

Section A*Prophecy in general and Pre-canonical Prophets*

- 1 Examine why Moses was such an important figure in Old Testament prophecy. [25]
- 2 Discuss the relationship between prophets and kings with particular reference to the prophets Nathan and Elijah. [25]
- 3 Examine the use of miracles by the prophets. [25]
- 4 Examine the use made by prophets of symbolic acts. [25]
- 5 Consider the view that all pre-exilic prophets functioned within the cult. [25]

Section B*Pre-exilic Prophets, with special reference to Amos, Hosea, Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah*

- 6 'Those who heard Amos' message could never have accepted it.' Do you agree? [25]
- 7 Assess the view that Hosea's relationship with Gomer explains everything about his prophecy. [25]
- 8 In your view, what was the main influence on the prophecies of Isaiah of Jerusalem? [25]
- 9 Examine whether Jeremiah was a prophet of doom or a prophet of hope. [25]

Section C

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 10** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) And the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.” (Numbers 11:16)
- (b) On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I tell him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. (1 Samuel 3:12–13)
- (c) Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a medium at Endor.”
So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments, and went, he and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, “Divine for me by a spirit, and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you.” (1 Samuel 28:7–8)
- (d) ‘I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.’ (2 Samuel 7:14–16)
- (e) So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who dwelt with Naboth in his city. And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people; and set two base fellows opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out, and stone him to death.” (1 Kings 21:8–10)
- (f) Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt:
“You only have I known
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your iniquities.” (Amos 3:1–2)
- (g) “And in that day, says the LORD, you will call me, ‘My husband,’ and no longer will you call me, ‘My Ba’al.’ For I will remove the names of the Ba’als from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more. And I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.” (Hosea 2:16–19)

(h) Your country lies desolate,
 your cities are burned with fire;
 in your very presence
 aliens devour your land;
 it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens.
 And the daughter of Zion is left
 like a booth in a vineyard,
 like a lodge in a cucumber field,
 like a besieged city.

If the LORD of hosts
 had not left us a few survivors,
 we should have been like Sodom,
 and become like Gomor'rah.

(Isaiah 1:7–9)

(i) There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

(Isaiah 11:1–3a)

(j) The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.” Then the LORD said to me, “Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD; and they shall come and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls round about, and against all the cities of Judah.”

(Jeremiah 1:13–15)

(k) Be not a terror to me;
 thou art my refuge in the day of evil.
 Let those be put to shame who persecute me,
 but let me not be put to shame;
 let them be dismayed,
 but let me not be dismayed;
 bring upon them the day of evil;
 destroy them with double destruction!

(Jeremiah 17:17–18)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

10 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]

- (a) The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.” (Numbers 11:16)
- (b) At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family – from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family for ever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. (1 Samuel 3:12–13)
- (c) Saul then said to his attendants, “Find me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go and enquire of her.”
 “There is one in Endor,” they said.
 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. “Consult a spirit for me,” he said, “and bring up for me the one I name.” (1 Samuel 28:7–8)
- (d) ‘I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.’ (2 Samuel 7:14–16)
- (e) So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city with him. In those letters she wrote:
 “Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them testify that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death.” (1 Kings 21:8–10)
- (f) Hear this word the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel – against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt:
 “You only have I chosen
 of all the families of the earth;
 therefore I will punish you
 for all your sins.” (Amos 3:1–2)

- (g) “In that day,” declares the LORD,
 “you will call me ‘my husband’;
 you will no longer call me ‘my master’.
 I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips;
 no longer will their names be invoked.
 In that day I will make a covenant for them
 with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air
 and the creatures that move along the ground.
 Bow and sword and battle
 I will abolish from the land,
 so that all may lie down in safety.
 I will betroth you to me for ever;
 I will betroth you in righteousness and justice
 in love and compassion.” (Hosea 2:16–19)
- (h) Your country is desolate,
 your cities burned with fire;
 your fields are being stripped by foreigners
 right before you,
 laid waste as when overthrown by strangers.
 The Daughter of Zion is left
 like a shelter in a vineyard,
 like a hut in a field of melons,
 like a city under siege.
 Unless the LORD Almighty
 had left us some survivors,
 we would have become like Sodom,
 we would have been like Gomorrah. (Isaiah 1:7–9)
- (i) A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
 from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
 the Spirit of counsel and of power,
 the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD –
 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:1–3a)
- (j) The word of the LORD came to me again: “What do you see?”
 “I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north,” I answered.
 The LORD said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land.
 I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the LORD.
 “Their kings will come and set up their thrones
 in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem;
 they will come against all her surrounding walls
 and against all the towns of Judah.” (Jeremiah 1:13–15)

(k) Do not be a terror to me;
 you are my refuge in the day of disaster.
Let my persecutors be put to shame,
 but keep me from shame;
let them be terrified,
 but keep me from terror.
Bring on them the day of disaster;
 destroy them with double destruction.

(Jeremiah 17:17–18)

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