

The PROPHETS OF THE BIBLE

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*The Lord GOD
does nothing unless
He reveals His secret
to His servants
the prophets.*

Amos 3:7



GOD SPEAKS
THROUGH HIS
PROPHETS



HIS WORD
TRANSFORMS
HIS PEOPLE



HIS PLAN
CULMINATES IN
JESUS CHRIST

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This guide has been prayerfully prepared to encourage believers to know Jesus Christ more deeply through the study of His character as revealed in Scripture. It is intended for personal Bible study, discipleship, small groups, church classes, and individual spiritual growth.

The author has made every effort to present biblical truth accurately and faithfully. Readers are encouraged to study the Scriptures personally and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in applying God's Word to their lives.

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"I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death." — Philippians 3:10 (NLT)



About This Guide

This guide is designed to serve as a quick biblical reference to help you begin studying the characteristics of God. It provides key Scriptures and brief descriptions to help you locate where God's attributes are revealed throughout His Word. As you continue exploring this ministry library, you will find additional in-depth studies devoted to many of these characteristics, offering deeper biblical teaching, context, and practical application. My prayer is that this guide will be a starting point that encourages you to know God more fully through the truth of His Word



Introduction

Throughout the Bible, God revealed His character, His will, and His plan of redemption through prophets whom He called to speak on His behalf. These prophets came from different backgrounds and served during different periods of biblical history, yet each was entrusted with the responsibility of faithfully communicating God's message. Some spoke to kings and nations, while others ministered directly to God's people during times of rebellion, suffering, exile, or restoration.

This guide has been created as a biblical reference to introduce many of the prophets found throughout Scripture. It highlights who they were, where their ministries are recorded, and how God used them within His unfolding plan. Their lives remind us that prophecy was never based on human wisdom or personal opinion. True prophets spoke the words God gave them, often at great personal cost.

As you study these prophets, look beyond their individual personalities and circumstances to the God who called them. Their messages reveal His holiness, justice, mercy, patience, faithfulness, and sovereign rule over history. Most importantly, the prophets prepare the way for Jesus Christ. Their promises, warnings, visions, and declarations ultimately point to Him as the promised Messiah, the perfect revelation of God, and the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.



Why Did God Use So Many Prophets?

God used many prophets because His people lived through different generations, circumstances, and spiritual needs. Each prophet was called for a particular time and purpose, yet together they proclaimed one unified message: God is holy, His Word is true, sin must be confronted, repentance is necessary, and His promises will never fail.

Some prophets warned of judgment when God's people turned toward idolatry and disobedience. Others called the nation back to covenant faithfulness, encouraged those suffering in exile, or announced restoration after discipline. Many revealed future events and proclaimed the coming Messiah long before His birth. Moses foretold the coming Prophet, Isaiah described the suffering Servant, Jeremiah announced the New Covenant, and Daniel revealed the everlasting kingdom of the Messiah.

God also used many prophets to demonstrate His patience. He repeatedly sent messengers to warn, teach, correct, comfort, and invite His people to return to Him. Their ministries show that God does not judge without warning and does not abandon His covenant promises.

Although their ministries differed, every true prophet pointed beyond himself to God. Their lives and messages help us understand the seriousness of sin, the necessity of obedience, and the certainty of God's redemption. Ultimately, they direct our attention to Jesus Christ, the greatest Prophet, the eternal Word of God, and the fulfillment of every divine promise.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to be a simple reference for personal Bible study, discipleship, teaching, or devotional reading. Read one characteristic at a time, look up the accompanying Scripture, and observe how Jesus demonstrated that quality throughout His life and ministry. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand Christ more deeply and to develop that same characteristic in your own life as you grow to become more like Him.





The Prophets of the Bible

Old Testament Prophets

Prophet	Primary Scripture	Primary Purpose
Abraham	Genesis 20:7	Called as a prophet and established God's covenant people.
Ahijah	1 Kings 11; 14	Foretold the division of Israel and God's judgment on Solomon's kingdom.
Amos	Book of Amos	Warned Israel about injustice, false worship, and coming judgment.
Baruch	Jeremiah 32–45	Jeremiah's faithful scribe who recorded and preserved God's messages.
Daniel	Book of Daniel	Declared God's sovereignty over nations and revealed future kingdoms and the coming Messiah.
Deborah	Judges 4–5	Prophetess and judge who led Israel with wisdom, courage, and faith.

