

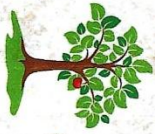
THE EPIC OF EDEN: ISAIAH

Session 3 Video Notes – The Prophet as Poet and Rhetorician

1. The Nature of Rhetoric!
 - a. Ethos, pathos, logos
 - b. The unique rhetoric of the prophet
2. The Nature of Poetry
 - a. Examples
 - b. The “strangefying” of “normal” speech
 - c. Narrative versus “elevated speech”
3. Hebrew Poetry
 - a. “A complex of heightening effects used in combinations and intensities that vary widely from composition to composition even within a single ‘genre’ ... “a kind of ‘strangefying’ that marks the language as ‘special’” (James Kugel, *The Idea of Biblical Poetry*, 94)
 - b. The “seconding sentence”
 - i. A, and as matter of fact, B
 - ii. A, and even moreso, B
 - iii. A, and in contrast B
 - c. Characteristics:
 - i. Word pairs in parallel lines
 - ii. Refrains
 - iii. Rhythm, alliteration, assonance, rhyme
 - iv. Wordplay or punning
 - v. Figures of speech, simile and metaphor, personification and anthropomorphism, rhetorical questions, hyperbole, special particles and more!
 - vi. Syntax odd
4. The Song of the Vineyard, Isaiah 5
 - a. Viticulture in Israel and the ancient Near East
 - b. Can you see the personification and metaphor now?
 - c. What of Matthew 21?

TIMELINE

PATRIARCHAL PERIOD



Eden [?] Noah [?] Abraham/Isaac/Jacob c. 2000 (c. 1850) Down into Egypt with Joseph & the Tribes c. 1850 (c. 1700)

HYKSOS PERIOD IN EGYPT - c. 1650-1550

UNITED MONARCHY

Saul / David / Solomon c. 1050-931

CONQUEST & SETTLEMENT

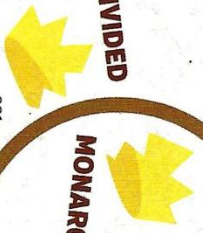
Joshua & the Conquest c. 1400 (c. 1250)



EXODUS

Desert Wanderings 40 years Sinai 1446 (c. 1275)

DIVIDED MONARCHY



931

ISRAEL

Jeroboam 931

The Omrides 885-841

Dynasty of Jehu 841-745

Series of assassinations 745-722

ASSYRIAN DESTRUCTION (SHALMANESER V)

Jeroboam II

Aliah 841-745

Elijah 841-745

Hosea & Amos 745-722

SYRO-PHRAIMITE WARS 734-732

722

SENNACHERIB'S CAMPAIGN - 701

Hezekiah 715

Manasseh 686

Josiah 639

Jehoiachin 1st Deportation 609-597

Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Josiah 609-597

ASSYRIA FALLS TO BABYLON - 612
EGYPT DEFEATED AT CARCHEMISH - 605

JUDAH

Rehoboam I 931

Jehoshaphat 869

Uzziah 767

Ahaz 735

Isaiah > Micah

Isaiah > Jeremiah

Jeremiah > Nahum

Jeremiah > Nahum

Jeremiah > Nahum

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DAN STELE - c. 850

2ND TEMPLE JUDAISM

Hasmoneans 152-64 Alexander 336

Ezra & Nehemiah 458-433

Rebuilding the Temple 520-515

Edict of Cyrus 538

70 years

587/586

Zedekiah 597-586

< Jeremiah

Ezekiel Daniel

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NOTE: All dates are BCE