

Prophetic Distinctions within Redemptive History (Goldsworthy)

PROPHETS CONCERNING GOD'S REVELATION OF SALVATION: CONDITIONS OF THE COVENANT

A call to faithfulness to the covenant.

Moses-The first great prophet who establishes the pattern for all future prophets.

Samuel-Guides Israel in developing a correct understanding of the kingship.

Nathan & Gad-Specifically minister to David as the pattern of kingship develops.

Elijah & Elisha-Minister to the Northern Kingdom (Israel) after the schism.

(Still opportunity for repentance at this point.)

PROPHETS DECLARING THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD FOR THEIR UNBELIEF AND APOSTACY

Israel, corporately, is incapable of genuine repentance that results in prolonged faithfulness.

Amos & Hosea-No evidence of repentance witnessed. 722 BC-Israel fall to Assyrians.

Isaiah, Micah & Jeremiah-Judah fails to learn from Israel's fate. 597 BC-Judah's First Deportation to Babylon. 589 BC-Jerusalem & the temple are destroyed & Second Deportation to Babylon occurs.

Ezekiel (while in Exile) & **Daniel** (at the beginning of Second Deportation) restate the promises to the covenant looking toward futuristic & fuller fulfillment.

PROPHETS RESTATING THE COVENANT PROMISES AFTER THE RETURN FROM EXILE

At this point, there is a realization that full salvation has not yet come.

Ezra & Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi-address the problems of the new community still under foreign domination including continued disregard for God's Law & unrepentance.

(Points to the glory yet to come & the fullness of God's Promises through recreation - a new heaven & a new earth.)

This is fully realized in the Person and work of Jesus: The Perfect Prophet, Priest, King & Wiseman

Prophet: a.) Preaches the Word
b.) Is the Word

Priest: a.) True Priest/Representative of God
b.) One perfect sacrifice

King: a.) Israel's King-Son of David
b.) King of Kings-Sovereign God

Wiseman: a.) Speaks authoritatively
b.) Is the source of all wisdom.