

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

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#### Some Happy Mice

While buying cat food at the pet store, my never-a-dull-moment husband showed up next to me in the checkout line with a small squeaky cardboard box.

When I asked about the box, he told me he “rescued” two feeder mice, the kind raised for snake food. Peering into the box he whispered more to the mice than me, “No snakes will ever eat *these* mice.”

Once home, Joseph decided the mice would homestead in an old aquarium. We mounded paper pellets in the tank and watched their “mouse nature” unfold.

Mice are unbelievably industrious and curious; About everything; Nervous, too. I stuck a hunk of wool in their home thinking they’d nest in it. They skirted it for an hour, never touching it, studying and staring. No, it hadn’t been there earlier. Yes, it appeared to be here now. They were sure it’d dropped from outer space.

Engrossed studying it, standing stock still, their tiny brains would hit overload and they’d suddenly pop straight into the air, boink-boink-boink. Hours

later, assured the wool wasn’t alive, they dragged it under a tiny upside-down basket, snuggled in and fell asleep.

Joseph decided the aquarium was too boring for these brainy little guys, so he built a bigger, better cage the following week. How could a mouse cage take a week to build? I mean, it’s four plexiglas walls with a screen on top, right? Not overly complex to me.

I must have forgotten that the man I married doesn’t think small, he thinks really, really big. When the mouse-house was finished, it took both Joseph and the neighbor to carry it across the yard and into our living room.

It’s Disneyland for mice. It’s the size of our kitchen table and nearly three feet tall. These mice, you’ll remember, came home in an animal cracker box and they seemed quite happy in the ten gallon aquarium, so I wasn’t expecting a mouse-house the size of a crate you’d ship a German Shepherd in.

But size alone doesn’t make a cool mouse-house. Joseph built toys for the mice. A two-tiered plexiglas shelf with a food dish on top and no direct entry. Rather he made challenging ways to get to the food – tiny string tightropes tauntly stretched end-to-end, a hanging knotted rope bolted from the cage roof.

The mice studied the ropes for 20 minutes.

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They stood on hind legs sniffing corn and grain up top. Then, by trial and error, they climbed the knot and leaped onto the second floor to eat, or took a running start and raced across the swinging tightropes to get there. They loved it.

There are also stairways made from egg cartons with the scoopy little egg-hollows as lumpy stairs. Intertwined plastic tube tunnels. Even a viewing platform up top so they can haughtily survey the living room. I cannot begin to tell you how incredibly fascinating this is for our cats.

The mice are safe! Joseph put sixteen one-by-two inch bars under the steel mesh reinforcing the top of the cage, fully expecting multiple cats to sit atop it. It's strong enough to hold a fifty pound child.

Our cats hover on the sides of the cage like cat-vulture bookends, bapping the glass as the mice totally ignore them. Our cats even sleep near the cage. I hear them delightedly whispering, "Mice in our home! We'll never leave this paradise!"

Our cats have always slept in bed with us, but the first mouse night found no cats on our bed. Finally at 2 am, we, too, got up from bed and sat with the cats in the living room under the glow of moonlight, watching little mousies zipping and zapping beneath the purring, bapping cats atop their cage.

And how does this affect the mice? Standing on their hind paws, they analytically sniff-sniff-sniff all cat hair that appears through the mesh roof holes. Never having known cats, the mice seem completely unfazed by them.

On the other hand, one curious mouse did manage to goose a cat asleep on his roof, his teeny pointed nose sharply poking her furred belly as she slept. I'm sure you've seen cats, even from a dead sleep, fall and land on their feet. I'm happy to report that sleeping cats, when startled straight up, also land on their feet.

Our girl cat landed wide-eyed, then stared straight down into the mouse's eyes. I swear the mouse had a smile on his face. Could there be any mouse-task more Olympian than goosing a cat?

Happy mice, guarded by cats, not eaten by snakes. Jacqueline Freeman = ^ .. ^ =

## STORY LESSON

### PROPHETIC LESSONS

#### My Visit to Nineveh

A FEW months ago I stood amidst the ruins of the great city of Nineveh, capital of the ancient Assyrian Empire. When the prophet Jonah preached in its busy highways, 2,800 years ago, Nineveh was then centuries old. Its mighty walls rose from the right bank of the River Tigris opposite where the modern city of Mosul now stands.

