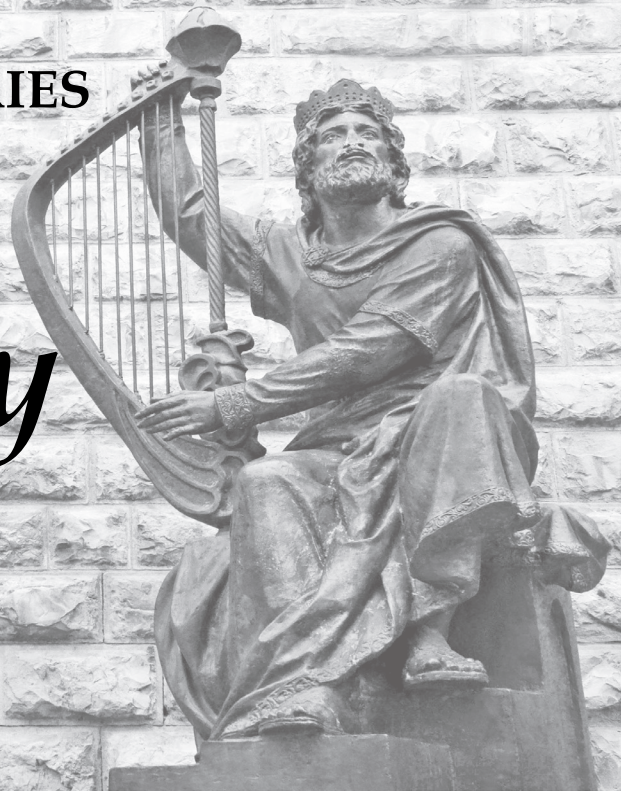


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Prophets

Lecture Theme:

God raised up prophets to pronounce judgment and proclaim salvation to his disobedient people, calling them to look to the Savior who would come and serve as God's final Word.

Memory Text:

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these days spoken unto us by his Son.”

—Hebrews 1, verses 1 and 2.

Structure:

1. Introduction.
2. The office of prophet.
 - a. The inspired mouthpiece of God to his people.
 - b. Recorded inspired writings.
 - c. The foundation of law and prophets.
 - d. The threat of false prophets.
 - e. Associate each prophetic book with their audience.
3. The message of the prophets.
 - a. A revelation of God himself.
 - b. Call to repentance, faith and obedience; mercy and judgment.
 - c. Idolatry is spiritual adultery.
 - d. The coming Messiah.
4. The New Testament fulfillment.
 - a. The connection to Christ himself.
 - b. The New Testament prophets.
 - c. The threat of false teaching and prophets in the present day.
 - d. Spiritual adultery in the New Testament.
5. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. What is a prophet in the Bible? What function did their God-ordained office include? What were the dominant points of their messages?

2. Why is the relationship of the law and gospel so obvious and important?

3. What does the Bible say about false prophets? What is the character of their messages?

4. How do we know that “the prophets, first and foremost, provided a revelation of God himself”?

5. What is God’s purpose in the warning of judgment? Include the experience of Jonah in your answer.

6. Why did the prophets use covenantal and bridal language to speak about the sin of idolatry? Which portions of Scripture clearly show us this kind of prophetic interpretation?

7. What is the relationship of the prophets to Christ?

8. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

9. What is the role of the New Testament prophets? What is their relationship to Scripture?

10. Does the threat of false teachers and prophets continue? How is spiritual discernment to be exercised?

Further Applications

1. Is there still spiritual adultery in the New Testament? What practical instructions for Christian faith and life can you draw from this reality?

2. Which portions of Scripture clearly show the message of the coming Messiah? Find several of them and meditate on their fulfillment.