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Elijah	1 Kings 17–2 Kings 2	Called Israel back from idolatry and demonstrated God's power.
Elisha	1 Kings 19; 2 Kings	Continued Elijah's ministry through miracles and prophetic counsel.
Enoch	Genesis 5; Jude 14–15	Prophesied God's coming judgment before the flood.
Ezekiel	Book of Ezekiel	Ministered to the exiles and proclaimed Israel's future restoration.
Gad	1 Samuel; 2 Samuel	Served as David's prophet and counselor.
Haggai	Book of Haggai	Encouraged God's people to rebuild the Temple.
Hanani	2 Chronicles 16	Rebuked King Asa for relying on foreign alliances instead of God.
Habakkuk	Book of Habakkuk	Questioned God's ways and learned to live by faith.
Hosea	Book of Hosea	Demonstrated God's faithful covenant love through his own marriage.
Iddo	2 Chronicles	Recorded prophetic history and instructed Israel's kings.
Isaac	Genesis 26–27	Declared prophetic blessings over future generations.
Isaiah	Book of Isaiah	Proclaimed God's holiness, judgment, salvation, and the coming Messiah.
Jacob (Israel)	Genesis 49	Prophesied over the twelve tribes of Israel.
Jehu son of Hanani	1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 19	Rebuked Israel's kings for disobedience.
Jeremiah	Book of Jeremiah	Warned Judah before the Babylonian exile and proclaimed the New Covenant.
Joel	Book of Joel	Called for repentance and foretold the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Prophet	Primary Scripture	Primary Purpose
Jonah	Book of Jonah	Called Nineveh to repentance and revealed God's mercy to the nations.
Malachi	Book of Malachi	Called Israel back to covenant faithfulness and foretold the coming of John the Baptist.
Micah	Book of Micah	Called for justice and foretold the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem.
Micaiah	1 Kings 22	Faithfully spoke God's truth despite opposition.
Miriam	Exodus 15	Prophetess who led Israel in worship after the Red Sea crossing.
Moses	Exodus– Deuteronomy	Delivered God's Law, led Israel, and foretold the coming Prophet—the Messiah.
Nathan	2 Samuel	Confronted David's sin and revealed God's covenant with his house.
Nahum	Book of Nahum	Declared God's judgment against Nineveh.
Noah	Genesis 6–9	Warned of coming judgment and preached righteousness.
Samuel	1 Samuel	Prophet, priest, and judge who anointed Israel's first kings.
Shemaiah	1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 11	Prevented civil war through God's message.
Zechariah	Book of Zechariah	Encouraged restoration and foretold the coming reign of the Messiah.
Zephaniah	Book of Zephaniah	Warned of the Day of the Lord and proclaimed future restoration.



New Testament Prophets

Prophet	Primary Scripture	Primary Purpose
Agabus	Acts 11; Acts 21	Foretold a famine and Paul's imprisonment.
Anna	Luke 2	Prophetess who recognized and proclaimed the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.
John the Baptist	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1	Prepared the way for the Messiah and called people to repentance.
Judas (Barsabbas)	Acts 15	Prophet who encouraged and strengthened believers.
Silas (Silvanus)	Acts 15	Prophet who strengthened and encouraged the early church.
The Four Daughters of Philip	Acts 21:9	Prophetesses who exercised the gift of prophecy in the early church.

Jesus Christ — The Greatest Prophet

Although Jesus fulfilled the office of a prophet, He is far more than simply another prophet. Moses foretold that God would raise up "**a Prophet like me**" (Deuteronomy 18:15–19), and Jesus perfectly fulfilled that promise. He not only proclaimed God's Word—He **is** the eternal Word made flesh (**John 1:1, 14**). Jesus revealed the Father perfectly, fulfilled every Messianic prophecy, foretold future events, and completed God's plan of salvation through His death and resurrection. As the perfect Prophet, Priest, and King, Jesus is the final and complete revelation of God to humanity (**Hebrews 1:1–2**).





