

Charting the Old Testament Prophets



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The books of history and prophecy in the Old Testament are not always arranged in chronological order. Further complicating matters, prophets and stories can be associated with either kingdom (Israel vs Judah) or other nations.

The chart below lists prophets of the Old Testament with information about the primary audience and timeframe of their prophesying. It is intended as a quick reference for context when reading about a prophet or their teachings.

Old Testament Prophets:

Prophet	Approx. Dates	Prophesied to:	Contemporaries
<i>Elijah</i>	875-825 BC	Israel (Northern Kingdom)	King Ahab and Queen Jezebel; Ahaziah; Jehu; Elijah's protégé Elisha
<i>Elisha</i>	850-800	Israel; Damascus/Aram	King Jehu most prominently; King Hazael of Aram; His mentor Elijah
<i>Joel</i>	835-800?	Judah (Southern Kingdom)	Uncertain
<i>Jonah</i>	790-750	Ninevah (Assyrian capital)	Jeroboam II, although Jonah prophesied to gentiles
<i>Amos</i>	760-740	Israel	Jeroboam II; Uzziah; the prophet Hosea
<i>Hosea</i>	750-710	Israel	Jeroboam II; Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah; Amos; Isaiah; The final kings of Israel before exile
<i>Isaiah</i>	740-690	Judah	King Uzziah (Isaiah's vision the year Uzziah died), Hezekiah, and others; Prophets Micah in Judah and Amos/Hosea in Israel
<i>Micah</i>	735-700	Judah	Kings Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah; Prophets Isaiah, Hosea
<i>Zephaniah</i>	640 – 620	Judah	King Josiah; Jeremiah, Nahum
<i>Nahum</i>	Before 612	Judah	King Josiah; Zephaniah
<i>Jeremiah</i>	626 – 586	Judah, especially Jerusalem	Last five kings of Judah – Josiah through Zedekiah; Pharaoh Necho; Nebuchadnezzar
<i>Habakkuk</i>	c605	Judah	Jehoiakim; Nebuchadnezzar; Jeremiah
<i>Obadiah</i>	unknown	Judah	Some place Obadiah during the time of Elisha; others place him during the exile and Jeremiah
<i>Daniel</i>	605 – 536	Exiles in Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar of Babylonia; Cyrus of Persia; Darius the Mede
<i>Ezekiel</i>	593 – 571	Exiles in Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar; Jeremiah; Daniel
<i>Haggai</i>	520	Exiles; Temple re-builders	Darius of Persia; Zechariah
<i>Zechariah</i>	520 – 480	Temple Re-builders	Darius of Persia; Haggai
<i>Malachi</i>	445 – 425	Jews who'd returned to Judah	Artaxerxes I, king of Persia; Nehemiah; Ezra