

BIBLE PROJECT 2.02

Prophets Prosecute the Covenant



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Preparation that you have already done for OT 17

- Amos 9.10 – All sinners shall die: “Evil will not ... meet us.”
- Micah 2.6 – NOT “disgrace will not overtake us”
- Micah 3.11b – Surely Lord is w/us; No harm shall come
- Hosea 8.2ff -- Israel says: My God, we know YOU! ... They set up kings without my consent ... Throw out your calf-idol, O Samaria...
- Amos 7.12-13 – Amaziah: Seer go home [to Judah] Bethel is Kings sanctuary, temple of kingdom”
 - Priest at Bethel under Jeroboam II/ following plumb-line sermon
- Jeremiah 7: 1-10: This is the temple of the Lord, temple of the Lord, temple...
 - If you do not oppress the alien...or go after others gods...
 - BUT you steal, commit adultery, swear falsely, Baal – and stand before me & claim safety?
 - GO TO SHILOH – temple a den of thieves
- Amos 5.7 – justice to wormwood, right to dirt
- Amos 6.12 – just → poison; right → wormwood
- Jonah 3.10-4.1 – Nineveh turned from evil, God changed his mind about calamity
 - And Jonah was displeased
- Jeremiah 9.25 – those circumcised only in the foreskin—Judah included; Israel uncircumcised in heart

- Jeremiah 2.7 – defiled my land; made my heritage abomination
- Jeremiah 7.4 – Do not trust: Temple of the Lord, Temple of the Lord, Temple of the Lord...
- Isaiah 1. 12-17 –offerings futile; I cannot endure our solemn assemblies with iniquity.
 - Cease to do evil, learn to do good.
- Amos. 5.21-24 – I hate festivals; I will not accept offerings; no songs –
Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream
- Amos 8.4-6 – When will new moon be over so we can sell...buy the poor... sell sweepings of wheat
- Micah 6.6-8 – Will Lord be pleased with 1000s of rams or rivers of oil, firstborn? do justice, love mercy, walk humbly
- Hosea 6.4-6 – I desire steadfast love, not sacrifice, knowledge of God not burnt offerings

PROPHETIC FORTH-TELLING (ANALYSIS)

Remember the “former” non-writing Prophets beginning with Samuel? See OT 13 pp. 9-10.

BIG IDEA 1: In Solomon's time the dogma got established that the house of David, temple & Jerusalem somehow mutually connected.

Jerusalem was God's chosen place and the king was God's servant.
Solomon builds a house that is greater and more glorious than temple. – Both took 20 years

Burden of Monarchy:

Fiscal problems – bureaucracy, 1 K 9.23 – Chief officers, 550 in number
Taxation – 12 Admin Districts 1 K 4.7-19 – to provide for the kingdom 1/12 [1 month] of the time
Corvee—and ceding of towns in north Galilee – 1 K 9.10-14 – 20 cities in Galilee

ISRAEL (both North and South) Confident that promises of God are irrevocable. Blessing is their destiny in their own eyes. **MISTAKE COVENANT FOR A GUARANTEE.**

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“The temptation was inevitable to hallow the state in the name of God and to suppose that the aims of the state and the aims of religion must necessarily coincide.”

--John Bright. *History of Israel* – p. 227



BIG IDEA 2: Prophets act as prosecutors of God's indictment against his people during the age of decline from Solomon to Fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

Beginnings of the prophetic office – lead up to the role of prophet in the monarchy. – That is, prophets were a third form of leadership – priest, king, prophet

Judges were sort of all three – The Kingdom form of government split those functions.

The indictment:

The Kingdoms appeared to be “religious” enough, but...

- Lawlessness prevailed in the land: Mic 3.1-4, 9-11; 6.11-12; Isaiah 5.7; Jeremiah 8.8-10
- Priesthood corrupt: Hosea 4.3-10
- Complacency a cancer on Temple: Amos 6.1-6; Jeremiah 8.12a.
- Social conscience largely absent: Amos 5. 11-13; Micah 2. 1-2; Isaiah 3.13-15, 10.1-2.
- The effect of false prophets: dullness toward God’s Project. Is 9.15-16, 28.7, 30.9-14; Jer 5.12, 30-31, 8.10b-11; Mic 3.5-7.
- Religious display: Amos 4.4-5, Hosea 8.13.a

BIG IDEA 3: Temple becomes a panacea

A means becomes an end. A method turns into the goal. Religion is an end; obedience not needed. This abrogates the very concept of “COVENANT.”

