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God's interest in the world unleashes a drama.

*poor, with the poor*

*why is God to be found among the*

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## Justice in the Bible

**The will of the lawgiver is important.**

*that's why you should do it,  
you know we agreed to it, it'll help you, it'll make you a better person, therefore you should do it*

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**Justice is relational.**

**Law codes are statements of God's will.**

**A judgment is more an intervention than a pronouncement.**

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The role of law in the Bible

Torah Torah

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**The Origins of Justice**

**Genesis 1 and 2**

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*I want you to exercise your procreative powers so that there will  
always be people in the world*

**Israel: Exodus**

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*goyim*

**The Work of Jesus as the New Creation, the New Exodus**

*you are my people and you will always be my people*



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*he is at hand*

## **The Prophets**

### **A Crisis in Israel: 750 BCE – 500 BCE**

*we were slaves in Egypt to Pharaoh and now we are slaves or servants to Yahweh in Canaan, so that we went from there to here. And now what does God ask? God asks us to be faithful, to be loyal, and so on.*

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## **The Crisis of Divine Wrath and Divine Process**

*God is really angry because God has given you of God's very self. You said, no. You dismissed Him. Therefore, God's anger is there.*

## **The Prophets Interpret the Process**

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*Confessions*

**Prophets as Commentators on God's Work**

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## The Importance of the Prophets for the New Testament

### Jesus: The Eschatological Prophet

*who is Jesus*

*Look at me. Look at my wrecked psychology. Look at my confessions, my laments, where I show, I reveal my inner world of betrayal, of anguish, of pain.*

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*Look upon it, not because I want to bear my soul to you (in the modern confessional sense) but because I am offering you a model of what it will be like. And I'm also offering you a model, that even though it's painful, you can make it through.*

*This city that you think is so grand is going to be destroyed, and you yourselves are going to be... led out naked as a prisoner of war... as you apparently were. And look at me and know that, first of all, that it's going to happen; but know also that if you keep your faith in God, you can survive.*

*True and False Reform*

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**Implications for Preaching**

**The Tasks of the Preacher**

**Today's Signs of the Times**

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*Now, spend a few moments reflecting on the questions below.*

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