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Knowledge organiser: Year 8 Unit 1: Creation and Covenant

Key words	ADVENT - The first season in the liturgical year, in which Christians prepare and wait for both the birth of Jesus and the Second Coming of Christ ATONE - To do something that makes up for, or repairs, the damage done as a result of wrong behaviour CYCLE OF PROPHECY - The idea that the arrival of Jesus was predicted by prophets throughout the Old Testament IDOLATORY - Worshiping a statue or image as though it is God (forbidden in the Ten Commandments) LITURGICAL YEAR - The Church’s calendar, which consists of specific liturgical seasons and directs the public worship that takes place MESSIAH - A Hebrew term meaning ‘anointed one’; many Jews interpret it to be a future leader of the Jewish people who will rule with kindness and justice MESSIANIC - Relating to the Messiah PROPHECIES - God’s messages for the world, consisting of warnings, encouragements or predictions PROPHET - A person anointed by God and inspired by God through the Holy Spirit to share God’s messages REPENTANCE - Showing that you recognise and regret a mistake SOCIAL JUSTICE - Ideas about fairness in society, where all humans rights are respected and discrimination of any form is not tolerated SECOND COMING OF CHRIST - The future return of Jesus to earth at the end of time
Teacher assessed work	Knowledge test
Stretch and challenge	Prophecy- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqffg2p Oscar Romero- https://cafod.org.uk/education/resources/oscar-romero-life-timeline Prophet Amos- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGgWaPGpGz4 Prophet Elijah- https://www.christianity.com/wiki/people/who-was-elijah-in-the-bible.html Prophet Jeremiah- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSK36cHbrkQ Jesus as the Messiah https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxnpjty/revision/4#:~:text=The%20Messiah%20is%20the%20one,and%20means%20%27anointed%20one%27.&text=The%20term%20%20to%20save%20humanity.

Prophecy in the Bible	Jeremiah	Prophet Amos	Prophecy and Christ	Advent	Christmas Carols
God called and sent messengers, known as prophets, to speak his words to the Israelite people and call them back to the covenant. They had broken covenants such as the Sinai Covenant and had strayed away from God. God called prophets to prepare for the coming of the Messiah- the chosen one who will save God’s people and restore the broken relationship they have from turning away from God. Prophecies can include warnings, encouragements or predictions. The collections of prophecies they were inspired to write are called prophetic texts and they all follow a pattern: Call- A prophet is called by God to be God’s spokesperson on earth. True prophets do not appoint themselves, rather they are specially called by God into service. Message- All prophets have one key obligation: they must share the message that they have been given by God, even if it is not what people want to hear. Fulfilment- Prophetic texts share messages and predict things that will happen. Christians believe that this is fulfilled in the life and suffering of Jesus.	Jeremiah was called by God to prophesize in the final days of the Kingdom of Judah. Born into a priestly family in a village near Jerusalem, he was called to be a messenger of God during the reign of King Josiah. When the king died, the people turned back to idolatry. Jeremiah warned of the growing threat of the Babylonian Empire and that Jerusalem was facing disaster. This was not a popular message. People wanted to continue following their selfish desires and to stray away from God. They did not like being told that they were sinful and had to change. Often this meant they ignored prophets or mistreated them. However, Jeremiah had a message of hope- The promise of an intimate and personal relationship with God.	Amos was a shepherd 12 miles outside of Jerusalem. As a shepherd, he was unlikely to be wealthy or well-educated. Yet, God calls Amos to go to the wealthy and prosperous in Israel. He was a humble shepherd who was being sent to speak to a wealthy nation. Amos was given a number of messages from God for the people of Israel. 1) The call to repentance 2) The critique of the rich 3) The criticism of external religion 4) The use of parables and images 5) God as a judge of all nations 6) The warning and promise 7) A faithful remnant preserved	Many believed that God would one day send a Messiah who would lead the world into an age of peace and understanding. The word Messiah, which is Mashiach in Hebrew, means ‘anointed one’. It comes from the time when kings were anointed as a sign of their God-given power. Characteristics of the Messiah - the Messiah will be a great leader descended from King David - the Messiah will be a political leader and judge. He will create a fair government in Israel - Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. - Bring about the end of war so that everyone can live in peace. - Unite all people regardless of differences like religion or culture. - Bring a true awareness of God to all people. - Signal the end of the world. The book of Isaiah contains four passages known as the ‘Songs of the Suffering Servant.’ Catholics believe that these four texts refer to Jesus Christ. Others such as John the Baptist also prepares the way for Jesus. Catholics see Jesus as priest, prophet, and king.	Advent is a time of waiting and preparation in the Church’s Liturgical year. For Christians, it marks the period spent preparing and waiting for Christmas. Because Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, and remembering the birth of Jesus, many of the Old Testament readings heard at Mass during Advent are prophetic texts with a messianic message. They point to Jesus as the Messiah. The prophetic promise is fulfilled by Jesus. One prophet text from the prophet Isaiah is particularly well known and associated with Advent. ‘There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him...in that day the root of Jesse...shall stand as a signal for all peoples.’ – Isaiah 11:1-11 Jesse was the Father of David, who became the greatest King of Israel. God promised that David’s descendant would be the one to save God’s people. Jesus is descended from King David; he is the long awaited Messiah.	Christmas carols are artistic expressions that often reflect prophetic messages. This makes Christmas a special liturgical season as the Old and New Testament are drawn together to celebrate Christ’s birth and welcome the Messiah. ‘O Come, O come, Emmanuel’ is one that highlights believers expectantly waiting for Christ’s arrival. This is a reminder for Christians of the prophecies that led up to the arrival of Christ and thus how joyous Christmas is for believers. Oscar Romero Oscar Romero was born in El Salvador in 1917. From a young age he wanted to become a priest and joined a seminary. When his mother became ill and needed money for medicine, Oscar went out to work and later rejoined the priesthood and was ordained in 1942. He did a lot of work visiting prisons, organizing classes and helping to provide food for the poor. He was made a bishop in 1970. In 1974 violence in El Salvador increased and the government and army killed many poor people who stood up for their rights. Oscar Romero regularly protested against this and worked closely with those effected. He became an archbishop and spoke out against murders of priests in his area. Every Sunday his sermon was broadcast by radio. His life was often threatened. He was shot and killed whilst giving mass in a hospital in 1980. He became an icon to El Salvador’s revolution.