

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: **PERSECUTING THE PROPHETS.**

1) Mistreatment of the prophets

- a. How did Jesus describe the treatment of the prophets of God through the ages? Matthew 5:11-12, 23:37
- b. How was the prophet Moses mistreated? Numbers 12:1-2, 14:1-2, 10
- c. How was the prophet John the Baptist mistreated? Mark 6:17-20, 21-29
- d. How was Jesus, the greatest prophet of God, mistreated? Matthew 26:67, 27:30-31
- e. Name some other prophets of God who were mistreated for speaking truth from God?
- f. We may not have any living prophets of God in our midst, but how might we be guilty of mistreating some of the messengers of God?
- g. Share a time when you were mistreated for sharing the truth of God's Word.
- h. How should we respond if we are mistreated for sharing the truths of God's Word with others? Matthew 5:10-12, Luke 6:23

2) Disregarding or destroying the prophet's message

- a. How did the leaders in Israel respond to the inspired testimony of the prophet Jeremiah? Jeremiah 36:20-26
- b. How did the author of 2 Chronicles (probably Ezra) describe the response of the children of Israel to the messages of the prophets? 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

- c. How did the Jewish leaders respond to the prophetic message of Stephen the deacon? Acts 7:54-60
- d. Share a time when you stopped your ears and refused to listen to a message from the LORD.

3) The mercy of God for His wayward children

- a. How did the LORD respond when King Jehoiakim destroyed the scroll of the prophet Jeremiah? Jeremiah 36:27-28
- b. Jeremiah 36:32 Apparently, the second scroll was expanded. What do you think might have been added to the second scroll?
- c. How was the mercy of God revealed in directing His prophets to record the history of His dealings with the human family and their responses to His messages? 1 Corinthians 10:6-10
- d. What encouragement do you find in the promise recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:13?
- e. Read the prayer of the Psalmist David recorded in Psalm 86:3-5. What other texts in the Bible remind us of the mercy of the LORD? 1 Peter 1:3, etc.

