

THE KINGDOM / PROPHETIC LITERATURE

Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39, Jeremiah, Joel, Habakkuk

Read: Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39, Jeremiah, Joel, Habakkuk and the Elijah & Elisha stories in I Kings 17 and following into II Kings; Malachi Chapt. 4

Continue reading in Anderson Part II

Write: one page on “The Day of the Lord”. What is it? Is it to be feared or to be anticipated with joy? Cite specific references from Scripture

Questions for class discussions:

What is a prophet? What is his/her job? How can we be prophets in our own day?

What is the particular significance of Elijah? How is he different from the others?

Look at Amos’ (7:14), Isaiah’s (chapt. 6) and Jeremiah’s (1:4-12) calls. What do you learn about being called to ministry?

What do these books tell you about the nature of God? What are some of the images that they use for God? What do we learn about what God expects of us? How do these prophets describe the relationship between Israel (us) and God?

What is the root and heart of human sin? (see particularly Jeremiah 8 & 9)

What is the relationship between our faith and our daily life and our government (political) life according to these prophets?

What do the prophets tell us about suffering?

What is Justice? Mercy?

What is the *Day of the Lord*?

How do the prophets give us hope?

*May the bones of the Twelve Prophets
send forth new life from where they lie,
for they comforted the people of Jacob
and delivered them with confident hope.*

Sirach 49:10 (NRSV)