Bible Story: O.T. Review

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INTRODUCTION

- Can't you see the work of these twelve prophets? What a wonderful job they did.
- Now he is of loving kindness and wants to forgive those who repent, but he will in no wise clear the guilty.

1 Hosea, the Prophet of the Sorrowful Heart

Hosea 2:7; Hosea 7:8; Hosea 11:8

- One of the sterling points in the entire book of Hosea is found in chapter 2, verse 7, where we learn that life with Jehovah is always the better way.
- Strong politically and economically, Israel was a half-baked cake in spiritual matters, good for nothing, raw on one side and burned on the other.
- The orchards and vineyards were luxuriant, but Israel was spiritually barren. They were fruitful, but not for God.
- A deeply compassionate God would cry in the language of Hosea 11 8, How shall I give thee up? O Ephraim.

2 Joel, Amos and Obadiah: We Reap What We Sow

Joel 3:14; Amos 5:15

- Multitudes in the valley of decision. And we stand in the valley of decision because of the prophecy of Joel fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.
- There's just no way to escape the wrath of God. And you've turned your back on him, and you have time for one thing: prepare to meet your God.
- Can two walk together except to be agreed? He's simply saying, since Israel will not agree with God, they no longer walk with him.
- The book of Obadiah teaches we reap what we sow.

3 Four Great Lessons in the Book of Jonah

Matthew 12; Matthew 16:4; Acts 11:18

- First, Jonah's flight from duty. Secondly, his preaching at Nineveh, even though he reluctantly preached. Third, his anger at the reception of the gospel by the people. And fourth, the mercy of God.
- Did you know there's one key word in the book of Jonah? It's the word repentance.
- He'd rather preach at home. His patriotism exceeded his spirituality.
- The tragedy of Nineveh's later fall, proves we must indoctrinate each succeeding generation, or we'll lose them to the devil.

4 Micah: What Doth the Lord Require of Thee

Micah 6:8; Micah 5:2

- He has showed thee, O man what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.
- One day the Messiah will come, being born in Bethlehem, and all of Israel's troubles will be over.
- Micah emphasizes that Messiah is the hope of the world.

5 Five Outstanding Points in the Book of Nahum

Nahum 1:3; Nahum 3:1; Hebrews 12:29

- First, God is a jealous God.
- The book of Nahum also shows us there is a limit to God's patience and long suffering.
- Third, we learn that sinners cannot withstand his indignation.
- Nahum teaches us in the fourth place we must keep our promises to God.
- And fifth, the book of Nahum teaches us, every generation needs to be thoroughly converted.

6 Habakkuk: God's Use of the Nations

Habakkuk 2:4; Habakkuk 1:13; 1 John 5:21

- The powerful theme of God's use of the nations is the heartbeat of its pages.
- This wondrous little book of Habakkuk speaks of the virtue of plain preaching. We are urged to make it so clear that he who runs may read it.
- Children of God are sustained by their constant fidelity to the Creator.
- Altars in the groves may have been the problem in Habakkuk's days, but Cadillacs in the garage can be just as deadly in our own era.

MY NOTES