

PROPHETS ISAIAH AND JEREMIAH

Isaiah 9; Jeremiah 1:4-10; 36-40



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| Bible Text | Isaiah 9; Jeremiah 1:4-10; 36-40 |

Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah



The Old Testament prophets were spokespersons for God. In His name, they announced or predicted future events and conveyed messages from God to His people. They warned people about their sins and advised them to live their life according to God's law and will.

They often cautioned the people of Israel to turn away from sin and to repent. They also foretold the various stages of God's plan of salvation up to its completion.

There are a number of prophets in the Old Testament. Some were called by God to complete a single task. The most significant prophets in the history of the people of Israel, because they were active prophets throughout their life, were Jeremiah and Isaiah.

Isaiah the Prophet

The prophet Isaiah lived in Jerusalem. Isaiah was a man of vision for his time and the future. He warned the people of Judah that they had become terrible in their ways and urged them to return their ways back to what was acceptable by God. Many centuries before Jesus' birth, Isaiah predicted the humble birth of Jesus, His suffering, and His death. He even prophesied and wrote about future things.

Jeremiah the Prophet

The prophet Jeremiah lived close to Jerusalem. His father was a priest, God called him to deliver messages to the people. Jeremiah warned the people of Jerusalem to stop worshipping idols and to love and obey God. However, the people did not listen to Jeremiah. Despite what the people did, God continued to love them. God told Jeremiah to write His words on a scroll.

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Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is a prophet? (“Prophesying” means “predicting” and “announcing”.)
- What are highlights from Isaiah’s life?
 - He warns the people to come back to God.
 - He has visions for his time and the future.
 - He predicts the birth of Jesus, His suffering, and death.
- What are highlights from Jeremiah’s life?
 - He grows up in a village close to Jerusalem.
 - God calls him to deliver messages to His people.
 - God tells him to write down everything He tells him on a scroll.

Have the children repeat...

- Prophets were spokespersons for God. They announced future events.
- Isaiah predicted the birth of Christ.
- Jeremiah revealed the Israelites God’s plan.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- All the events the prophets predicted happened.
- Knowing what Isaiah said about Jesus’ life and death and how it happened, we should believe that what He predicts about our future will also come true.
- What did Jesus predict about our future? (His return, wedding in heaven, ...)

Repeat the Message
God’s word should be cherished.