

# Prophets and Writings

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WHAT VATICAN II REALLY SAID ABOUT THE BIBLE: STUDYING THE  
WORD OF GOD FROM THE HEART OF THE CHURCH  
WEEK 4



# Nevi'im (Prophets)

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## Ask...

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- North or South? (Israel or Judah?)
- Before, during, or after exile?
- Judgment or consolation? What for?
- Techniques?



# Northern prophets

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- Amos and Hosea
- Before 8<sup>th</sup>-century Assyrian conquest
- Mostly judgment
- Hosea's enacted prophecy
- Amos 2:6-16



# Southern prophets

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- Early (Before rise of Babylon)
- Impending exile to Babylon
- Exile (6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.)
- After the exile
- Ezekiel 12:1-16



# Isaiah

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- “Fifth Gospel”
- First Isaiah (1-39)
- Second Isaiah (40-55)
- Third Isaiah? (56-66)
- Isaiah 60:1-22



# Ketuvim (Writings)

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# Wisdom literature

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- Second Temple period
- Practical wisdom (Proverbs)
- Speculative wisdom (Ecclesiastes)
- Ecclesiastes 1:1-18



# Short stories (novellas)

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- Historical?
- God's faithfulness and mercy
- Foreigners



# Apocalyptic literature

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- Eschatological
- Audience under persecution
- Daniel 12:1-13

