

Location: Isaiah - Malachi

Overview: God sent warnings to the Israelites by His messengers called Prophets (2 Chronicles 36:15-16). While the earliest prophet is Enoch (Jude 14), the first person identified with the "office" of a prophet is Samuel (I Samuel 9:9). A Prophet is also called a Seer (Amos 7:12) and a Man of God (I Kings 13:1). In the times of the kings of Israel and Judah, these messengers wrote their messages to reach a broader audience.

Foreshadow focus: As the Old Testament progressed, the prophetic information revealed about the coming Christ became more specific (see dispensation chart). Perhaps the greatest prophet was Elijah. He was foretold to return (Malachi 4:5), and did so as the last great Old Testament prophet, John the Baptist (Matthew 17:12-13).

Things you need to know:

- 1. No true distinction of "major" and "minor" prophets beyond the amount they wrote
  - a. Not all prophets wrote
- 2. The prophets (as a type of office) came when the kings were installed
  - a. As a sort of balance of authority between the High Priest, Prophet and King
    - (1) Saul & Samuel, David & Nathan, Isaiah & Hezekiah, Elijah & Ahab, etc.
    - (2) Not a specific linking (*Samuel/Nathan/Gad & Saul/David/Solomon*)
  - b. Most kings, priests and prophets fought one another
  - c. This is the image of the meaning of the word "Messiah"
    - (1) The three "anointed" offices
- 3. Important events among the Prophets (see list of prophets and kings attached)
  - a. Samuel's installation and removal of the king
    - (1) Established the prophet as the "kingmaker" of Israel
  - b. Elijah's struggles with/against Ahab
  - c. Hezekiah & Isaiah
    - (1) Isaiah's concepts of the Messiah
  - d. Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi & the restoration period
- 4. At the end of the kingdom period (c. 586BC) there were three pivotal Prophets
  - a. Daniel, Ezekiel and Jeremiah
  - b. They all spoke of the new Kingdom/Covenant/Temple that was the church

Prophets you need to know:

Elijah	Elisha	Isaiah	Daniel	Jeremiah	Ezekiel

Year BC		King of United Israel		Prophets of United Israel	
1060-1020		Saul		Samuel	
1020-980		David		Samuel, Nathan, Gad, Heman, Asaph, Jeduthun	
980-931		Solomon		Nathan, Ahijah	
Kingdom of Judah			Kingdom of Israel		
Year BC	King of Judah	Prophets of Judah	Year BC	King of Israel	Prophets of Israel
931-914	Rehoboam	Iddo, Shemaiah	<a href="#">922-901</a>	Jeroboam I	Ahijah, "Man of God", Iddo,
914-911	Abijah	Iddo	<a href="#">901-900</a>	Nadab	
911-870	Asa	Azariah, Hanani	<a href="#">900-877</a>	Baasha	Jehu
870-845	Jehoshaphat	Elisha, Micaiah	<a href="#">877-876</a>	Elah	Jehu
851-843	Jehoram	Obadiah (?), Elijah (PS?)	<a href="#">876</a>	Zimri	
843-842	Ahaziah		<a href="#">876-869</a>	Omri	
842-835	Athaliah		<a href="#">869-850</a>	Ahab	Elijah, Elisha, Micaiah
842-802	Jehoash	Joel, Zechariah (2 Chron. 24)	<a href="#">850-849</a>	Ahaziah	Elisha
805-776	Amaziah	Unknown (2 Chron. 25:15)	<a href="#">849-842</a>	Joram	
788-736	Uzziah	Isaiah	<a href="#">842-815</a>	Jehu	
758-742	Jotham	Isaiah, Micah, Oded	<a href="#">815-801</a>	Jehoahaz	
742-726	Ahaz		<a href="#">801-786</a>	Jehoash	
726-697	Hezekiah		<a href="#">786-746</a>	Jeroboam II	Jonah Amos Hosea
697-642	Manasseh	Nahum	<a href="#">746</a>	Zachariah	
642-640	Amon		<a href="#">745</a>	Shallum	
640-609	Josiah	Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Huldah (prophetess)	<a href="#">745-738</a>	Menahem	
609	Jehoahaz	Jeremiah	<a href="#">738-737</a>	Pekahiah	
609-598	Jehoiakim	Jeremiah, Habakkuk	<a href="#">737-732</a>	Pekah	
598-597	Jehoiachin	Jeremiah, Daniel	<a href="#">732-722</a>	Hoshea	
597-586	Zedekiah	Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel			