

OT Library (5 12 5 5 12)

- Books of Law (5)

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

- Books of History(12)

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1Samuel

2Samuel

1Kings

2Kings

1Chonicles

2Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

- Books of Poetry (5)

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

OT Library (5 12 5 5 12)

- Major prophets(5)
- **Isaiah** **Jeremiah** **Lamentations**
Ezekiel **Daniel**
- Minor prophets (12)
Hosea **Joel** **Amos**
Obadiah **Jonah** **Micah**
Nahum **Habakkuk** **Zephaniah**
Haggai **Zechariah** **Malachi**
- Arbitrary difference between major & minor prophets
- Major are longer; Minor are shorter

The Prophets

- Jesus called Abel a prophet. Lk 11:49-51
- Jude called Enoch a prophet. Jude 14-15
- God called Abraham a prophet. Gen 20:7
- Moses was a prophet. Num 12:6-8
- Many prophets: Samuel, Nathan, David, Abijah, Elijah, Elisha, etc.
- Since all prophets spoke only for/by God,
- *for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:21*
- All OT books were written by prophets.

The Prophets

- Their purpose today:
- Written for our learning. [Rom 15:4](#)
- Written for our admonition [1Cor 10:11](#);
- Make us wise to salvation [2Tim 3:15-18](#)
- Man of God complete [2Tim 3:15-18](#)
- A Great Cloud of Witnesses [Heb. 11-12](#)
- Do well to take heed. [2Pet 1:19-20](#)



Prophets in Patriarchal Age

Abel

blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, ... from blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah Lk 11:49-50

Prophets in Patriarchal Age

Enoch

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. Jude 1:14-15



Prophets in Patriarchal Age

Noah (?)

*and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, * bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; 2 Peter 2:5-6*

* Says Preacher, but with no books He could only preach by inspiration.



Prophets in Patriarchal Age

Abraham

Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. ... Now therefore restore the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live. Gen 20:7

Mosaic Dispensation – Oral

- Samuel – 1Sam 3:20
- Nathan - 2 Sam 7:2
- Gad – 1 Sam 22:5
- Ahijah – 1 Kings 11:29
- Elijah – 1 Kings 18:26
- Micaiah - 1 Kings 22:7-8
- Elisha – 2 Kings 5:8

Mosaic Dispensation – Written

- All 39 Books of the Old Testament



Types of Prophecy

- Narrative – Telling a Story
 - Genesis; (Books of History)
- Poetry
 - Songs – Psalms, etc.
 - Narrative – Job, Song of Solomon
 - Proverbs – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes
- Rise and Fall of Nations – Jonah, Nahum,
- Apocalyptic – Hidden – Daniel Zech. Ezek.
- Sermons – Jeremiah; Isaiah
- Messianic – All

Messianic Prophecy

- *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow
1 Peter 1:10-11*

Messianic Prophecy

- *To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into. 1 Peter 1:12*

Messianic Prophecy

- the end of your faith — the **salvation** of your souls.
- this salvation the **prophets** have **inquired** and **searched carefully**
- **prophesied** of the **grace** that would **come to you**
- **searching what, or what manner of time,**
- **Spirit of Christ** who was **in them** was indicating



Messianic Prophecy

- He **testified beforehand** the **sufferings of Christ**
- the **glories that would follow**
- To them it **was revealed** that, **not to themselves,** but to us they were ministering
- the **things which now have been reported to you** through those who have **preached the gospel**
- to you **by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven**
- **things** which **angels desire to look into.**



- Messianic Prophecies were not written for them.
- They were written to us.
- God did not reveal to them so they could understand ... they weren't ministering to themselves.
- They were prophesying of the grace that would come to us.

- testified beforehand –sufferings of Christ
- glories that would follow
- but to us they were ministering
- things which now reported to you
- through those who preached the gospel to you
- by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven
- things which angels desire to look into.
- These Prophecies are part of the gospel! They were written to us and used by the apostles and prophets to preach the gospel to us.

An Important/Amazing Passage

- ◆ Messianic Prophecy not written for them
- ◆ They were written to us.
- ◆ Not revealed so they could understand
- ◆ prophesying of grace that would come to us.
- ◆ Testified beforehand sufferings of Christ and glory that would follow
- ◆ God was giving glimpses into His eternal purpose already designed before the world was created.

How much Gospel in Prophecy?

- *the things which God foreshowed by the mouth of all the prophets Acts 3:17-18*
- *gospel of God, which he promised afore through his prophets in the holy scriptures, Rom 1:1-2*
- *because they knew not the voices of the prophets read every sabbath, fulfilled them Acts 13:27*

How much Gospel in Prophecy?

- *I stand unto this day saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come; 26:23*
- *Persuading concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening*



Written of Me

- *Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” Lk. 24:44-47*
- *46 “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”*

The Inspired OT Prophets

- We are blessed with the Record God first gave Israel and has left for our learning, example and encouragement
- Contains songs we should still sing, proverbs we would still be wise to follow.
- Contains portions of God's eternal purpose now fully revealed in the gospel and they are often quoted to establish the truth.
- Makes us wise to salvation and gives us a great cloud of witnesses.

