

Week 23: Prophets / Isaiah

Introduction to Prophets:

- Every author of Scripture is technically a prophet.
- Examples of unusual prophets: Abraham, Noah, Moses, Elijah, Elisha

Office:

- One of three offices (prophet, priest, king).
- Usually a specific appointment by God to call people to repentance.
- Not typically about “seeing the future,” usually more about returning to the past, though there are often promises of: future judgment for disobedience, future deliverance (especially by Messiah)

General Themes of the Prophets: God has spoken, God’s election of Israel for covenant relationship, the waywardness of the majority of Israel, judgment will eradicate sin (“Day of the Lord”, renewal will come one day. The prophets are also ground zero for eschatological hope (and debate!) because the future they describe is given in fantastical terms and often hard to determine what they are describing.

5 Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

12 Minor: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Pre Exilic: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah/Lamentations, Ezekiel, Jonah, Joel?

Exilic: Daniel, Ezekiel, Obadiah

Post Exilic: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Isaiah:

Author: Isaiah = Yahweh Saves, like “Joshua” or “Jesus”

Date: 740-700BC

1. Jerusalem’s Judgment by God through nations - Chapters 1-12

- Read: 1:1-6, 5:1-7, 6:1-13, 7:10-17, 9:1-7, 11:1-9

2. Oracles Against the Nations - Chapters 13-23

- Read 19:1-7 - God cares about the nations!

3. Judgment and Salvation - Chapters 24-39

- Read 30:1-7 - Our proclivity to seek worldly salvation. **Read 39** Exile

4. The Glorious Restoration of All Things - Chapters 40-66

- Read 40:1-8, 45:1-7, 53:1-12, 65:17-66:2