

## **BIBLE MYSTERY AND BIBLE MEANING OLD TESTAMENT**

### **Lesson 12**

### **The Prophets**

### **Isaiah • Jeremiah • Ezekiel**

**Three Major Prophets, each having a role to play  
in the unfolding of man's consciousness**

## **Isaiah**

There is not much covered about their personal lives but we find a great bulk of the Old Testament prophesies in these books. These three are considered by many to be the great prophets of the Old Testament. Many New Testament quotations are from these three prophets.

Prophet Isaiah, was the son of Amoz a strong and courageous man, a forerunner on salvation, and brother of King Amaziah of Judah. Isaiah married a prophetess. His name means, JHVH is my helper, salvation is of the Lord, and deliverance of Jehovah.

He prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Of these kings Ahaz was not a righteous king. He was a possessor and of the Baal consciousness. His mind and body were of the outer senses and dwelled in the duality of grasping; to lay hold of.

Isaiah represents the higher self, free from the bondage of self-made shadows and illusions. He did not succumb to the past generations limited veils of thoughts and ideas. Instead he was fearlessly of the true God self in Christ Mind. Here in Isaiah the kings represent the outer strength taking hold of our being. Whether righteous or unrighteous, their strength is of the outer kingdom derived from the sum of man's expression. This strength eventually fades away because it is limited in its purpose, and can only last as long as the flesh. The sum of all man's thoughts are temporary. To create from it is of limitation for the core itself is limited.

It is in the "Isaiah consciousness" that we are of a much higher self. It is the evolving conscious, the self that is moving away from the root and entering into the crown. It is here that we have a much greater understanding of truth, and that truth is the deliverance of abundant supply and spiritually. From it only comes Good. For it only comes from Jehovah, the I Am.

In truth Isaiah lived in the consciousness of not asking God for his needs, but in asking God what have you need of me. In one of the stories he tells of one of the seraphim's that flew unto him, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar. It was laid upon his mouth, and he heard the words, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Then he heard the words, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

*Isaiah replied, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed -Isaiah. 6:6-10.*

The seraphim represent the fiery pure thoughts of a glorious higher state of mind. Their six wings represent freedom from our outer limited thinking, a "quickenings" through the six channels of consciousness which represents our intuitiveness and the five senses. Our intellect is often blocked because the work truly to do, is too deep to comprehend. But in truth the whole world exists in the midst of God being, God Mind. God is everywhere and everything is Holy for it is God in expression of all that is. When we have even a glimpse of this vision we are for that moment of the most high, and in that moment all our impurities are unknown to us. We are, for that moment in a state of such divine consciousness that we cannot even comprehend such impurities of limitations. We have moved beyond hearing things in the literal sense and for the moment, have evolved into a metaphysical state of mysticism. It is there we can evolve into a state that exists beyond the alter, which is the Lamb of God, the Christ. However more about that in the New Testament.

Even to begin to have this quickening; to express from this state of being, the mind, body and soul must be strengthened so it can handle this higher state of mind. Hence, *"Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."*

This begins in our conscious mind. It is here we absorb all that we witness. With it we have our conclusions and the feelings and emotions we attach to it. It finalizes in our sub-conscious. It is our sub-conscious that begins to make manifest. It is delivered to our soul and we begin to walk the path of which our soul radiates vibrantly before us.

From H.B. Jeffery we learn: your soul is that phase of your subconscious which takes your thought, creates an emotional pattern to back it up and produces it into form. Spirit is what you are. Soul is the way you work. You are a thinker, and when you think, something happens to what you think. The thinking is spirit; the happening is soul. You exist as a thinking individual in a field of subjective field response.

When we have these high levels of awareness in the God self, it's of the same principle as moving from a weakened state (sickness). The higher self has been lying dormant for some time but then comes into being and a great strength takes over. As we spike to a greater self and then come down, if even a smidgeon remains, as it often does, it will be fruitful and multiply. For the expanding self has evolved.

