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OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

OBSERVATION

What does the text say?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

BASIC BIBLE NAVIGATION

OLD TESTAMENT

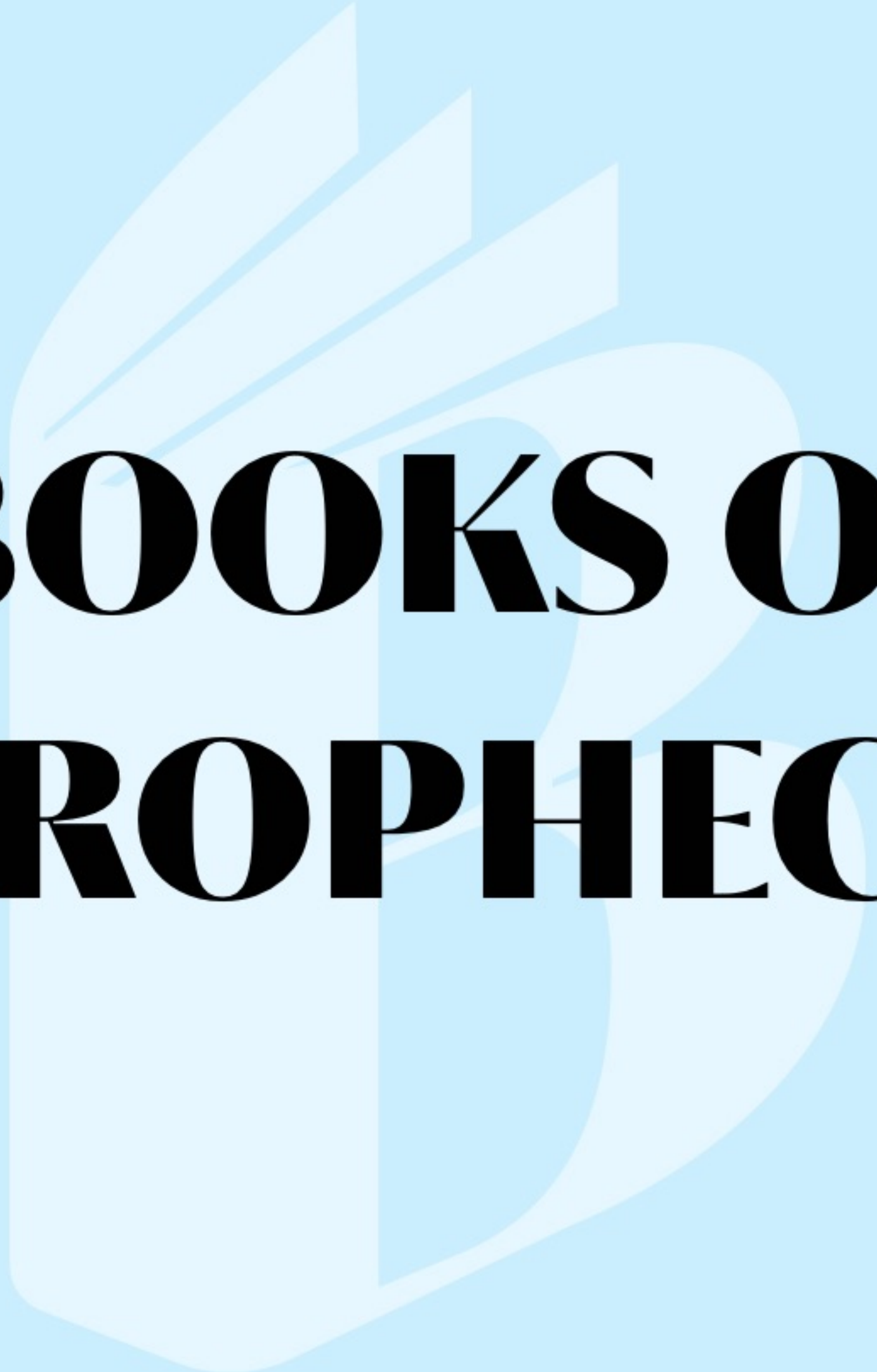
39 Books

NEW TESTAMENT

27 Books

YOU ARE HERE

- Law (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua - Esther)
- Poetry (Job - Song of Solomon)
- ➔ Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)



BOOKS OF PROPHECY

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel



MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

ABOUT PROPHECY

Greek word *propheteia* from two words:

pro - forth

phemi - to speak

To speak forth the mind and counsel of God.
Revealing God's will and purposes

INCLUDES

- Forth-telling: the prophet's own time or near fulfillment
- Fore-telling: a future fulfillment

WHY PROPHECY?

