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A. Isaiah

1. Theme: Isaiah proclaims judgment on Israel for her sin yet proclaims salvation through the Messiah (Jesus) who is coming in the future.
2. Outline
 - a. Law (1 – 39)
 - b. Gospel (40 – 66)

B. Jeremiah

1. Theme: A stern warning to Judah to turn from idolatry and sin in order to avoid exile to Babylon. But Judah does not repent, Jerusalem falls and the people go into exile (Jeremiah is the longest book in the Bible).
2. Outline
 - a. Prophecies against Judah and Jerusalem (1 – 25)
 - b. Biographical material connected with Jeremiah (26 – 45)
 - c. Various oracles against foreign nations (46 – 51)
 - d. Historical appendix: Jerusalem falls (52)

C. Lamentations

1. Theme: This is a book of five poems about the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.
2. Outline
 - a. Jerusalem once great but now devastated (1)
 - b. The LORD's anger with Jerusalem (2)
 - c. Grief of the community and the compassion of God (3)
 - d. Zion's humiliation (the horror of siege) (4)
 - e. Disaster and Petition (5)

D. Ezekiel

1. Theme: The fall of Jerusalem and the exile in Babylon are necessary in order for God to draw His people back through His grace.
2. Outline
 - a. Israel's sin and impending judgment (1 – 24)
 - b. Prophecies against foreign nations (25 – 32)
 - c. The restoration of Israel (33 – 48)

E. Daniel

1. Theme: This book is about the sovereignty of God who condemns and destroys the rebellious world power and faithfully delivers His covenant people according to their steadfast faith in Him.
2. Outline
 - a. Setting and destinies of the nations of the world (2 – 7)
 - b. The destiny of the nation of Israel (8 – 12)