*And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.* - Isaiah 6: 12-13.

Isaiah's prophecies led him deliver divine messages to various kings. On one occasion he was instructed to tell King Ahaz not to fear the military that was directed against him. Another time, he gave a message of hope to King Hezekiah. Hezekiah was told that the siege of his city would soon end; that the Assyrians would leave; and that the king of the Assyrians would be slain. In another message of hope, he told Hezekiah that he would not die from a fatal disease and his life would be extended 15 years.

Isaiah's prophecies were directed toward many nations. Not all the prophecies have yet been fulfilled. Isaiah, chapter 13, recognizes prophecies involving nations other than Israel. A prophecy regarding the millennium is found in Isaiah, chapter two and in chapter 11. Many of them are about God's goodness. His kingdom within must be recognized by man in order for it to come unto us. It is in our righteousness that we can awaken to that which is already within us.

Some of the most profound prophecies were penned by Isaiah, and the likes of which are not to be seen of this magnitude in the entire Bible. He is also often quoted in the New Testament. Isaiah is our higher self in action with the oneness of God in mind, body, soul, and spirit. We are cleansed of the race mind influences and the their shadows of error thoughts and self built walls that deny us of our inherited right. We are of the Christ Mind as one with the heavenly Kingdom and Our Mother / Father which art in Heaven.

## Jeremiah

Jeremiah's name means "YHVH is high," or "Exalted of God." Jeremiah was a Levite (descendant of Levi) and a priest. Jeremiah was preordained to be a servant of God before his birth.

*"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."* - Jeremiah 1:4-5.

Jeremiah was very instrumental in the politics of his day with several nations. His prophecies revealed that some of these nations would be destroyed and others raised up.

*"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant"* - Jeremiah 1:10.

Jeremiah never married. His journey would be of great sufferings and persecution, and a wife, let alone a family, could not have endured such persecution and sufferings.

*"The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place"* - Jeremiah 16:1-2

Jeremiah was called the name "the sorrowful prophet" because he continuously looked on the negative side and often prophesized evil. Despite his devotion to Jehovah his thoughts held him in bondage to the material world. His thoughts were often filled with discouragement. Part of this may have been his influence from being a Levite. Though they are priestly, they are also of their religion not necessarily of their spiritual nature, the Christ self.

Faith works just as well with negative thoughts as it does with positive thoughts, as it does with divine truth. Mankind always has great faith, like breathing and thinking, and having feelings and emotions. Faith can be misdirected just like thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

Many turned against Jeremiah, even the prominent temple priests. Many feared his prophecies and tried to get him to denounce them.

*I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation” -Jeremiah. 15:17.*

God encouraged him by saying:

*I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible” -Jeremiah 15: 20-21.*

Jeremiah was put in the stocks, publicly whipped, placed in prison and mocked.

*Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed ...Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame? - Jeremiah 20: 14, 17-18.*

Jeremiah was being shut off from bringing the message of Jehovah. A separation had taken place within his own consciousness. Though he was devout to the Laws of God he was lacking in God's Peace and Wisdom. Despite his continued suffering, his will was ignoring God's Wisdom. (hence: The Law of Attraction from the Law of Expression) Jeremiah still remained in the commission of God's Will.

*Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison. When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; Then \*Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. - Jeremiah 37:15-17.*

Zedekiah was warned time and time again by Jeremiah. Though Zedekiah's faith was in God his practices were not. Zedekiah, King of Judah, was a false prophet. He lacked the knowledge and understanding of divine law and would not credit Jehovah for his victories.

We can go forth blindly in divine principle but not understanding where the source lies, and in turn our ego becomes sickened with self-centeredness becoming weak in illusions. In this state though our Christ Mind is with us, since God is Omnipresent and there is no separation, we none the less do not hear the Christ Mind and cannot be filled with the awareness of the Holy Spirit. Hence Jeremiah's warnings, as stirring as they were, go unheard.

