

THE EPIC OF EDEN: ISAIAH

Session 2 Video Notes – THE OFFICE OF THE PROPHET

1. The office of the Prophet
 - a. Office versus gift
 - b. Israel's theocracy
 - i. *theos + kratos* = God + Government
 - ii. Three theocratic offices: prophet, priest, and king
 - iii. Legislation regarding the office
 1. Deuteronomy 13:1-5
 2. Deuteronomy 18:9-12
2. Divine intermediaries in the Ancient Near East
 - a. Omens
 - b. Lungs, livers, and gallbladders!
 - c. Numbers 23:23: "Lo, there is no augury in Jacob, no divining in Israel: Jacob is told at once, ye Isrel, what God has wrought!"
3. The Prophet as the Messenger of the Divine Council
 - a. The concept of a "royal court" in heaven (1 Kings 22; Jeremiah 23:16-18; Amos 3:7-8; Malachi 3:1)
 - b. "Thus says Yahweh"
 - c. Example: Isaiah 6:1-9
 - d. The Prophetic (or Covenant) Lawsuit
 - i. The prophet is the legal representative of the Great King
 - ii. Isaiah 1:18: "'Come now, and let us reason together,' says [Yahweh]. Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow."

Isaiah 6:8 *Then I heard the voice of the lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me."*