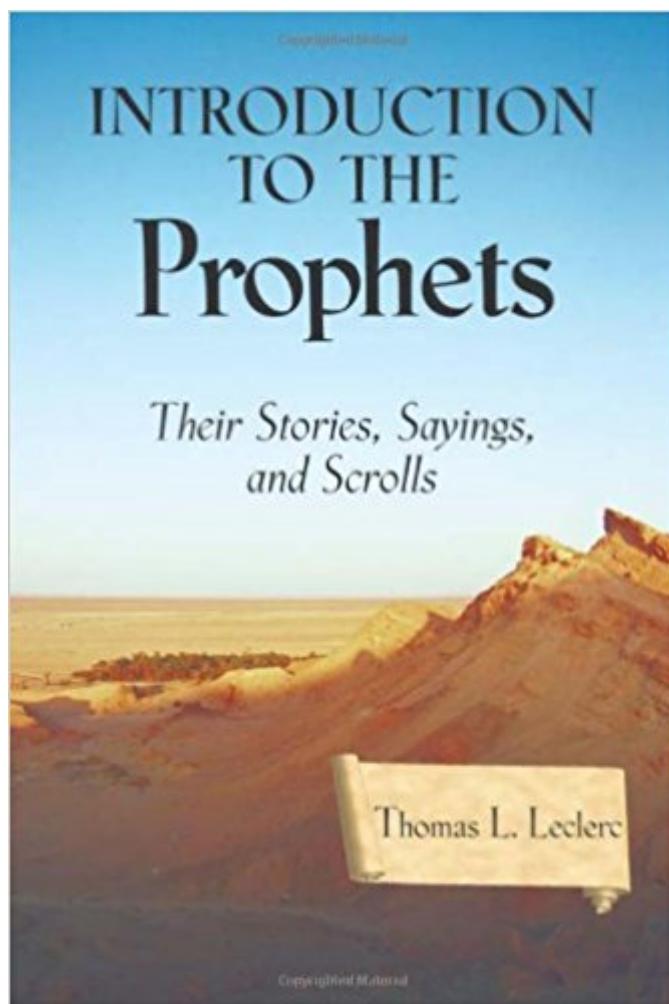


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# Introduction To The Prophets: Their Stories, Sayings, And Scrolls



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This book is exactly what the title says. A good historical-theological introduction to the prophets and prophetic activity in the ancient Near-Eastern world. It deals with all of the prophets in the Old Testament. Starting with the prophets in the Pentateuch (Abraham, Moses, etc), up to the 'classic' prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc.) The writer is a catholic priest, but his presentation is fair enough to be used by any other denomination (I am not Roman Catholic, but enjoyed the book).

If you've always found the Prophets a bit daunting, but want to understand them, this is the book for you. It's one of those books where you can tell the author loves the subject and really wants to help you learn. You'll get the background you need to read and understand the texts. Great things about this book:-Material: background on the times and life of the prophet; the important themes and

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wonderful insight into the lives of the prophets and the social climate that they lived in. Makes the scripture come a live with new meaning.

Used this book in a classroom setting and found it a very good survey of a very broad subject. Good quick reference and an fairly easy read.

great textbook, delivered faast.

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Excellent text

Not the easiest of reads, but an excellent introduction to some very dense materials from the prophets of the Old Testament.

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