

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPHETS

Old Testament Survey Series – Study # 29

Who were the Prophets?

- A prophet was a _____ for God; he _____ in God's name and by his authority. – Deuteronomy 18:18; Jeremiah 1:9; Isaiah 51:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21
- True prophets were to be distinguished from _____ prophets. – Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:18-22

Characteristics of True Prophets

1. Their hearts were devoted to _____.
2. They had a strong sense of _____. – Isaiah 6, Jeremiah 1
3. They were God's _____.
4. They were _____-tellers ... they proclaimed God's truth.
5. They were _____ ... they revealed the future to motivate God's people to holiness and godliness.
6. They communicated God's message in a variety of ways.
 - Through _____
 - Through symbolic _____

Early "Founding Fathers" of Prophecy

- Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha
- Other less notable prophets: unnamed prophets, Miriam, Deborah, Nathan, Ahijah, Micaiah, Huldah

Classical Prophets

- Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah (Lamentations), Ezekiel, Daniel
- Minor Prophets: 12 Minor Prophets

The Message of the Prophets – Common Themes

1. God has spoken through the _____.
2. God chose Israel for covenant _____.
3. The majority of Israel has _____ against their God and his standards for their relationship.
4. God's _____ will eradicate sin.
5. Turn from sin to God; God offers _____ to those who do.
6. The _____ will come one day to establish God's kingdom and rule in power and glory.
7. _____ lies beyond God's judgment at the end of the age.

Conclusion – Application

1. Develop the _____ of the true prophets in your life.
2. Listen to God's voice and _____ his message.
3. Beware of _____ teaching.
4. Share God's truth with _____.