

Lesson 2: The call of a prophet

A. The Call of Abram from Ur of the Chaldeans

1. Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6 What impresses you about the call of Abram, later called Abraham?
2. What test did Abraham face when his son Isaac was a young man? Genesis 22:1-17, Hebrews 11:17-19
3. What prophetic message did Abraham give through his faithfulness to the call of the LORD?

B. The Call of Elijah the Tishbite from Gilead

1. 1 Kings 17:1 What can we learn from this text about the call of Elijah to be a prophet of God?
2. 1 Kings 17:2-10a What impresses you about the response of Elijah to the call of God?
3. How does the confrontation on Mount Carmel demonstrate the prophet Elijah's confidence in the LORD? 1 Kings 18:21-39
4. What do the events after Mount Carmel reveal about those called to be prophets of God? 1 Kings 19:1-18

C. The Call of Isaiah from Jerusalem in Judea

1. Isaiah 6:1-8 What can we learn from this passage about the call of Isaiah to be a prophet of God?
2. Isaiah is called the Gospel Prophet. When were these prophecies of Isaiah fulfilled?
 - a. Isaiah 40:3
 - b. Isaiah 9:1-7
 - c. Isaiah 53: 1-12
3. Name some occasions when individuals read from the scroll of Isaiah the prophet of God (Luke 4:16-19, Acts 8:26-35, etc.)

D. The Call of Daniel, prisoner of war in Babylon

1. Daniel 1:1-19 What can we learn from this passage about the call of Daniel to be a prophet of God?
2. When was Daniel given his first opportunity to speak as a prophet of God? Daniel 2:26-28
3. What was the witness of Daniel's life as a prophet of God? Daniel 5:11-12, 6:4
4. What do the following verses reveal about Daniel, prophet of God? Daniel 4:19, 8:27

E. The Call of John the Baptist from the Judean hill country

1. When was John the Baptist called to be a prophet of God? Luke 1:76-79, Mark 1:1-8
2. What do the following verses reveal about the testimony of John the Baptist's life as a prophet of God? Luke 3:7-15, John 3:28-30
3. What affirmation did Jesus give concerning John the Baptist, prophet of God? Matthew 11:7-11

F. Lessons for our lives today

1. What do the following verses reveal about the call to be a prophet of God? John 15:18-20
2. What lessons can we learn from the call of these prophets of God?