1).
- b. God enabled him to interpret dreams of world empires, God’s power and Kingdom (2-7).
- c. Daniel told Israel’s status under three empires, and God’s plan under the Messiah (8-12).

“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, ... it shall stand forever, ... A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.” The king answered ... to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery,” ... “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place,” Dan. 2:44 ... 45b ... 47 ... 9:24

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