1 Peter 1:3-12 & 2 Peter 1:16-21

Thus Saith the Lord: Interlude The Prophets According to Peter

Concerning your salvation ...

- I. The Apostle
 - A. The Prophetic Word
 - B. An Eyewitness
 - C. A Gospel Herald
- II. The Prophets
 - A. Their Service
 - B. Their Source
 - C. Their Message
- III. The Savior
 - A. Who It's All About
 - B. What He Has Done for Sinners
- IV. And You
 - A. Reception
 - B. Treasure
 - C. Response
- ... ready to be revealed.

Children, Listen ...

- 1. What do you know about the apostle Peter?
- 2. Peter writes about the prophets. Can you name four Old Testament prophets?
- 3. Who does Peter say the prophets were looking for and writing about?
- 4. Where does Peter say the prophets got their information?
- 5. Can you describe the Gospel, or "good news" very simply?
 The good news of the Bible is

Revering the Prophetic Word

When you examine the lives of the prophets they can sometimes seem superhuman - as in the case of Elijah. Other individuals may not be guite as sterling - as in the case of Jonah and his notorious inhumane attitude toward the Ninevites. Whatever their constitution may have been. God's prophets were endowed with special gifts of service to Him and His people – most notably the gift of the prophetic voice. They were heralds of God's Word. While it is appropriate, along with all the saints through history, to have reverence for the prophets, it is their prophetic utterance that awards them great esteem far beyond themselves because those utterances are the very Word of God: Thus saith the Lord! As we are somewhere in the middle of our survey of the prophets we take a little interlude to examine what the apostle Peter had to write about the prophets. You may not be surprised but you will certainly be blessed to discover the part they played in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we know it, as well as the riches of grace that comes to those who believe in the Christ of the Gospel that they preached!

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."