

## Student Make Up Lesson

### December 4, 2024- Lesson “Prophets”

*Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and questions to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet (both student and parent/grandparent) and return to the worship note drop off box or give to the pastors.*

#### ✚ SHARE

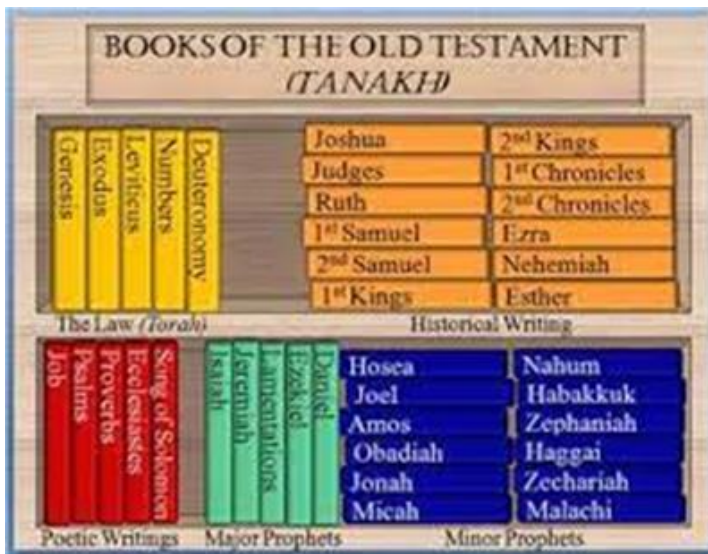
Invite each other to share one high (good thing from the week) and one low (harder part of the week).

#### ✚ READ

##### 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 types 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

**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.

**✚ TALK**

Find these verses and mark them in your Bibles. Fill in the blanks.

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 יָהּיָהּ \_\_\_\_\_, 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! The \_\_\_\_\_  
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!”

**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 addiction.

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**Question Bowl:** Please write down one question you have about the Prophets.

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**✦ PRAY** *Pray together! You can use this prayer or pray using your own words!*

Consider things such as political division, homelessness, hunger, cancer, addiction and environmental destruction from floods, fires, and hurricanes. Pick one topic and pray out loud for the topic you selected.

One person can begin the prayer: (or you can use your own words)

**“God, we come before you with a world that needs hope in you. Today we pray for:\_\_\_\_\_ (name your topic). After each topic has been prayed for, you can end the prayer with the following: “We pray for all of these things in Jesus’ name, Amen.”**

**✦ BLESS**

Close with sharing a blessing with each other. Make a sign of the cross on the person’s forehead or hand. Say, “Child of God, remember you are created by God and in the image of God!”

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