

Ancient Prophets for Today's Believer



Objective – Read and study the Old Testament prophets to understand both their times and messages in search of insight and application as believers today.

Sermons – One sermon per month on a prophetic text

Auditorium Classes -

	1 st Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.
Sun.	Isaiah <i>(Phillip)</i>	Isaiah <i>(Phillip)</i>	Jeremiah <i>(Phillip)</i>	Ezekiel <i>(Phillip)</i>
Wed.	Meet the Prophets – congregational class <i>(misc. teachers)</i>	Overview of the 12 Minor Prophets <i>(misc. teachers)</i>	Jeremiah <i>(Phillip)</i>	Ezekiel <i>(Phillip)</i>

2024 Congregational Focus

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Asheville church of Christ

EVENT - JAN 12-14

A WEEKEND INTRODUCTION

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*I have sent you all my servants, the prophets...
Jeremiah 35:15*

Understanding the books of the Prophets

Role of the prophet

A prophet is a “mouthpiece” of God. His mission was to reveal to God’s people what God thought of their actions, what he wanted them to do, and what he was planning to do. Prophets were found throughout Israel’s history. A significant number of writing prophets emerged at the end of the Old Testament era.

Nature of the contents

The prophetic books are generally a collection of sermons. Some of the books have narrative sections and the entire book of Jonah is narrative. There are also descriptions of visions. However, most of the contents consist of speeches or sermons written, and possibly spoken, by the prophets. There is usually not a chronological or thematic order to them. They are a collection of sermons much like the collection of audio sermons on the church’s website. Take each sermon on its own. The chapter divisions generally mark one sermon from another.

Themes of the O.T. prophets

- God is the Lord of history and ruler of all nations.
- The Israelites are God’s covenant people.
- The Israelites are guilty of rebellion.
- A judgment is coming or has come.
- God loves and wants to show mercy to his people.
- God calls his people to repentance.
- God has a plan to restore his people.
- God has a plan to send a Savior and Ruler for all people.
- God’s kingdom will be triumphant.

The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

(2 Chronicles 36:15-16)

Notes

Timeline of the Old Testament Writing Prophets

Major Prophets -

United Kingdom

(Saul, David, Solomon)

Divided Kingdom (931-722 BC)

Fall of Israel
to Assyria (722 BC)

Fall of Judah
to Babylon (586 BC)

Return of Judah
to Jerusalem (538 BC)

Minor Prophets -

(Chronological Order)

Isaiah
Joel Jonah Amos
Hosea Micah

Jeremiah and Lamentations
Daniel Ezekiel
Nahum Habakkuk
Zephaniah Obadiah

Haggai Zechariah Malachi

Summary of the Old Testament Writing Prophets

Biblical Order

Isaiah – The prophet explores in-depth the nature of God, his judgment, and his salvation.

Jeremiah and Lamentations – Having witnessed God’s judgment on Jerusalem by the Babylonians, the prophet vividly depicts the cost of disobedience while also pointing to a new covenant.

Ezekiel – Exiled in Babylon, God communicates to the captives through this prophet the bad news of Jerusalem’s fall but also the hope of resurrection for God’s people.

Daniel – Employed in both the Babylonian and Persian courts, this captive exemplifies a pure faith amid a godless culture while revealing visions of God’s great work to come.

Hosea – God reveals his heartbreak over his people through the heartbreak of the prophet.

Joel – God has and will judge his people for their sins, but the prophet announces that a day of restoration is coming.

Amos – The prophet from Judah delivers fiery rebukes for the idolatry and selfish indulgences of those in Israel.

Obadiah – The prophet declares that Edom will be judged for their opportunistic abuse of God’s people.

Jonah – The prophet must learn that God desires to save even the wicked Assyrians.

Micah – The prophet speaks stern rebukes to the rulers and oppressors in Israel and Judah and points to a day when God will invite all nations to his holy mountain.

Nahum – The prophet pronounces, with vivid language, a stunning judgement on Assyria.

Habakkuk – Though God’s people may struggle to understand his judgment, the prophet calls upon the reader to trust and rejoice in the Lord, nonetheless.

