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1 Kings 16:21-22:40; Amos 1:1-2:8; 5:1-6:14; 7:10-17

1 Kings 18:40 – Elijah kills prophets

1 Kings 19:17 – No one able to escape from people Elijah empowers

1 Kings 21 – Lord shows signs of forgiveness

1 Kings 21 – killing to get what you want

1 Kings 18:40

- God uses people to kill those that go against him instead of doing it himself

- why are prophets hid?

 - Jezebel orders their deaths

 - Jezebel has personal motivation

 - people are easier to control if under one religion

- God uses people to do His work

 - God has more true follower- 7,000

1 Kings 19:19

- God sends evil spirit into a prophet

 - allows the spirit

- God and His court of spirits

 - like king and Nobles

- God now has a hierarchy of power now

- in a vision – might not be word for word

 - presents in a way that makes sense to people

1 Kings 22:7

- another prophet that never prophesies well of him

 - want prophets to tell him what they want to hear

- why do we need another prophet?

 - shows lack of faith

 - won't give a chance to believe

1 Kings 22

- using deceptive means to get what you want

29- repentance

 - punishment: but later

- women using deception

 - Rebeka and Abraham; Eve; Jezebel

- like Saul

 - tried to humble himself

- king or queen do wrong to get what they want

 - other society it would be fine for the king to do

 - but here it seems that faith and humility are more important

 - motivations of actions

 - human nature; selfish

- gods in the Odyssey do what they want
- OT and Greek mythology
 - gods make and pick kings
 - determine fate
 - influence on Israelites or visa versa
 - people behave the same
 - is it just similarity in how people are

Amos

- 3 transgressions, but the fourth brings judgment
 - are transgressions kings?
 - describe what right and what's wrong
- shows no goodness in people and if your bad you'll die
- tells people it is a time of evil
 - warning the people not to stray

Amos a prophet?

- speaks what the Lord said
- prophesies - predicts
 - must change their ways
 - God will strike them down
 - future pretense—prophesy
- different – does he have direct contact to the Lord
- historian and prophet

Prophets

- direct contact with God
- predicts the future