## Why and When did the Prophets Appear?"

- I. FIRST WE HAVE THE RISE AND FALL OF THE HEBREW NATION presented to us in the books Genesis to Esther.
- II. NEXT WE HAVE THE POETICAL BOOKS, Job to Song of Solomon, presenting the Golden Age of the Hebrew Nation.
- III. THEN WE HAVE THE PROPHETICAL BOOKS, Isaiah to Malachi, presenting the fall of the HEBREW NATION.
- IV. 13 OF THE PROPHETS were connected with the destruction of the nation and three with the restoration of the nation.
- V. The destruction of the nation was accomplished in two periods.
  - NORTHERN KINGDOM FELL: 734-721 B.C. (Prophets: Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah.)
  - THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM FELL: 606-586 BC (Prophets: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah.)
  - THE RESTORATION OF THE NATION: 536-444 B.C. (Prophets connected here: Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.)