

# PROPHETS OF THE SEVENTH CENTURY

Before the Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria in the eighth century BC, God sent prophets to warn His people. As the Babylonians gained power during the seventh century BC, God raised up a new generation of prophets for His people in the Southern Kingdom. These men ministered to Judah in the days leading up to the eventual fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

PROPHET	DATES OF MINISTRY (APPROXIMATE)	GENERAL MESSAGE
<b>Nahum</b>	663–612 BC	Nahum preached against the wickedness of the Assyrian Empire and the city of Nineveh. He also emphasized God’s sovereign rule over all nations.
<b>Zephaniah</b>	620–603 BC	Using the theme of “the Day of the Lord,” Zephaniah predicted God’s judgment on Judah’s sin. Yet, he also provided a word of hope for God’s people.
<b>Habakkuk</b>	609–605 BC	Habakkuk asked God to judge Judah’s sinful ways. God responded by announcing His judgment through the Babylonians.
<b>Jeremiah</b>	626–586 BC	God called Jeremiah to preach during the reigns of the final four evil kings of Judah. Despite opposition, he faithfully warned the people of God’s judgment until he was kidnapped and taken to Egypt after Jerusalem’s fall in 586 BC.

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