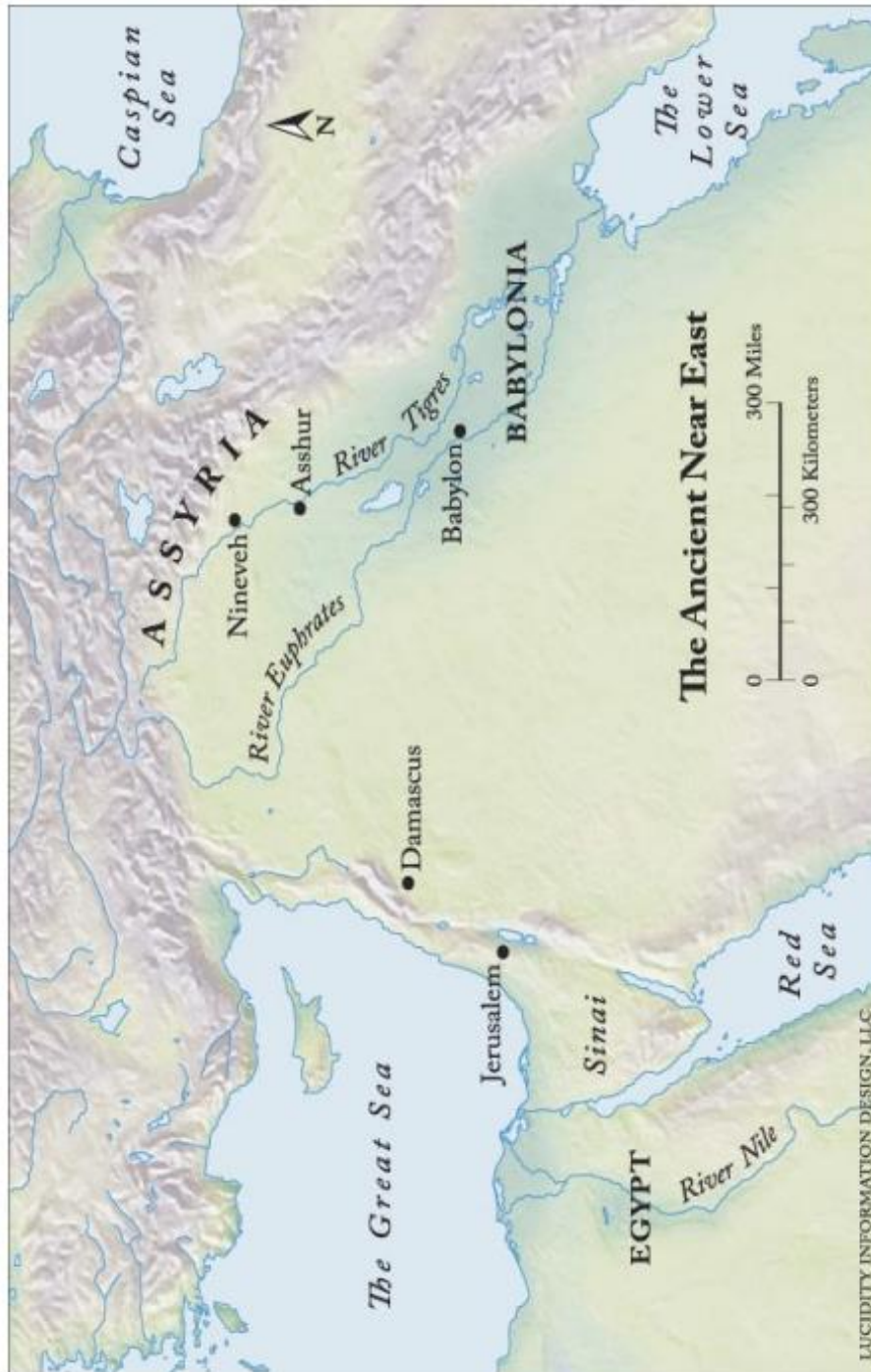
Zephaniah – The prophet announces three impending events: judgment on Judah, judgment on Judah’s enemies, and the restoration of God’s people.

Haggai – The prophet admonishes the returned Jews and encourages them to rebuild.

Zechariah – The prophet assures the returned Jews that God still works among them and for them.

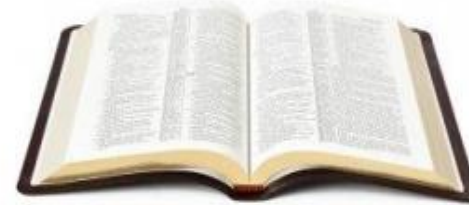
Malachi – A stern rebuke is delivered by the prophet to the returned exiles for their lack of true devotion in serving God.

“When this comes—and come it will!— then they will know that a prophet has been among them.” (Ezekiel 33:33)








TIPS FOR READING:




- Set aside a certain time each day for your reading. Make it a habit!
- If you fall behind, don't worry! Start fresh with the current day's reading. Make your reading a blessing and not a burden.
- Find a reading partner or form your own reading group and encourage one another.
- Jot down comments or questions to discuss with others.



