

The Prophets



THE MESSENGERS

& THE MESSAGE



The Prophets

Who are the Prophets?

The Day of the Lord

The Tribulation





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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: Review

What do these two prophets have in common?

Ezekiel



Daniel





Ezekiel

- Exiled to Babylon, in 597 BC.
- King(s): Jehoiakim / Jehoiachin
- Ezekiel was a prophet & priest.

Ch 36-37 | Israel's "new heart" & revival

Ch 38-39 | A "latter years" invasion

Ch 40-48 | The vision of future "temple"





Daniel

- Exiled to Babylon, in 605 BC.
- Daniel was nobility (upper class).
- Theme(s): *The Sovereignty of God, the Kingdom of God.*

Ch 1-6 | Accounts of Daniel's life

Ch 7-12 | Future visions given to Daniel



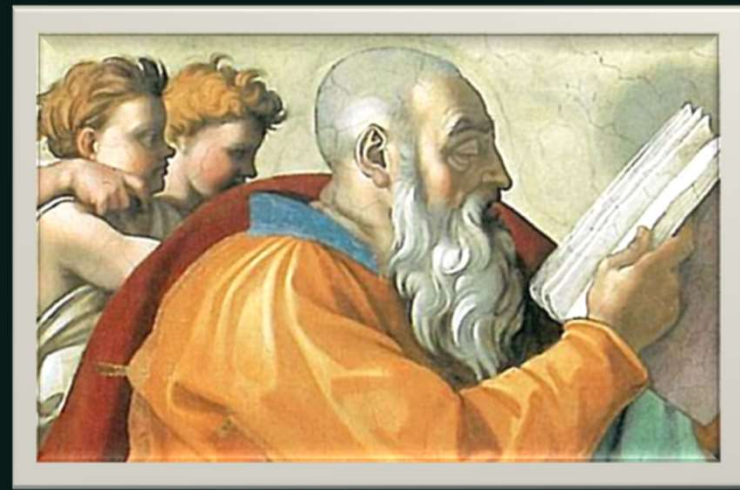
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Haggai



Zechariah



Post-Exilic Message

“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house [of Yahweh] lies in ruins?”

- Haggai 1:4

The Post-Exilic Message

3 prophets delivered their message after the return of exiles to Jerusalem:

Haggai



Zechariah



Malachi



The Post-Exilic Prophets

Haggai (520 BC)

- “Rebuild the temple!”
- Ch 1 | Rebuilding
- Ch 2 | Glory & Authority

Zechariah (520 BC)

- A priest, *future* focus
- Ch 1-8 | Visions
- Ch 9-11 | First Coming
- Ch 12-14 | Second Coming

Malachi (430 BC)

- Post-exilic worship lapse
- Ch 1-3 | Complaints
- Ch 4 | The coming “day”



The Prophets of the Old Testament

PRE-EXILIC

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

EXILIC

- Daniel
- Ezekiel

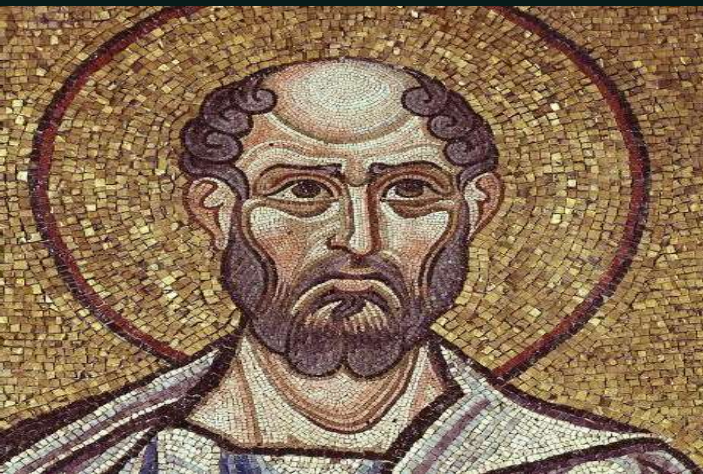
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The Pre-Exilic Prophets

