

The Hebrew Prophets, Selections Annotated and Explained
by Rabbi Rami Shapiro.
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Rami Shapiro has already illuminated the writings of Chasidism and now turns his attention to some of the most sublime parts of the Hebrew Bible, the books of the Prophets.

Shapiro's introduction is lyrical, his biographies of the prophets themselves informative, and his selections are made under a series of headings: The Mission of the Prophets, From Ignorance to Truth, From Injustice to Justice, and From Despair to Joy. Each text has a few short annotations which are inherently thought-provoking and even more so when juxtaposed with the primary text.

The prophets played a huge role in the shaping of Jewish thought and continue to influence a great deal of Judaeo-Christian thinking and action. Rami Shapiro is to be congratulated for so successfully offering the best of their words to a very wide audience.

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