

# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets.  
Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — — — — — — — .

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers



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# MT. OLIVE TIMES

*Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love.*

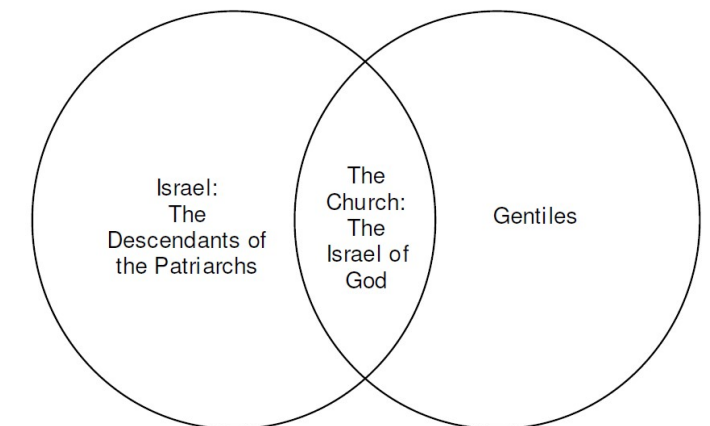
**November 2023**

**Pay attention to what God is doing**



## What does God's Word say about the present conflict in Israel?

Some Christians try to interpret the biblical promises of God to Israel as applying to the present-day State of Israel, a political entity established in 1948. This contradicts at least two important words of Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36) and "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority" (Acts 1:7). This misleading and incorrect interpretation of Scripture also ignores the fact that "Israel" or "the Jews" sometimes refers to those who are biologically descended from the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) and sometimes refers to those who "share the faith of Abraham" (Romans 4:16) regardless of whether they are physically descendants of the Patriarchs ("Jews") or come from other ancestors ("Gentiles"). The true Israel of God consists of all those who are a new creation by the work of the Holy Spirit through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-16).



We rejoice in the gifts and promises of God which He gave to Abraham and his descendants (see Romans 3:1-2 and Romans 9:1-5). Read Romans 9-11 to understand what love and respect and honor and humility we should have toward the Jews as descendants of Abraham. With amazing grace God has continued to bless the Jewish people in many ways, including by allowing the formation of the State of Israel, and He continues to call ALL people, Jews, Gentiles, Israelis, Palestinians, even Americans, to "be reconciled to God" (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:16-21) through faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior of all. We pray for an end to war and conflict. We pray for peace on earth and that all may know the true peace and reconciliation with God and with one another that has been accomplished by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:14-18).

**We pray:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike Michalk

**"Working Together - Celebrating God's Good Gifts"**

Our Stewardship Fall Campaign will commence on Sunday, October 29th with a special message during our worship service. We will be collecting Estimated Giving Cards and Time and Talent sheets on November 19th during worship service. You will receive the cards and sheets in the near future. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve God with your Time, talents, and treasures.

**WOMO NEWS**

**PLEASE NOTE; Spruce Tip Planter assembly date has CHANGED!** Spruce tip planters will be assembled on **Thursday, November 2 at 10 AM.** Please meet at church near the fellowship hall entrance.

WOMO is seeking volunteers to set up tables for the Bazaar. This could be done on **Sunday, October 29** after the worship service, or on **Friday morning, November 3.** Talk to Jan, Sandi, or Marianne if you are willing to help with this.

Drop off donations for the Bazaar on **Friday, November 3 from 3-7 PM. ALL items must be priced.** We know many of you do not like pricing your items, but WOMO members do not know the time, effort and expense that went in to making your creations, so it is important that you price your contributions.

We are still looking for people to set up and take down directional/marketing signs the day of the bazaar on **November 4.** As of yet, no one has come forward to volunteer. It works best if there are two people; one to drive a vehicle, and one to jump out and set up the sign at various intersections. Please talk to Jan, Sandi, or Marianne if you are able to take on this task.

The sign-up sheet for the **Annual Bake Sale and Bazaar** is in the narthex. **PLEASE** sign up and plan on making contributions to help us have a successful sale. Proceeds help various missions, community organizations, and small projects at MOLC. The **Annual Bake Sale and Bazaar** will be held **Saturday, November 4 from 9 AM – 12 Noon.**

The next WOMO meeting will be held **Monday, November 6 at 6 PM** in the fellowship lounge.

**Saturday, December 2** is the date of the WOMO Christmas party and potluck lunch beginning at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. More details to come but save the date!

Please help spread the word about the **Annual Bake Sale and Bazaar.** Invite your friends to come and shop and join you at one of our community coffee tables for coffee, treats and a good visit! If you would

**Leadership Team**

Thank you to all who are currently serving on our Leadership team and Board of Directors! In 2024 the following positions will be open.

- Treasurer
- Director
- Trustee
- Elder



like to post flyers or mail flyers to your friends, see Lindsey for copies.

**2024 Offering Envelopes**

Are on the table in the Narthex.

**New Member Sunday**

What does it mean to be a member of Mt. Olive? Whether you are a long-time member or a recent visitor, we invite you to attend an orientation on **Saturday, November 4, from 9 to 11 AM,** to learn about the blessings and responsibilities of membership. Those who attend the orientation will be invited to make a profession of faith and become members at our worship service on **Sunday, November 5** if they so desire. Please talk to Pastor Mike if you want to know more. The orientation will be held in the Library/Bible Study room on the first floor of the Administration/Education building.

**Daylight Savings**



"Fall Back" with the clocks on November 5th!

**Snowbirds**

The church would like to stay in touch. When you leave for the warm climate, please contact the church to confirm your "away" address and let us know when you plan to return. Please note that a newsletter can not be forwarded.



**Give & Grow—Otten Brothers**

Thank you to all who support us through Otten Brothers. We received \$109.08 as a donation!

**Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love (within Mt. Olive)**

We want to express our gratitude to those who have helped in various ways around church recently:

✝ Thank you to Jim Merchant and David Sandquist for the refresh of paint of the front side of our building!

✝ Thank you to Brian Podratz for doing fall clean up of the building!

✝ Thank you to all those who are serving our church in some way!

**Coming Up**

- November 1** - All Saints' Day
- November 1** - Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- November 2** - Spruce Tip Planter Assembly
- November 3** - Bazaar Set up 3-7PM
- November 4** - WOMO Bazaar & Bake Sale 9-Noon
- November 4** - New Member Orientation 9-11AM
- November 5** - New Member Sunday
- November 5** - Daylight Savings
- November 6** - WOMO Meeting @ 6PM
- November 8** - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- November 11** - Veterans' Day
- November 19** - 3rd Quarter Congregational Meeting
- November 21** - Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social 6PM

**Support the church by saving!**

1. **Printer ink cartridges**
2. **"Box Tops for Education" that are on the food packaging, digitally download the app on your smart phone. (Choose the school you want to support and scan your receipts– no need to cut!)**
3. **Sheets, fabric, old blankets etc for the quilt club. Dollar donations accepted to purchase fabric**
4. **Art supplies for projects. (Yarn, Hot glue/gun)**
5. **Supplies for Spruce Tip Pots**

**In the Narthex**

1. **"Boxed" cards:** for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. by the WOMO. See Claudia Bullock.
2. **Collections boxes:** Mites
3. **Portals of Prayer:** October - December
4. **Church Directory** (Updated May 2023)
5. **Annual:** 2022
6. **Newsletters**
7. **Puzzle Exchange**
8. **Lutheran Witness**
9. **Be at Leisure Reading**