1) A call to godly living

“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”

Isaiah 1:18

WHY PROPHECY?

2) To build faith and confidence in the God who miraculously foretold events.

I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe. John 14:29

KEEP IN MIND

The prophets did not always indicate intervals of time between events nor did they always write in chronological order.

Always consider the historical context of that writing, remembering that God was delivering His prophecy to a particular people at a particular time.

KEEP IN MIND

The meaning of a specific prophecy could not always be understood by the prophet or by the people who heard the message.

I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, “How will all this finally end, my lord?”

But he said, “Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:8-9



EZEKIEL

Visions for today, tomorrow,
And beyond

THE BACKSTORY

A Kingdom United

Under Saul, David & Solomon

A Kingdom Divided

Northern Kingdom (Israel)

Southern Kingdom (Judah)

TWO KINGDOMS

Israel (North) 19 Kings — all evil

Judah (South) 20 Kings — 8 followed God

TWO KINGDOMS

- Israel** Conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC
People were taken to Assyria (Iraq)
Assyrians repopulated the land with foreigners
- Judah** Conquered by Nebuchadnezzar
They were allowed to stay in the land.



THE LAST KINGS OF JUDAH

JOSIAH (640-609 BC)

He was a good king who took the throne at the tender age of 8 and over 31 years did many wonderful things to bring the people back to God, but at the end of his reign, he unwisely decided to go out to fight King Neco of Egypt and was killed in battle.

See 2 Chronicles 35

JEHOAHAZ (609 BC)

Installed by the people after the death of his father, he was an evil king and reigned only 3 months. He was deposed by Pharaoh Neco, put in prison in Riblah (north) then taken to Egypt where he died.

See 2 Kings 23

JEHOIAKIM (609–598 BC)

He was an evil king installed by Pharaoh Neco. He was put in chains and taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in the first deportation in 605 BC **along with Daniel and his friends.**

See 2 Chronicles 36

JEHOIACHIN (598–597 BC)

The son of Jehoiakim and grandson of Josiah. He reigned only 3 months until he surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar and taken to Babylon in 597 BC **along with 10,000 people including Ezekiel.**

See 2 Chronicles 36

ZEDEKIAH (597–586 BC)

He was an evil king. He tried to escape the king of Babylon, but was captured. Before being taken to Babylon in 586 BC, his sons were executed and his eyes were gouged out.

See 2 Chronicles 36

WHO IS EZEKIEL?

The son of Buzi, a priest.

A captive in Babylon

On July 31 of my thirtieth year, while I was with the Judean exiles beside the Kebar River in Babylon, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel 1:1

CONTEMPORARIES

Jeremiah - remained in Jerusalem

Daniel - was taken to Babylon in the first deportation

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (CHAPTERS 1–3)

³“Son of man,” he said, “I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. ⁴They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people. But I am sending you to say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says!’ ⁵And whether they listen or refuse to listen—for remember, they are rebels—at least they will know they have had a prophet among them.

Ezekiel 2:3-5

UNUSUAL ENCOURAGEMENT

⁷ But the people of Israel won't listen to you any more than they listen to me! For the whole lot of them are hard-hearted and stubborn. ⁸ But look, I have made you as obstinate and hard-hearted as they are. ⁹ I have made your forehead as hard as the hardest rock! So don't be afraid of them or fear their angry looks, even though they are rebels."

Ezekiel 3:7-9

FIRST THINGS FIRST

¹⁰ Then he added, “Son of man, let all my words sink deep into your own heart first. Listen to them carefully for yourself. ¹¹ Then go to your people in exile and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says!’ Do this whether they listen to you or not.”

