



Divinity ACSEE

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1 Faith and Teachings - Prophecy and Prophets

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1. Having learnt about prophecy and the prophets of the Bible:

- (a) Briefly explain the term "prophet." (01 mark)
- (b) Explain three prophetic roles which religious leaders of today are supposed to play, especially to the corrupt society. (09 marks)

1.	(a) A Prophet: is a person who is called by God to proclaim his Word to his people. He/she is the Man of God who conveys relationship between God and his people. A prophet received the word from God and spoke it to people and back to God.	
	(b) Three prophetic roles which religious Leaders of today are supposed to play, especially to the corrupt society are as follows:-	
	Condemning social injustice: Leaders should condemn social injustice which normally occurs in corrupt society so as to settle the people in peace, order, love to each other in the society. The prophets tested the people in terms of what was good or what was bad in their activity and their conduct. Their standard and measure was to Prophet whether they lived by the law as was to the society Jeremiah (Jer.6:27-30). Leaders of today should also test the people if they are faithful to God.	
	Proclaiming God's word to the society: Always all things that are concerned with God are important, useful and helpful to the society. Leaders of today should proclaim the word of God or News to the people so as to stop evil deeds that make the society to deviate from God's Covenant.	
	Intercession: A prophet or religious leader should intercede with God on behalf of the evil doers so that God will forgive their sins instead of letting them to be punished. Prophet Amos interceded when people sinned and God wanted to punish the people of Israel (Amos 7:1-6).	

2 The Book of Prophet Haggai

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2. According to the Book of Prophet Haggai, one can say that selfishness, laziness, unwillingness and disloyalty among the Israelites and their leaders were reasons for their failure to continue rebuilding the destroyed temple in Jerusalem. However, the Israelites themselves claimed that they failed because they were poor.

(a) What did the prophet say about the claim that they were poor? (01 mark)

(b) In three points, show how Haggai's message is relevant to Tanzanian Christians today.

(09 marks)

2 a)	The prophet said about the claim that the people were poor because they refused to rebuild the temple. They neglected God's house and became poor. They sinned before God by not rebuilding the temple and God punished them with serious poverty. Even today neglecting to do God's work will lead to poverty.	
b)	The followings show how Haggai's message is relevant to Tanzanians christian today.	
	Selfishness; This thing or problem made Israelites to fail to rebuild the temple of God, In Tanzania today today there are christians or people who are very selfish especially leaders because they want to benefited them selves and not the whole society, To God it is a sin.	
	Unwillingness; This was a problem in the - book of Haggai, whereby Israelites did not want to rebuild the temple due to unwillingness, Also in the society like Tanzania many people are told to do good things by showing cooperation to reach success but they are not willing. Instead they became drinkers, corruptors, exploiters, to mention but few.	
	About the issue of disloyalty; This also was a problem in the time of Haggai, People were not faithful to God. In the Tanzania society also there are many people who are disloyal. Foreexample in work place, in the family matters, in religious matter, in political matter as well as in social matters.	

3 The Book of Prophet Ezekiel

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3. It is said that the nature of the messages of prophets had some connection with their names. Based on this assertion.

(a) Show how the name Ezekiel was linked to his prophetic mission. (01 mark)

(b) Briefly explain three commissions given to Ezekiel by Yahweh in connection with his name. (09 marks)

3	(a) The name Ezekiel means God strengthens, showing that his work will be empowered by God himself.	
	(b)(i) Commission to eat the scroll, Ezekiel was commanded by God to eat the scroll which seemed to be sweet as honey hence connected to his mission of preaching the word of God.	
3	(ii) Commission to be determined, Ezekiel was commanded by God to have determination in proclaiming the message regardless of people's refusal of hearing.	
	(iii) Commission to be the watchman, Ezekiel was commissioned by God to be the watchman of Israel by telling the future hence is connected to his name.	

4 The Book of Prophet Hosea

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4. The prophet's message was presented to the people through his family life.

(a) How did Hosea present his message to his own people?

(01 mark)

(b) Show how Hosea's three children conveyed his prophetic message to Israel through their names.

