

Who is A Prophet

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In a general sense, a prophet is a person who speaks God's truth to others.

The prophets in the Bible talked God's judgment, but they also spoke about hope because God forgives and restores!

Isaiah 53:4-6 (CSB) *Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. ⁶We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.*

- In Judaism, Isaiah 53 is considered the 'forgotten chapter'.

1 Samuel 1:1-3 (CSB) *There was a man from Ramathaim-zophim in the hill country of Ephraim. His name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ²He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless. ³This man would go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of Armies [Jehovah-saba] at Shiloh, where Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were the Lord's priests. ⁴Whenever Elkanah offered a sacrifice, he always gave portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to each of her sons and daughters. ⁵But he gave a double portion to Hannah, for he loved her even though the Lord had kept her from conceiving. ⁶Her rival would taunt her severely just to provoke her, because the Lord had kept Hannah from conceiving. ⁷Year after year, when she went up to the Lord's house, her rival taunted her in this way. Hannah would weep and would not eat. ⁸"Hannah, why are you crying?" her husband, Elkanah, would ask. "Why won't you eat? Why are you troubled? Am I not better to you than ten sons?" ... [Hannah prayed] ^{11b} if you will take notice of your servant's affliction, remember and not forget me, and give your servant a son, I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life,*

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Genesis 2:4 (CSB) *These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,*

Lord God = Jehovah Elohim

Jehovah = יהוה? hand look, nail look

John 1:1 (CSB) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created*

1 Samuel 2:12 (CSB) *Eli's sons were wicked men; they did not respect the Lord*

1 Samuel 3:1 (CSB) *The boy Samuel served the Lord in Eli's presence. In those days the word of the Lord was rare and prophetic visions were not widespread.*

²One day Eli, whose eyesight was failing, was lying in his usual place. ³Before the lamp of God had gone out, Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was located. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, "Here I am." ⁵He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call," Eli replied. "Go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶Once again the Lord called, "Samuel!" Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." "I didn't call, my son," he replied. "Go back and lie down." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, because the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸Once again, for the third time, the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹He told Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰The Lord came, stood there, and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel responded, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The only hope we have is to be in our place, reading God's Word, and listening for Him to speak!

The only hope our nation has is for God's people to live what they have heard God say!

You are the prophet who speaks God's truth to others, not simply by your words but by your lifestyle.

You are the person who brings hope to others!