Nineveh, I was told, means "agreeable dwelling," and from the records of reliable historians and what I have seen taken from its ruins, the old city must have been well named. According to the divine record in Genesis 10:11 it was founded by Asshur in the early dawn of history.

The prophet Jonah gives a little insight, too, into its size and importance when he refers to it as "an exceeding great city." It was surrounded by mighty walls, one hundred feet in height, which were built on a rock foundation. Overshadowing the walls were fifteen hundred watchtowers, some two hundred feet in height. Its kings lived and played in the lap of luxury, in magnificent palaces, their every meal a banquet, their every day a coronation day. There were polished walls of jasper, glazed tiles and sculptured reliefs depicting hunting scenes, and the victorious battles of their military exploits. The royal mansions were adorned with bronze and carved ivory, with ceilings of mother of pearl and floors of alabaster.

But while Nineveh was a thing of beauty, it was also a sink of corruption. One well-known writer describes Nineveh as "a center of crime and wickedness" and the Holy Scriptures agree with this description. The prophet Nahum calls Nineveh the bloody city, "full of lies and robbery." Nahum 3:1.

Behind her mighty walls Nineveh stood, defiant of earth or heaven. At her feet rolled the commerce and wealth of Eastern and Western Asia. But fraud was in her storehouses and uncleanness was in her houses. Obscene displays were in her theatres; iniquity was everywhere. Nineveh the magnificent! Nineveh the vile! Nineveh the doomed!

Because of God's mercy, despite, the wickedness of Nineveh, Jonah the prophet was sent with a message of warning. Every child acquainted with the Old Testament narrative knows the story of disobedient Jonah who tried to escape the task of preaching a disagreeable message, and of his remarkable rescue. Jonah's tomb is still to be seen

in Nineveh, preserved in the ruins of the city as a shrine particularly sacred to Mohammedans.

Standing on the elevation by Jonah's tomb I looked over hundreds of acres of desolate mounds-hundreds of acres of fulfilled Bible prophecy. Listen while I read from the prophet Zephaniah: "And He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness." There it lay before me. Nineveh was indeed "a desolation and dry like a wilderness."

The mounds of Nineveh stood as a mute but forceful testimony to the inspired character of the Holy Bible. "He will make an utter end of the place" the prophet of the Bible had declared in the heyday of Nineveh's glory. And so it lay before me "empty, void, and waste" as Nahum 2:10 declared it would be. But its overthrow and desolation was but the beginning of the fulfillment of a whole series of most astonishing prophecies concerning this cruel city.

For nearly 200 years after Jonah preached in Nineveh, it continued to grow in beauty and power. It looked more beautiful, more enduring, than ever. Its army was large, completely equipped with iron weapons; they were the first to employ the battering ram and several other siege machines. Their armor clad and mounted archers were unsurpassed. Even the famous legions of Caesar were not so uniformly well clad as were the Assyrian soldiers on the eve of their country's final eclipse.

Now notice seven prophecies regarding Nineveh. Nahum 1:10 is the first: "While they are drunken as drunkards they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry." The heathen historian Diodorus Siculus relates that, "the king of Assyria, elated with his former victories ... had abandoned himself to scandalous inaction and had appointed a time of festivity and supplied his soldiers with abundance of wine. The general of the enemy, appraised by deserters of their negligence and drunkenness, attacked the Assyrian army while the whole of them were fearlessly giving way to indulgence."

Second, in Nahum 1:8 we read: "With an over-running flood he will make an utter end of the place," and again in chapter 2 and verse 6: "The gates of the river shall be opened and the palace, shall be dissolved." It was indeed a supernatural event, when we remember that Nineveh, by means of river gates and walls, had been able to control the torrents of the Tigris for some two thousand years, that now after God had declared it, when an army was besieging it, that the waters should

suddenly rise to such an unparalleled height as to tear away two and a half miles of its walls, and through the breach the attacking army rushed.

The third prophecy you will find in Nahum 3:13: "The fire shall devour thy bars," and again in verse 15: "There shall the fire devour thee and the sword shall cut thee off." Fire and sword were the forces by which God had said He would destroy the city. According to the heathen historian Diodorus Siculus, the king of Nineveh knew of the prophecy that the river would lead to their destruction, and so gave up in despair when the calamity came that he fired his own palace.

Fourth. "I will make thy grave" declared God through His inspired prophet. (Nahum 1:14.) "Thou shall be hid." (Nahum 3:11) Nineveh was to be buried. The silent years rolled by, and Nineveh was not rebuilt. The winds blew the voiceless dust until the city was so completely buried in its grave that its site was unknown and even its existence questioned. Critics ridiculed the Bible statements and maintained that Nineveh had never existed.

Fifth. Nineveh became a desolation, empty, void, and waste, just as Nahum 2:10 had foretold.

Sixth. We read in Zephaniah 2:13, 14: "He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness. And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her." While there I saw a small flock of goats and sheep searching for pickings amidst the mounds that once were the glorious palace of Sennacherib.

Seventh. Remarkable as these prophecies are, the Bible goes further. Nineveh was not to remain buried, with critics continuing to cast reproach against those who believe and obey God's Word. Oh, no! For although God would leave her buried throughout long centuries, it was foretold that before time should close, Nineveh would be raised from her grave and become a "gazing-stock." "I will set thee as a gazing stock." You will find that statement in Nahum 3: 6.

When modern excavations started in Assyria first by Botta, the French consul of Mosul, and then by Layard, the Englishman, no one knew where Nineveh was located. When the Frenchman uncovered the palace of Sargon at Khorsabad, he thought he had found Nineveh, so he entitled his report "Monument of Nineveh." When Layard the British archeologist excavated the Biblical city of Calah (Genesis 10:11) he thought he was digging up the old palaces of Nineveh, therefore he named

his famous work describing these discoveries, "Nineveh and its Remains."

This will give you some idea of how completely Nineveh was lost to the world. However, with the deciphering of the Assyrian tablets, it was discovered beyond all question that Nineveh lay beneath the mounds just across the Tigris River from the present town of Mosul. These mounds when opened told the story of the glories of Nineveh and its downfall.

One building had contained over seventy halls, rooms, and passages, lined with sculptured slabs of alabaster. Another contained nearly two miles of bas-reliefs, and twenty-seven portals framed by colossal winged bulls, each weighing forty tons, cut from one solid piece of rock. All around were obelisks, statues, and carved ivory. In the library were discovered 25,000 books of baked clay tablets, some with such fine, delicate handwriting that a magnifying glass was needed to read them. They consisted of dictionaries of all kinds, poems, rituals, contracts, and letters by the hundred, medical prescriptions, revealing a wide knowledge of drugs, and chemical texts explaining how to make clear and colored glass.

Some tablets told of certain kings of Israel, and heathen kings mentioned in the Bible, while still others confirmed the Bible story of creation and the Flood of Noah's day. After spending much time in research among these wonders of Nineveh and comparing them with the Holy Bible, I was again impressed by the singular accuracy of the Bible. The Bible deals with facts, and the ruins of the past confirm it. Burnsidés - 1950 = ^ .. ^ =



## OLD TIME STORIES

### The Story of a Piece of Coal

Only a hard, black, dirty piece of coal! But wait, my dear boys and girls. Do not cast me off in that careless fashion. Let me tell you my story, and then I am sure that ever afterwards you will think of me with interest, perhaps even with wonder.

When first I saw the light, I was a tiny twig, the beginning of a noble tree. That was ever, and ever, and ever so long ago. More than four thousand years have passed since that day when I was young. I wonder what bright child of ten years is able to tell me how many times as old I am as he is.

As the days and years passed slowly by, many a prank I played with the dancing sunbeams, catching and storing them up for the joy and warmth they brought. Oh, what happy days those were, and what sport I did have playing with the bright sunbeams! And how I did grow!

