

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

<u>Approximate Date</u>	<u>Prophet</u>	<u>A Dominant Theme</u>
<u>8th Century - Assyrian Empire</u>		
760 – 740	Amos	Announce God’s judgment on Israel for her complacency, Idolatry, oppression of poor. (5:21 – 24)
753 – 715	Hosea	Illustrate God’s love for his sinful people (3:1)
740 – 700	Isaiah (1-39)	Call for Judah ’s return to God, judgment yet compassion (14:1-2)
740 – 687	Micah	Call to repent (6:6-8); warn of judgment (1:3-7)

**Israel taken into captivity by Assyria in 721 B.C. when Samaria falls.*

7th and 6th Century – Babylonian Empire

640 – 621	Zephaniah	Shake Judah out of complacency, return to God (2:3)
627 – 586	Jeremiah	Urge God’s people to turn from sin, return to God (2:19)
663 – 612	Nahum	God’s judgment on Assyria – comfort to Judah (1:7-9)
612 – 589	Habakkuk	God is still in control (3:2)
593 – 571	Ezekiel	God’s sovereignty will be known & acknowledged (7:27)
580-535	Daniel	Apocalyptic Visions

**Judah taken captive by Babylon; 1st exile – 597, final captivity – 586*

540 – 500	Isaiah (40-66)	Calls Judah back to God, a suffering servant will save (53:5)
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5th Century – Persian Era

520	Haggai	A call to complete rebuilding of temple (1:4)
520 – 480	Zechariah	Hope for the future, deliverance through a Messiah (9:9-10)
430	Malachi	Acknowledge sins, restore relationship with God (4:1-2)
400/835	Joel	Day of the Lord at hand, repent and return to God (2:12-13)
400/586	Obadiah	God judges those who harm his people (1:15)
400/780	Jonah	God’s grace extends to all people (4:11)

**Jews returned from captivity in 535 B.C.*