**The Parade of Prophets Narrators’ Script**

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**Narrators’ Script**

Make two scrolls at least 8 feet long! Print and glue script pages into the scrolls. Tie with a ribbon to curl.

**Props**

Cast the image onto the wall behind the stage of either the **Timeline of the Prophets** or a photo of Jerusalem’s

old wall with one of the gates. A slide projector with a transparency or a computer with a projector will be needed.

Hang a **banner** center front above the students with the words “Parade of Prophets.”

Arrange large **baskets** or burlap sacks **of rolled parchments** and scrolls on the stage.

**Shofar**

**Instructions**

All but the narrators form the choir and stand in a group stage left. Each prophet walks from this location to

center stage to read his script from the scroll. When finished, he walks to stage right. (Stage left is the left side

for the actors standing facing the audience. For the audience it is stage right.)

Narrators are positioned center stage and share the space with each prophet who speaks.

It is best if microphones are available for the readers.

**THE PRESENTATION**

**NARRATOR 1:**

The history of mankind is God’s story and He is the Author. God governs in the affairs of men and nations and times all events for His eternal plan. Nothing happens by fate or by chance.

**NARRATOR 2:**

God is sovereign, and His overruling hand directs the course of history for His Gospel purposes. The focal point of all human history is Jesus Christ. All antiquity looked forward to the cross, and we look backward to the cross and resurrection.

**NARRATOR 1:**

It took thousands of years before His plan was fully unveiled, and His prophets played a most important role as God’s appointed spokesmen. For indeed, He called them to be His mouthpiece.

**NARRATOR 2:**

Harken to the Word of the Lord:“Surely the sovereign Lord does nothing without revealingHis plan to His servants the prophets.” (Amos 3:7)

**NARRATOR 1:**

“Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

**NARRATOR 2:**

The word “prophet” is from the Greek language and means “to speak in place of.” So, a prophet stands as a mediator between God and His people and speaks in place of God by divine inspiration. His words are authorized by God and go forth with history-shaping power!

**NARRATOR 1:**

The first prophet found in the Bible came from the very first family on earth. We know this because it was Jesus who called him a prophet. He was the first martyr of the Old Testament period.

1. **ABEL speaks.**

**NARRATOR 2:**

Our next prophet is the preeminent prophet in the Old Testament. It is written of him that “no prophet has risen in Israel like him, whom the Lord knew face to face. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or accomplished the awesome deeds that he performed under the leading of God’s Spirit.” Educated in the Egyptian court and taught by God Himself for 40 years in the wilderness, he wrote the first five books of the Bible.

1. **MOSES speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

From the time our next prophet was a young child, he heard and obeyed the word of the Lord. His mother had dedicated him to education under the nurture of Israel’s high priest. God’s favor rested upon him, and he served God as priest, judge, prophet, educator, kingmaker, and royal advisor. It was he who turned Israel back to God’s purpose among the nations.

1. **SAMUEL speaks.**

**SONG: OBEY MY VOICE**

**NARRATOR 2:**

By the time our next prophet was prophesying and performing miracles, the nation Israel had split into two kingdoms which were ruled by kings. Wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were on the throne of the northern kingdom, called Israel. Their rule produced the greatest contest between good and evil in Israel’s history. Israel continued to worship idols and would not listen to the prophets.

1. **ELIJAH speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

Our next prophet is the first of the minor writing prophets in Scripture. The language most often used by the prophets was poetic and was filled with imagery and symbols. This prophet saw the events of his day as a foreshadowing of future events. God used him as a spiritual watchman on the walls of Jerusalem warning his people of God’s coming judgments.

1. **JOEL speaks.**

**NARRATOR 2:**

Our next prophet was sent to prophesy in the capital city of a neighboring, pagan country named Assyria. Assyria was known for its great military power and cruelty to those it captured. Jonah tried to run from God and this assignment and ended up in the belly of a large fish. He was the most reluctant of prophets, yet he experienced the most astonishing results, because all the people of Nineveh repented!

1. **JONAH speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

Our next prophet is the first of four major writing prophets, when biblical prophecy reached its inspired height. His writings provide the most complete prophetic picture of Jesus Christ in all the Old Testament. It is unsurpassed in beauty and reveals more of God’s saving purpose than almost anywhere else in Scripture. His prophecies played a very important role in the history of Israel and shared much about God’s redemptive plan for mankind.

