

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	922–901	Jeroboam I	Ahijah, “Man of God”, Iddo,
914–911	Abijah	Iddo	901–900	Nadab	
911–870	Asa	Azariah, Hanani	900–877	Baasha	Jehu
870–845	Jehoshaphat	Elisha, Micaiah	877–876	Elah	Jehu
851–843	Jehoram	Obadiah (?), Elijah (PS?)	876	Zimri	
843–842	Ahaziah		876–869	Omri	
842–835	Athaliah		869–850	Ahab	Elijah, Elisha, Micaiah
842–802	Jehoash	Joel, Zechariah (2 Chron. 24)	850–849	Ahaziah	Elisha
805–776	Amaziah	Unknown (2 Chron. 25:15)	849–842	Joram	
788–736	Uzziah	Isaiah	842–815	Jehu	
758–742	Jotham	Isaiah, Micah, Oded	815–801	Jehoahaz	
742–726	Ahaz		801–786	Jehoash	
726–697	Hezekiah		786–746	Jeroboam II	Jonah Amos
697–642	Manasseh	Nahum	746	Zachariah	Hosea
642–640	Amon		745	Shallum	
640–609	Josiah	Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Huldah (prophetess)	745–738	Menahem	
609	Jehoahaz	Jeremiah	738–737	Pekahiah	
609–598	Jehoiakim	Jeremiah, Habakkuk	737–732	Pekah	
598–597	Jehoiachin	Jeremiah, Daniel	732–722	Hoshea	
597–586	Zedekiah	Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel			