

Creation to Christ, Lesson 22: The Prophets

Remember: God has been _____ to man from the beginning!

God is now sending the _____ to warn them of their fate if they do not come to him.

God's messengers were called prophets. A prophet is someone who speaks on _____ of God.

A prophet has been given a special _____ by God. Some of the prophets were Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

God's prophets told the people to:

Repent, _____ their idols, Trust only in the Lord,
Come back to God, Follow and _____ him

Repentance means 'a change of _____'

To repent means that you no longer think you are right, you _____ **with God** about our own sin and actions.

To repent means _____ that he alone is right...and because of this, we change how we live: by _____ our life and actions on what is true!

One of the primary messages from God through the prophets was; that many of the Israelites who were worshiping in the temple, were also worshiping idols. God told them that he would not accept worship from anyone who worships anything or anyone else, other than God himself alone.

The prophets finally told the people that the Lord said they must repent or he would _____ them.

In response, the Israelites persecuted and _____ the prophets, and continued worshipping their idols and followed the ways of the surrounding nations.

Oddly, many of them continued to go to the temple and 'worship God', and _____ all the ceremonies, cleansing and sacrifices...while rejecting the prophets and worshipping idols.

God allowed their enemies to take their land and take them captive. These nations (*like Babylon*) _____ the temple and the city of Jerusalem.

After many years in captivity and slavery, the people repented and the Lord allowed them the return to Jerusalem. They rebuilt the city and the temple. However, the people picked up their traditions and systems of worship and never truly believed God or did what he wanted in everyday life.

They just went by what they _____ was right or what they _____ God wanted.

The Romans ruled over Israel, making them follow their laws and pay taxes. The Israelites were still allowed to practice their beliefs and worship in the Temple.

The majority of the people who went to these meetings did so to fulfill cultural or man made religious duties; not to _____ and worship God.

The common people did not have much of God's word to them, nor did they know how to come to him. They simply followed the system of rules and traditions that had been decided and made by the leaders during these meetings.

This is the _____ that the deliver will arrive upon.