**Biblical Prophets**

* Nabi
	+ One called or one commissioned; spokespersons for God who were commissioned to oppose the oppression and collective unrighteousness (injustice) of those in power and authority
	+ Forth-telling, not foretelling
		- An overwhelming sense of an encounter with God
		- A message of moral and political judgment that the prophet feels divinely compelled to proclaim
* false prophets
	+ silent about issues of social justice
	+ function as uncritical supporters of rulers and politicians, rather than as their moral conscience and dedicated arbiters of biblical justice

**The Prophets in the Hebrew Bible (Nevi’im)**

* Former
	+ Joshua
	+ Judges
	+ 1 Samuel
	+ 2 Samuel
	+ 1 Kings
	+ 2 Kings
* Latter
	+ Isaiah
	+ Jeremiah
	+ Lamentations
	+ Ezekiel
	+ Daniel
	+ Hosea
	+ Joel
	+ Amos
	+ Obadiah
	+ Jonah
	+ Micah
	+ Nahum
	+ Habakkuk
	+ Zephaniah
	+ Haggai
	+ Zechariah
	+ Malachi

***“Prophets have never been called to conserve social orders that create and sustain inequities of power, privilege, and wealth; prophets have always been called to change them so all can have access to the fullest fruits of life.” – Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.***

**Examples**

* Isaiah 1:16-17, 23; 29:19-21
* Jeremiah 22:13, 17
* Ezekiel 22:23-29
* Amos 5:12; 8:4-6
* Micah 2:1-5

**Jesus & the Prophets**

* Matthew 23; 25:31-46
* Mark 5:1-10
* Luke 4:18-19

***“The prophets and Jesus make uncompromising pronouncements to those in power and authority about oppressive political, marginalizing social, and exploitative policies and practices.” – Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.***