

How to Preach the Prophets

What are the traps to avoid when preaching the prophets? How to preach the prophets today with exegetical rigor, theological depth and pastoral sensitivity? How to preach the Old Testament prophets in a genre sensitive way? How can we exploit the rhetorical genius of the prophets? We will seek to answer these questions and therefore establish a methodology for preaching the prophets today.

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I. Why Preach the Prophets?

- a. The example of Jesus and the apostles
- b. The value of their message
- c. The genius of their rhetoric

II. Traps to Avoid

- a. Historical Trap
- b. Eschatological Trap
- c. Character Trap

III. Tips for Preaching the Prophets

- a. Understand the Prophetic Genre
 - i. Divinely Inspired Anthologies
 - ii. Oracles
 - iii. Poetical Language
 - iv. Visionary Literature
- b. Enjoy, explore and exploit the language of the prophets
- c. Take a road to Christ
- d. Build a bridge to the Church

Suggested Readings:

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