

Scripture on Prophetic Ministry

Way of the Spirit, Module 4: Prophetic Ministry

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These scripture passages help form the foundations of our retreat together. We'll refer to this list during the retreat, as do the authors in the required readings. It includes Hebrew and Christian prophetic call stories, the tasks and experiences of prophets, some of their prayers and lamentations, and early Christian examples of prophetic ministry. Citations are listed according to the order of books presented in most Bibles.

Become more familiar with them. Try a Lectio Divina process (article here by Thomas Keating: <http://www.crossroadshikers.org/LectioDevina.htm>). Explore different translations and helpful resources for context and interpretation online at <http://www.biblegateway.com/>. The list could be *much* longer. If you recall another, reread it. Bring additional texts to our attention on retreat.

Where?	Reminder of Content ¹
1. Exodus 3: 1-4:17	Moses and the burning bush: "I have seen the affliction of my people..."
2. Numbers 11: 16 -30	"If only all of God's people were prophets!"
3. Deuteronomy 18: 15-22	"a prophet... into whose mouth I will put my words"
4. Judges 4: 4	"The prophet Deborah... people came to her for arbitration"
5. Judges 6: 12-23	Gideon's call, "Fear not..."
6. 1 Samuel 3	"Prophecy was uncommon..." "Samuel had not yet encountered YHWH"
7. 1 Kings 19	Elijah on the run, at Mt Horeb hears "still, small voice"
8. Isaiah 6: 1-13	Isaiah's call: "Whom shall I send?"
9. Isaiah 11: 1-9	Prophetic vision of the Peaceable Realm: "wolf will dwell with the lamb"
10. Isaiah 42: 1-9	"I have endowed you with my Spirit that you may bring justice to the nations."
11. Isaiah 43: 18-21	"Behold I am doing something new"
12. Jeremiah 1: 1-19	Jeremiah's call: "I am putting my words in your mouth"
13. Jeremiah 20: 7-9	"it becomes like a fire burning in my heart"
14. Jeremiah 31: 33-34	"I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts"
15. Ezekiel 1-3	"As it spoke, spirit entered me and raised me onto my feet" Ezekial eats the scroll.
16. Hosea 6: 4-6	"I desire kindness... not sacrifice, acknowledgment of God, not burnt offerings."
17. Amos 5: 23-24	"Let justice flow like a river"
18. Amos 7: 7-9	"God was standing by a wall, a plumb line in hand"
19. Jonah 1-4	"Jonah decided to run away from YHWH"

¹ Excerpted from translation by Priests for Equality. *The inclusive Bible: the first egalitarian translation*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007.

20. Micah 4: 3-4 “Swords into plowshares”
21. Micah 6: 6-8 “Do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.”
22. Habakkuk 1: 2-4, 12-17 Prophet complains to God, “How long, YHWH, am I to cry for help?”
23. Esther 4-5 Ester speaks to the king on pain of death: “...who knows but that you have come to this royal position for such a time as this?”
24. Daniel 7 Night visions: “I, Daniel, found my spirit troubled within me, and I was terrified.”
25. Nehemiah 1: 1-2:5 Tears, mourning and prayers to restore the remnant of Israel
26. Mark 1: 1-13 Jesus call: “You are my beloved”
27. Matthew 7: 11-13 & 22: 37-40 “Treat others as you would have them treat you. ...the whole meaning of the Law and the prophets.”
28. Matthew 7: 15-20 “false prophets” wolves disguised as sheep
29. Luke 1: 26-38 Mary says, “Let it be done to me as you say.”
30. Luke 2: 36-48 Prophet Anna thanks God for Jesus
31. Luke 4:1-30 Jesus prophetic call: “...bring Good News...” but they run him out of town
32. Luke 7: 16 Jesus “A great prophet has appeared among us.”
33. John 4: 17-19 Woman at the well, “I can see you’re a prophet”
34. Acts 2: 15-17 “Your daughters and sons will prophesy”
(see also Joel 2: 28-32)
35. Acts 7: 51-53 “Was there ever any prophet whom your ancestors did not persecute?”
36. Acts 15: 32 “Judas and Silas, themselves prophets, spoke for a long time, giving encouragement and strength...”
37. 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11 variety of gifts incl. prophecy
38. 1 Corinthians 12: 27-30 “...first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers...”
39. 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 “Gift of prophecy such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge ...but do not have love, I am nothing.”
“...Our prophesying is imperfect...”
40. 1 Corinthians 14: 1-5 Spiritual gifts: “those who prophesy talk to us...for our edification, encouragement and comfort.”
41. 1 Corinthians 14: 20-33 Prophets need discerners: “God is a God of peace, not disorder”
42. Ephesians 4: 11-16 Gift of prophecy, “to equip the holy ones for the work of service and to build up the body of Christ...in love”
43. 2 Peter 1:19 “Prophecy never comes through an act of human will”