

Joel

Time - Unknown - sometime between 800 and 400BC

Main theme - warning of judgement, symbolised by locust invasion - and call to repentance - and outpouring of The Holy Spirit

Quote - "I will pour out my Spirit on all people"

Amos

Time - c760 BC Prosperity before fall of Northern Kingdom (Israel)

Main theme - call to righteousness

Quote - "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."

Jonah

Time -Also c760 BC Prosperity before fall of Northern Kingdom (Israel)

Main theme - need to obey God and preach repentance

Quote - "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Hosea

Time - 760-722 BC Decline and exile of Northern Kingdom

Main theme - Judgement on Israel- but God's love for His people

Quote - "I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings."

Isaiah

Time - 750-690 BC Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah kings of Judah

Main themes - Judgement on sin, coming Messiah (Servant), restoration after exile

Isaiah

Quotes

"Here am I. Send me."

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold."

"The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Micah

Time - 742-687 BC Younger contemporary of Isaiah

Main theme - Judgement and deliverance

Quotes - "They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

"Bethlehem ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel..."

Nahum

Time - sometime between 664 and 612BC

Main theme - Judgement on Nineveh

Quote - "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh."

Zephaniah

Time - about 625BC

Main theme - Judgement on The Day of The Lord - and later restoration of Jerusalem

Quote - "The great day of The Lord is near."

Jeremiah

Time - 626-587 BC Last kings and exile of Judah

Main theme - Judgement for forsaking The Lord, fall of Jerusalem, and exile

Jeremiah

Quotes

"Before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Why did I ever come out of the womb?"

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

"I will make a new covenant"

Habakkuk

Time - c.605 BC - shortly before exile

Main theme - Complaints to The Lord about injustice - and answers

Habakkuk

Quotes

"Your eyes are too pure to look on evil."

"For still the vision awaits its time."

"Though the fig-tree does not bud ... yet will I rejoice in The Lord."

Daniel

Time - 605-535 BC In exile in Babylon

Main themes - Standing firm for The Lord; visions of future

Daniel

Quotes -

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions."

"There before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached The Ancient of Days ..."

Ezekiel

Time - 593-570 BC In exile in Babylon

Main themes - Fall of Jerusalem, because of evil. Return. Vision of temple.

Ezekiel

Quotes

"I have made you a watchman."

"The soul who sins is the one who will die."

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you."

"Dry bones, hear the word of The Lord!"

Obadiah

Time - After exile in 587 BC

Main theme - Judgement on Edom

Quote - "You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune ..."

Haggai

Time - 520 BC After Judah's return from exile

Main theme - Command to rebuild the Temple

Quote - "Be strong ... and work. For I am with you."

Zechariah

Time - Chaps. 1-8: 520-518BC; chaps. 9-14 - sometime later

Main themes - Chaps. 1-8: rebuilding of temple; chaps. 9-14: The Lord's care for Judah - and His coming.

Quotes - "See, your king comes to you ... gentle and riding on a donkey ..."

Malachi

Time - c433 BC - time of Nehemiah

Main themes - empty religion; coming of The Lord

Malachi

Quotes

"Do not break faith with the wife of your youth."

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me."

"Bring the whole tithe ... and see if I will ... pour out so much blessing..."

"I will send you the prophet Elijah."

