

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Let's conclude our review of the Old Testament prophets, shall we?

Nahum predicted the downfall of Nineveh approximately 100 years after Jonah. And whereas Jonah *wanted* Nineveh to be "judged" by God, Nineveh listened, repented of their behavior and changed their ways. But over the next century, Nineveh's wealth and power grew until the Babylonians Medes and Persians sacked the city. Part of Nahum's prophecy was to remind God's people that He loved them and had plans for their future.

Habakkuk: "*O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, / and you will not hear?*" (1:2 ESV) Habakkuk's great prayer is not so uncommon, is it? God speaks to the prophet and leads every reader to the answer for this great question.

Zephaniah "Zephaniah warns Israel and the surrounding nations that the Day of the Lord (End of Time) is near. God will judge the nations with a burning fire as he purifies them from sin, evil, and violence." Purified from sin, evil and violence – sounds like saving us by "*purifying*" us.

Haggai has several strong messages, but here's the big one. "*Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?*" (1:4 ESV) It's 520 BC and God is moving His people to faith and obedience, and to learn that God works in the gaps of discouragement. **Great Word!**

Zechariah is a contemporary of Haggai, and his prophecy matches his name: (*The Lord remembers.*) Along with Haggai and Ezra and Nehemiah, Zechariah encourages the people to put God's house, God's work, ahead of their own. God will bless their obedience. He does.

Malachi is known as "*the twelve*" of the minor prophets, Hosea – Malachi, "*TaNaK*" (www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/TaNaK). He speaks to Israel almost 100 years after they return from captivity. In the first two chapters Malachi (God) lays out three disputes with the people, and the people fight back. Disputes four, five and six appear in chapters 2–3, and chapter four contains the conclusion. God promises hope, which is the purpose of prophets.

Welcome!

March 10th, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

WORTHY IS THE LAMB – 2ND PART



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great

Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – Wednesday evenings, at 6:00 PM. We will be focusing on a praise presentation for our Easter Service on March 31st. Parents, please try to have your children here on time. Thank you!

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TEXT: Revelation 4:1; 5; 1:19

1. CATASTROPHE
2. CELEBRATION
3. CAPABILITY

4. _____ – Revelation 1:12-16

5. _____

A. _____ – Revelation 4:11; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17

The creator of the universe is _____ and, on our _____, and He _____ just what to do!

B. _____ – Revelation 5:5; Genesis 3:14-15; Ephesians 4:8-10; Colossians 2:15

1. They would _____ the conquered one.
2. He was _____.
3. He was _____ over.

He still has His foot on the _____ of the devil! 1 John 4:4; Romans 5:19
Salvation’s plan was all _____, finished and done! Isaiah 53:4-5

6. _____ – Revelation 5:6-14

Our worship will never catch Jesus _____.

- He knows when it is _____ and He knows when it is not.
- He knows when it is _____ and He knows when it is just for _____.
- He knows when it is just _____ service to go along with the _____ and when it is from the _____.

Jesus is an _____ on worship.

He was worshiped before the _____ of the earth, Job 38:4-7

He is very _____ to worship. Luke 19:37-40