



“Dr. Jones” Teaches the Prophets

God made man and said, “This is good.”
But man disobeyed and left for a new ‘hood

The number of people grew and grew
But God took notice - their sins grew too

The sins were so bad, God told Noah to build a big wooden boat
On went Noah’s family and all the animals the ark could tote

After Noah, the people sometimes forgot, to God they should turn
So God would send prophets from whom they could learn

The list is quite long, so please take some notes
Soon you will know their names and maybe some quotes

God’s promise to Abram was a prophecy you know
From Abram, to all the world, God’s blessings would flow

You see, Jesus would one day come from this line
To provide a way to heaven for yours and mine

Soon Abraham had Isaac & Isaac had his own two sons
Then the younger Jacob stole the birthright without any guns

Jacob’s son Joseph, was sent by his brothers as a slave
All the way to Egypt, where he had to stay brave

God sent dreams to baker, cupbearer & the pharaoh
And who would interpret them? Joseph, our “haroah”!

But God’s prophecies came true
As God’s prophecies always do

A promotion for Joseph was given of course
He was in charge of the food of which God was the source

So Joseph's whole family thought it would be good
For them to all live near Joseph in the Egypt 'hood

Nearly four hundred years later, people forgot Joseph's bright coat
So God sent a new leader: Moses got Jehovah's vote

Years later the Israelites escaped Egypt cross the Red Sea
You'd think they'd follow God, but it wasn't to be

For many years after, the Israelites were in an ugly way
They would say they loved God, but then they'd forget to obey

God sent prophet after prophet, and a few others too
In hopes those folks would soon get a clue

Each prophet said, what God told them to say
But the message from most, was our job's to obey

So who were these prophets & what *did* they say?
I'll tell you right now e'er you go on your way

Jacob and Moses and Aaron, you know
Joshua led the people 'round Jericho

But before you begin to think, all of God's prophets were men
Moses' sis Mariam, was the first woman prophet of ten

Throughout the book of Judges, no kings were in sight
But Deborah the judge, prophesied what was right

Hannah prayed for a son and wouldn't relent
And God followed through; prophet Samuel was sent

Samuel lived his life for God day and night
And later told Saul what he did wasn't right

Nathan was the prophet when King David was bad
Nathan then told David his sins had made God mad

But one day, Nathan *also* told them there would be
A Savior, who, from our sins would set us free,

After King Solomon's death, his whole kingdom was soon split in two
The new kings were often so bad, God sent prophets (more than two)

Soon there was Gad, Ahijah, Shemaiah and Jehu
And Eliezer and Michaiah who prophesied true

Elijah, well known because food from God's ravens he did eat
But also because Baal's prophets in a contest he once beat

Elisha soon followed, not a hair on his head
But Naaman was cured when he did what God said

Now, if you can remember the next prophet or four
When asked 'bout God's prophets you'll know a little bit more

Jonah, you know, spent three days in a fish
Soon the people of Nineveh did what God wished

A hundred years later they were back to their bad ways
God sent Nahum to tell them God had numbered their days

Obadiah told Esau's descendants in Edom of their punishment to come
Yet he also said the Messiah's saving message would be accepted by some

Amos told the Israelites to all people be nice
Hosea, you know, loved the same woman twice

Joel begged the people to return to God who had sent him
Or else they'd be punished until they repented

Isaiah was a prophet to four different kings
He foretold of Christ, the Lamb of God He sings

But here's a small fact that few people know
Isaiah's wife was a prophet; she didn't just sew

Micah said God cried out against crimes on the poor
Zephaniah saw problems with other nations even more

Jeremiah is known as the prophet that wept
To Babylon they'd go 'cause God's laws they'd not kept

Habakkuk's name on a Bible book that is such fun to say
But he told the people it'd be a while 'fore they'd have a good day

Daniel is mostly known for his night with those cute lions
He predicted many kingdoms, except for the Mayans

Ezekiel's book is most known for his sight of dry bones
But he gave people hope that they soon would head home

Ezra, Nehemiah helped re-build the wall and the Temple
When the people got tired Haggai said, "It's so simple."

God wants you to re-build his new Temple, yes, right here and right now
Zechariah said the Messiah's coming, the people said "How?"

Malachi's one of the last prophets in Old Testament days
So what was God's message – sinful people must change their ways

God sent those prophets over hundreds of years
To tell sinful people to start crying some tears

Of their sinful ways they needed to leave
To the words of the Lord they were only to cleave

Though times may have changed, God's message is the same
"My commandments I gave are in no way a game."

So the next time your friend asks what prophets do
You can tell him because you now have a clue

God always wants us His words to obey
So we can join the prophets and Him in Heaven one day.