

Living Way Church
Biblical Studies Program
Old Testament Survey – May/June 2013
Supplemental Outline (for Lessons Five and Six)

- I. The Classical Prophets can be divided into three groups: Pre-Exilic, Exilic, and Post-Exilic
 - A. The classic prophets as they appeared in Israel and Judah prior to the Exile
 1. **Jonah** (800-750 B.C.)
 2. **Amos** (760-750 B.C.)
 3. **Hosea** (750-715 B.C.)
 4. **Isaiah** (740-681 B.C.)
 5. **Micah** (735-700 B.C.)
 6. **Zephaniah** (640-609 B.C.)
 7. **Nahum** (635-620 B.C.)
 8. **Habakkuk** (620-600 B.C.)
 9. **Obadiah** (605-585 B.C.)
 10. **Jeremiah** (626-585 B.C.) [also wrote Lamentations]
 11. **Joel** (no dates given; linguistic parallels to Amos, Micah, Jeremiah)
 - B. The Babylonian Exile
 1. There were four deportations of Judeans to Babylonia between 605 B.C. and 582 B.C.
 2. Two prophets ministered during the Exilic Period
 - a. **Ezekiel** (593-571 B.C.) lived among the Jews in Babylon
 - b. **Daniel** (605-530 B.C.), a youth (at the time of his exile) and member of the Jewish nobility, trained by the Babylonians and rose as a high official in the court of Babylon and the Medo-Persians
 - C. Return to the Land (538 B.C.) following the Exile
 1. King Cyrus of Persia allows the Jewish exiles to return to Judah (2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4)
 2. Sheshbazzar, Zerubbabel, and Jeshua (Ezra 1:8,11) led the first return (42,360 people of Israel; plus, 7,337 slaves and 200 singers)

- a. The altar is built (538 B.C.)
 - b. Two years later the Temple foundation is laid (536 B.C.)
 - c. The work is hindered by adversaries
3. The prophets **Haggai** (late August and mid-December of 520 B.C.) and **Zechariah** (who began his ministry in 520 B.C.) encourage the people; the Temple is completed in 516 B.C.
4. The Reforms of Ezra and Nehemiah (458-430 B.C.)
- a. The prophet **Malachi** ministered to this community in 420 B.C.