



Genre: The prophets used poetic and narrative language to communicate the message of the prophets.

6 Prophetic Observations

1. Prophets were Law Enforcers who challenged Israel to be Loyal to God's law. **Deuteronomy 4:25-31**
2. Prophets or Law Enforcers ministry lasted for 300 years, between 760 & 460 BC, beginning with Amos and ending with Malachi.
3. Prophets, or Law Enforcers were always divinely appointed, never self-appointed.
4. Prophet or Law Enforcers were God's mouthpieces who preached and sometimes lived out God's message and never their own.

Their hallmark was, "Thus saith the Lord". Prophets were forth tellers before foreteller.

5. The Law Enforcers pronounced:

Blessings are associated with obedience. **Leviticus 26:1-13, Deuteronomy 4:32-40**

Curses are associated with disobedience. **Leviticus 26:14-39, Deuteronomy 4:15-28**

Prophets were sent because Israel was disobedient.

6. False prophets were known for being self-appointed, not enforcing the law, false predictions and an unwillingness to self-sacrifice.

NOTES:

Read and discover what God communicated to the people *then*.

Prophetic Language Reading Rules

Who is the Law Enforcer (Prophet)? Nathan
When possible, identify if there is a unique God experience in the prophet's life.

To whom are they enforcing loyalty to the law? King David

In what ways has the nation or an individual been un-loyal to God's law?
Adultery and Murder.

Identify the curses or blessings being pronounced.
Judgement against his family.

Identify how the law enforcer is communicating God's message. Parable

Identify what new behavior God is seeking through the Law Enforcer's message.
Purity in David's life.

Note: look for unique ways in which the prophets communicated their message. Real life enactments, riddles, parables, oracles, sermons, etc...

Reflect, pray and determine what God communicating to us *now*.

Prophetic Language Reflecting Rules

Write, in your own words, a 2-3 sentence prayer or revelation summarizing how the message of the prophet has challenged you to obey God.

Respond and do something. Pray and decide what God wants to do in and through you in the *future*.

For the next 7 days, read the daily devotionals for Law Enforcement, Book Four of *The Royal*.



"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Exodus 3

WED – Ezekiel 1-2

FRI – Isaiah 6

TUE – 2 Kings 2-3

THU – Jeremiah 1

SAT – Hosea 1

SUN – Jonah 1



Read and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing.

Read the text 2-3 times and identify either:

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2. To whom are they Enforcing Loyalty to the Law?
3. In what ways has the nation or an individual been un-loyal to God's law?
4. Identify the curses or blessings being pronounced.
5. Identify what new behavior God is seeking through the Law Enforcer's message.



Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present.

Write, in your own words, a 2-3 sentence prayer or revelation summarizing how the message of the prophet has challenged you to obey God.



Respond and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there something you can praise God for? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to? How are you worshipping God in your life?

Further applications – Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

BOOK FOUR: LAW ENFORCEMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT: PROPHETIC LANGUAGE

{God's Prophets or Law Enforcers were messengers of God sent to Enforce loyalty to God's Law.}

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