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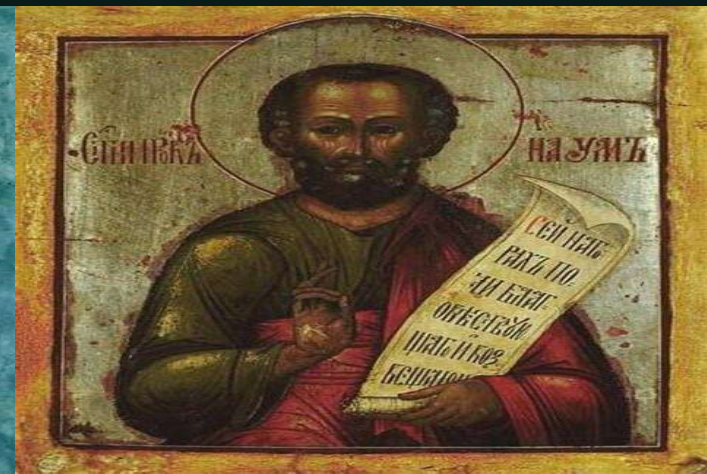
Obadiah



Jonah



Nahum



To Assyria... For Judah.

“Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! *Keep your feasts O Judah; fulfill your vows, for never again shall the worthless pass through you; he is utterly cut off.*”

- Nahum 1:15

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)

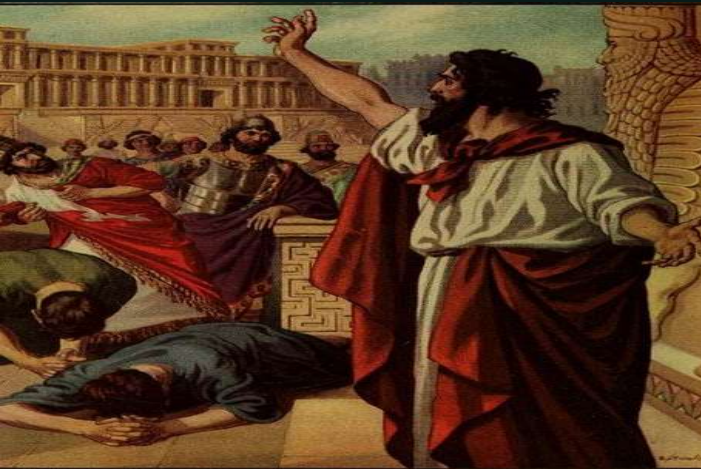


The Prophets' Message

The Call. The Warning.

The Message of the Prophets

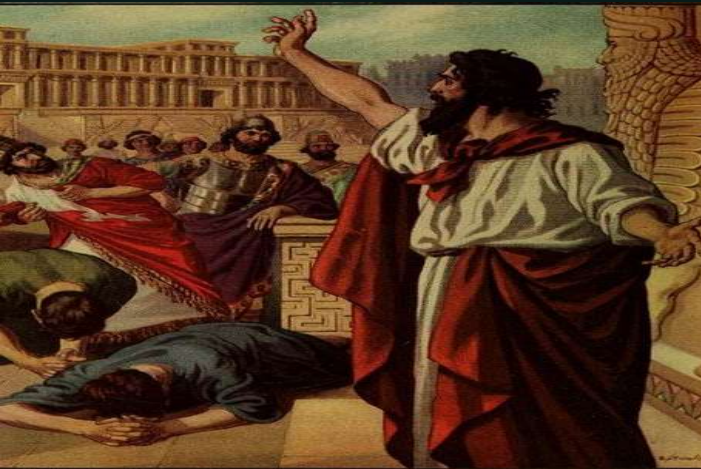
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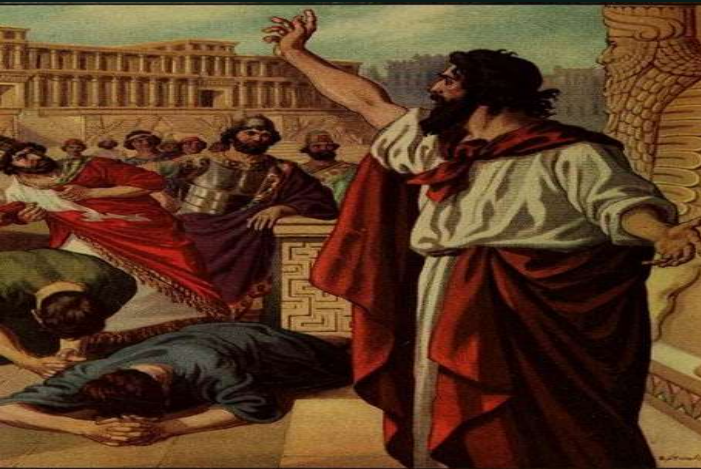


