

The Prophets



THE MESSENGERS

& THE MESSAGE



The Prophets

Who are the Prophets?

The Day of the Lord

Judgment: The Nations

Judgment: Israel

Blessing on Israel



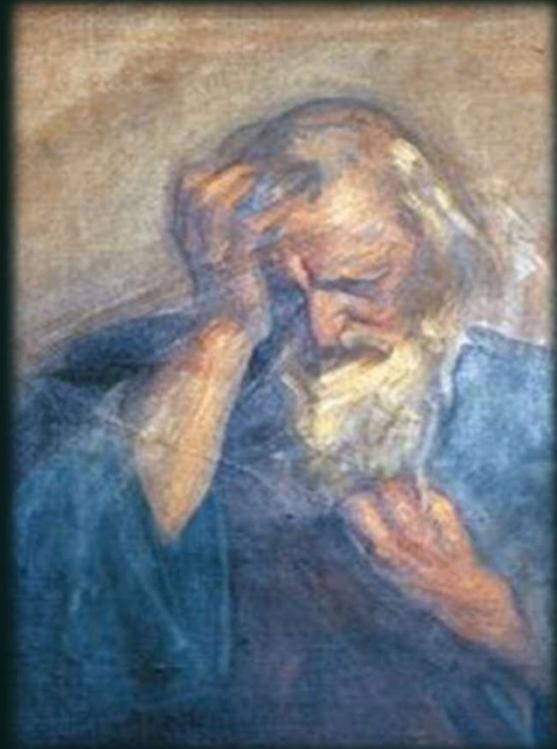


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The Messengers

Zephaniah

- Ch 1 | Judgment on Judah
- Ch 2 | Judgment on the Nations
- Ch 3:1-8 | Judgment on Jerusalem
- Ch 3:9-20 | Restoration & Rejoicing





Jeremiah

- Ch 1 | The Call of Jeremiah
- Ch 2-45 | Warnings to Judah
- Ch 46-51 | Judgment on the Nations
- Ch 52 | The Fall of Jerusalem





The Day of the LORD: Israel

“...As the LORD loves the children of Israel.”



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Judgment on Israel: Hosea

“Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel,
for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants
of the land. *There is no faithfulness or steadfast love
and no knowledge of God in the land.*”

- Hosea 4:1



Hosea

Hosea 4-14: Israel Indicted

- Ch 4-5 | Accusation & Punishment
- Ch 6-7 | Unrepentant & Stubborn
- Ch 8-10 | Judgment on Israel
- Ch 11-14 | Judgment & Plea





God's Love for Israel: Hosea 11

*"Out of Egypt
I called my son."*



Hosea

Hosea wrote his message from God,
but more famously *he was called to
live out the message from God.*





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- Ch 1-3 | Marriage: Hosea / YHWH
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God's Love for Israel: Hosea 1-3

"Take to yourself a wife."



hesed





hesed



- “mercy” (KJV)
- “lovingkindness” (NASB, LSB)
- “unfailing love” (NIV, NLT)
- “faithful love” (HCSB)





hesed



- “faithful, loyal, covenant love.”
- 246x in the OT:
 - Half in the Psalms
 - 6x in Hosea (2:19; 4:1; 6:4,6; 10:12; 12:6)
- Hosea contrasts Israel’s [lack of] **hesed** to YHWH’s enduring **hesed**.





Repent!

“Israel, you have **violated the covenant** and lived as rebels against your God.”

Isaiah 1:1-20



Repent!

“Covenant Violations” had took 3 main forms before the Exile:

Idolatry



Social Injustice



Ritualism



God's *Hesed* on Israel: Hosea

“O children of Israel... *There is no faithfulness or **hesed***, and no knowledge of God in the land.”