(09 marks)

04(a) Hosea's message was about God's love and he presented the message to his people through marrying a prostitute who was called Gomer. His prostitute wife represents the unfaithful Israelites while Hosea represents God. God made a Covenant relationship with the sinful Israelites as Hosea and Gomer's marital relationship. The names of his children also carried the message of his prophetic ministry that God had called and sent him for the people.

4(b) (i) Jezeel
He was the first son of Hosea and his name meant God scatters. He was told to give him his name to his son so as to show that God will punish the Israelites through scattering them to different nations if they won't repent.

(ii) Lo-Ruhama.
She was the only daughter of Hosea. Her name meant not pitied. He believed that this daughter was not the real blood of his father so God raises her to show that the Israelites have made him angry and they are no longer his people until repentance.

(iii) Lo-Ami.
He was the third child of Hosea. His name meant forget my people. Hosea wanted to tell people that God has forgotten them just because of the sinful life and if they won't repent they will be punished.

5 Establishment of Monarchy in Israel

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5. Since when Israel was made a chosen nation of God, its leadership was Theocratic, but during the time of Samuel the Israelites demanded for Monarchy.

- (a) In one sentence, explain what you know about Theocracy and Monarchy. (01 mark)
- (b) Give three reasons for the Israelites demanding for monarchy during the time of Samuel and show whether the reasons were genuine or not. (09 marks)

5	(a) Theocracy is the system of leadership whereby the people are under the Lord God as long while monarchy involves the kingdom under a human being.	
	(b) i) They wanted the visible king. This was not a genuine reason because the Lord God was always among them in words and deeds.	
	ii) They wanted to become like other nations. This was not genuine because Israel was a unique nation of God and were supposed to remain unique, not as other nations.	
	iii) They wanted the king who can lead them during the war while God led them in every war.	
	All these reasons were not genuine because Israel was not a mere nation but the people of God. Also God was ruling them in the war by his people like judges and prophets, for example Samuel.	

6 The Earlier Prophets: The Prophetic Mission of Elijah and Elisha

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6. Israel remained a strong and unified kingdom till the reign of King Solomon. After the death of King Solomon the Kingdom of Israel was divided into two kingdoms.

(a) In which reign was the Kingdom of Israel divided? (01 mark)

(b) Explain three reasons for the division of Israel into two kingdoms and in each reason show its relevance in today's society. (09 marks)

(a), one of the candidates wrote that the Kingdom of Israel was divided during the reign of Rehoboam the son of Solomon into the Southern kingdom and the Northern kingdom. Likewise, there was a candidate who wrote, "Rehoboam: On the succession of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the country split into two kingdoms: the Kingdom of Israel (including the cities of Shechem and Samaria) in the north and the Kingdom of Judah (containing Jerusalem) in the south."

(b), the candidates responded that: (i) Solomon's moral and spiritual failure induced by wanton polygamy led to the LORD's anger, to split the kingdom into two pieces and give it to his neighbour (1Kings 11:1-12). (ii) Rehoboam's failure to seek and act upon good advice from elders on how to answer those who demanded for freedom (1Kings 12:1-20). (iii) Over taxation to supply provisions for Solomon's household. The provision included fat oxen, probably expensive grain fed animals (1Kings 4:7, 22-23). All these development plans were in favour of the southerners. (iv) King Solomon conscripted forced labour out of all Israel; the levy numbered thirty thousand men (1 Kings 5:13-17). Even today, moral, and spiritual failure of leaders can lead to problems such as division. Ignoring wise advice from the elders, as Rehoboam did by favouring the youths who were full of emotions may lead to division. Likewise, if today's small-scale businesspersons, entrepreneurs and peasants are overtaxed, division in the society may occur.

7 The Book of Prophet Jeremiah

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7. The message of prophet Jeremiah was accompanied by symbolic actions. Explain any five symbolic acts he performed and give the implication of each.

