**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.***