

WHO WERE THE PROPHETS?

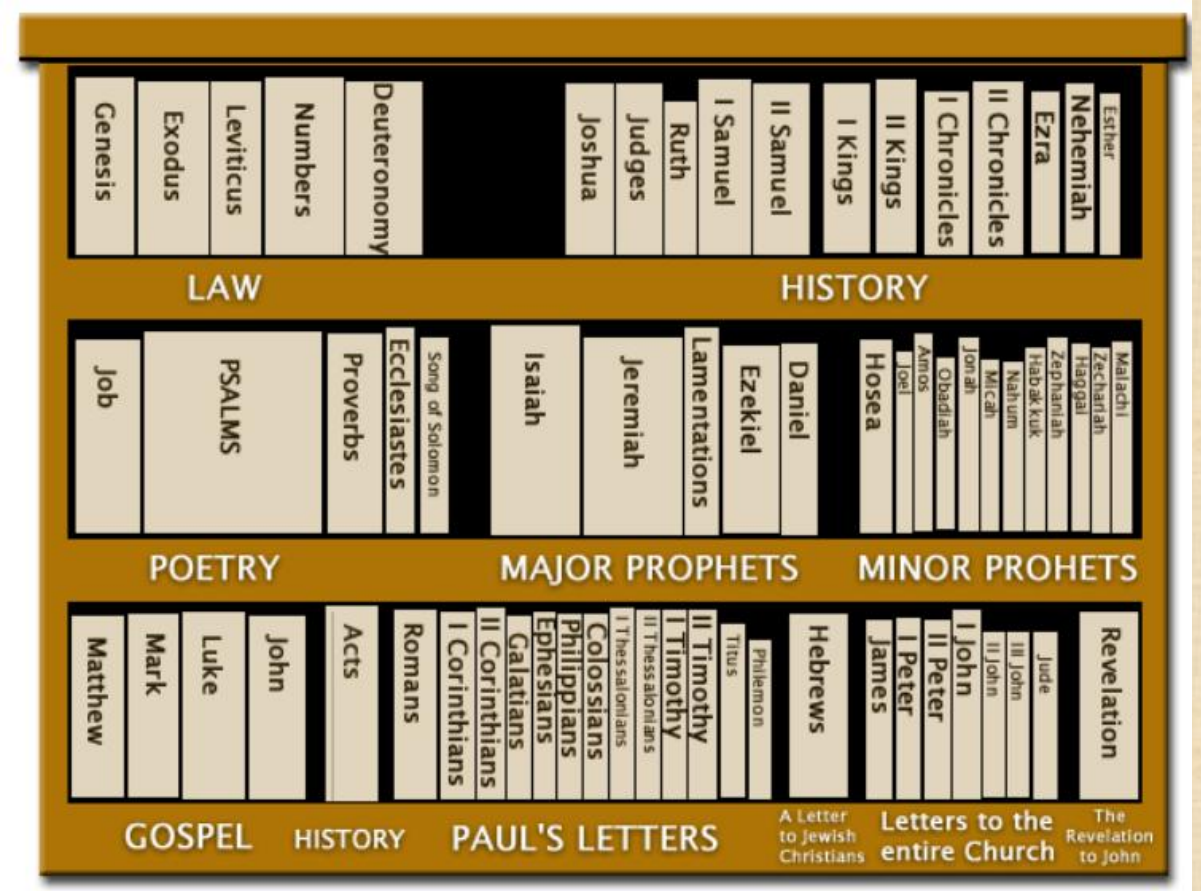


What is a prophet?

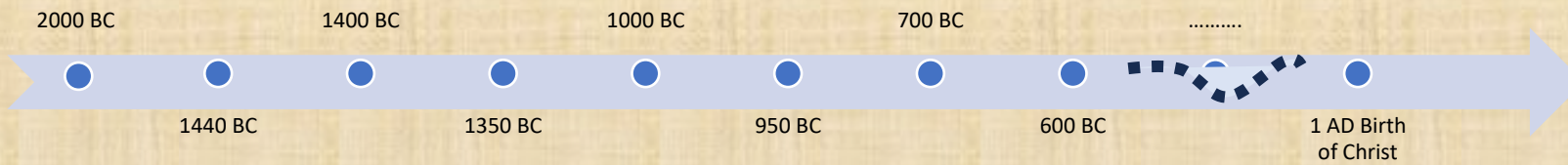
- Prophets were people chosen by God to deliver a message to His people.
- They instructed people on how to act in a pleasing way to God, pointed out dangerous sin they should stop doing, and sometimes predicted things that would happen in the future.
- They were often not liked by the people they delivered God's messages too and were sometimes killed by their own people.