7	<p>Jeremiah, is one among the prophets of God who prophesied among the people of Israel. He was also known as prophet of lamentation. He prophesied in Israel before Israel was taken to exile in Babylon and during the exile in Babylon. In his prophetic mission he used various ways of conveying his prophetic message to the people like by preaching, writing, but still people did not listen, he decided to use the symbolic acts instead. The following are the symbolic acts that Jeremiah performed:</p> <p>The marred girdle, Jeremiah bought a new garment and buried it underneath as he was told by God and after sometimes he took it again, now it was rotten and wore it in the public. This was meant to show Israelites that although they were beautiful before God they are now worthless like the loin cloth.</p> <p>Abstainence from marriage, Jeremiah was ordered by God not to marry or have a family. This was desired to teach Israel and warn them that great destruction is coming, people will be taken to slavery and no one will remember that he or she had a wife, husband or children.</p> <p>Breaking the earthen bottle, Jeremiah as ordered by God, he took an earthen bottle and went among the elders of Israel and broke it in their sight. This was intended to tell the people that the city of Jerusalem will be ruined soon and it will no more be as before.</p>
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8 The Book of Judges

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8. The Israelites lost their national unity during the leadership of Judges. In five points, explain how the Israelites were disunited as recorded in the book of Judges and suggest what the members of our societies should do to enhance development.

8	Judges were charismatic leaders raised by God to deliver Israel from their enemies. Judges are divided into two types. There are major Judges to whom their stories were narrated in detail. For instance, Judge Othniel, Ehud, Jephthah. While Minor Judges are those Judges to whom their stories were narrated shortly. For instance Judge Shamgar, Tola, Jair and others.
	The following are the Account or reason that explain how the Israelites were disunited and what we should do to enhance development.
	During the war of Jabun of Hazor; During this war there was disunity between the twelve tribes of Israel. Deborah went to war with the commander Barak and soldiers from two tribes (Naphtali and Zebulun). Ten tribes of Israel would not participate. Unity and cooperation among the members of the society for instance during political war and other issues can help to maintain peace.

hence people will be able to conduct in various activities such as like Trade, construction of infrastructures which include roads, railways, airways hence bring development.

8. Abimelech killed his seventy brothers. Abimelech was able to kill his seventy brother so as to be easy for him to get leadership so by this it resulted into disunity.

In referring to our societies I can say that the members of our societies must provide or implement laws for all people who engage themselves in the murder case like killing Albino, people who have red eyes especially in some zone like Butobwa, Mwanza and other areas, and this can help to act as a warning to those people who kill innocent people. And this can bring development to all since people are at peace and are able to conduct different activities.

Benjaminites abused the Levite's concubine. This also raised to disunity since Benjaminites abused or raped the concubine all the night until death. The Levite found the woman dead. He took the body back home and took a knife and divided that body into twelve pieces and sent the pieces by one among the twelve tribes of

Israelites that shocked and frustrated them hence disunity leading to murder.

In reference to this, members of our society must provide policy that can encourage people to abstain from conducting immoral acts such as like Rape. For instance

8. by implementing commandments of God for instance "you shall not commit adultery". And this can help people to abstain from such unlawful acts hence bring development.

9 The First Book of Isaiah

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9. "Development has sometimes damaged countries ethically and religiously." With reference to Isaiah Chapters 1 to 8, justify this statement by giving five points.

es.	<p>Development refers to the positive changes from low stage to high stage socially, economically and politically. With reference to Isaiah chapter 1 to 8, it is true that development has sometimes damaged countries ethically and religiously;</p> <p>Development leads to social stratification; Development damaged countries ethically and religiously since it brought social stratification in which there was the creation of classes. Example it created the class for the rich and the poor in which the poor are discriminated. Hence development led to social stratification, and therefore it damaged countries ethically and religiously.</p> <p>Disobedience to God. Development brought disobedience to God because after someone developed or succeeded in a certain thing forgot about the importance of God and therefore development damaged the countries ethically and religiously since it led to disobedience to God; and so it is today.</p>	
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	<p>Sexual immorality: Development can lead to sexual immorality in the society; when someone developed tends to engage in sexual immorality. Example Isaiah fights such sexual immorality within his society and this was due to the development of people. Hence development damaged countries ethically and religiously.</p> <p>Corruption; Development can lead to the damage by corruption practice. There are both religious corruption and also political corruption; Therefore there are some people engaging in practicing corruption as in the book of Isaiah hence damaging countries ethically and religiously.</p>	
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