

The Prophets



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What is a Prophet?

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What is a Prophet?

“One who speaks forth on behalf of God, the infallible declaration of divine revelation, often but not restricted to what will come to pass.”

- Biblical Doctrine





What is a Prophet?

“A man of God”

“all that he says comes true”

Formerly a “*seer*”

- 1 Samuel 9:6-10



False Prophets

Those who speak for God “falsely.” They appear in the Old Testament as:

- Pagan “false prophets” (1 Kings 18:19)
- Court “false prophets” (Jeremiah 28)

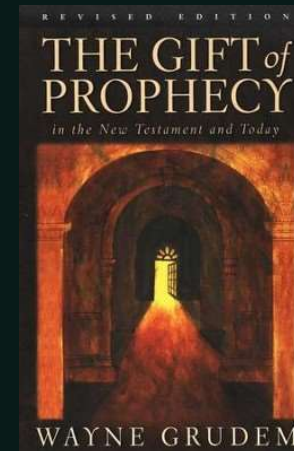




Prophets today?



Prophecy today?





“Fallible Prophecy,”
Deuteronomy 18,
&
Acts 21



The Perfect Word

This God – *his way is perfect, the word of the LORD proves true*; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

- Psalm 18:30

The Perfect Word

So that by two unchangeable things, *in which it is impossible for God to lie*, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

- Hebrews 6:18



Prophets that Worked. Prophets that Wrote.





Who are the Prophets?

The Messengers

The Prophets of the Old Testament

THE MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

THE MINOR PROPHETS

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

The Prophets of the Old Testament

PRE-EXILIC

- Isaiah/Jeremiah
- Hosea/Joel/Amos
- Obadiah/Nahum
- Jonah
- Micah
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah

EXILIC

- Daniel
- Ezekiel

POST-EXILIC

- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

The Prophets of the Old Testament

ASSYRIA

(745 - 612 BC)

- Amos
- Jonah
- Hosea
- Isaiah
- Micah
- Nahum

BABYLON

(612 - 539 BC)

- Joel
- Jeremiah
- Zephaniah
- Habakkuk
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

PERSIA

(539 - 336 BC)

- Daniel
- Zechariah
- Haggai
- Malachi

The Prophets of the Old Testament

TO ISRAEL

- Amos
- Hosea

TO JUDAH

- Joel, Zephaniah
- Isaiah, Micah
- Jeremiah
- Habakkuk
- Daniel, Ezekiel
- Haggai, Zechariah,
Malachi

TO NATIONS

- Obadiah (Edom)
- Jonah (Nineveh)
- Nahum (Nineveh)

The Men that were Prophets

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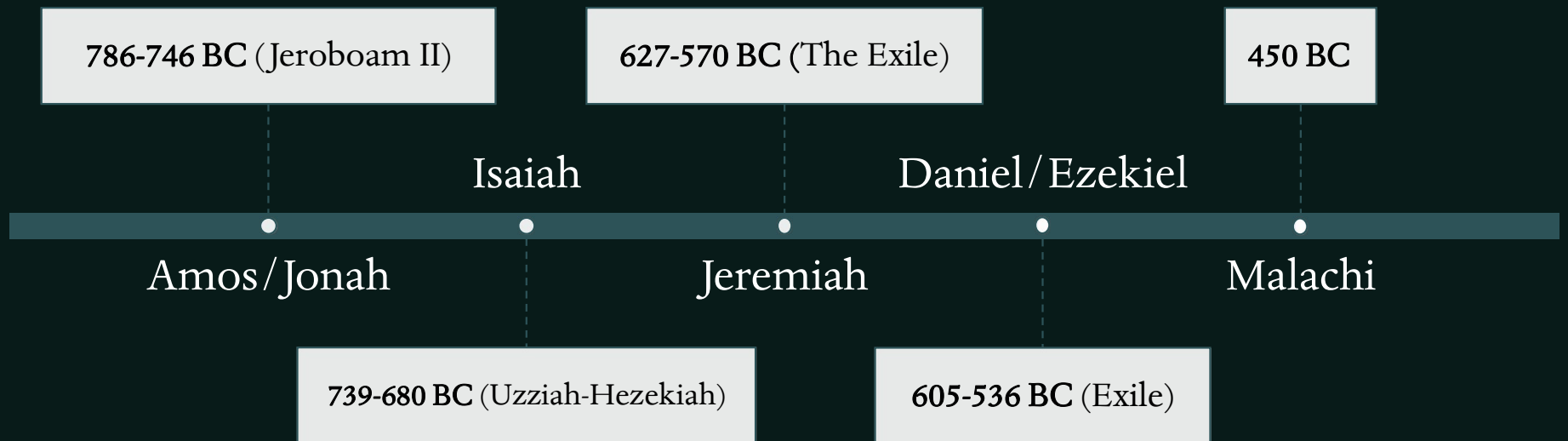
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The Prophet's Timeline



The Prophets' Context

Rebellion. From Genesis to Judges to Kings

Idolatry. The Golden Calf & The High Places

Prosperity. Solomon's Wealth, Amos' Warning

Invasions. Assyria & Babylon loom



Rebellion

In those days there was no king in Israel.

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

- Judges 21:25

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Syncretism

[Azariah] did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. *Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away.*

- 2 Kings 15:3-4

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Prosperity

In Jerusalem [Uzziah] *made machines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones.* And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

- 2 Chronicles 26:15

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Invasion

At that time [Jehoiachin's reign] the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, *and the city was besieged.*

- 2 Kings 24:10

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Rebellion. *Abortion/MAID, Marriage, Gender*
Syncretism. *The Modern Church*
Prosperity. *1st World Comforts (smartphones)*
Invasions. *Lockdowns, Bill C-4, Global Tension*



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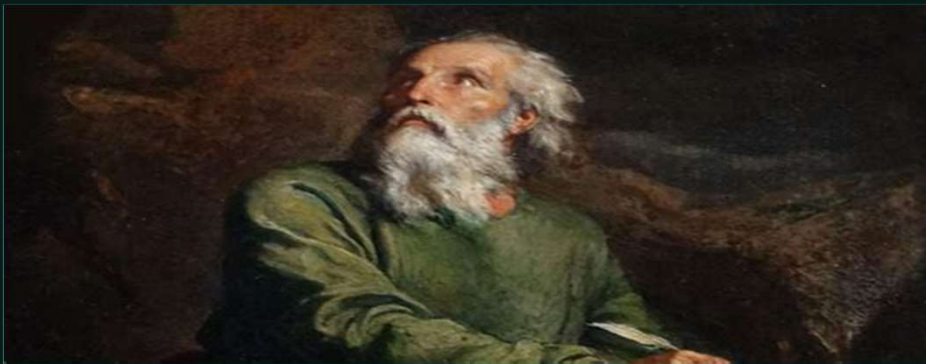
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Questions?