Ezekiel 3:10-11

GROUP TALK

Ezekiel spent 30 years preparing to serve as a priest only to be taken as a captive to Babylon.

Describe a time when your life did not turn out the way you planned.

THE COMING FALL OF JERUSALEM

CHAPTERS 4-24

Prophecies/Warnings about the coming destruction on Jerusalem that would take place in 586 BC.

A VISION IN REAL TIME

In chapters 8 and 9, Ezekiel is taken to Jerusalem in a vision, where God shows him the wickedness of the people and their leaders.

In chapter 10, the Lord's glory leaves the temple.

In chapter 11, the Lord's glory leaves Jerusalem.

CHERUBIM

More references to Cherubim in Ezekiel than any other book.

Special Angels around God's throne/presence/glory

Appearance described in Ezekiel chapters one and ten

CHAPTERS 12–24

Details about Zedekiah and the fall of Jerusalem

God says “No more delay!”

Condemnation against false prophets.

TO THE FALSE PROPHETS

²² You have discouraged the righteous with your lies, but I didn't want them to be sad. And you have encouraged the wicked by promising them life, even though they continue in their sins. ²³ Because of all this, you will no longer talk of seeing visions that you never saw, nor will you make predictions. For I will rescue my people from your grasp. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 13:22-23

JERUSALEM

A Useless Vine

An Unfaithful Wife

A Prostitute



BUT SOMEDAY

⁴⁰For on my holy mountain, the great mountain of Israel, says the Sovereign Lord, the people of Israel will someday worship me, and I will accept them. There I will require that you bring me all your offerings and choice gifts and sacrifices. ⁴¹When I bring you home from exile, you will be like a pleasing sacrifice to me. And I will display my holiness through you as all the nations watch. ⁴²Then when I have brought you home to the land I promised with a solemn oath to give to your ancestors, you will know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 20:40-42

ZEDEKIAH

²⁵ “O you corrupt and wicked prince of Israel, your final day of reckoning is here! ²⁶ This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“Take off your jeweled crown, for the old order changes.
Now the lowly will be exalted, and the mighty will be brought down.

²⁷ Destruction! Destruction! I will surely destroy the kingdom.

And it will not be restored **until the one appears who has the right to judge it.** Then I will hand it over to him.

Ezekiel 21:25-27

JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS (CHAPTERS 25-32)

Ammon, Moab & Edom (Jordan)

Philistia (Gaza)

Tyre (Lebanon)

ABOUT SATAN (CHAPTER 28)

“You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone—
red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone,
blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper,
blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald—
all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold.

ABOUT SATAN (CHAPTER 28)

They were given to you on the day you were created.

¹⁴ I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian.
You had access to the holy mountain of God
and walked among the stones of fire.

¹⁵ “You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

- Regathering of the People
- Possession of the Land

I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. Ezekiel 34:13

Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Ezekiel 37:12

THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

- Reestablishment of the Kingdom
- Regeneration of their hearts

²¹ And give them this message from the Sovereign Lord: I will gather the people of Israel from among the nations. I will bring them home to their own land from the places where they have been scattered. ²² I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. **One king will rule them all;** no longer will they be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms. ²³ They will never again pollute themselves with their idols and vile images and rebellion, for I will save them from their sinful apostasy. I will cleanse them. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 37:21-23

HOW THINGS LOOKED IN 1911

The scholars at Encyclopedia Britannica in 1911 wrote this comment,

"The possibility that we can ever again recover the correct pronunciation of ancient Hebrew is as remote as the possibility that a Jewish empire will ever again be established in the Middle East."