Jeremiah 7. 4: **Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.”**

Jeremiah 7. 9-10: **Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, “We are delivered!”—only to go on doing all these abominations?**

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BIG IDEA 6: Circumcision becomes a stamp of righteousness

Jer. 9.25: Behold the days are coming says the Lord, when I will punish all those who are circumcised but yet uncircumcised—Egypt, Judah, Edom, the sons of Ammon, Moab and all who dwell in the desert … for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel is uncircumcised in heart.

Jer 4.4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, circumcise your hearts, you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem …

BIG IDEA 7: Land no longer the means God meant it to be: NOW not HOLY.

Jer 2.7 I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

Jer 29. 5-9 Settle down in Babylon.

BIG IDEA 8: PROPHETS URGE ISRAEL’S REASON FOR BEING: GOD’S PROJECT

JER 4. 1-3 If you return, O Israel, says the Lord, to me you should return. If you remove your abominations from my presence, and do not waver, and if you swear, ‘As the Lord lives,’ in truth in justice and in uprightness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

**The prophet recalled Israel to a realization of her destiny – “to be a blessing.”
BUT WILL IT BE DONE? No, Israel returns to slavery... NOW WHAT???**



BIG IDEA 9: Prophetic pronouncement of judgment on a sick society

Is 10:33-34 – The Lord, Sovereign, will lop the boughs with terrifying power

Jer 2: 19-28 – Your wickedness will punish you, and your apostasies will convict you. How can you say, “I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Baals”?

Ezek 7:22-27—According to their way I will deal with them; according to their own judgments I will judge them. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

Hos 9:10-14 – Israel became detestable like the thing they loved.

Amos 3:10-11 – They do not know how to do right...therefore, an adversary shall surround the land.

Obad 1: 15 – For the day of the Lord is near against all nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.

Micah 1:2-9 – Let the Lord God be a witness against you.

Zeph 1:10-13 – I will punish the people who rest complacently.

BIG IDEA 10: The coming of the Messiah out of David's seed

Gn 49.10 – sceptre shall not depart from Judah

The David Kingdom would never end:

 The holy seed is its stump Is 6.13,

 11.1-10 shoot from stump of Jesse and a little child shall lead

 Jer. 23.5-6 – David a righteous Branch—“The Lord is our Righteousness.” NLT

 Mic 5.2-4 – Bethlehem Ephrata; the rest of his kingdom shall return...and he shall be the one of peace

BIG IDEA 11: The Birth of a New Era

Is 32.1-5 a King will reign in righteousness

 Ez 36.26-27 A new heart & a new spirit for you Israel, & I will put my Spirit within you to cause you to walk in my statutes & ordinances

 Is 32.15 – until the spirit is poured from on high

 Joel 2.28 ff. In the last days, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...

 Jer 31.31-34: new covenant – I will put my law within their hearts – they will ALL know me & I will forgive their iniquity.

BIG IDEA 12: The Exaltation of Mt Zion

Is 2.2-3 – And many peoples shall come and say, come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ... that he may teach us his ways

Zech 8.20-23 -- 10 shall take hold of each Jew – let us go with you for we have heard God is with you.

Zech 14.8-9 – living waters shall flow out of Jerusalem – on that Day the Lord will be king.

Joel 3.16-17 – The Lord from Zion...Jerusalem shall be holy & strangers will never again pass thru it.

Mic 4.1-2 – mountain of house of Lord and people shall flow into it and many shall say, come let us go up to the mount of the Lord – that he may teach us his ways; out of Zion shall go instruction

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Is 60.1-7 – Arise shine for your light has come – and nations shall come to your light – All shall find acceptance on my altar ...

BIG IDEA 13: The Restoration of Paradise

Ez 36.35, 23-28 -- Desolate land shall become Eden; I will vindicate the holiness of my great name – I will take you from the nations & bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you.

