

Summary of the Prophets

The prophets preach with the Torah in one hand & the daily paper in the other; their core message includes discipline & redemption; their focus is on the Promise and the One who will effect it; they proclaim the everlasting covenant; they claim all nations are intended beneficiaries of God's Promise-plan & are accountable.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Dominant Power</i>	<i>Sources for Context</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Key Verse(s)</i>
Isaiah	YHWH is salvation	Jerusalem?	pre-exilic Judah	c. 739-690	Assyria	2Ki 15:1-20:21; 2Ch 26:16-32:33; ANET 282-8, 321	Call to trust in YHWH alone for salvation	61:1-3
Jeremiah	YHWH establishes	Anathoth	pre-exilic Judah	c. 627-577	Assyria > Babylonia	2Ki 22:3-25:30; 2Ch 34:1-36:21; ANET 303-5, 308, 568-9, 321-2	Call to live out one's calling in light of the promise of covenant renewal	1:5, 8-10
Ezekiel	God strengthens	Jerusalem? Anathoth?	pre-exilic Judah & exiles	c. 593-560	Babylonia	2Ki 24:8-25:30; 2Ch 36:9-21; Lamentations; ANET 308, 568-9	Call to pursue God's grace & glory, not arrogance & pride	36:24-28
Daniel	God is my judge	Jerusalem?	exiles	c. 605-536	Babylonia > Medo-Persia	2Ki 23:34-25:30; 2Ch 36:4-23; ANET 308, 568-9	Call to be faithful to the Sovereign YHWH	7:13-14
Hosea	YHWH rescues	?	pre-fall Israel	c. 755-715	Assyria	2Ki 14:23-18:12; ANET 284-7	Call to an authentic covenant relationship	3:1
Joel	YHWH is God	?	pre-exilic Judah	c. 835	Assyria	2Ki 12:1-21; 2Ch 24:1-27	Call to live in light of the Day of YHWH	2:28-29
Amos	Burden-bearer	Tekoa	pre-fall Israel	c. 765-755	Assyria	2Ki 14:23-15:7	Call to live accountably to YHWH	4:11-12; 9:14
Obadiah	Servant of YHWH	?	Edom	c. 848-841? / 580-550?	Assyria	2Ki 8:16-24; 2Ch	Call to give YHWH the exclusive worship he deserves	15
Jonah	Dove	Gath-hepher	Nineveh	c. 800-760	Assyria	2Ki 14:23-15:18	Call to repentance	3:5
Micah	Who is like YHWH	Moresheth-gath	pre-exilic Judah	c. 735-700	Assyria	2Ki 15:32-19:37; 2Ch 27:1-32:23; ANET 282-8, 321	Call to reject nominality for genuine, practical Covenant-life	4:3; 6:8
Nahum	Comforter	Elkosh	Assyria	c. 630	Assyria	2Ki 21:1-18; 2Ch 33:1-20	Call to trust YHWH's vindication	1:2, 6-7
Habakkuk	Embrace	?	pre-exilic Judah	c. 609-605	Babylonia	2Ki 23:31-24:7; 2Ch 33:1-20	Call to faith & faithfulness under fire	2:4
Zephaniah	YHWH hides	Jerusalem?	pre-exilic Judah	c. 640-620	Assyria	2Ki 22:1-2; 2Ch 34:1-7	Call to trust YHWH's purifying judgment	1:14
Haggai	Festival	Babylon?	repatriates	c. 520	Medo-Persia	Ezra 5:1-6:15	Call to renew God's work	1:14
Zechariah	YHWH remembers	Babylon?	repatriates	c. 520-490	Medo-Persia	Ezra 5:1-6:15	Call to anticipate YHWH's ultimate victory	9:9-10