THE INVASION (CHAPTERS 38–39)

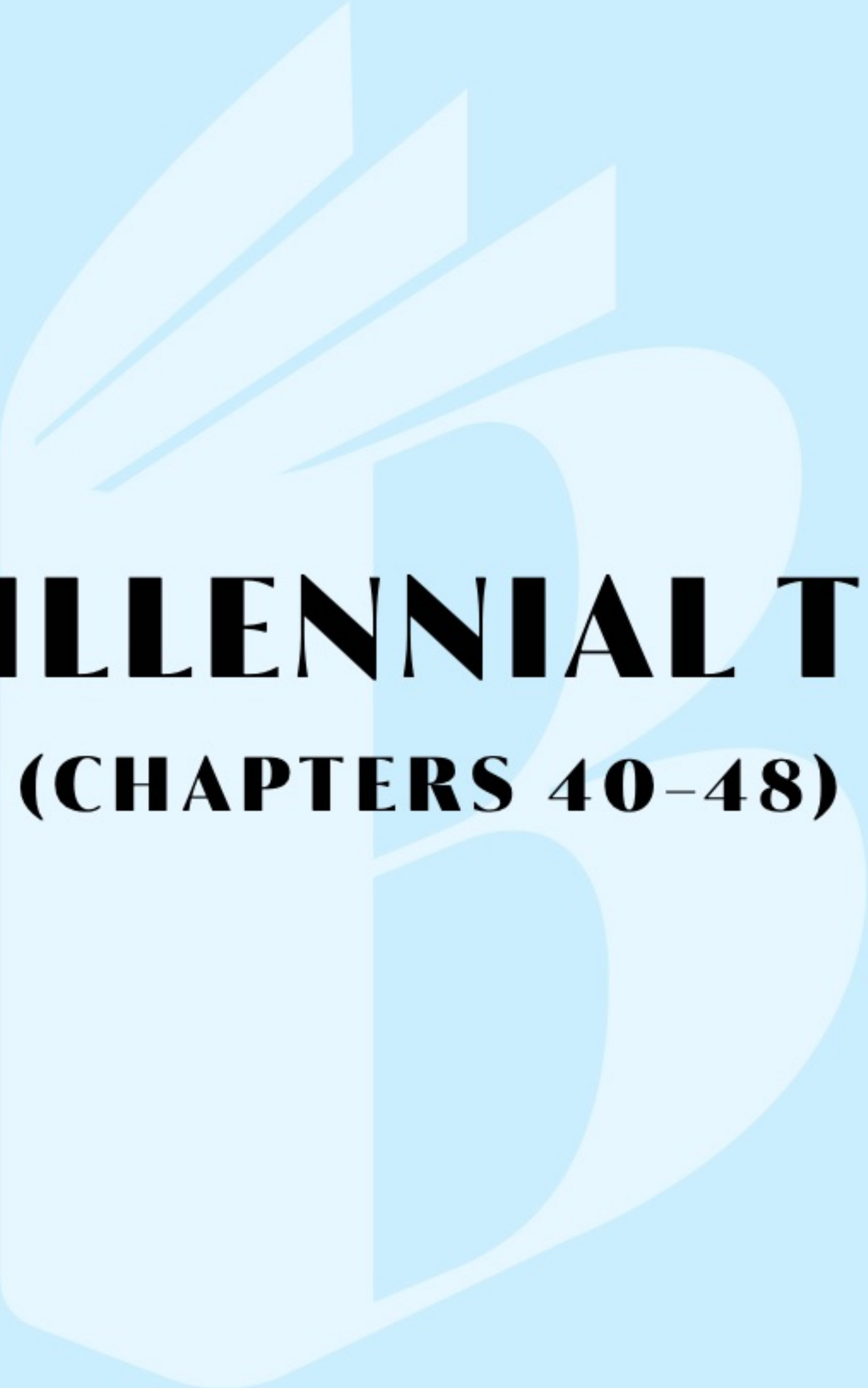
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Russia & Allies