THE BIBLE BOOK CASE

- The Chapters of the Bible are not in listed in order by time (not chronological order).
- There are groupings of books based on themes or collections of stories / histories.
- The prophets have two groupings: major prophets and minor prophets.



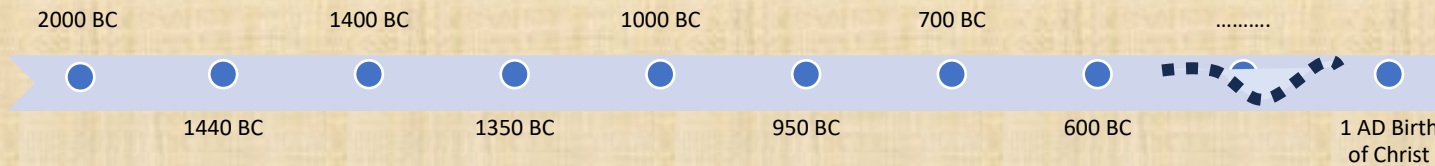
Timeline of the Old Testament



- c. **~2000 BCE:** God establishes Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the patriarchs of the Jewish people.
- c. **~1440 BCE:** Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt in the Exodus.
- c. **~1400 BCE:** Joshua leads the Israelites in the conquest of Canaan and settle in their land.
This land is known as the “promised land”
- c. **~1350 BCE:** Judges appointed by God lead the people of Israel and give them guidance.
- c. **1000 BCE:** The United Monarchy (Kingdom) is established with King David.



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The Prophets

(c. 950-722 BCE): Before Israel is conquered and sent into exile.

Hosea and Amos: Around the 9th and 8th centuries BCE.

Isaiah and Micah: From the late 800 BC, speaking to both the Kingdom of Israel and Judah.

Joel, Obadiah, Jonah: Their dating is uncertain, though some sources place Joel before Amos

(c.700-600 BC): During the time Assyria conquered Judah. Israel's kingdom remained unconquered.

Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephania

(c. 600 BC to the time of Christ): Fall of Jerusalem to Babylon. The Exile of the Jewish people out of Israel

Jeremiah – During the time of Jerusalem's fall in 586 BC

Ezekiel and Daniel – written while in exile in Babylon.

Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi; During the time of Persian rule when Jewish people returned to Israel.



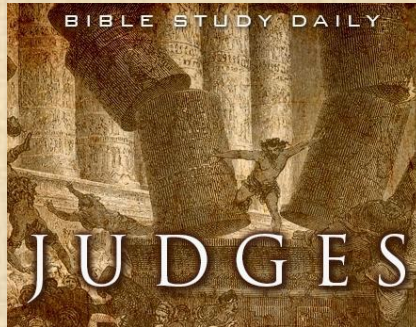
Timeline in pictures

Moses leads Israel out of Egypt



2000 BC

God appoints judges to lead Israel



1400 BC

1000 BC

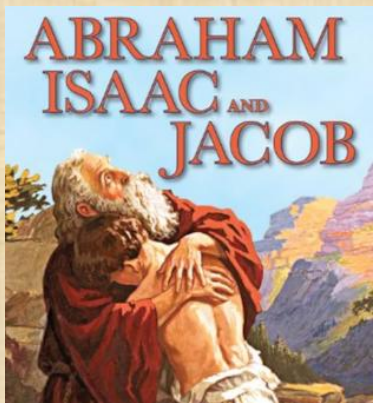
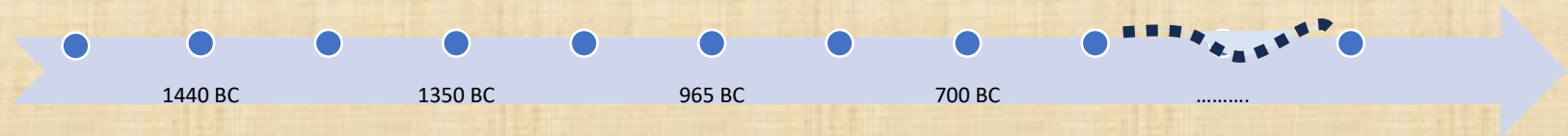
The Prophets and the destruction of the Kingdom



