

## All the Bible Prophets, False and True

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It is understood that the term *prophet* comprehends those named by the Spirit of Inspiration as prophesying at any time, whether only temporarily or in more or less permanently functioning by divine calling. The term *prophecy* does not necessarily include predictions of the future, though the prophetic office does imply the ability to speak for God. As such, the importance of discerning between false and true prophets was and is of paramount importance. One excellent yardstick is: “If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isa. 8:20). Another is our Saviour’s counsel: “By their fruits ye shall know them” (Mt. 7:20).

### *True Prophets*\*

1. Aaron son of Amram (Ex. 7:1)
2. Abraham son of Terah (Gen. 20:7)
3. Agabus (Acts 21:10)
4. Agur son of Jakeh (Prov. 30:1)
5. Ahijah the Shilonite (1 Ki. 11:29)
6. Amos (Amos 7:12–15)
7. Anna daughter of Phanuel (Lk. 2:36)
8. Anonymous Cretan (Tit. 1:5, 12), probably Epimenides (7BC 363; SDADic 892)
9. Anonymous prophet to Israel during the Midianite oppression (Judg. 6:8)
10. Anonymous prophet from Judah to King Jeroboam of Israel, the prophet then disobeying God while still in Bethel (1 Ki. 13:1, 2; cf. on #3, below)
11. Anonymous prophet to King Ahab (1 Ki. 20:13)
12. Anonymous prophet (“a certain man”) to King Ahab (1 Ki. 20:35–42)
13. Anonymous prophet (a “young man” under Elisha) who anointed Jehu king (2 Ki. 9:1, 4)
14. Anonymous prophets (two) to King Amaziah (2 Chron. 25:7, 15)
15. Asaph son of Berachiah (2 Chron. 29:30) and his 4 sons: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, Asarelah/Jesharelah (1 Chron. 25:2)
16. Azariah son of Oded (2 Chron. 15:1, 8; cf. PK 112)
17. Azur of Gibeon father of Hananiah a false prophet (Jer. 28:1)
18. Balaam son of Beor (once good, later turning apostate) (Num. 23:9, 10, 21–24; 24:5–9, 17–24; cf. PP 439)
19. Barnabas of Cyprus (Acts 13:1)
20. Caiaphas the high priest (a blind acknowledgment of Jesus’ mission as a Redeemer) (Jn. 11:49, 50; cf. 2SP 369, 370)
21. *Company or band* of prophets meeting King Saul in Gibeah (1 Sam. 10:5, 10)
22. Daniel of the royal Judæan line (Mt. 24:15)
23. King David son of Jesse (Acts 2:29, 30; cf. Mt. 13:35)
24. Deborah wife of Lapidoth (Judg. 4:4)
25. Eldad of the seventy elders of Israel (Num. 11:26)
26. Eliezer son of Dodavah (2 Chron. 20:37)
27. Elijah the Tishbite (1 Ki. 18:22)

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\* The total of 278 includes groups listed for convenience as single entries. It does not include an unspecified number of prophets killed at Queen Jezebel’s hand or others unspecified either by name or number.

28. Elisabeth of the Aaronic line, wife of Zacharias, mother of John the Baptist (Lk. 1:41–45)
29. Elisha son of Shaphat (1 Ki. 19:16)
30. Enoch son of Jared (Jude 14)
31. Ezekiel son of Buzi (Ezek. 2:5; 11:13)
32. Gad (1 Sam. 22:5)
33. Habakkuk (Hab. 1:1)
34. Haggai (Hag. 1:1)
35. Hanani father of prophet Jehu (2 Chron. 16:7; cf. PK 113)
36. Heman son of Joel (1 Chron. 6:33; 25:5) and his 4 sons: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel/Azare/Azareel, Shebuel/Shubael, Jerimoth/Jeremoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth (1 Chron. 25:1, 4)
37. Hosea son of Beerī (Hos. 1:1; Mt. 2:15)
38. Huldah wife of Shallum (2 Ki. 22:14)
39. Iddo (2 Chron. 13:22)
40. Isaiah son of Amoz (Mt. 3:3)
41. Isaiah's wife (Is. 8:3)
42. Jacob son of Isaac (Gen. 49:1–27; cf. PP 235)
43. Jahaziel son of Zechariah (2 Chron. 20:14–17)
44. Jeduthun the Levite and father of Galal (2 Chron. 35:15) and his 5 sons: Gedaliah, Zeri/Izri, Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, Mattithiah, Shimei (1 Chron. 25:1, 3, 17; cf. 3BC 195; 12BC 624)
45. Jehu son of prophet Hanani (1 Ki. 16:7)
46. Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah (Jer. 20:2)
47. Jesus Christ Son of God (Deut. 18: 15, 18; Mt. 13:57; 21:11, 46; Mk. 6:4, 15; Lk. 4:24; 7:16; 13:33; 24:19; Jn. 4:19, 44: 6:14; 7:40; 9:17; Acts 3:22, 23; 7:37)
48. Joel (Acts 2:16)
49. John the Baptist son of Zacharias (Lk. 7:28)
50. John the Baptist's twelve disciples in Ephesus (Acts 19:1, 6, 7)
51. John the Revelator son of Zebedee (Rev. 1:1, 4; cf. AA 588)
52. Jonah son of Amittai (2 Ki. 14:25)
53. Judas Barsabas (Acts 15:32, 22)
54. Jude (Jude 14; cf. Ms 43, 1900, in 1BC 1088)
55. Lucius of Cyrene (Acts 13:1)
56. Malachi (Mal. 1:1; cf. PK 708)
57. Manaen brought up with King Herod Antipas the tetrarch of Galilee (Mt. 14:6, 9; Mk. 6:14, 22, 23, 25–27; Acts 13:1)
58. Medad of the seventy elders of Israel (Num. 11:26)
59. Micah the Morasthite (Jer. 26:18; Mt. 2:5)
60. Micaiah son of Imlah (1 Ki. 22:8)
61. Miriam daughter of Amram (Ex. 15:20)
62. Moses son of Amram (Deut. 34:10)
63. Nahum the Elkoshite (Nah. 1:1; cf. PK 363)
64. Nathan (2 Sam. 7:2)
65. Nehemiah son of Hachiliah (YI May 14, 1903; but cf. PK 675, which denies it)
66. Noah son of Lamech (Gen. 9:25–27; cf. PP 117, 118)
67. Obadiah (Obad. 1; PK 108)
68. *One hundred* hidden by Obadiah (1 Ki. 18:4)

