



# PROPHETS OF THE EXILE AND RETURN



	PROPHET	YEARS	PRIMARY MESSAGE	POINTS TO CHRIST
BEFORE EXILE	<b>Jeremiah</b>	626–580 BC	Because of their sin, God would send His people into exile but, in His mercy, would restore them to the land after seventy years	God would raise up from David's line a righteous Branch (Jeremiah 23:5-6; cf. Matthew 1); God would make a new, better covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; cf. Luke 22:20)
	<b>Habakkuk</b>	609–605	Because of Judah's unfaithfulness, God would bring the Chaldeans against His people in judgment	The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, reveals the righteousness of God from faith to faith (Romans 1:16-17; cf. Habakkuk 2:4)
DURING EXILE	<b>Daniel</b>	605–530	Though God's people lived in a pagan land, God was with His people and had the power to protect and provide for them	One like a son of man is given an eternal dominion by the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:13-14); Daniel also predicted the Messiah's first coming and death ("seventy weeks," 9:24-26) as well as the antichrist before Christ's second coming (11:21-45)
	<b>Ezekiel</b>	593–571	Though the people were exiled for their sin, God would revive the people and restore them to the land	The Messiah will be king over a reunited Israel of faith, and He will dwell with them forever (Ezekiel 37:20-28; cf. Revelation 21-22)
	<b>Obadiah</b>	586	Edom would be destroyed for gloating over Judah when the Chaldeans carried them into exile	The Lord Jesus will judge all His enemies, who are the enemies of His people, and He will rule over all (Obadiah 17-21; cf. Revelation 7:9-10), yet He will also save a remnant of Edom in those who bear His name (Amos 9:11-12)
AFTER EXILE	<b>Haggai</b>	520	When the people rebuilt the temple, God would grant them peace	Zerubbabel, chosen by God (Haggai 2:23), is in Jesus's genealogy (Matthew 1:12); Christ is the fulfillment of the temple (John 1:14; 2:19-22)
	<b>Zechariah</b>	520–518	Written to encourage returning exiles, Zechariah urged them to return to the Lord and worship Him with sincerity	The Lord to dwell among us (Zechariah 2:10-12) and be King over the whole earth in Jerusalem (14:1-21; cf. Revelation 21); the Messiah would ride on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9), be priest and king (6:12-13), be pierced and mourned (12:10)
	<b>Malachi</b>	460	Though the priests failed their duties by presenting tainted sacrifices, God would send a messenger to prepare His way, the way for the Messiah	John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah (Luke 1:17; cf. Malachi 4:5-6) and proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29-34; cf. Malachi 3:1-4; 4:2)

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