

JOSIAH, JEREMIAH AND DANIEL

1. Background

- a. *Chronologically* one lived after another
- b. They all lived in *wicked times in immoral surroundings*
- c. They were all called to face God and the world *at young age*

2. Josiah: “The Purging King” (2 Chronicles 34)

- a. *Purging* the environment/land (v.3b-7)
 - i. **Rejecting** [& Ejecting] the idols
- b. *Purging* the temple (v.8-13)
 - i. **Restoring** the worship of God
- c. *Purging* the people (v.14-28)
 - i. **Repenting** of sins
- d. *Purging* the lifestyle (v.29-33)
 - i. **Returning** to the ways of the Lord

3. Jeremiah: “The Seeing and Hearing Prophet” (Jeremiah 1)

- a. Jeremiah *Hears* God’s word/voice [dābār]
 - i. God **Announces** Jeremiah’s Identity (v.4-5)
- b. Jeremiah *Speaks* to God [’āmar] (v.6)
 - i. God **Affirms** His Presence with Jeremiah (v.7-8)
 - ii. God **Appoints** Jeremiah’s Destiny (v.9-10)
- c. Jeremiah *Sees* God’s vision [rā’â]
 - i. God **Approves** Jeremiah (v.11-19)

4. Daniel: "The Bold Servant" (Daniel 1)

a. Storyline

- i. 'Babylon' desires to assimilate 'Daniel' (v.3-5)
- ii. 'Daniel' sets himself apart (v.6-8)
- iii. God shows His favour (v.9)
- iv. Daniel 'tests' (v.10-13) - cf. Abraham in Genesis 22
 - God
 - Himself
 - 'Babylon'
- v. God delivers (v.14-17)
 - Physically (Supernatural health)
 - Mentally (Supernatural knowledge)
 - Spiritually (Supernatural wisdom)
- vi. Babylon sees God through Daniel (v.18-20)
- vii. Daniel remains (v.21)

b. Q: What kind of environment did Daniel grow up in?

- i. **Prophetic:** Understanding the times that they lived in (Wisdom & Revelation)
 - ✓ Prepared Daniel to *understand/interpret* the Word of God for the times & seasons
- ii. **Holy:** Knowing and obeying the Word of God (Knowledge & Obedience)
 - ✓ Prepared Daniel to have a holy lifestyle in private and in public
- iii. **Revelatory:** Experiencing & imparting the experience of God (Intimacy & Encounter)
 - ✓ Prepared Daniel to be bold in the face of wicked world
- ii. **Supernatural:** Recognising the providence of God (Provision and Empowerment)
 - ✓ Prepared Daniel to depend on God for his provision and strength