

God's Masterwork, Volume Three Poets, Prophets, and Promises — A Survey of Job–Daniel

Profile of a Prophet

MATTHEW 24:3–5, 11, 24; 2 PETER 1:19–21



The Heart of the Matter

The Old Testament prophets were dynamic figures, who continue to speak to our age with an undeniable relevance. It is doubtful that any other group of men in all literature presents a more impressive or colorful picture of courage, godliness, or perception. They were men who knew God and trusted Him against insuperable odds. Sometimes ignored and other times hated, mocked, and attacked, they stood firm (usually all alone) against the most imposing and influential people of their times. Through them, however, God warned and rebuked and announced certain judgment, most of which was passed off as extreme fanaticism. But to this day, the prophets' messages throb with biting realism. Their voices are silent, but their words live on.



Discovering the Way

1. Names Used for the Prophets

In Hebrew, three key words describe the role of prophets: ro'eh, chozeh, and nabhi. But the prophets were also known by various designations.

2. Roll Call of the Prophets

The prophets can be divided into an "early" group, a "kingdom" group (with some ministering to Israel and some to Judah), and a "captivity" group.

3. Characteristics of a Prophet

Eight character traits distinguished true prophets of God.

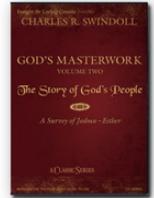


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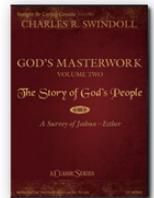
Prophets have passed off the scene, but God still raises up preachers and teachers to speak boldly for Him. They deserve our prayers and support.



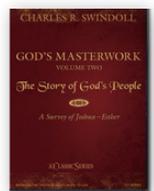
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