I. The Essential Task of the OT Prophets: to declare the words of God

-Moses: Exodus 4:10-16; 6:28-7:1

-The Essence of Prophecy: not prediction but proclamation; not foretelling but forthtelling

II. An Overview of the OT Prophets

A. The Early Prophets

-Abraham; Moses

-11<sup>th</sup> Century BC: Samuel

-9th Century BC: Elijah; Elisha

-8th Century BC: Joel; Jonah; Hosea; Amos; Isaiah; Micah

-7th Century BC: Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah; Jeremiah

-6th Century BC: Obadiah; Ezekiel; Daniel

## B. The Post-Exilic Prophets

-Haggai; Zechariah; Malachi

## Practical Lessons

1) The Bible is a cohesive, coherent unit with a single message.

- 2) The parallels between the OC community and 21st century America are striking.
- 3) God's servants today must faithfully proclaim God's Word.
- 4) God's people must listen to the Word of God as it comes from His servants.