

LIST OF PROPHETS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

(approximate dates are marked with ≈)

THE EARLIEST HISTORY

- Adam ≈4000 BC, Enoch, and Noah, and the Brother of Jared
- Melchizedek and the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
- Moses and Joshua

UNITED ISRAEL

- Samuel ≈1070 BC, Nathan and Gad ≈1045 BC

KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

• Several lesser known prophets like Ahijah, Shemaiah, Oded, Azariah, Hanani, and Jehu, and then later Micaiah, Jahaziel, Eliezer prophesy of the downfall of their nation if the people do not repent. We do not have any records that they may have written. Their significance is that they were urging people to repent and even as the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed and carried away captive, the people in the south would not repent!



- Elijah ≈873 BC and Elisha 851 BC called to preach repentance to the northern kingdom of Israel and warn them they would be destroyed.
- Job 850 BC (southern kingdom of Judah)
- Obadiah 851 BC
- Joel 837 BC (southern kingdom of Judah), Jonah 790 BC, and Amos 790 BC, and then Hosea called as God's last warning to the kingdom of Israel. It was finally destroyed by Assyria in 721 BC.
- Isaiah 740 BC and Micah 722 BC see the destruction of the northern kingdom and urge the people to repent.
- Nahum, Zephaniah, • Huldah the prophetess, Jeremiah 628 BC, Zephaniah 628 BC, Obadiah 609 BC, and Habakuk 598 BC all minister to the people in the last years of the kingdom of Judah. Lehi leaves Jerusalem. The people do not repent and Jerusalem is destroyed in 587 BC by the Babylonians. Most of the inhabitants are killed or carried away captive to Babylon. Daniel and his friends are part of that group. JERUSALEM DESTROYED 587 BC

EXILE AND RETURN

- Daniel 580 BC carried to Babylon, becomes a leader in the king's court and Ezekiel 575 BC ministers to those in exile. During the period of exile and return until the ministry of Christ, there were few prophets, and no continual priesthood leadership. Instead, there were high priests who functioned once the temple was rebuilt.
- Haggai and Zechariah, after the return of the Jews to Jerusalem 520 BC, Ezra 458 BC, Nehemiah, governor, missionary, and prophet 444 BC, and Malachi 432 BC