

THE SYMBOLIC IMAGES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

Image Groups	<u>Part I</u> Covenant relationship	<u>Part II</u> Rebellion	<u>Part III</u> Redemptive Judgment	<u>Part IV</u> Restoration Fulfilled
Covenant Marriage Examples in Scripture	Israel Bride of Yahweh Isaiah 54:5; 61:10-11; 62:4-5; Jeremiah 2:2; Ezekiel 16:4-14;	Unfaithful adulteress/harlot Isaiah 1:21; Jeremiah 3:6-8; 13:22-23, 26; 23:10; Ezekiel 16:15-34; 23:1-12; Hosea 4:10-14	Humiliated, abused & abandoned Jeremiah 3:1b-2; 4:30-31; Ezekiel 16:23-61; 23:35-49; Amos 4:7-8; Hosea 2:4-15	The Bride restored to her Bridegroom Promise: Isaiah 54:6-8; Hosea 2:16-25 Fulfilled: John 3:28-29; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25; 27; Revelation 19:7-9; 21:2; 9; 22:17
Vineyard or Fig tree Examples in Scripture	Well-tended vineyard/fruitful fig tree Isaiah 5:1-4; Jeremiah 24:4-7; Ezekiel 19:10-11;	Vines grow wild/tree fails to produce good fruit Jeremiah 2:21; 8:13 Hosea 2:14; Micah 7:1-4; Joel 1:7, 11-12	Weeds overgrow vineyard/tree produces bad fruit; ruin and destruction Isaiah 5:3-6; Jeremiah 8:13; 24:1-10; Ezekiel 19:12-14; Nahum 3:12-15	Vines are replanted/fruitfulness of tree restored Promise: Hosea 14:2-9 Fulfilled: John 15:1-2, 4-6
Animals Examples in Scripture	Domesticated animals obedient to the Master's yoke Isaiah 40:10-11; 65:25; Ezekiel 34:15-16; Micah 4:13	Resist the yoke; run away and become wild Exodus 32:9; 33:3, 5; 34:9; Deuteronomy 9:6, 13; Isaiah 50:6; 53:6; Jeremiah 5:5d-6; 8:6b-7; 23:1-2; Ezekiel 19:1-9	Ravaged by wild beasts/birds of prey Isaiah 50:7; Jeremiah 8:15-17; 50:6-7; Hosea 8:1-14; 13:6-8	Animals (sheep) rescued by their Master Promise: Ezekiel 34 Fulfilled Matthew 11:28-30; John 1:29, 36; 10:1-18; Revelation 5:6, 13; 7:9-17; 14:1-10; 19:2-9; 21:9-23; 22:1-3
Drinking Wine Examples in Scripture	Joy of drinking good wine Isaiah 25:6-8; 62:8-9; 65:13; Jeremiah 31:12; 40:12	Becoming drunk Isaiah 5:11-12; 28:1, 7-8; Jeremiah 25:27-28; 48:26; 51:7; Joel 1:5	Loss of wine; drinking the "cup of God's wrath" Psalm 75:9; Isaiah 51:17-23; 63:2-3; Jeremiah 13:12-14; 25:15-31; 49:12; 51:6-7; 48:26; Ezekiel 23:31-34; Joel 4:13; Habakkuk 2:16	Rejoicing in the best "new wine" at the Master's table Promise: Zechariah 9:15-16 Fulfilled: Matthew 26:27; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Revelation 19:7-9
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Each of the image groups consists of four parts:

- ◆ **Part I:** Yahweh and His people enter into a covenant relationship. Yahweh will bind this people to Himself in the blessings of security and prosperity in return for obedience to the covenant of the Torah (first five books of Moses).
- ◆ **Part II:** Israel, the covenant people ignore the Laws of the covenant; they rebel by going their own way.
- ◆ **Part III:** God sends His holy prophet to call His people back to Him. Failing in this mission, the prophet calls down a Covenant Lawsuit (riv) which results in covenant curses—redemptive punishment meant to bring about repentance and restoration.
- ◆ **Part IV:** In response to repentance, Yahweh reaches out to restore His covenant people and take them back into the fullness of His covenant relationship.

