

Why Preach the Prophets?

The Old Testament prophets played a critical role in revealing God's plan of salvation. They occupy a significant portion of the Biblical canon similar in size to the entire New Testament. Despite this prominent position they are often ignored in most pulpits. We will explore the theological richness of the prophets and consider the importance of their message for the Church.

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Introduction: A Commitment to Tota Scriptura

- I. The Example of Jesus and the NT writers**
 - a. The Prophets disclosed the identity of Jesus**

 - b. The Prophets shaped the teaching of Jesus**

 - c. The Prophets impacted the NT Church**

II. The Value of their Message

a. The Horror of Sin

b. The Greatness of God

III. The Genius of their Rhetoric

a. Ethos

b. Logos

c. Pathos

Conclusion: A Unique Voice

Suggested Readings:

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Hays, J. Daniel, *The Message of the Prophets*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010.

Wright, Christopher J. H. *Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1992.