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Topic: People of God - Prophecy

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## What should I already know?

The Old Testament is the first section of the Bible, telling the history, thoughts and beliefs of people before Jesus' birth.

The Old Testament is similar to the Torah and the Qur'an in telling the stories of creation and the people of God/Jahweh/Jehovah/Allah.

The People of God are the early believers in one God, such as Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Joseph and David.

## What will I know by the end of the unit?

## I will know how to:

- To be able to define a prophet as a messenger from God who speaks the truth, often about the future
- To understand the role of a prophet a) in the Bible and b) in modern life
- To understand the purpose of prophecy in the Bible and in modern life
- To offer a view as to why Amos' and Isaiah's messages are valuable today
- To be able to offer a view as to whether the modern world needs prophets and how they themselves might respond to them

Vocabulary				
prophet				
prophecy				
denounce				
Old Testament				
Torah				
Qur'an				
Abrahamic religions				
Messiah				
Revelation				

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## Information to help/find out

The last 12 books of the Old Testament are all prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

There are other prophetic books in the Old Testament - Isaiah and Jeremiah are two of the most well known.

Isaiah made prophecies about the birth of the Messiah (Jesus) about 700 years before he was born.

Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Can you find some prophecies from Isaiah that relate to the arrest and death of Jesus? (Try looking in Isaiah 53.)

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What/who do these prophecies relate to? "Fire will burn the blood of the just in London in the year 66." Nostradamus1503-56

"Instruments of flying may be formed in which a man, sitting at his ease and meditating on any subject, may beat the air with his artificial wings after the manner of birds."

Roger Bacon 1268

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