

SEASON 09

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BECOMING
HEARTSTRONG

Daniel - Malachi



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Becoming **HEARTSTRONG**

Our 2025–2026 Ministry Year shared adventure will take us from Proverbs to Malachi. In addition, our partnership with Practicing the Way will help us dive deeply into the spiritual practices of Community, Service, and Witness.

Becoming Heartstrong is both daily online and weekly in our LifeGroups. We desire to see an increase in the number of LifeGroups that use our Becoming Heartstrong material.



SEASON SEVEN

Bible Reading: Proverbs – Isaiah
Spiritual Practice: Community



SEASON EIGHT

Bible Reading: Jeremiah – Ezekiel
Spiritual Practice: Service



APR – JUN

SEASON NINE

Bible Reading: Daniel – Malachi
Spiritual Practice: Witness



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OVERVIEW:
BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



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Daniel

Summary, Message & Purpose

Daniel, "God's Judge," was a sixth-century BC prophet living in exile in Babylon. Daniel recounts key events firsthand that occurred during the Jewish captivity and also shares visions that were given to him by God.

The theme of the book of Daniel is the hope of the people of God during the times of the Gentiles. The phrase "the times of the Gentiles," used by Jesus (Luke 21:24), refers to the time between the Babylonian captivity and Jesus's return. It is a time when God's people live under ungodly world dominion. The book promotes hope by teaching that at all times "the Most High God is ruler over human kingdoms" (Dan 5:21). Daniel's purpose was to exhort Israel to be faithful to the sovereign God of Israel during the times of the Gentiles. He accomplished this by recounting examples of godly trust and prophecies of God's ultimate victory.

Author

Daniel

Genre & Structure

The genre of the book of Daniel is narrative, recounting historical events for the purpose of present and future instruction. The narrative contains history, prophecy, and apocalyptic visions. Apocalyptic literature refers to revelation by God given through visions and symbols with a message of eschatological (end-time) triumph. Although Daniel contains apocalyptic elements, it is not an apocalyptic book; rather, it is a narrative that includes apocalyptic visions. Noting that the book of Daniel contains both history (chaps. 1-6) and prophecy (chaps. 7-12), some divide the book into two sections. A better way to view the book's structure is based on the two languages it uses: 1:1-2:3 (Hebrew); 2:4-7:28 (Aramaic); and 8:1-12:13 (Hebrew).



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The Minor Prophets

Summary, Message & Purpose

The Minor Prophets (in Jewish tradition often called "the Book of the Twelve" as a literary unit) are shorter in length than the books known as the "Major" Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel). Though written at different times as separate books, they were at some point bound together on the same scroll and contain common themes and patterns, such as indictment, instruction, judgment, and hope or salvation.

A focus on behavioural change explains the prophets' use of messages of indictment, instruction, judgment, and hope or salvation. Indictment messages identified Israel's sins and God's attitude toward them. Instruction told them what they must do about it, and judgment and hope messages motivated the listeners to obey by explaining the consequences of disobedience (judgment) or of repentance and faith (hope). Messages of judgment involve specific applications of the covenant curses found in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 (see, for example, Joel 1:4-20; Amos 4:6-11; Zeph 1:13; Hag 1:10-11). They serve, then, as reminders that sin has its consequences. In some cases, the judgment and salvation oracles combine in a special way to motivate right behaviour by a purified remnant. Our historical perspective allows us to recognize that in some cases announcements of future judgment or salvation concerned the distant future, beyond the lifetime of the prophet's immediate audience.

Author

Historically, the books known as the Minor Prophets have been accepted as being written by the person who is named at the beginning of the book (e.g., Hosea 1:1; Joel 1:1; Amos 1:1, et al.). However, the book of Jonah is an exception as an anonymous narrative about the prophet of the same name.

Genre & Structure

Some have argued that "the Book of the Twelve" exhibits an overall plot or structure, with some even observing that the first six books, Hosea-Micah, emphasize sin; the next three, Nahum-Zephaniah, stress punishment; and the last three, Haggai-Malachi, stress restoration.



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WEEKLY
BIBLE READING PLAN





April

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Sabbath	13 Dan 1	14 Dan 2	15 Dan 3	16 Dan 4	17 Dan 5	18
19 Sabbath	20 Dan 6	21 Dan 7	22 Dan 8	23 Dan 9	24 Dan 10	25
26 Sabbath	27 Dan 11	28 Dan 12	29 Hos 1	30 Hos 2	1	2



Memorize: Bible Passage

"Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;" Daniel 2:20-21 (ESV)



 **May**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					Hos 3 ¹	2
Sabbath ³	Hos 4 ⁴	Hos 5 ⁵	Hos 6-7 ⁶	Hos 8-9 ⁷	Hos 10 ⁸	9
Sabbath ¹⁰	Hos 11-12 ¹¹	Hos 13-14 ¹²	Joe 1 ¹³	Joe 2 ¹⁴	Joe 3 ¹⁵	16
Sabbath ¹⁷	Amo 1 ¹⁸	Amo 2-3 ¹⁹	Amo 4-5 ²⁰	Amo 6-7 ²¹	Amo 8-9 ²²	23
Sabbath ²⁴	Oba 1 ²⁵	Jon 1-2 ²⁶	Jon 3-4 ²⁷	Mic 1 ²⁸	Mic 2-3 ²⁹	30

 **Memorize: Bible Passage**

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8



 **June**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Mic 4-5	2 Mic 6-7	3 Nah 1	4 Nah 2-3	5 Hab 1-2	6
7 Sabbath	8 Hab 3	9 Zep 1-2	10 Zep 3	11 Hag 1-2	12 Zec 1	13
14 Sabbath	15 Zec 2-3	16 Zec 4-5	17 Zec 6-7	18 Zec 8-9	19 Zec 10	20
21 Sabbath	22 Zec 11-12	23 Zec 13	24 Zec 14	25 Mal 1-2	26 Mal 3-4	27
28	29	30				

 **Memorize: Bible Passage**

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

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ZOOM/REGISTER



Adults: Monday – Thursday at 6:00 am & 8:00 pm

PODCAST/REPLAYS



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