

6 - The Prophesied Kingdom

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God's people	Adam and Eve	No-one	Abraham's descendants	The Israelites
God's place	The garden	Banished	Canaan	Canaan (and Jerusalem and temple)
God's rule and blessing	God's word: perfect relationship	Disobedience and curse	Blessing to Israel and the nations.	The law and the king

Division, disobedience and decline (in 1 Kings 12-2 Kings 25 & 2 Chronicles)

- **Division: northern and southern tribes 922BC**
- **Disobedience: 'here are your gods' (1 Kings 12:28)**
- **Decline and fall: Israel to Assyria (722BC), Judah to Babylon (597BC, 586BC)**
- **The partial kingdom is dismantled.**

Shadow	Reality / Fulfilment	Passage
Exodus	The Cross	John 1:29, 1 Cor 5:7
Tabernacle	The Incarnation	Matthew 1L23, John 1:1-14
Kings David & Solomon	King Jesus	Mark 12:35-37, Luke 11:31
Rest in Canaan	Perfect rest in new creation	Hebrews 4

The Prophets

- **God's Mouthpieces.**
- **Covenant Enforcers**

Speaking and Writing Prophets

Prophets	When and where	What issues
Elijah/Elisha	9 th century BC. Northern kingdom of Israel.	Public confrontations with the kings of Israel. Calling them [esp Ahab] to repent from idolatry and lack of trust in him.
Northern kingdom [end 722]	8 th BC	Amos, Hosea
Southern kingdom [597/586]	8 th BC	Isaiah, Micah,
	7 th BC	Jeremiah
	6 th BC (during the exile 586-538)	Ezekiel, Daniel
	6 th BC (post-exilic 538 onwards)	Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

The message of the Prophets

- Judgement

Judgement in the book of Amos
1v3-2v3: Judgement on the nations
2v4-5: Judgement on Judah
2v6-9v15: Judgement on Israel

- Hope

New exodus, new covenant, new nation, new Jerusalem, new temple, new king, new creation.

	The prophesy
God’s people	<u>A remnant</u> “In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God.” Isaiah 10v20-21.
	<u>A new exodus</u> ‘The days are coming...when men will no longer say, “As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt ,” but they will say “As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.” For I will restore them to the land I gave to their forefathers.’ Jeremiah 16v14-15.
	<u>A servant</u> Isaiah 49v5-6; 52v13-53v12; 53v5-6. The servant will face their punishment, exile from God, in their place, so that they can be forgiven and a new Israel constituted. Jesus fulfils this prophecy. Mark 10v45.
	<u>The inclusion of the nations</u> “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” Isaiah 49v6. Isaiah 60v1-3.
God’s place	<u>New Temple</u> – Ezekiel 40-48
	<u>New Creation</u> – Isaiah 65:17-18
God’s rule and blessing.	<u>The new covenant</u> “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.” Jeremiah 31v31. Jer 31v33. Ezekiel 36v26-27; Joel 2v28-32. Luke 22v20.
	<u>The new king</u> To 2 Samuel 7 is added Isaiah 9v6-7 and Daniel 7v13-14 and Psalm 110v1. Jesus is no mere son of David; he is also the Son of God (Mark 12v35-37).
	<u>Great blessing</u> There will be a return to the blessings of Eden; peace and prosperity will abound. Amos 9v13-14; Isaiah 11v6.

The return from Exile

538BC
Ezra
Nehemiah
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

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