Finding the Truth: Understanding the Bible

The Prophetic Context

The forms of prophetic utterance

The Lawsuit: Isaiah 3:13-26

- Summons, charge, evidence, verdict.
- Compare: Hosea 4:1-19.

The Woe: Habakkuk 2:6-20

- Announcement of distress, reason for the distress, prediction of doom.
- Compare Micah 2:1-5; Zephaniah 2:5-7.

The Promise: Amos 9:11-15

- Reference to the future, mention of radical change, mention of blessing.
- Compare Isaiah 45:1-7, Jeremiah 31:1-9, Hosea 2:16-20.

Enactment: Isaiah 20

- Visual representation or symbolic actions to accompany the spoken word.
- Compare Ezekiel 4-5

Messenger speech: Isaiah 38:1-8

- Phrases such as "this is what the Lord says" or "this is the Word of the Lord concerning ..."
- Compare Jeremiah 35:17-19, Amos 1:3-2:16, Malachi 1:1-5.

Prophetic Poetry:

- Many of the oracles are written as poems to be sung or easily memorized.
- Zechariah 13:79

Lesson 14

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Suggested Reading

HTRTBFAIW: pages 200-206

Scripture Reading

See Examples in text

Key Verses:

Joel 2:28-32 28 *"It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.* 29 *"Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.* 30 *"I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke.* 31 *"The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.* 32 *"And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*

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