

The Writing Prophets of the Old Testament

Prophet	Years	Themes	Current events, kings	Accounts of the same time
Joel	???	Locust plague as a picture of the day of the LORD, call for repentance, the Spirit will be poured out one day.	Some say very early, some say after the exile	
Jonah	782-753 BC	God's judgment on Nineveh, Nineveh's repentance.	Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14
Amos	760-755 BC	Judgment on Israel for lavish living and oppression, promise of restoration at the end.	Uzziah, Jeroboam II	2 Kg. 14-15, 2 Chr. 26
Hosea	767-722 BC	Israel has been unfaithful to God the way Hosea's wife was unfaithful to him.	Uzziah to Hezekiah & Jeroboam II to Hoshea	2 Kg. 15-19, 2 Chr. 26-32
Micah	740-700 BC	Judgment on Israel & Judah, hope of peace to come, deliverer will be born in Bethlehem.	Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah, Israel exiled	2 Kg. 15-20, 2 Chr. 27-32
Isaiah	740-700 BC	Judgment on Judah, judgment on the nations, the LORD's coming "servant," promise of restoration after exile, final judgment.	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah, Israel exiled	2 Kg. 15-20, 2 Chr. 27-32
Nahum	663-612 BC?	Judgment on Nineveh (Assyria).	Manasseh, Amon, & Josiah	2 Kg. 21-23, 2 Chr. 33-35
Habakkuk	640-615 BC?	Dialog between Hab. and the LORD, how God uses sinful nations to judge other sinful nations, Assyria and Babylon will fall.	Josiah	2 Kg. (17), 22-23, 2 Chr. 34-35

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Zephaniah	640-609 BC	The day of the LORD, judgment on Judah and the nations, Israel's restoration.	Josiah	2 Kg. 22-23, 2 Chr. 34-35
Jeremiah	627-~580 BC	Decline and fall of Jerusalem, new covenant to come, exiles should remain faithful in captivity.	Josiah to Zedekiah, exile	2 Kg. 22-25, 2 Chr. 34-36
Daniel	605-536 BC	Events in the lives of the exiles, God's rule over the rise and fall of nations.	First group of exiles, Jehoiakim to Zedekiah, Babylon falls to Medes & Persians	Narratives in Jer., 2 Kg. 24-25, 2 Chr. 36
Ezekiel	593-571 BC	The glory of the LORD, salvation is the LORD's work, idolatry is spiritual adultery, culpability of leaders.	Zedekiah, exile	Jer. 27-29, 37-43, 2 Kg. 24-25, 2 Chr. 36
Obadiah	586 BC?	Judgment on Edom for helping with the destruction of Jerusalem	Exile	2 Kg. 25, 2 Chr. 36
Haggai	520-516 BC	Encouragement to resume rebuilding the temple.	After some exiles have returned	Ezra 5-6
Zechariah	520-516 BC	Vivid visions, continued need for repentance, priesthood and kingship will be restored.	After some exiles have returned	Ezra 5-6
Malachi	460 BC?	Call for repentance for corrupt priesthood, divorce, & oppression, "Elijah" will come before the day of the LORD.	After all exiles have returned	Ezra & Nehemiah