Mic 4.3-4 – beat swords into ploughshares, none shall make them afraid.

Is 11. 6-9 Lion shall lie down with the lamb and a little child shall play with the asp...

Is 35.1-10 – The desert shall rejoice and blossom—streams in the desert .. Highway called the Holy Way – and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion.

BIG IDEA 14: The Return of the Remnant

Is 1. 25-28 – Zion shall be redeemed by justice, but rebels destroyed

Is 10. 20-22 Remnant ... only a remnant shall return; destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness.

Is 11.11-12 – Remnant ... assemble the outcasts

Jer 23.3-4 – Remnant from the dispersion – none shall be missing

Jer 29.10-14 – only when 70 years completed—when you seek for me you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart...

Jer 31. 7-9 -- Save O Lord a Remnant of Israel

BIG IDEA 15: The Suffering Servant

Is 42.1-7 Light to nations – Behold my servant, I have given you as a covenant to the nations

Is 49.1-6 – Servant is Israel – It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob... I will give you as light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Is 52.13-15, 53.1-12

See also Ps 22. 6,10

Jeremiah 11:19: But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living

so that his name will not longer be remembered!”

KINGS AND PROPHETS CHART

ISRAEL

JUDAH

Prophet	King	Date	King	Prophet
Ahijah	Jeroboam I	930	Rehoboam	
		913	Abijam	
		910	Asa	
	Nadab	909		
	Baasha	908		
	Elah	886		
	Zimri	885		
	Tibni	885		
	Omri	885		
Elijah	Ahab	874		
		872	Jehoshaphat	
	Ahaziah	853	Jehoram	
	Jehoram	852		
Elisha		848		
		841	Ahaziah	
	Jehu	841	Athaliah	
		835	Joash (Jehoash)	
	Jehoahaz	814		
	Jehoash	798		
		796	Amaziah	
Jonah	Jeroboam II	793		
		792	Uzziah (Azariah)	
Amos		760		
Hosea	Zachariah	753		
	Shallum	752		
	Menahem	752		
		750	Jotham	
	Pekahiah	742		Micah
	Pekah	740		Isaiah
		735	Ahaz	
	Hoshea	732		
	(Anarchy)	724		
	Fall of Samaria	722		
	DISPERSION	715	Hezekiah	
		697	Manasseh	
		663		Nahum
		642	Amon	
		640	Josiah	Zephaniah, Huldah
		627		Jeremiah
		612		Habakkuk
		609	Jehoahaz	
		609	Jehoiakim	
		598	Jehoiachin	Obadiah
		597	Zedekiah	
		596	Fall of Jerusalem	DEPORTATION

BIG IDEA RECAP:

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OT 17

Consider the following if you choose to prepare for next class:

Re-read 2 Kings 24.18-25.22 and 2 Chronicles 36.11-21 and The Lamentations of Jeremiah.

And read and make notes on

Lam 5.22	Is 4.2-6	Ezek 1.1-3
Is 46.1-13	Jer 24. 1-8	Ps 137.1-4
Ezek 18. 2-3	Jer 29. 1-7	
Lam 3.21-24	Jer 1.1-3	

ALSO READ and make notes on

Amos 5.14; Deut 16.20; Ps 82.3; Mic 6.8

Amos 8. 4-8; Zech 7.8-14; Is 10.1-4

2 Cor 5.10; Rom 14.10-12; Heb 9.27; Rev 20.11-12; 1 Cor 3.11-15

Is 3.9-11; Jer 4.18

Is 5.26-30; 7. 18-25; Jer 5. 15-17, 6.22-26; 51.11

Deut 28.47-50; Judg 3.12; 1 Kings 11.14; Lk 29.41-44

Num 12.1-15, 16.1-50; Mt 23.13-36

Is 1.25-27, 4.2-6, 26.9b, 30. 19-36; Ps 76.8-9

Ezek 37. 1-28; Heb 12.5-11

CONSIDER: Moral accountability—personal and corporate; when judgment comes; negative issues of judgment; positive factors in judgment.

Markers:

Isaiah 11	The root from Jesse
Isaiah 53	Suffering Servant
Jeremiah 31	New Covenant