950 BC

600 BC

1 AD Birth of Christ



Joshua, the 12 tribes and the promised land

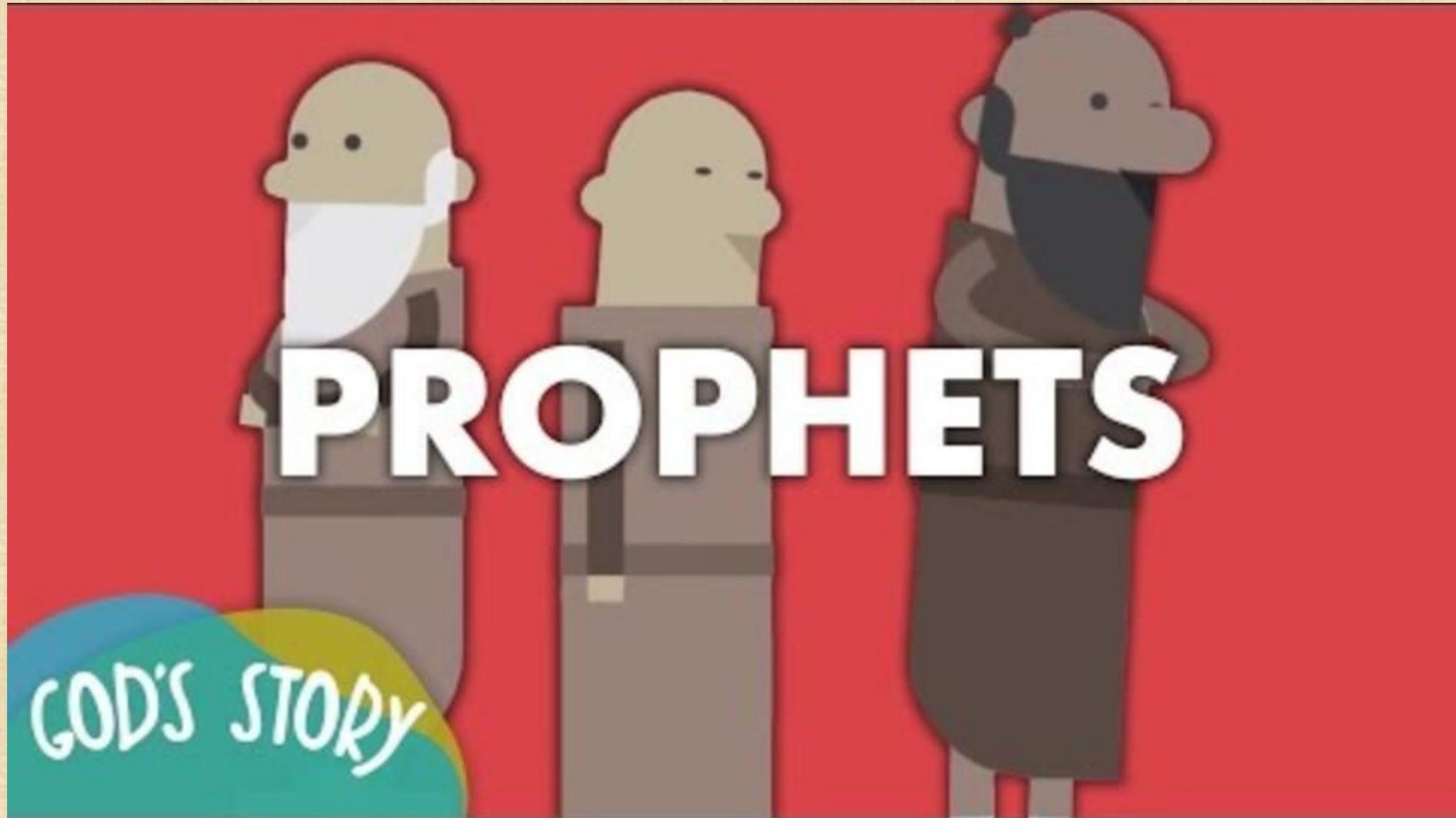


King David and the united kingdom



And now, a short video

[God's Story: Prophets - YouTube](#)



The cycle of sin

In the Old Testament God would send different people to help Israel when they had sinned against Him and suffered the consequence.

Later in the Old Testament God would speak through the prophets warning Israel not to turn away from Him or they would suffer greatly. But they did not listen to the prophets and sinned anyway.

This cycle of sin, unfortunately still effects every person living today in some way. We all fall short and needed a savior that could do for us, what priests, judges, kings, and prophets could not. This was Jesus.



Wrap Up!

- How are people today (including you and me) like the people of Israel and their cycle of sin?
- What do you think God wants us to do when we sin against Him?