

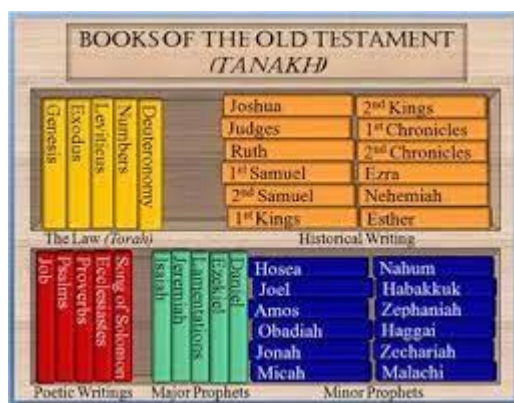
Student Make Up Work December 8, 2021 “The Prophets”

*Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student.
Once completed Parents please sign the bottom and return to Sermon Note box.*

WHO ARE THE PROPHETS:

The prophets are different from the judges that we studied earlier. They are not military or political leaders. They are people chosen by God to speak to God’s people about the relationship (the covenant) between God and the people. Often, they would **call out bad behavior**, **call for the people to repent**, and **speak a word of hope and reminder of God’s promise**.

If you look at our library of kinds of Old Testament books below, these are the last sections of books in the Old Testament. They are divided into MAJOR and MINOR Prophets.



Major Prophets:

Isaiah
Jeremiah/Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Minor Prophets:

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah

Nahum
 Habakkuk
 Zephaniah
 Haggai
 Zechariah
 Malachi

ACTIVITY

Find these verses and mark them in your Bibles. Fill in the blanks. We looked at these verses in class in our New Living Translation Bibles.

Sometimes the prophets spoke words of hope.

Isaiah 9:6

“For a child is _____ to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful _____, Mighty _____, Everlasting _____, Prince of _____.

Jeremiah 18:6B

“As the _____ is in the _____ hand, so are you in my _____.”

Most often before prophets spoke words of hope, **they spoke words that called out the bad behavior of Israel. They called them to repent, to stop doing bad things against God, and to start living for God...or else!**

Ezekiel 7:5-6

“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: _____ after _____ is coming your way! ⁶The _____ has come. It has finally arrived. Your final _____ is waiting!”

Some prophets, like Amos, spoke about caring for the poor and oppressed.

Amos 5:24 (A verse used by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr in his “I Have A Dream Speech) (NRSV Translation)

“But let _____ roll down like waters, and
_____ like an ever-flowing _____.”

Some prophets like Daniel and Jonah gave a testimony to how God helped them.

Jonah 2:2

“I cried out to the Lord in my great _____, and he
_____ me. I called to you from the land of the
_____ and Lord, you _____ me!”

SOMETHING ABOUT SOME OF THE PROPHETS TO KNOW:

Isaiah-one of the most important prophetic writings for Christians in the Old Testament. Christians use these references to relate to Jesus’ birth and death.

Jeremiah-a prophet when the Israelites were sent into exile during the Babylonian captivity. He was a sad prophet who tried to tell Israel to turn from their sinful ways, to remember their covenant with God.

Ezekiel-was a prophet and a priest. A popular story from Ezekiel is the parable of the Dry Bones in Ezekiel 37 where the bones come back to life.

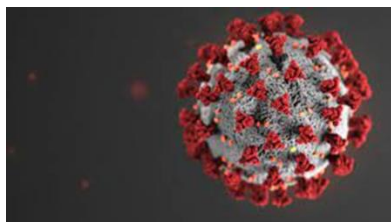
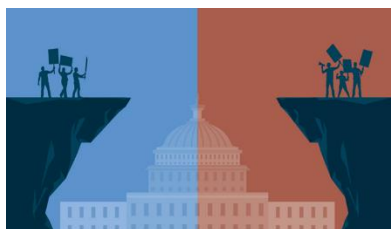
Daniel-was a prophet who could interpret dreams. Two famous stories from this book are the three men in the fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion’s den.

Jonah-probably the most famous prophet because of the story of the whale, but Jonah was not quick to do what God asked right away. He didn’t want to tell Ninevah to repent or God would destroy them. When he finally did tell them and they repented, Jonah was mad that God forgave them. He was a pouty prophet.

ACTIVITY: Write your own prophetic message that speaks to what is happening in the world today. Many prophets spoke in a format that told the people what was wrong, called them to change, and then spoke hope. In 3-4 sentences try to do this related to something happening in our world today. For example: with racism, division, poverty, environment, or COVID.

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PRAYER: Using the following images, spend some time praying together with your parents/child for these things in our world today.



BLESS: Bless your parent/child with a sign of the cross on their forehead with these words. "Jesus loves you and so do I."