- Hosea 4:1

God's *Hesed* on Israel: Hosea

“What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? *Your **hesed** is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.*”

- Hosea 6:4

God's *Hesed* on Israel: Hosea

“For I desire *hesed* and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

- Hosea 6:6

God's *Hesed* on Israel: Hosea

*“I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in **hesed** and in mercy.”*

- Hosea 2:19

God's *Hesed* on Israel: Hosea

“So you, *by the help of your God, return, hold fast to **hesed** and justice, and wait continually for your God.*”

- Hosea 12:6



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- *What of hesed and judgment?*
- *What of Israel's future?*
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The Day of the LORD:
Taking Stock

Prophets. Pieces.

The Prophet's Message

Repent! Judgment!

Isa 2, Eze 37, Dan 7

Christ's First Coming

Before Christ

Christ's Second Coming

Isa 7, 53 / Micah 5:2

Christ's Second Coming

The Second Coming of Christ

The Day of the LORD



The Day of the Lord

That Day. The Great Day.



The Day of the Lord

- The term occurs 19x in the OT, all in the Prophets.
- **The Day of the Lord** is judgment associated with Messiah's Second Coming.
- **The Day of the Lord** is a time when God's judgement will come upon the nations - *and Israel*.



The Day of the Lord

“The great day of the LORD is near... A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry.”

- Zephaniah 1:14-16



The Day of the LORD:
National Judgment

The Fall of Nations.



God's Judgment on the Nations

- Contained in **the Day of the Lord** is the reality of National Judgment.
- A minor prophet theme (i.e. Joel 3, Amos 1).
- A major prophet theme (i.e. Isaiah 13-24, Ezekiel 25-32).

Major theme in the major prophets.



Day of the LORD Judgment in the Prophets

National Judgment, like *Messiah's Coming*, presented *near* and *far*:

Near Judgment



Far Judgment



National Judgment: The Partial, The Fulfillment.

Isaiah 13:1-5

(the partial)



Isaiah 13:6-13

(the fulfillment)



Day of the LORD Judgment in the Prophets

Judgment, like Messiah's Coming, presented in two stages

Near Judgment(s)

On Assyria (612 BC)



On Egypt (605 BC)



On Babylon (539 BC)



On Edom (AD 70)



Far Judgment





The Day of the LORD:
Judgment on Israel

*“I will not revoke the
punishment.”*

Judgment on Israel: Jeremiah

“For thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They shall fall by the sword of their enemies while you look on. **And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall strike them down with the sword.**’”

- Jeremiah 20:4

Judgment on Israel: Near and Far

Judgment on Israel, like National Judgment, presented *near* and *far*:

Near Judgment



Far Judgment



Day of the LORD: Judgment on Israel

Judgment on Israel, like others, presented *near* and *far*:

Near Judgment(s)

Babylon (586 BC)



Far Judgment



Day of the LORD: Judgment on Israel

Judgment on Israel, like others, presented *near* and *far*:

Day of the LORD(s)

(The) Day of the LORD

Assyria (722 BC)



Babylon (586 BC)



Antiochus (167 BC)



Titus (AD 70)





Day of the LORD:
Blessing on Israel

"I will restore."

The Day of the LORD: Blessing Through Judgment

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“And it shall come to pass **in that day**, declares the LORD of hosts, that *I will break his yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of [Jacob]. But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.*”

- Jeremiah 30:8-9

The Day of the LORD: Blessing Through Judgment

“So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and *strangers shall never again pass through it*. And **in that day** the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with milk”

- Joel 3:17-18

The Day of the LORD: Blessing Through Judgment

“Alas! **That day** is so great there is none like it; it is *a time of distress for Jacob...*”

- Jeremiah 30:7a

The Day of the LORD: Blessing Through Judgment

“...yet he shall be saved out of it.”

- Jeremiah 30:7b

Christ's Second Coming

The Second Coming of Christ

The Day of the LORD



Judgment: Nations



Judgment: Israel



Israel Blessing



Time of
"distress"

A close-up, high-angle shot of a large number of red rose petals scattered together. The petals are in various stages of bloom, showing their characteristic layered structure. The color is a rich, deep red with some darker and lighter variations. The lighting is soft, creating subtle highlights and shadows on the petals' surfaces.

Questions?

POD SIGN-UP

Next Week:
Wednesday,
March 30th

Sign up in foyer.