Zedekiah was the justice of Jah, the uprightness of Jehovah, but he trusted in man, the flesh. He turned from God's Wisdom to man's intellect and was consumed in the idolatry of man's creative expression. He knew divine law but did not practice it.

Many people suffer and are in an unharmonious state because they try to build their foundation in sand, which is always changing, moving, shifting, rather than building upon unchanging principle. It is in this choice of faith that we have the final destruction of Jerusalem.

As one story is told, King Zedekiah's last \*sight, before he was blinded, was to see his sons murdered. It was the complete undoing of his dreams and entire legacy. However it is not the end of Jerusalem or the Jews (spiritual consciousness). History tells of a slow rehabilitation of Jerusalem seventy years later, when a remnant of the children of Israel comes forth, restoring the priests and the prophets (God Consciousness).

Jeremiah represents a state of consciousness that looks to establish God as the center or the focus of man's awareness. Up to this point in time the Hebrews believed in the power of the Ark. It was always the dominant point in everything they did. But Jeremiah comes along and says that the day will come when people would no longer be held in bondage by religious objects or ceremonies. He teaches that the day will come when people will realize that it is the individual himself who is the Living Ark, and that the Spirit of God will reveal itself in this Holy of Holies. "I find this little story amazing. Very uplifting and stimulating. This is one of the reasons why I say that the New Testament begins about here; with the major prophets." -Dr. Al Salazar

*God commissioned Jeremiah as a prophet to the nations to root out, to tear down, and to build and to plant - Jeremiah. 1:10*

## **Ezekiel**

### **Prophet • Enthusiast • Watchman**

Ezekiel's name meant "God strengthens," and like Jeremiah, Ezekiel was both a Levite and a priest. The Chaldeans took him captive during the reign of Jehoiachin, and was part of a colony of captive Hebrews that dwelled by the river Chebar in Babylon. It was of the darkest of times for his people. It is there that he prophesized.

The river Chebar is our current of vitality in thought streaming in and strengthening the knowledge and creativity evolving of spiritual Truth. Chaldean represents entangled thoughts derived from the sum of man's limited expression and Babylon represents confused state of mind expressing. Hence the derivative: babble.

Ezekiel was to be a prophet to both the southern and northern kingdoms, which makes his prophecies so important. Many of them apply to the lost ten tribes of Israel and stems to the "last days"; a period of time shortly before the return of Christ.

Ezekiel was not just a prophet but also an enthusiast, expressing and manifesting from the Jehovah consciousness, the I Am! A good Shepard (the spiritual I Am) who cares for his sheep (spiritual thoughts).

God strengthened Ezekiel by His commands to him. In the consciousness of God Mind, there is no separation. God's (Jehovah's) commands are as one with the authority to which Ezekiel moves and expresses in spiritual Truth. Though Ezekiel (man) governs his own thoughts and

emotions, he is of a higher conscious awareness and in such, a trusted servant / governor to his King, Jehovah (God Mind).

In Ezekiel. 1:4-28, the prophet has a vision. The Goodness of God in all its glory and splendor is revealed to him. *And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire...* From the four corners of earth itself; the embodiment; the mental; the emotions; the spiritual, Ezekiel's visions was nothing shy of John's visions in The Book of Revelation.

Here we see again Dr. Salazar's observation; ..."that the New Testament begins about here; with the major prophets."

It is the evolution of life itself awakening to its higher purpose. Life cannot evolve otherwise. This principle remains the same in all things. Take for instance, the seed underground. The wisdom within it does not choose to stay dormant as an idea within a seed, never to move in creative being. Not at all! It is of nature itself that it is attracted to light and breaks forth from the seed. Staying rooted to the seed, it continues its way up through the dirt and into the light. Then begins a beautiful metamorphosis of evolving into its destined state of being. This is God's Divine Science. It is a principle that remains as is for all life. That single seed represents our single thought in spiritual truth. Many people allow their thoughts to stay dormant or they begin to sprout but fear the light and stay in the darkness, buried in dirt. *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.* -John 1:5

After Ezekiel's vision God commanded him to stand up ( God strengthens) and go to Israel to speak His words, to stand before the people there in the I Am consciousness of Divine Truth.

