



# The Journey To Jesus

## Travelling & Exploring the Old Testament Highways

# Bible Prophets

- 1) The appearance of a prophet was always a mark or \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel.
- 2) Prophets raised their voice against idolatry, corruption, blindness to the times and called the nation back to God.
- 3) Their primary function was not \_\_\_\_\_ the future, but rather the “FORTH TELLING” of God’s message to his own generation. Today we would call these men = \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) “Often the prophets were statesmen with both insight and foresight, clearly seeing the end of the dangerous religious and political experiments of their contemporaries.
- 5) Many times they did not \_\_\_\_\_ their own prophecies.
- 6) Their themes varied but aside from the immediate fulfillment of their predictions, their prophecies focused on two future events: The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ comings of Christ.
- 7) They did not always distinguish the differences between the two comings either!
- 8) 3 Prophets directed their message to Gentile nations: Obadiah (Edom), Jonah & Nahum (Ninevah)
- 9) They tended to be \_\_\_\_\_ and viewed as national subversive.
- 10) They were the \_\_\_\_\_ conscience of their age.

## **Bible Prophecy is Unique!**

- “Only book that challenges \_\_\_\_\_ by foretelling the future, staking its authority on the ultimate, certain, and complete fulfillment of its detailed predictions”
- 109 OT predictions literally fulfilled at Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ coming.
- Of the 845 quotations from the OT in the NT, 333 refer to Jesus—\_\_\_\_\_ prophecies about the betrayal, trial, death, burial, and resurrection by several prophets over 500 years.
- Chances of fulfillment of those are 1 in 33,554,438! According to the law of Compound Probabilities, the chances that these could be accidentally fulfilled by one person is 1 in \_\_\_\_\_!
- Besides the Major and Minor Prophets (designation refers to the size of the book not the importance of the message), other prophets were Elijah, Elisha, Enoch, Nathan, Micaiah, Huldah (prophetess), Moses, Samuel, David
- The prophets all ministered either before, during, or after the \_\_\_\_\_ captivity.

- **Pre-Exile Prophets:** Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Obadiah
- **Exile Prophets:** Ezekiel, Daniel
- **Post-Exile Prophets:** Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

## ***Background of the Prophets***

- The political and religious conditions of their times are constantly reflected in their \_\_\_\_\_ and must be considered when trying to understand each book.
- Political \_\_\_\_\_ shaped the history and the storyline of prophecies:
  - \* Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia (HUGE)
  - \* Greece & Rome (Prominent in Daniel)
  - \* Moab, Edom, Syria, Philistia, Ammon, Phoenecia, Elam, Ethiopia (lesser degree)
- “The power struggles of these nations form the historical context for the prophets warnings, woosings, and woes”
- Assyria, Babylon, and Persia are key!

Assyria= \_\_\_\_\_

Babylon- \_\_\_\_\_

Persia= \_\_\_\_\_