



# WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

*It is the Instruction Manual from God.*

## Lesson 2E - How does God Communicate with us?

- *Keep in mind that before people had (or wanted) access to the Bible, God used other ways.*



### THROUGH THE PROPHETS

*This would include the books of the prophets in the Old Testament:*

- **Major Prophets** (longer, possibly more world content)  
*Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel (Total of five books)*
- **Minor Prophets** (shorter, possibly more local content)  
*Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi (Total of 12 books)*
- *They were for the Old Testament Jews; they had no one else.*

1. If a **prophet** is one who hears directly from God and then makes known to the people what God had said, who are the "prophets" in the following verses?

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|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| a. Deut. 34:10    | _____ | Numbers 12:7-8 | _____ |
| b. 1 Sam. 3:19-21 | _____ | Genesis 20:7   | _____ |
| c. 1 Kings 18:22  | _____ | 1 Kings 19:16  | _____ |
| d. Acts 2:30      | _____ | Jeremiah 1:5   | _____ |
| e. Matt. 11:9     | _____ | Acts 7:37      | _____ |
| f. Acts 3:22      | _____ |                |       |

2. How long has God used prophets? (Acts 3:21) \_\_\_\_\_

3. How does God communicate with a prophet?

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| a. Moses    | (Deut. 34:10)  | _____ |
| b. Jeremiah | (Jer. 1:5)     | _____ |
| c. Elijah   | (1 Kings 17:2) | _____ |
| d. Samuel   | (1 Sam. 3:8)   | _____ |

4. Why did God have to communicate to man through prophets?

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| a. (1 Samuel 3:1)   | The word of the Lord was _____ in those days.  |
| b. (1 Samuel 2:12)  | The sons of Eli, the main priest, were _____.  |
| c. (Judges 21:25)   | Every man did what was _____ in his own _____.   |
| d. (Judges 2:11-12) | The Jews did _____ in the sight of the Lord, and _____ Idols; they _____ the Lord of God of their ancestors. |

### A Quick Reminder

- *Since the people were living in evil & disobedience, they were avoiding & not listening to God.*
  - *God would want to remind them of the past, point out their current failures, or warn them of something in the future, so He told the prophets & they would prophesy (present the message).*
  - *The only Bible they had at that time was the Law of Moses, but they were ignoring it.*
  - *Eventually, Moses wrote Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy - but the religious leaders were weak & godless and were not reading it themselves or to the people.*
  - *In 2 Kings 22:8, the high priest found the Book of the Law (their Bible) lost in the temple.*
- DO YOU GET THE PICTURE WHY GOD HAD TO USE THE PROPHETS TO TALK TO MAN?