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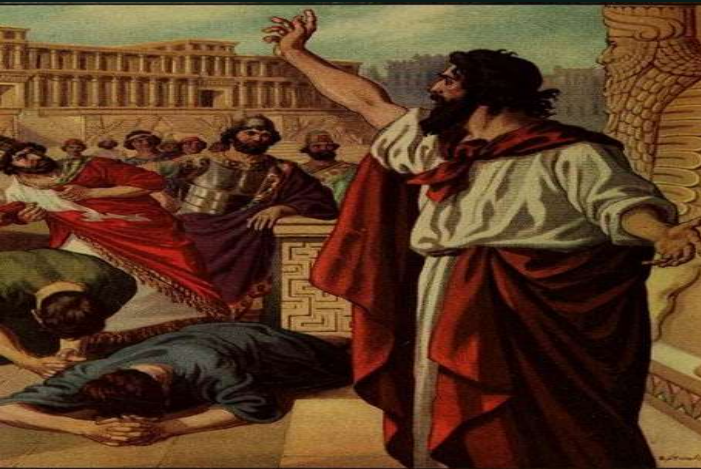
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Judgment!



Restoration





The Prophets' Hope

Restoration.

Hope in the Prophets

The Coming of Messiah



Hope in the Prophets

The message of the Prophets was a Coming with *two stages*:

First Coming



Second Coming



Hope in the Prophets

The message of the Prophets was a *Restoration* with two stages:

Restoration Inside



Restoration Outside



The “First” Coming of Messiah

Micah 5:2

Isaiah 7:14

Zechariah 9:9

Isaiah 53



The “First” Coming of Messiah

Micah 5:2 | *“Bethlehem... from you shall come”*

Isaiah 7:14 | *“the virgin shall conceive”*

Zechariah 9:9 | *“mounted on a donkey”*

Isaiah 53 | *“he was pierced”*



The “Second” Coming of Messiah

Isaiah 2:4 | *“he shall judge between the nations”*

Ezekiel 37 | *“whole house of Israel” repentant*

Daniel 7:14 | *“an everlasting dominion”*

Zephaniah 3 | *“when I restore your fortunes”*



The First & Second Coming of Messiah

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Isaiah 9:6a



Isaiah 9:6b-7



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Zechariah 9:9



Zechariah 9:10





The Day of the Lord

That Day. The Great Day.



The Day of “Yahweh”

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“The great day of the LORD is near... A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry.”

- Zephaniah 1:14-16

The Day of the Lord

“Behold, **a day is coming for the LORD**... On **that day** his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives... And on **that day** a great panic from the LORD shall fall upon them.”

- Zechariah 14



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“Yahweh utters his voice before *his army*, for *his camp* is exceedingly great; *he who executes his word is powerful*. For **the day of the LORD** is great and very awesome, *who can endure it?*”

- Joel 2:11



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First Coming: “Already” Fulfillment

*“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in **those days** I will pour out my Spirit.”*

- Joel 2:28-29



Pentecost

“These people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel...”

-Acts 2:15-16



Second Coming: “Not Yet” Fulfillment

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, *and the moon to blood* [Rev 6:12], *before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes*. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

- Joel 2:30-32



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“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. *Before him will be gathered all the nations.*”

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“So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and *strangers shall never again pass through it*. And **in that day** the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with milk”

- Joel 3:17-18

The Prophets: Recap

Exilic Prophets (Ezekiel, Daniel)

Post-Exilic Prophets (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

“The Day of the Lord”

- The prophet Joel.
- *A time of judgment on nations, and Israel.*



Next Week

The Prophet Isaiah

The Prophet Amos

The Day of the Lord



A dramatic, dark landscape with a bright, glowing horizon, possibly a sunset or sunrise, with the word "Questions?" overlaid in white text. The scene is filled with dark, silhouetted trees and a deep, dark sky, with a bright, glowing light source on the horizon that casts a warm, orange glow across the scene. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

Questions?