1. **ISAIAH speaks.**

**SONG: I SAW THE LORD**

**NARRATOR 2:**

Our next prophet’s writing is unique in the Bible, as it is the only Old Testament book that consists entirely of a conversation between God and man. He wanted to know why, if God is sovereign and good, He had not answered his prayers and had permitted such evil to continue. When God answered, he became even more upset to find out God was going to engage the pagan Babylonians to drive Judah into exile. He came to understand that God’s ways are higher than man’s ways. Although God is often silent, He is not asleep. He is continuously working out His Gospel plan for justice.

1. **HABAKKUK speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

Before our next prophet was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations. He is one of the four major writing prophets, and his central message is one of hope. This sets him apart from other prophets, whose central message is a call to repentance. His prophecies make clear that God did not fail to protect Judah, but rather Judah failed to obey God and His numerous warnings. He is called the weeping prophet and served God during one of the darkest and most difficult periods in all of Israel’s history.

1. **JEREMIAH speaks.**

**NARRATOR 2:**

This prophet was taken captive as a young man and marched into Babylonian exile. His prophetic ministry began when he entered the priesthood in Babylon. He is the third of the major writing prophets and remained loyal to God. He confronted the sins of the people and also offered hope for their future. He received extraordinary visions and heavenly revelation from God, which sets him apart from most people in the Bible. God called him as a watchman to the house of Israel and he fulfilled his calling.

1. **EZEKIEL speaks.**

**SONG: BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD (1 verse)**

**NARRATOR 1:**

This next prophet lived during the Babylonian exile into the reign of the Medo-Persian Empire. He is the longest held prisoner of war in the Bible. As a member of Jewish royalty, he was marched to Babylon as an adolescent and educated in the court of Nebuchadnezzar. While in captivity, he rose to serve both empires as a diplomat and royal advisor. He is the last of the major writing prophets, and his prophecies pertain to the future times of the gentile nations. One of his prophetic visions provides the most comprehensive overview of future events in world history that is found in the Old Testament.

1. **DANIEL speaks.**

**SONG: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**NARRATOR 2:**

Our next prophet was set free by Persian King Cyrus to return to his homeland. Not many other returned because Judah was a war-torn, burned wasteland, but he was one of the priests who did. God called him to prophesy encouragement to those who were rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. After its completion, he preached repentance to the remnant. His large number of prophecies about the Messiah include Jesus’ first coming as the Shepherd who lays down His life and His second coming as the victorious King. Like many other prophets before him, he was martyred and suffered a violent death.

1. **ZECHARIAH speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

Our next prophet is last in the Old Testament. His prophecies contain a message of love, repentance, and reconciliation. It is the great love-song of God, whose love is wounded. After the restoration of Jerusalem and God’s Word, revival broke out for a brief period. But then the people’s hearts grew cold and hard. They went through all the external requirements of the law, but lacked the motivation that comes from a loving heart within. These messages will be God’s last for a 400-year period of silence!

1. **MALACHI speaks.**

**NARRATOR 2:**

Four hundred years of silence followed the prophecies of Malachi. God did NOT speak to His people and no Scripture was written, but God was not asleep! As the Sovereign of the universe, He was moving behind the scenes to bring countless details together to send His beloved Son to earth. Our next prophet is the last of the prophets who foretold of the coming of the Messiah. He was called by God and filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother’s womb to fulfill his mission as the forerunner of Jesus Christ. Jesus called him the greatest prophet because he prepared the world for His arrival and preached in the power of the prophet Elijah.

1. **JOHN THE BAPTIST speaks.**

**NARRATOR 1:**

In the fullness of time, God sent the long-awaited prophet to earth, born of a virgin, born under the Law. As God had formerly spoken to His people through the Old Testament prophets, He would now speak through the eternal, living Word clothed with human flesh. He would fulfill the role or office of prophet as a spokesman for God with authority as the second person of the Godhead or the Son of God. This prophet spoke by divine inspiration, both exhorting and predicting the future, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and raising the dead. He is the perfect Master Teacher and became the mediator of a new covenant.

He is the Savior and Redeemer of the world for those who believe in Him.

1. **JESUS CHRIST speaks.**

**CONCLUSION:** All the students recite Isaiah 61:1-3

**BLOWING OF THE SHOFAR:**

**The teacher or another adult should blow the shofar three (3) times.**

**SONG: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

**Students continue singing as they exit the stage in a single file.**