*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
(Romans 15:4)*

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
	JOEL	TH	1 8	F	1 15	M	1 36
M	1 1	F	2 9	M	4 16	T	2 37
T	2 2	M	5 10	T	5 17	W	3 38
W	3 3	T	6 11	W	6 18	TH	4 39
	JONAH	W	7 12	TH	7 19	F	5 40
TH	4 1	TH	8 13	F	8 20	M	8 41
F	5 2	F	9 14	M	11 21	T	9 42
M	8 3		ISAIAH	T	12 22	W	10 43
T	9 4	M	12 1	W	13 23	TH	11 44
	AMOS	T	13 2	TH	14 24	F	12 45
W	10 1	W	14 3	F	15 25	M	15 46
TH	11 2	TH	15 4	M	18 26	T	16 47
F	12 3	F	16 5	T	19 27	W	17 48
M	15 4	M	19 6	W	20 28	TH	18 49
T	16 5	T	20 7	TH	21 29	F	19 50
W	17 6	W	21 8	F	22 30	M	22 51
TH	18 7	TH	22 9	M	25 31	T	23 52
F	19 8	F	23 10	T	26 32	W	24 53
M	22 9	M	26 11	W	27 33	TH	25 54
	HOSEA	T	27 12	TH	28 34	F	26 55
T	23 1	W	28 13	F	29 35	M	29 56
W	24 2	TH	29 14			T	30 57
TH	25 3						
F	26 4						
M	29 5						
T	30 6						
W	31 7						

*The lion hath roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord God has spoken;
who can but prophesy?"
(Amos 3:8)*

MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
W	1 58	M	3 2	M	1 19	TH	1 40
TH	2 59	T	4 3	T	2 20	F	2 41
F	3 60		JEREMIAH	W	3 21	M	5 42
M	6 61	W	5 1	TH	4 22	T	6 43
T	7 62	TH	6 2	F	5 23:1-22	W	7 44
W	8 63	F	7 3	M	8 23:23-40	TH	8 45
TH	9 64	M	10 4	T	9 24	F	9 46
F	10 65	T	11 5	W	10 25	M	12 47
M	13 66	W	12 6	TH	11 26	T	13 48:1-27
	MICAH	TH	13 7	F	12 27	W	14 48:28-47
T	14 1	F	14 8	M	15 28	TH	15 49
W	15 2	M	17 9	T	16 29	F	16 50:1-20
TH	16 3	T	18 10	W	17 30	M	19 50:21-46
F	17 4	W	19 11	TH	18 31	T	20 51:1-33
M	20 5	TH	20 12	F	19 32:1-25	W	21 51:34-64
T	21 6	F	21 13	M	22 32:26-44	TH	22 52
W	22 7	M	24 14	T	23 33		LAMENTATIONS
	NAHUM	T	25 15	W	24 34	F	23 1
TH	23 1	W	26 16	TH	25 35	M	26 2
F	24 2	TH	27 17	F	26 36	T	27 3:1-38
M	27 3	F	28 18	M	29 37	W	28 3:39-66
	ZEPHANIAH			T	30 38	TH	29 4
T	28 1			W	31 39	F	30 5
W	29 2						
TH	30 3						
	HABAKUK						
F	31 1						

*It shall come to pass in the latter days that
the mountain of the house of the Lord shall
be established as the highest of mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills; and
all the nations shall flow to it
(Isaiah 2:2)*

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
	OBADIAH	T	1 7	F	1 27	M	2 47
M	2 1	W	2 8	M	4 28	T	3 48
	DANIEL	TH	3 9	T	5 29		HAGGAI
T	3 1	F	4 10	W	6 30	W	4 1
W	4 2:1-18	M	7 11	TH	7 31	TH	5 2
TH	5 2:19-49	T	8 12	F	8 32		ZECHARIAH
F	6 3	W	9 13	M	11 33	F	6 1
M	9 4	TH	10 14	T	12 34	M	9 2
T	10 5	F	11 15	W	13 35	T	10 3
W	11 6	M	14 16:1-29	TH	14 36	W	11 4
TH	12 7	T	15 16:30-63	F	15 37	TH	12 5
F	13 8	W	16 17	M	18 38	F	13 6
M	16 9	TH	17 18	T	19 39	M	16 7
T	17 10	F	18 19	W	20 40:1-23	T	17 8
W	18 11:1-28	M	21 20:1-26	TH	21 40:24-49	W	18 9
TH	19 11:29-45	T	22 20:27-49	F	22 41	TH	19 10
F	20 12	W	23 21	M	25 42	F	20 11
	EZEKIEL	TH	24 22	T	26 43	M	23 12
M	23 1	F	25 23:1-21	W	27 44	T	24 13
T	24 2	M	28 23:22-49	TH	28 45	W	25 14
W	25 3	T	29 24	F	29 46		MALACHI
TH	26 4	W	30 25			TH	26 1
F	27 5	TH	31 26			F	27 2
M	30 6					M	30 3
						T	31 4

Resources and Connections

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Bible 101



Who is a Christian and How Do I Become One?



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