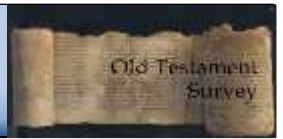




Intro to Prophets – Study Guide



Textbook Reading

(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 24

- ☐ Who Were Prophecy's "Founding Fathers"?
- ☐ The Nature of Prophecy

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 24

Prophecy's Biblical Heritage

Who Were Prophecy's "Founding Fathers"?

- To whom does the term "classical prophets" refer, according to the textbook? Why are these typically grouped together? What are their common characteristics? What does this tell us about the prophetic books?
- What three men are singled out as laying the foundations for later prophecy? What did each of them contribute? How did each receive from God? How did each communicate to the people? How did later prophets imitate their example?
- What do we learn about prophecy from each of these men? How does this help us understand the nature and content of the prophetic books? How should we respond?

The Nature of Prophecy

The Hebrew Terms for "Prophet"

- What words does the textbook highlight? What does each of these words contribute to our understanding of prophecy?

What Are Some Common Wrong Ideas about the Prophets?

- What misunderstandings about prophecy does the textbook highlight? What evidence is given that these ideas are mistaken? What do these things tell us about the truth of what the prophets were actually like and what they actually did? What difference does this make?

How Are All the Prophets Alike?

- Describe each of the common characteristics and activities of the prophets in your own words. What do these things teach us about how God interacted with His people? What do each of these things teach us about how to best read and understand the prophetic books?
- What does the textbook highlight about the calling of the prophets? What implications does it draw from this fact? What can we learn from this?
- What expressions regularly occur in the prophetic books? What does this tell us about the nature of prophecy and the message of the prophetic books? What difference does this make?
- How does the textbook define the terms "forthtellers" and "foretellers"? What does this teach about the role and message of the prophets? Why is this important?

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- What kinds of techniques did the prophets use to communicate their message? What is the significance of this?

Did Other Nations Have Prophets?

This section is not required reading.

Did All the Prophets Write Down Their Messages?

This section is not required reading.

How Was Prophecy Passed Down to Us?

- How does the textbook answer the question asked in this section heading? What three answers are given? What do each of these teach us about the prophetic books? How does this help us to read them well?

What Are Some Common Themes of the Prophets' Writings?

- According to the textbook, what did the prophets typically say about the covenant? Describe each of the “facets” of this message and the significance for the people of that day? How do these things apply to God’s people today?
- How does the textbook describe the concept of the “Day of the Lord”? What are the various ways this concept is used in the prophetic books? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?
- What is the meaning of the term “Messiah”? How is this concept communicated in the prophets, according to the textbook? How is this concept fulfilled, according to the textbook? What difference does this make?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter

