

Lesson 3: Old testament prophets

A. The prophet Jahaziel

1. What prophecy did Jahaziel give in a time of national crisis for Judah? 2 Chronicles 20:14-17
2. How did King Jehoshaphat respond to the prophecy of Jahaziel? 2 Chronicles 20:18-20
3. Who were some past or present prophets of God the people of Judah would have known at this time? (mid-9th century BC) Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, etc.
4. What lessons can we learn from the prophecy of Jahaziel? (see 2 Chronicles 20:21-22)

B. The functions of a prophet of God

1. What functions of a prophet of God are revealed in the call and ministry of the prophet Samuel?
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-21 8:1-10
2. What functions of a prophet of God are revealed in the call of Jonah? Jonah 1:1-3,3:1-2
3. What functions of a prophet of God are revealed in the call of the prophet Jeremiah?
Jeremiah 1:4-10
4. What functions of a prophet of God are revealed in the ministry of Huldah? 2 Kings 22:12-20
5. What can we learn from the fact that prophets were young and old, men and women? Joel2:28-29

C. The prophets of God were imperfect people

1. As we have seen from the story of Jonah, prophets of God were imperfect people.
2. James 5:17-18 What might James have been referring to when he described the prophet Elijah as a man "with a nature like ours"? (1 Kings 19:2-4)
3. What other stories in the Old Testament remind us that the prophets of God were imperfect people?
Genesis 9:20-21, Numbers 12:1-10, 20:7-11, 2 Samuel11:2-4, etc.
4. What lesson can we learn for our lives today if God can use imperfect people to speak for Him?
5. Share a time when God used you to speak for Him even though you were painfully aware of your limitations and imperfections.

D. True prophets of God and false prophets

1. What lessons can we learn from the story of the prophet Micaiah about true prophets of God and false prophets? 1 Kings 22:1-17,24-28
2. How did the LORD regard the false prophets in the days of the prophet Jeremiah?
Jeremiah 14:14-15
3. What prophecy did Jesus give about false prophets? Matthew 24:24, 7:15
4. How can we distinguish between true prophets of God and false prophets? Matthew 7:16-20,21-23, Isaiah 8:20, etc.