

Overview of the Bible - Prophets

Kings were leading the people astray

Prophets were reminding them of the covenant and calling them to repent- the word of the LORD to

More insight if you reference the stories in I&II Kings → **my focus BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the exile**

BEFORE EXILE → warnings of judgment → as well as messages of hope → Messiah

- Jer 7:25-26 ESV From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, **I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day.** 26 Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.
- Jer 31:33 ESV But this is the **covenant that I will make** with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And **I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

HOSEA - his life is an object lesson of Israel's marriage to God -- she played the harlot, yet God pursued

- **He was told to marry a prostitute** - The first son was given a name that meant **God will put an end to the kingdom** of the house of Israel...a daughter named **"No Mercy"** and a third child named **"Not My People"** - his wife ran away and committed adultery, God told Hosea, to pay her debt and bring her home
- Hos 2:19-20 & 23(b) ESV And **I will betroth you to me forever.** I will betroth you to me in **righteousness** and in **justice**, in **steadfast love** and in **mercy.** 20 I will betroth you to me in **faithfulness.** And you shall know the LORD.....23(b) And **I will have mercy** on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, **'You are my people'**; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'

MICAH - it was as if the Lord were **executing a lawsuit** -- yet HE is faithful to keep the covenant sworn

- Mic 6:1-3 ESV Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- **COVENANT** Mic 7:18-20 ESV Who is a God like you, **pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression** for the remnant of his inheritance? **He does not retain his anger forever**, because he **delights in steadfast love.** 19 He will again have **compassion** on us; he will tread our iniquities **underfoot.** You will cast **all our sins into the depths of the sea.** 20 You will show **faithfulness** to Jacob and **steadfast love** to Abraham, **as you have sworn** to our fathers from the days of old.

AMOS A Time of Judgment

- Amo 3:1-2 ESV Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt: 2 "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore **I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

And a time of restoration and fulfillment of Abraham's covenant to bless all the families of the earth

- Amo 9:11-15 ESV "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom **and all the nations** who are called by my name," declares the LORD who does this.
- **The Gentiles coming to faith was a fulfillment of this.** (see Acts 15:14-18)

DURING the exile → reminders → future return, an eternal kingdom, a new heart

This is the New Covenant

- Eze 36:22-28 ESV "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: **It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, **which has been profaned among the nations**, and which you have profaned among them. [slide]

- **And the nations will know that I am the LORD**, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [slide]26 **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 **And I will put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- EZEK 37 - Valley of Dry Bones

DANIEL - in the midst of a nation that had carried Judah away captive, He saw the kingdom of Jesus Christ...all nations and peoples should serve him - the covenant with Abraham

- Dan 7:13-14 ESV "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven **there came one like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given **dominion and glory and a kingdom**, that **all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him**; his dominion is an **everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and **his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed**.
- **Condemned Jesus to death** - Mar 14:61-64 ESV But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and **you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.**"

AFTER THE EXILE → encourage restoration and point to the future Messiah

HAGGAI -- His message was one of encouragement and hope—God was still with His people, even though they had fallen far from the glorious days of David and Solomon: **He also pointed to a future glory**

- Hag 2:3-9 ESV "Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for **I am with you, declares the LORD** of hosts, 5 **according to the covenant** that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. **My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.** 6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and **I will fill this house with glory**, says the LORD of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. 9 **The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former**, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts."

There was extreme judgment for the sins of the people - yet God remained true to his covenant...It is why the suffering servant prophecy of Isaiah is so powerful - The Lord is faithful even if we are not

- Isa 53:4-6 ESV Surely he has **borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was **wounded for our transgressions**; he was **crushed for our iniquities**; upon him was **the chastisement that brought us peace**, and **with his stripes we are healed**. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all**.
- Isa 53:10-11 ESV **Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him**; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes **an offering for guilt**, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, **my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities**.

Remember He walked alone through the midst of the animals in the covenant with Abraham