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Prophets were chosen by God to share His messages. They warned people, gave encouragement, or made predictions. Their messages usually followed a pattern: call, message, and fulfilment. Amos warned people to care for the poor, and Jeremiah spoke against injustice. Some, like Isaiah, spoke about the coming of the Messiah. Christians believe these promises came true in Jesus. During Advent, Christians remember the prophets' messages and prepare for Jesus' birth and return

KEY VOCABULARY

Prophet: Someone chosen by God to deliver His messages to the people.

Priest: A person who offers prayers and sacrifices to God. In the Catholic Church, priests lead Mass and the sacraments.

King: A leader with power and responsibility over others. In the Bible, kings were often chosen by God.

Messianic: About the Messiah (the saviour promised by God).

Advent: A time when Christians get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth and prepare for His return.

Amos: A prophet who told people to stop sinning and care for the poor. He warned them to return to God.

Elijah: A prophet from the Old Testament who said someone would come to prepare people for the Messiah.

John the Baptist: A New Testament prophet who got people ready for Jesus. He was Jesus' cousin.

Amos was a Hebrew prophet chosen by God through a **vision**. He told people to stop sinning and live fairly. He especially challenged the rich, telling them to care for the poor. Amos criticised people who went to religious ceremonies but did not act with love and justice in their daily lives. He warned that this made God unhappy and damaged their relationship with Him. Amos also shared a message of hope: those who stayed faithful to God (called the "remnant") would be forgiven and blessed. He reminded people that God judges fairly, based on what we do.

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John the Baptist is a New Testament prophet who follows the same pattern as Old Testament prophets: call, message, and fulfilment. He is linked to Elijah, who began the cycle of prophecy that John finishes. From before his birth, John was chosen by God to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah. Christians believe this came true when he baptised Jesus in the River Jordan

Why do people sin and how can they stay close to God?

Christians believe Jesus is priest, prophet, and king, and through Baptism, they are called to live out these roles too. They act as **priests** by praying, taking part in the sacraments, and helping others grow closer to God. They act as **prophets** by sharing their faith and helping others know God. They act as **kings** by living like Jesus and leading others through kindness and good example

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