Iran

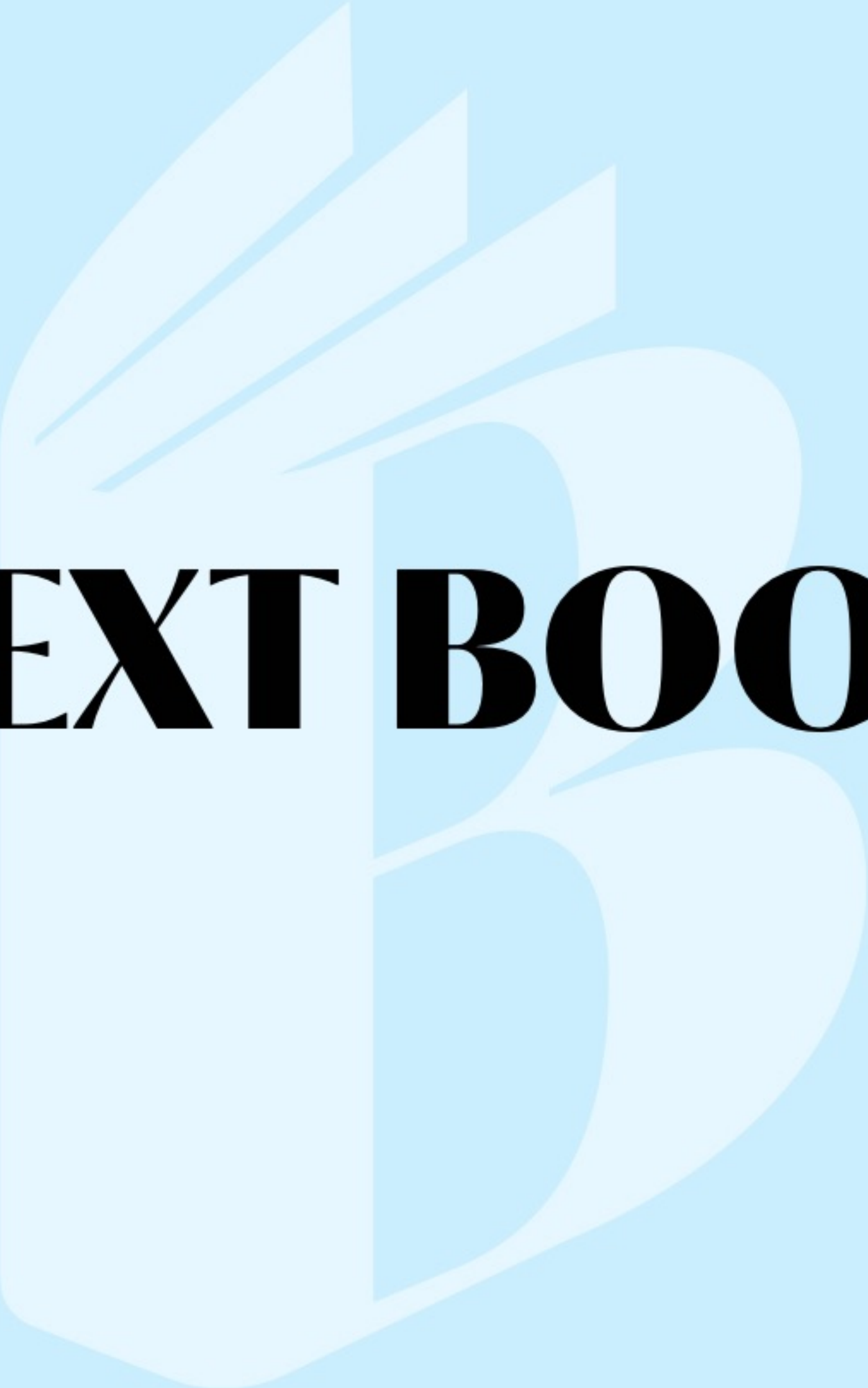
North Africa





THE MILLENNIAL TEMPLE

(CHAPTERS 40-48)



NEXT BOOK



DANIEL

Extraordinary Faith & Courage

PREVIOUS NOTES

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THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

²⁵ “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: The people of Israel will again live in their own land, the land I gave my servant Jacob. For I will gather them from the distant lands where I have scattered them. I will reveal to the nations of the world my holiness among my people. ²⁶ They will live safely in Israel and build homes and plant vineyards. And when I punish the neighboring nations that treated them with contempt, they will know that I am the Lord their God.”

Ezekiel 28:25-26