

Patterns of Prophetic Speech

| <u><i>Calls for Repentance</i></u> | <u><i>Announcement of Judgment</i></u> | <u><i>Announcement of Hope</i></u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat • Future contingent on human action in response (e.g., repentance) • Can have the tone of discipline/chastisement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No escape -- survival at best • Cry for mercy is in order, but no guarantee that it will alter the future (lamentation). Too late for repentance as a way to alter the future • Has a stated rationale or reason | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not contingent on human action • Motivation resides in God's character |
| <p style="text-align: center;">A Key Expression: "If..., then" / "or else"</p> <p>(Unqualified hope announced here is false prophecy). Imperatives: Turn, wash, etc.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">A Key Expression: "Therefore" ("Because")</p> <p>(Hope announced here is false prophecy)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">A Key Expressions: "But now" or "I will"</p> <p>(Beyond the limits of human imagination and, therefore, not limited by human categories)</p> |
| <p>Isa 1:19-20 Jer 18:5-10, 11 Jer 4:1-4 Jer 12:14-17 (discipline)</p> <p>Background: Lev 26 Deut 28</p> | <p>Amos 7:16-17 Isa 1:21-24 Jer 18:12-17 Isa 6:9-13 Jer 14:11-12 (even stop intercession) Amos 9:2-4 Jer 16:16-18</p> <p>Ezek 33:23-29</p> | <p>Isa 29:22-24 Jer 31:31-34 Ezek 37 Isa 40:1-2 [40:27; 49:14] Isa 43:1-2; 44:1-5 Jer 16:14-15 (new confession of faith) Isa 49:15-18, 24-25; 50:1</p> <p>Isa 51:1-3</p> |

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| <p>Jeremiah 4:1-4 1 If you return, O Israel, says the LORD, if you return to me, if you remove your abominations from my presence, and do not waver, 2 and if you swear, "As the LORD lives!" in truth, in justice, and in uprightness, then nations shall be blessed by him, and by him they shall boast.</p> <p>3 For thus says the LORD to the people of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, remove the foreskin of your hearts, O people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my wrath will go forth like fire, and burn with no one to quench it, because of the evil of your doings. [NRSV]</p> | <p>Jeremiah 16:16-18 16 I am now sending for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they shall catch them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17 For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my presence, nor is their iniquity concealed from my sight. 18 And I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations. [NRSV]</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Hosea 1: Not My People Amos 8: THE END</p> <p>(More than disruption)</p> | <p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. [NRSV]</p> |
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