

Understanding Old Testament Prophecy

Prophets in the Bible

What is prophecy?

Prophet:

See also: Exodus 7:1; 1 Samuel 10:5; 1 Kings 18:4; 2 Kings 2:3

Prophecy:

See also: Zechariah 6:15

How did they receive their message?

Receiving

- Visions (eg. 1 Samuel 3:15)
- Dreams (eg. Daniel 7)
- Verbally (eg. Jonah)

Communicating

- Ahijah (1 Kings 11:30-31)
- Jeremiah (Jeremiah 19)
- Ezekiel (Ezekiel 12)

Is prophecy about predicting the future?

Specific examples: Isaiah 7:17; Habakkuk 1:6



Activity

What do we learn about each of these prophets and their message from these introductions?

- Jeremiah 1:1-3
- Ezekiel 1:1-3
- Nahum 1:1
- Micah 1:1
- Haggai 1:1-4

Tips for understanding Old Testament Prophecy

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Activity

How do these prophets ultimately point us to the work of Jesus?

- Isaiah 65:17-19
- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Joel 3:14-17
- Zechariah 14:8-11
- Malachi 3:16-18

Is there prophecy today?

Impact of Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:1, 14)

“Prophet” in the New Testament (Ephesians 4:1; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10)

See also: 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22; 1 Corinthians 14:29



How the New Testament uses Old Testament prophecy from Hosea

List of New Testament references to Hosea:

Hosea 1:10—Romans 9:26-27

Hosea 2:23—Romans 9:25

Hosea 2:23—1 Peter 2:10

Hosea 6:2—Luke 24:46

Hosea 6:5—Ephesians 6:17

Hosea 6:6—Matthew 9:13

Hosea 6:6—Matthew 12:7

Hosea 10:8—Luke 23:30

Hosea 10:8—Revelation 6:16

Hosea 11:1—Matthew 2:15

Hosea 13:14—1 Corinthians 15:55

Questions