Right here let me give you a word of counsel, dear children. If you want to grow to be noble and useful men and women, store up day by day the sunshine of kind thoughts, gentle words, and generous deeds. You will not have to live so long as I have before you will have a chance to give to others these cheering 'little sunbeams'.

Well, at last I became a tree, and all about me were many other trees just like myself. But we were not like the trees you see growing on the earth now. In those days, the trees were much larger, more beautiful, and more perfectly formed than any now to be found. Their wood was of fine grain and hard substance, almost as hard as stone.

One day, some wicked men came out to the grove where I grew. I heard one of them say, "This is a fine grove. See these great trees! What beautiful leaves they bear, and what fragrant blossoms! Here is just the place to set up an altar to our gods."

I was shocked to hear these men, who ought to have known better, talk about worshiping any other than the great and good God who had made them and us--He who had given us such a beautiful home, and the bright sunbeams to cheer us every day. And not only where I grew, but in many other places on the fair earth, men were worshiping idols in the shade of other groves.

The kinds of cruel and wicked things these people did in the worship of their idol gods, I could not even talk about! We felt very sad, but we could not do anything about it. For a long, long time, God tried to get these wicked men to turn away from

their wickedness. But they would not listen. All the earth was sad.

“God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.”

What was to be done?

Again we heard men’s voices talking in excited, half-frightened tones. We listened. One man said, “Noah says that there is to be a flood of waters, and that the earth is all to be destroyed. Can it be true?”

“True? What nonsense!” another replied. “Who ever heard of water coming out of the sky? The sun rises and sets, as usual. All things are as they were from the beginning. I fear neither man nor God. Noah is crazy! Come, let us worship our idols. They are the gods of nature. They will protect us.”

Wicked men! They did not like to keep God in their knowledge, and their foolish hearts were darkened more and more.

At last, the Flood came. How the dark clouds rolled up and covered the blue sky! How the lightnings flashed and the thunders roared! And how it did rain! The very windows of heaven were opened, and all the fountains of the earth were broken up. The trees fell headlong. Their trunks piled one above another.

Then the sea brought sand and mud to cover us. We could hear the waves dash over our heads. We thought we should never see the sunshine again. At last, the sea went away, but great rocks and even mountains held us down. Oh, how heavy they were!

“I shall never be of any use,” I thought. “I am crushed out of shape. It would have been better if I had never lived at all.”

More years passed--hundreds of them. I felt old and tired. Were we always to lie hidden under the heavy rocks? Was the world above us just the same? Once down through a crack in the sandstone came the root of a tree. How glad we were to see any living thing! It told us wonderful stories. Another great forest had grown over our heads. The trees were not so large and beautiful as we had been. Yet some of them had lovely blossoms. How we longed to see them!

The roots brought more stories to us as the years went by.

“Another race of men is living on the earth now,” they said, “and the sunbeams play with our trees as they once played with you.” How my captive

sunbeams did sigh, but I could give them no hope. They were such joyous little things that it was hard to think they would never be free again.

One day, I heard a sharp sound, like the scrape of a hard rock against a soft one.

“Is the sea coming to cover this new forest above me?” I thought. I listened again, but there was no sound of water, only the steady pick, pick, pick, against the stones. The daylight once more! How good it was to see the light! I did not know that I had grown black and ugly. No one would dream that I was once a beautiful tree.

“Coal!” I heard a voice say. “Now we are rich indeed! We have found one of the greatest blessings in the world. This is a fine bed of coal. What a bright, warm, cheerful fire these little sunbeams that were taken captive so long ago will make!”

Was it true that I, so hard, so black, so ugly, was a blessing? Yes, it was true. And I am so glad to be of use. How much happier I am now than if, as a tree, I had lived to give shelter to wicked men in their evil doings!

