

Year 8 Term 3: People of God - *does the world need prophets today?*

Human/social sciences = this is about '*living*'. It explores the diverse ways in which people practice their beliefs. It engages with the impact of beliefs on individuals, communities and societies.

The 'big' story

- The Bible was originally written in 3 different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek
- The Bible is about 611,000 words long
- The Bible was written by more than 40 original authors
- The Bible was written by people from a diverse range of backgrounds
- The Christian Bible is split into two sections: Old testament and New Testament

Amos

Spoke out against **social injustice**, such as:
Lying, oppression, money-grabbing, cheating, and denying justice to the poor.

Isaiah

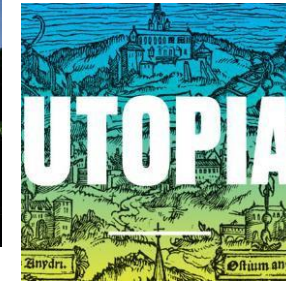
Had a vision of **peace**.
Isaiah's vision had people united in worshipping God and having no need for weapons of war.

What is a prophet?

A **prophet** announces God's good news to a community, denouncing what is wrong, and calling for goodness and justice.

A **prophet** was a person who reminded the people about their **covenant** with God.

Was Jesus a prophet?



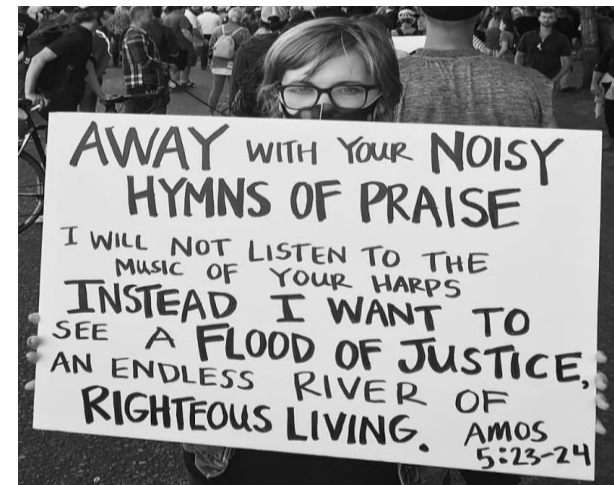
Liberation

Theology: social concern for the poor and political freedom for oppressed people

Does the Church has a responsibility to stand up for the poor and oppressed?

What is the 'purpose' of prophecy?

Spreading God's word?
Peace?
Righteous anger?
Communication?
Revolution?



People of God & prophets e.g. Moses

Try to sort the problem

The Fall (separation between God & humanity)

Incident & disruption

God creates the world

Setting

Jesus is born & teaches people. Dies for our sins

Unexpected hero

The Bible is a 'narrative'. It is telling a 'big story' of God's dealings with humanity

Humanity & God back together. The Kingdom of God.

Salvation