

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Prophets of God. Today's topic: OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS.

**1) The prophet Jahaziel**

- a. What prophecy did Jahaziel give in a time of national crisis for Judah? 2 Chronicles 20:14-17
- b. How did King Jehoshaphat respond to the prophecy of Jahaziel? 2 Chronicles 20:18-20
- c. 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.
- d. What lessons can we learn from the prophecy of Jahaziel? (see 2 Chronicles 20:21-22)

**2) The functions of a prophet of God**

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

**3) The prophets of God were imperfect people**

- a. As we have seen from the story of Jonah, prophets of God were imperfect people.
- b. 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)
- c. 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 Samuel 11:2-4, etc.
- d. What lesson can we learn for our lives today if God can use imperfect people to speak for Him?
- e. Share a time when God used you to speak for Him even though you were painfully aware of your limitations and imperfections.

**4) True prophets of God and false prophets**

- a. 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
- b. How did the LORD regard the false prophets in the days of the prophet Jeremiah? Jeremiah 14:14-15
- c. What prophecy did Jesus give about false prophets? Matthew 24:24, 7:15
- d. How can we distinguish between true prophets of God and false prophets? Matthew 7:16-20, 21-23, Isaiah 8:20, etc.

