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# The Prophets

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Introduction & book suggestion (Kevin)

**Book:** The Sin of Certainty – by Peter Enns  
(note: eBook on sale \$6.99 – [link](#))

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Song, (Lisa):  
I want to know Christ, and the power of his rising  
Share in his suffering, conform to his death;  
When I pour out my life to be filled with his Spirit,  
Joy follows suffering and life follows death.

(no  
video  
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### **Modern Vernacular:**

New Testament is 'the Story'  
Old Testament is 'the Prequel'

# Perspective

**The Old Testament points forward to the coming of the promised Redeemer, the Serpent-crusher of Genesis, the Prophet like Moses, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the Son of David, the Messiah of Daniel, and the Humble King of Zechariah.**

**Four hundred years after God spoke to the prophet Malachi, God spoke again. The message was that the prophecy of Malachi 3:1 was soon to be fulfilled, that a prophet was to prepare the way for the Lord. The Messiah was on His way. That prophet was John the Baptist.**



# Perspective

**The New Testament Gospels reveal the promised Messiah, the Christ, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The Old Testament lays the foundation for the teachings and events found in the New Testament. The New Testament is only completely understood in the light of the events, characters, laws, sacrificial system, covenants, and promises of the Old Testament. In this way the promises contained in the Old Testament are revealed in the New Testament.**



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## TORAH

(LAW)

GENESIS  
EXODUS  
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"No prophet  
like Moses..."

(Dt 34:10-12)



... written  
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& the **PSALMS**

(Lk 24:44)

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"Distinction between the  
righteous + the wicked"  
"Remember the law of Moses"

(Mal 3:16-4:5; Ps 1)

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Hebrew acrostic  
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"Let him go up..."

(2 Ch 36:23)

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# Complete set of Hebrew Tanakh

<https://www.sefaria.org/texts/Tanakh>



WHERE HAVE  
ALL THE  
PROPHETS GONE?

# Three terms for a prophet in Kings:

## Man of God

A somewhat austere and frightening kind of figure with mysterious powers, one who utters words of fearful significance and is followed by signs which can be both destructive and constructive. **1 Kings 13:1, Kings 17:18, 2 Kings 1:9-16, 2 Kings 4-8 (4:9, 16, 21, 22; 5:8, 14, 15; 6:6, 9-10; 7:2; 8:2, 7-8, 11) 2 Kings 13:14-19** Cf. the mysterious, unpredictable, and frightening, as well as consistent, reassuring, and encouraging nature of their God.



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## Prophet (nabi')

No one knows the original meaning of the word, but it can have various implications. Prophesying suggests behaving in an odd way: see **1 Sam 10:1-13; 19:18-24** (cf. speaking in tongues). This suggests a comparison with “man of God.” The same word describes the prophets of Baal and their erratic behavior in **1 Kings 18**. Also used for the prophetic community in **2 Kings 2; 4; 6; 9**.

The first prophet in Kings is someone who works for the king; cf. **1 Kings 22** and national prophets among other peoples. Amos does not want to be treated as a prophet (**Amos 7:12-17**). It later becomes THE word!

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## **Seer (hozeh and ro'eh)**

2 Kings 17:13 A seer functions as someone who sees things that other people can't see, which is the present but unseen world (**1 Kings 22:15-23; 2 Kings 2:9-14; 6:15-23**) and the visible but still future world (the man of God in **1 Kings 13:1-3**).

Often in the service of the institution **2 Sam 24:11, Micah 3:7, Amos 7:12**

Prophets may bring good news or bad news, but if it's good news, they are probably not telling the truth.

Group	Books	Location	Approximate Dates
Pre-Exilic Prophets	Jonah Obadiah Joel Amos Hosea	Nineveh Edom Judah Israel Israel	850-780 845 (?) 830 (?) 760 750-710
Prophets of the Exile and Judah	Isaiah Micah Jeremiah Lamentations Nahum Zephaniah Habakkuk Daniel Ezekiel	Judah Judah and Israel Judah and Babylon Judah Nineveh Judah Judah Babylon Babylon	740-680 740-690 627-585 585 630-612 630-625 606-604 605-536 593-571
Post-Exilic Prophets	Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Jerusalem Jerusalem Jerusalem	520 520-518 450-400



Ezekiel 28

King of Tyre





Jonah

Nineveh & Tarshish



# Prophets after Jesus?

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## Ephesians 4:11-13 - NIV

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the **prophets**, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## Question

***Would we want/allow for  
Prophets to be amongst  
our group today?***