

The Books of the Prophets

Isaiah - The prophet Isaiah brought the message of God's justice to the nations, pointed to a future king, who would be like David, and promised an era of peace and tranquility.

Jeremiah - A long time before Babylon destroyed Judah, Jeremiah predicted the just judgement of God. Although his message was mostly about destruction, he also spoke of the new covenant with God.

Lamentations – Just as Jeremiah predicted Jerusalem fell captive to Babylon. This book contains five "laments" for the fallen city.

Ezekiel - The message of Ezekiel was given to the captive Jews in Babylon. He used stories and parables to speak of the trial, the hope and the restoration of Israel.

Daniel - Daniel remained faithful to God even facing many pressures during captivity in Babylon. This book includes Daniel's prophetic visions.

Hosea – Hosea used the lesson of his dedication to his wife, still facing her infidelity, for illustrating the spiritual adultery that Israel committed against God, and how the faithful love of God for his people never changes.

Joel - After a plague of locusts, Joel admonishes to the people to repent.

Amos - During a time of prosperity, this prophet of Judah preached to the rich leaders from Israel about the trial of God. Amos insisted in thinking of the poor and oppressed before his own satisfaction.

Obadiah - Obadiah prophesied justice to Edom, a country neighboring Israel.

Jonah - Jonah didn't want to preach to the people of Ninivah who were enemies of his own country. When he finally took them the message God had commanded, they repented.

Micah - The message of Micah to Judah was a message of justice and pardon at the same time, along with hope and restoration. Especially notable in it is a verse that summarizes what God requires of us.

Nahum - Nahum announced that God would destroy the town of Ninivah because of their cruelty in war.

Habakkuk - This book presents a dialogue between God and Habakkuk about justice and suffering.

Zephaniah - Zephaniah announced the day of the Lord that would bring justice to Judah and the other neighboring nations. That future day would be one of destruction for many, but a faithful remnant to God would survive to bless to the whole world.

Haggai - After the people returned from the exile, Haggai reminded them to give priority to God and to reconstruct the Temple before their own houses.

Zechariah - Just as Haggai, Zechariah urged to the people to reconstruct the Temple, assuring them the help and blessings of God. His visions pointed to a brilliant future.

Malachi - After returning from the exile, the people ended up again being neglectful of their religious life. Malachi tried to inspire them again by speaking to them of the day of the Lord