

into captivity to Babylon; the Prophets who flourished during this period—Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Joel, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk; their general design—threefold; 1st. To reprove the Jewish people for their wickedness, and threaten them, as well as Gentiles, with the severe judgments of God; 2nd. To invite all nations to repentance, both Jew and Gentile; 3rd. To encourage the faithful with promises of divine support; to assure them of the coming of Christ, and future enlargement and permanent glory of the Church.

LECTURE 4th—APRIL 1st.

From the captivity to the birth of Christ; return of the Jews; re-building of the Temple; the arrival of Ezra the Priest, and the reformation made by him; Haman and Esther; preservation of the Jews; re-building the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah; his reformation of the people; the Prophets that flourished during and after the captivity—Daniel, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi; difference betwixt the first and second Temples; the Synagogue; its worship and power; Scriptures supposed to have been collected by Ezra; canon of the Old Testament completed; state of religion among the Jews at the Birth of Christ.

LECTURE 5th—APRIL 8th.

The Jewish Theocracy is the divine government seen in operation as to one particular nation; similar results happen to all nations, in modern as well as ancient times, though unexplained, (or the secret things of God) in their progress; this proved, from the light