

In my 1937 notes on a course in the prophets with Howard Tillman Kuist of NYTS I discovered this simple, useful frame for viewing a prophet. [It can be used with #662, on hermeneutical method ("inductive Bible study"), from the same notes, and with my rewrite of the process, #227.]

PROCESS: With minimum words, respond to the following outline:

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. Condition of his nation

1. Definite political, social, and religious status

2. Interplay of foreign nations upon his own nation

II. PERSONAL HISTORY

A. Name(s) and birth--date, place, parents

B. Call

1. Time in his life
2. Vocation when called
3. Manner of call

III. MESSAGE AND TEACHINGS

A. For his day

B. For our day

IV. SPECIFIC STUDY (three-fold exegetical) [See #662 and/or #227.]

A. Detail of form

B. Depth-of-thought questions

C. Grasp-of-thought questions

V. OUTSTANDING PASSAGES

A. Prominent verses noted well enough to recognize

B. Key verses (memorized)