



***God's plan to win your battles.***  
**Session 3: Old Testament Prophecy**



**Overview:**

Theme: **God is our Judge.**

The Old Testament prophecy covers seventeen books from Isaiah through Malachi, and shows God as our judge. Each of the sixteen writing prophets gave both warning and hope, and they lived during the time of the Old Testament kings.

God's great love for all people was revealed in several ways:

1. God always warns before He judges. Through the prophets, he warned other nations as well.
2. God always provides a place of spiritual safety when judgment comes, but we must choose to act. God provided an ark for Noah, and the Passover lamb for the nation of Israel.
3. God always provides a way back to Him. God provided a blood sacrifice to atone for sin after man had sinned and was separated from God. And even before the exile, God promised that He would bring Israel back and restore His relationship with them.

**Key Concepts: Judge, Prophets, Sin and Repentance**

- **Judge.** God as Judge is perfect and all-knowing. God is faithful and does what He says He is going to do. Justice comes in His time and His place.
- **Prophets** are picked by God for a specific message. Their encounter with God forever changed their lives and they had an intimacy with God. They are compelled by truth and urgency, and their prophecies are 100% accurate.
- **Sin and Repentance.** Prophets exposed sin by defining and explaining in detail so there was no question. Their message was simple: If you repent (come back to God), you will be cleansed. If you do not, God will discipline. If sin is left alone, it will eventually take over.

**Bible Study Guide:**

1. Watch the video for session 3.
2. Discuss the review questions on page 97 with your group or as personal review.
3. Personal study: Complete the reading and reflection in the workbook for each day.

**Personal Study Questions**  
**Old Testament Prophecy**

**Day 1: God sent men called prophets.**

God sent the prophets to warn and teach His people, and to encourage them to return to Him. Their truth still speaks to us today.

*How has God spoken to you in your life through the words of the prophets?*

**Day 2: The five major prophets.**

God gave messages of warning and hope through the prophets of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Many of these prophecies took place hundreds of years later.

*What are some of the encouraging truths you have learned from these prophets that can give you hope today?*

**Day 3: The six early minor prophets.**

The prophets of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah all warned that disobedience to God would bring devastation to their lives, but repentance would give them hope and a future.

*What can you do today to ensure you are obeying God's message for us, and what is the result of obedience?*

**Day 4: The six later minor prophets.**

Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi make up the last of the prophets sent by God. They warned of sin and urged people to return to God. Malachi gave the last prophetic message in the Old Testament. He warned of judgment before the Lord's coming, and a promise that God would send a messenger to clear the way (John the Baptist).

*What have the prophets spoken to you about the importance of God's Word?*

**Day 5: The Prophets, Jesus, and You.**

Jesus spoke about the prophets, and explained all things regarding the prophets and Scriptures, which all point to Jesus Christ. The prophets are still important to us today because they not only warn us but also foretell the future.

*What hope have you received from the prophets about the future?*

## **Battle Plan for Prayer:**

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For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king;  
He will save us. (Isaiah 33:22)

*Thank you, Lord, for being a loving judge and sending warnings to us when needed. I do not want to be separated from your presence. I want to be restored and protected! Thank you, for your promise to provide a way back to You, for restoration from my sins, and a safe place of protection. You are my everlasting hope!*