69. Oded (2 Chron. 28:9)
70. Philip the evangelist's *four* virgin daughters (Acts 21:8, 9)
71. Samuel son of Elkanah (1 Sam. 3:20)
72. Samuel's company of students at the school of the prophets in Ramah (1 Sam. 19:20)
73. King Saul son of Kish (1 Sam. 10:10–13)
74. King Saul's three groups of messengers at the school of the prophets in Ramah (1 Sam. 19:19, 20)
75. *Seventy* elders of Israel (two of whom were Eldad and Medad) (Num. 11:25, 26)
76. Shemaiah, prophet to King Rehoboam (2 Chron. 12:5)
77. Silas (Silvanus) (Acts 15:32)
78. Simeon of Jerusalem (Lk. 2:25–32; cf. DA 55, 56)
79. Simeon Niger (Acts 13:1)
80. Urijah son of Shemaiah (Jer. 26:20)
81. Zacharias father of John the Baptist (Lk. 1:67–79)
82. Zacharias (Zechariah) son of Jehoiada (2 Chron. 24:20–22; Lk. 11:51; cf. DA 619)
83. Zechariah son of Berechiah (Ezra 5:1; Zech. 1:1; Mt. 21:4; cf. DA 569)
84. Zephaniah son of Cushi (Zeph. 1:1)

***False Prophets*<sup>†</sup>**

1. Ahab son of Kolaiah (Jer. 29:21)
2. King Ahab's 400 court prophets in Samaria (2 Chron. 18:5; cf. PK 195)
3. Anonymous old prophet from Bethel who deceived God's true prophet (1 Ki. 13:11, 18; cf. on #10, above)
4. Bar-Jesus (Elymas) (Acts 13:6, 8)
5. The Egyptian who led 4,000 murderers into the wilderness (Acts 21:38; cf. 6BC 407; SDADic 314)
6. "False prophet" (symbolizing apostate Protestantism) (Rev. 16:13; cf. U. Smith, D&R 698–700; 7BC 875)
7. Prophetesses who prophesied through divinations out of their own hearts (Ezek. 13:17–23)
8. Hananiah son of Azur a true prophet (Jer. 28:1–4)
9. "Jezebel" (symbolizing spiritual seduction) (Rev. 2:20)
10. Queen Jezebel's 400 prophets of Ashtoreth ("of the grove") (1 Ki. 18:19; cf. PK 116)
11. Queen Jezebel's 450 prophets of Baal (1 Ki. 18:19)
12. King Nebuchadnezzar's astrologers and magicians: the wise men of Babylon (Dan. 2:1–13; cf. RH Feb. 1, 1881, in SL 34, 35)
13. Noadiah the prophetess (Neh. 6:14)
14. Pashur son of Immer (Jer. 20:6)
15. Shelemiah son of Hananiah (Jer. 37:13; cf. 4T 181)
16. Shemaiah son of Delaiah (Neh. 6:10–13)
17. Shemaiah the Nehelamite (Jer. 29:31)
18. Theudas, leader of about 400 men (Acts 5:36; cf. 6BC 185; SDADic 1113, 1114)
19. Zedekiah son of Chenaanah, one of King Ahab's 400 court prophets in Samaria (1 Ki. 22:6, 11, 20–25)
20. Zedekiah son of Maaseiah (Jer. 29:21)

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