**A Word Rightly Spoken:  Preaching Old Testament Prophets**

**Description**: The connotation of the word, “prophet” today doesn’t quite capture the essence of those who held that title in the Old Testament.  God’s spokesmen were timely and courageous; their messages were instant and in season.  Yet preaching Old Testament Prophecy is more than just explaining someone else’s arraignment. The Prophets speak truth for today.  In this session, we are going to look at how to understand and preach the Old Testament Prophets.

Prophecy represents the favor of the Lord to speak to His people

## Origins of Prophecy

* Ultimately, Prophecy reveals the initiative of God to communicate with His people
* Through prophecy, the inaccessible God was made accessible

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## Prophets of the Old Testament

1. **Patriarchal Prophets:**
2. **Former Prophets:**
3. **Major and Minor Prophets**

Themes of the Prophets

* 1. **Spiritual Concerns**
  2. **Social Concerns**

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## How the Prophets Heard the Message (Reception)

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## How the Prophets Delivered the Messages (Form)

* They used **every** **means** **necessary** to get the attention of the people so they hear the message

Characteristics of **Prophetic Poetry**:

1. The Uniqueness of Prophetic Poetry is that ***the messages were originally oral***
2. The Uniqueness of Prophetic Poetry is seen in ***its blend of history and poetry***
3. The Uniqueness of Prophetic Poetry is seen in ***its call for immediate response***

# **How Should We PREACH a Sermon from the Prophets**

1. **STEP ONE**: Understand what the text MEANT

**The MESSENGER**

**The CONTEXT**

**The MESSAGE**

**The STYLE**

1. **STEP TWO:** Scan the Prophetic Horizon
2. **STEP THREE**: Structure the sermon informed by the Genre of the text
3. **STEP FOUR**: Demonstrate what the text MEANS

* ***Focusing on Jesus in our Preaching is NEVER an afterthought it is the highlight of our application***