Personal Bible Study Guide

The prophets were not merely messengers who predicted future events. They were men and women whom God called to proclaim His truth, reveal His character, confront sin, encourage His people, and point toward His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. As you study their lives and messages, remember that their purpose was always to lead people into a deeper relationship with God.

Rather than simply reading the names in this guide, open your Bible and study the passages associated with each prophet. Observe the historical setting in which God called them, the audience they addressed, and the message they proclaimed. Ask yourself why God raised up that particular prophet at that specific time and what His message reveals about His holiness, justice, mercy, patience, and faithfulness.

As you study, consider asking these questions:

- What does this prophet teach me about God's character?
- Why did God send this message to His people?
- What sin or spiritual need was being addressed?
- What promise or hope did God provide?
- How does this prophecy point to Jesus Christ?
- What truths can I apply to my own walk with God today?
- How is God calling me to greater faith, obedience, and trust?

Consider keeping a journal as you study. Record verses that stand out, observations about God's character, fulfilled prophecies, and personal applications. Write prayers asking God to help you faithfully obey His Word.

Most importantly, invite the Holy Spirit to be your Teacher. The goal is not simply to understand prophecy but to know the God who gave it. As you study the prophets, may your confidence in God's Word grow stronger, your faith becomes deeper, and your hope rest securely in Jesus Christ, who fulfilled every promise of God.





A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for faithfully speaking through the prophets throughout history. Through their lives and messages, You revealed Your holiness, justice, mercy, patience, and unfailing love. Thank You for warning Your people, calling them to repentance, encouraging them during difficult times, and reminding them of Your covenant promises. Every prophet demonstrates that You are faithful to accomplish everything You have spoken.

Lord, thank You that the prophets continually pointed forward to Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah and perfect fulfillment of Your redemptive plan. Thank You that every promise You made has proven trustworthy and that Your Word never fails. As I study the prophets, help me to understand Your heart more clearly, trust Your promises more completely, and faithfully obey Your Word. May their messages deepen my faith, strengthen my hope, and lead me into a closer relationship with You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Reader

Gracious Heavenly Father,

I pray for every person who reads this guide. Open their hearts and minds as they study the prophets You faithfully called throughout Scripture. Help them see beyond the historical events and discover the unchanging truth of Your Word and the beauty of Your character. May each prophet remind them that You are holy, faithful, just, merciful, and always true to Your promises. Strengthen their faith as they see Your plan unfold throughout history. Encourage those who are discouraged, give wisdom to those seeking direction, and reassure those who struggle to trust You that every promise You have spoken of will be fulfilled. Help each reader grow in discernment, obedience, and love for Your Word.

May this study draw them closer to Jesus Christ, the greatest Prophet, and the fulfillment of every prophecy. Transform their hearts through the truth of Scripture, and may their lives bring honor and glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Continue Your Journey

The prophets remind us that God has always been faithful to reveal His truth, call His people to Himself, and accomplish His perfect plan of redemption. Although they ministered in different generations and under different circumstances, they proclaimed one consistent message: trust the Lord, turn from sin, remain faithful to His covenant, and place your hope in the Savior He promised to send.

As you continue reading God's Word, remember that the prophets are not merely voices from the past. Their messages continue to reveal God's holiness, justice, mercy, patience, and faithfulness today. Their writings remind us that God's Word is trustworthy, His promises are certain, and His plan has never failed. Every prophecy ultimately points us to Jesus Christ, who fulfilled God's promises through His life, death, resurrection, and future return.

I encourage you to continue exploring the other Scripture Reference Guides available throughout this ministry library as you grow in your understanding of God's Word.

Continue your journey by exploring:

- The Characteristics of God
- The Names of God
- The Names and Titles of Jesus Christ
- Shared Divine Titles of the Father and the Son
- Men God Used Throughout the Bible
- The Promises of God
- The Miracles of Jesus
- The Parables of Jesus
- The Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus
- Walking with God This Week (Weekly Devotionals)

"Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets." — Amos 3:7

May the Lord continue to deepen your understanding of His Word, strengthen your faith in His promises, and lead you into an ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ, the perfect and final revelation of God.

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"Pointing people to the hope, healing, and transformation found in Jesus Christ."