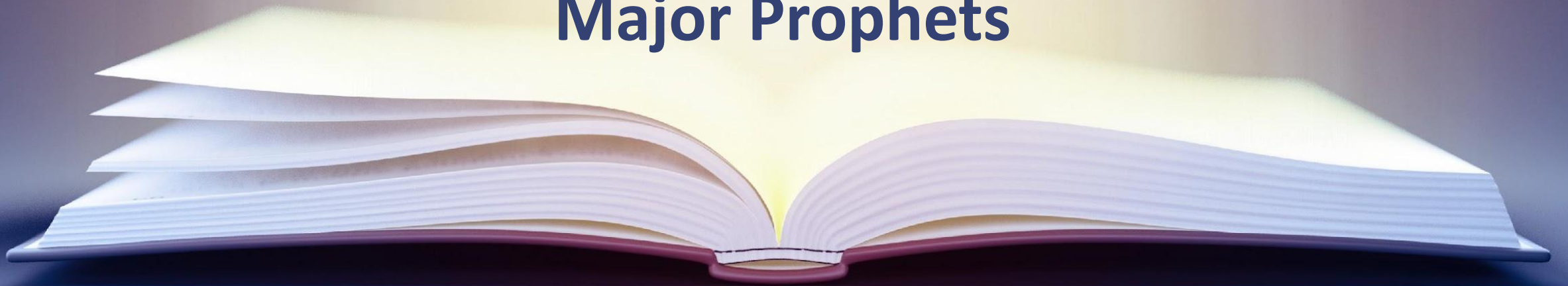


BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

Major Prophets



An Old Testament Review
by the saints of
Oak Ridge Community Church



Why?

**Purpose of Scripture is to reveal God
and point to Jesus.**

**Our purpose is to increase Biblical literacy,
and respond in faith and obedience.**



That's Why

Layers of Events.

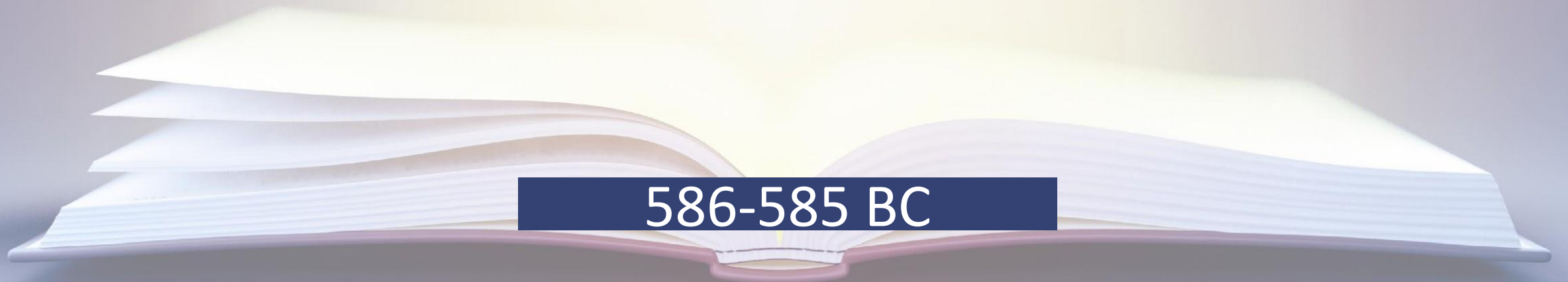
An emphasis multiple times rather than a long string of unrelated events.



Ever since Moses received the law, the people have been turning their own way. The events reflected upon in Lamentations are the culmination of those choices.



Book of Jeremiah → Defeat and ← **Lamentations**
(Warning) **Desolation** **(Mourning)**
Looking ahead of Jerusalem **Looking back**



Structure

Alphabetic Acrostic:

Chapters 1,2, 4 (22 Verses each)

Chapter 3 (66 verses)

Not acrostic:

Chapter 5

Elaborate and organized contrasts with raw and passionate grief

Content

Chapter	1	2	3	4	5
Focus	Destruction of Jerusalem	Anger of Jehovah	Prayer for Mercy	Siege of Jerusalem	Prayer for Restoratoin
Topic	The Grief	The Cause	The Hope	The Repentance	The Prayer

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Audience

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Reading of Lamentation on Holiday of Tisha B'Av

Book known as Eicha = "How" or "Whoa"

Audience seeks explanation

What is the lesson God wants us to take from this book and these events?

Some search for a single cause to explain this catastrophic event.

**“For the Lord has caused her grief
because of the multitude of her transgressions.”**



Lamentations 1:5c

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”



Mark 12:30-31

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- a. *Man's* Person to Person Emphasis
- b. *God's* Man to God Emphasis

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- a. Man's Person to Person Emphasis
 - i. If I'm not hurting anyone, it's okay.
 - ii. 'Consenting individuals'
 - iii. Leave God out of the equation

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1st and 2nd Greatest Commandments (Mark 12:30-21)

a. God's Man to God Emphasis

- i. God wants the best for people
- ii. God wants a relationship with people
- iii. God wants His people to be a light to those far from Him

Application Two

Heart of a Faithful Servant

Character of Jeremiah:

- Not only an observer of events.
- An active follower of God
- Prophesying for 40 years.
- Developed a heart like God (justice and righteousness)
- Developed a heart for the lost
- Did not react angrily

Application Two

Heart of a Faithful Servant

Learned God is righteous and patiently desires ones to repent.

(2 Peter 3:9)

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”



2 Peter 3:9

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How did he learn this?

- Time in the Scriptures
- Time in prayer seeking and listening to God
- Time obeying

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- We have greater access to even more of God's Word than Jeremiah did.
- We have a more complete understanding of the foreshadowing of the temple sacrifices since we live on this side of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- We have a community of believers (he seems pretty alone), and
- We have the Holy Spirit to direct us and pray for us.

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 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.” The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.”



Lamentations 3:21-25