

Vocabulary for Unit 6

anoint: To apply oil in a religious ceremony or as part of a blessing. In the Old Testament, kings, priests, and prophets were anointed as a sign of their divine mission.

Day of the Lord: The day proclaimed by prophets on which all of humanity will share the bounty of the earth and beat their swords into plowshares and make war no more. A time of judgment when God's wrath would be brought against those who practiced idolatry and injustice.

messiah: From the Hebrew for "anointed one," in Greek, *christos*; in English, *Christ*. One who, during the periods of exile, prophets foretold would deliver the people of Israel from oppression.

prophecy: A message communicated by prophets on behalf of God. Scriptural prophecy did not claim to foretell the future, but offered a warning in hope that the faithful would change the path of destruction that they were headed for because of sin, calling for a change of heart so that the future would be in accordance with the Creator's will of love, mercy and justice.

prophet: A word meaning "interpreter" or "spokesperson." A person chosen by God to communicate a salvific message, usually a message of repentance in the Old Testament.

Suffering Servant: A figure found in the prophets' messages who stood for the people of Israel as well as the promised one of God who would suffer and bring us redemption.