How good and wise our God is! He does all things well. Learn to love and trust and obey Him, and when in your fire you let my sunbeams go, when you see them laugh for joy, think of your kind Father above, who made you and me, and who has said, “Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.” = ^ .. ^ =





**Year 3: 3rd Quarter:**  
**“GOD’S MESSENGERS: THE PROPHETS”**  
**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1:**  
**“TRUE AND FALSE”**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about God’s Messengers, His Prophets. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7**

**Sunday**

**Text: Genesis 3:8 “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”**

Way back in time, in the lovely Garden of Eden, our great Creator would come and talk with Adam and Eve face to face. How wonderful it must have been! How they must have looked forward to those times of fellowship when, the day’s tasks finished, they could spend time with the Master.

But a cruel enemy changed all that! The enemy was sin. Yes Satan, in the form of a serpent, tempted Eve to doubt and disobey God, but it was her choice to sin. And it was Adam’s choice soon after to listen to Eve and then choose to doubt and disobey the loving Creator also.

Sin has no excuse to exist, but sin brings some terrible results. The very evening after Adam and Eve had chosen to listen to Satan and so to join the

rebellion against God that he had started in heaven, the results could be seen.

In our verse it says they heard the voice of God, and instead of running to great Him with joy, they were afraid - and hid themselves. See, already they had lost much of their knowledge of God; surely they did not really think that they could hide from the One who knows all things?

Think of what happens when children who have loving parents, do something they are told not to do. Then when Mommy or Daddy shows up, the children feel afraid and want to hide. WHY? Is it the parent’s fault? No, of course not! It is the fault of the children and the wrong they have done. It is the result of sin.

**Thought** - How sad, to see our first parents hiding from the One who loved them the most!

**Monday**

**Text: Numbers 12:6 “And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.”**

Now what was God to do? Right away, as soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour. The promise of Genesis 3:15 tells us that God had plans to give mankind a second chance to choose obedience rather than rebellion. Jesus would pay the terrible cost of this second chance and be the way of overcoming sin. But what good would it do if man did not know about it?

God could no longer talk face to face with man. God’s presence is a consuming fire to sin. God would have to set up a system by which He could still communicate to man and guide and counsel him and not consume him.

God began to use several methods to communicate; He used the angels to carry messages. He also chose certain people that He called prophets. He would give the messages to the angels, who would carry them to the prophets, and the prophets would pass the messages on to others. Adam was a prophet; then later we find Enoch, and then Noah.

Sometimes when God sends a message to a prophet, He has an angel speak to that person in a voice they can hear. Sometimes He has an angel give them a dream. Sometimes God uses an angel to give them a vision, which is like a dream, but it happens when the prophet is awake. Visions are very interesting and we will learn more about them

later.

**Thought** – One of the main reasons Jesus was born on earth as a man, was so He could communicate directly to man about the Heavenly Father. Did you know that Jesus was also a prophet?

## Tuesday

**Text: Matthew 24:4,5** “**And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**”

Well, if God was going to use angels to send messages to prophets, it did not take long for Satan to decide he could play that game too. He could use himself or his angels to give false messages to people and use these false prophets to fool people into doing wrong. It would be just like he did in Eden when he used a serpent to fool Eve.

Notice in our text that Jesus told His disciples that they needed to watch out, because Satan would even send angels and wicked men that would claim to be Jesus Himself! How are we to know the true from the false?

Thankfully the Bible has lots to say about this. If we truly study the Bible and listen to what it has to tell us, we can escape being fooled. The Bible tells us about false christs; if they tell you that Jesus is in the desert somewhere, or in some secret room someplace, we are to not listen or go to see.

Why? Jesus tells us that when He comes the second time it will be “as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:27

When Jesus comes the second time, all life on this earth will end, the faithful will go to heaven with Jesus and the wicked will all be killed by His brightness. (Remember that God is a consuming power to sin, and if people have refused to let Jesus take away their sins, they will die with those sins.)

It is important to remember that Jesus will not walk on this earth in His second coming, instead, His people will be taken up in the air to meet him.

**Thought** – So if you see someone walking around down here, even if they are doing miracles, and they say they Jesus Christ; go away from them, they are not telling the truth!

## Wednesday

**Text: Deuteronomy 13:1-3** “**If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth**

**thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams.”**

When it comes to prophets, it is a little different, but still we have tests so we can know if a prophet is true or false. Here in our text is one of those tests. If a prophet comes along and starts telling you to worship other gods, or in other ways than we know from the Bible are right, we can know he is false, even if he does miracles to ‘prove it’.