MAJOR OLD COVENANT PROPHETS: 9th CENTURY BC – 1st CENTURY AD
(all dates approximate)

PROPHET OF YAHWEH	DATE OF MINISTRY (approximate)	MINISTRY NATION	HISTORICAL PERIOD	SCRIPTURAL TEXT	
ELIJAH	873-853 BC	Israel	Assyrian Empire	1 Kings 17-2 Kings 2:15	
ELISHA	853-793 BC	Israel		1 Kings 19:1 – 2 Kings 13:21	
OBADIAH	?848-841 BC	Edom		2 Kings 8:16-24; 2 Chronicles 21:1-20; Book of Obadiah	
JONAH	782-753 BC	Assyria		2 Kings 13:10-25; 14:23-29; Book of Jonah	
AMOS	783-743 BC	Israel		2 Kings 14:23 -15:7; Book of Amos	
HOSEA	783-732 BC	Israel		2 Kings 14:23-18:12; Book of Hosea	
ISAIAH	740-680 BC	Judah		2 Kings 15:1-20:21; 2 Chronicles 26:16 – 32:22; Book of Isaiah	
MICAH	735-700 BC	Judah		2 Kings 15:32 – 19:37; 2 Chronicles 27:1 –32:23; Book of Micah	
ZEPHANIAH	640-609 BC	Judah		2 Kings 22:1-2; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Book of Zephaniah	
NAHUM	614 BC	Assyria		2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-20; Book of Nahum	
JEREMIAH	626-586 BC	Judah	2 Kings 22:3 – 25:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1 – 36:21; Book of Jeremiah		
HABAKKUK	605-597 BC	Judah	Babylonian Empire (Conquers Assyria 606 BC)	2 Kings 23:31 – 24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:1-8; Book of Habakkuk	
EZEKIEL BARUCH	593-571 BC 582 BC	Exiles of Judah in Babylon		2 Kings 24:8-25:30; 2 Chronicles 36:9-21; Book of Ezekiel	
BARUCH	582 BC	Judah		2 Kings 24:8-25:30; 2 Chronicles 36:9-21; Book of Baruch	
DANIEL	605-535 BC	Exiles in Babylon & Persia		70 year exile Judah Persian Empire	2 Kings 23:34-25:30; 2 Chronicles 36:4-23; Book of Daniel
HAGGAI	520 BC	Judah		Empire	Ezra 5:1-6:16; Book of Haggai
ZECHARIAH	519-480 BC	Judah		(Persians defeat Babylon 538BC)	Ezra 5:1-6:15; Book of Zechariah
MALACHI	450 BC	Judah		Judah returns from exile 537BC	Nehemiah 13:1-31; Book of Malachi
JOEL	?8 th cent. BC ?400 BC	Judah		Greek Empire of Alexander the Great 336-323BC	Book of Joel; Acts 2:16-21
				Hellenistic 323-63 BC	
YEHOHANAN ben Zechariahs (John the Baptist)	AD 28 - 29	Judea		Roman Empire	Luke 1-9:9 Matthew 3:1-14:12; Mark 1:4-6:28

Scripture mentions 11 Prophetesses of the Old and New Testaments: 10 true and 1 false

Prophetess	Scripture Reference
Miriam, sister of Moses	Exodus 15:20
Deborah Judge & Prophetess	Judges 4:4
Hulda	2 Kings 22:14; 2 Chronicles 34:22
Isaiah's wife	Isaiah 8:3
Noadiah	Nehemiah 6:14
New Testament Prophetesses	
Anna	Luke 2:36
Philip's four daughters	Acts 21:9
"Jezebel" the False Prophetess	Revelation 2:20
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