*And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house..* -Ezekiel. 2:1-6.

Nevertheless, they were given a witness and a warning. God has never forsaken us. The flesh (The outer) forsakes the true innate self which is in the image and likeness of the Heavenly Mother / Father.

Ezekiel's righteousness prevailed. Chapters 13 and 34 describe false prophets who were more interested in personal gain and security than in the Truth.

Here we taught that there is a great work to be done among men, but there is greater work to be done within. Every thought, cell, emotion, and organ must come into harmonious alignment through our innate awareness in faith. Faith being the realization that the activity of God is already



at work within, and at all times. It is here that we can begin to dwell in earth as it is in Heaven. It is only here in the heavenly state that we can be removed from the race mind activity of limitation, sickness, and disease.

It is for all who truly seek the Word of God. God's Truth is our Truth.

*Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you. Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers: And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God; In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands: Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them -Ezekiel. 20:2-12.*

Ezekiel strengthened in God Consciousness and did not falter. Even the priests who would not hear the Word, still knew that Ezekiel was a profit of God. His message of Truth rang loud and clear, whether it fell on ears to listen or deaf ears.

*And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity  
-Ezek. 44:10.*

Ezekiel was also a watchman.

*Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me -Ezekiel. 3:17).*

The watchman warns of imminent danger.

*When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul -Ezekiel 3:18-19.*

His prophecies are throughout the Book of Ezekiel. Reference chapters five, twenty-five and twenty-six, twenty-nine, thirty-five, thirty-seven and thirty-eight.

In several of the prophecies we have cities that are laid to dust and rubble, and left desolate.

*Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. - Ezekiel 35:7, 8,9,12*

Often people respond that God is cruel, vengeful, and angry. This is not the case. The destruction is man living in the original sin: duality and self-will run riot. The people who heard Ezekiel had a choice. When man fights by the sword then so shall he die by the sword. This is not God at work but man. Yet, one can say it is an act of God. God created life and all the science that abounds to the principles that are at work making life work as we know it. So if a man slays another man he will die or be severely injured because that is a principle at work. Law of Expression and The Law of Attraction work at all times. It is in oneness with life for it is life in expression, in becoming. So in that sense it is an act of God, but it was man who chose to use it in a negative and ignorant manner. We are created in the image and likeness so we do express and create from the same principle. So when the prophets heed warning of gloom and doom it an opportunity. Using that which is of God in foolish and selfish ways will back fire on you. However, when we lift our eyes up back into the heavens and return to the Father's House we begin to rebuild in the Light. The walls and cities that to rubble are rebuilt when the remnant returns.

It is important to remember all of this goes on within us. Our thoughts and our emotions; the ideas and dreams, they are our inner cities and walls. We build them, destroy them, and build them again, when the remnant within returns to our mind and soul. The principles begin with a single thought and the flesh of the earth is but the sum of that thought.

Ezekiel's prophecies were a strong companion to Jeremiah's. Whereas Jeremiah's prophecies were filled with a frightening message of judgment and destruction. Ezekiel focused more on restoration and reconstruction.

We have no information in the Bible regarding the deaths of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. Elijah and Elisha made no long range prophecies but Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel did. Their many prophecies have been kept in the sacred Scriptures. Many of these prophecies are yet to be fulfilled. These three are a strong part of the Christ evolution that would take place in Jesus The Christ.

## ASSIGNMENT

1. Define the Biblical use of the word quickening.
2. In your own words how do we define "soul" based on H. B. Jeffery's definition?
3. How would you metaphysically define the word remnant, Biblically?
4. Why was Jeremiah nicknamed "The Weeping Prophet?"
5. Read Ezekiel 1:4-28. Give your metaphysical definition of this passage.
6. Pick one of these prophets and in between 75 to 100 words share your thoughts about him.