Miracles are certainly not a test of a true prophet of God. Why? Because the Bible warns us, “For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and **shall shew great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” Matthew 24:24

Revelation 16:14 tells us about “spirits of devils, working miracles”. Our only safety is in us knowing what the Bible says so well that Satan can’t fool us.

It is interesting that towards the end of the 1800s and into the 1900s, there was a lot of ‘criticism’ of the Bible. As these men who thought themselves so smart, began to pull apart the Bible, many began to listen to their lies, and as a result began to turn away from the Bible.

So Satan began to send heathen men from India and places like that, into the ‘Christian’ countries, and there he helped them to do some amazing miracles and signs. It became very popular to listen to the ‘swamis’ and the ‘Yogis’ and the ‘Gurus’ from the East. And as soon as these folk did their miracles, what did they tell people? They began to tell them all kinds of things that the Bible says are lies.

Things like people being born into other lives over and over again. Things like saying Jesus was just another swami or yogi like them. They teach them to sit around and meditate by making their minds go blank and staring at their own belly-button or something – and this is supposed to help them.

I read about a ‘Christian’ lady who went to see a swami in India and he told her this very thing; that Jesus was just the same as he was. How did he prove it? He (with the help of Satan’s angels) made a picture of ‘Jesus’ appear on the film in the lady’s camera. What did she do? Sadly, she did not know her Bible, so she believed him and stopped

being a Christian.

**Thought** – Remember, Satan did 2 miracles to try and fool Jesus in the wilderness. He carried Him to the tip-top of the temple, and he also gave Him a vision of the splendor of the world. But Jesus used scripture and drove Satan away.

### Thursday

**Text: Deuteronomy 18:21-22** “And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”

Only God can really tell the future. But we must remember that Satan can sometimes make it appear that he does. How does he do this?

He often makes predictions that he can make happen. For example, if he says you are going to be in a car crash, unless Jesus stops him, he can make that car crash happen!

Suppose he tells you that you will fall in love with somebody, he can work to bring you and that someone together and then easily give you both the ‘feelings’ that you are in love. Satan deals in feelings; false feelings and lies.

There are many people who claim these days to be prophets, or ‘psychics’ as most are now called. What about them? Well first we can look at their life and see if they follow what the Bible says. Do they obey God and teach people to obey the Ten Commandments? They don’t? Well we really don’t need to look any further--they are not true prophets.

But we will look further to make a point. What about these Psychics and their ‘prophecies’? Are any of them 100% accurate? No! In fact one man did a study that showed they were wrong more than 90% of the time!

But just suppose, you found one that was right 90% of the time, would he be a true prophet? No he would not! A True Prophet of God must be right 100% of the time. So should we listen to these people? No way! Because whether they know it or not, they are working for the devil to deceive people!

**Thought** – Did you know that Bible Prophets are right 100% of the time?

### Friday

**Text - Ezekiel 33:7** “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.”

**Isaiah 58:1** “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

What is the real job of a prophet? Just what it was in the beginning, it is to carry messages from God and give them to the people.

What kind of messages does God send to His people? Does He want to tell them who a certain movie star is going to marry? Does He want to tell them how to pick the racehorses? Does He want to tell them what kind of dress will be the fashion next year?

Of course not! Real Prophets of God have no time for worldly things, their job is to warn people about their sins and tell them how to be saved. They bring messages to comfort and encourage God’s people when they are doing right. They also warn against doing wrong. They also bring messages that warn of dangers to come.

Not all of God’s Prophets foretell the future; in fact this seems to have been only a small part of the work of most of them. But still there are some amazing prophecies in our Bible that have predicted future events for hundreds even thousands of years into the future!

Only God can do this and He offers it to us as one of the proofs that He is God and we can trust in Him to keep His word.

**Thought** - The two most amazing prophets of future events were Daniel and John. In fact they actually both wrote something that together really makes up one prophetic book: Daniel and the Revelation. = ^ .. ^ =

