

The Minor Prophets

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HOSEA

AMOS

NAHUM

ZEPHANIAH

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The Bible and Prophets are about
God communicating to humanity



We work to translate the
language of Scripture

Languages

Spanish

English

French

Chinese

German

Arabic

We work to translate different cultures



PLUS: Add in the
history element!



The image features a large, diverse crowd of stylized human figures in various poses and colors, scattered across a bright yellow background. The figures are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with a central orange rectangular box containing the text. The overall scene suggests a large gathering or a community. The text is centered within the orange box and reads: "What are the different forms of communicating?"

What are the
different forms of
communicating?

Let's enter the door
of metaphors



Understand this



...

TIME

by



Money

...that



TIME

is



Money



I *spent* 10-minutes doing this

A flat tire *cost* me an hour

I *invested* a lot of time here

Don't *waste* your time

I can *save* you 30-minutes

I can *give* you an hour



METAPHORS
WE LIVE BY

GEORGE LAKOFF
AND MARK JOHNSON

WITH A NEW AFTERWORD



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This is NOT the Hebrew word
for “prostitute”!

Wake up!
You need this!



Hosea 4:10-11

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These are called
“futility curses



What are you chasing after?



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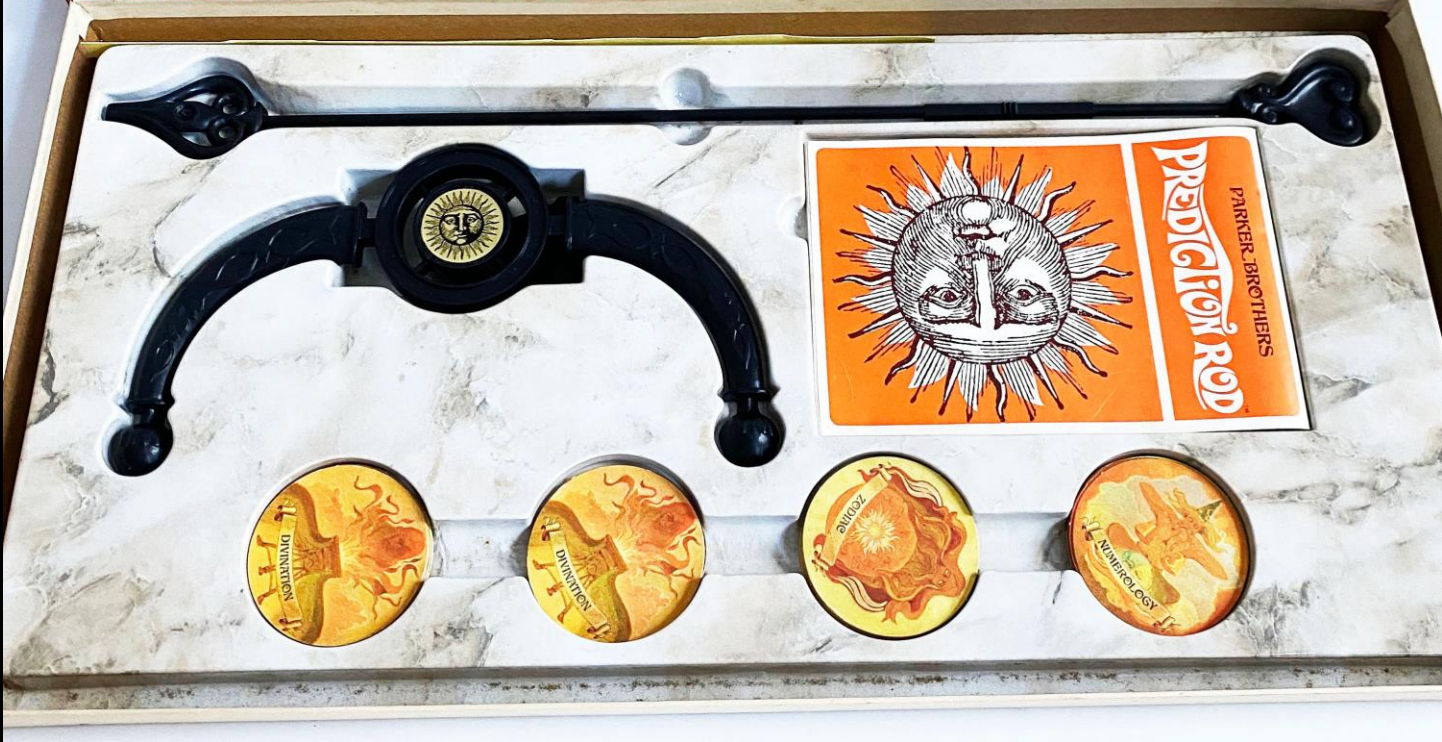
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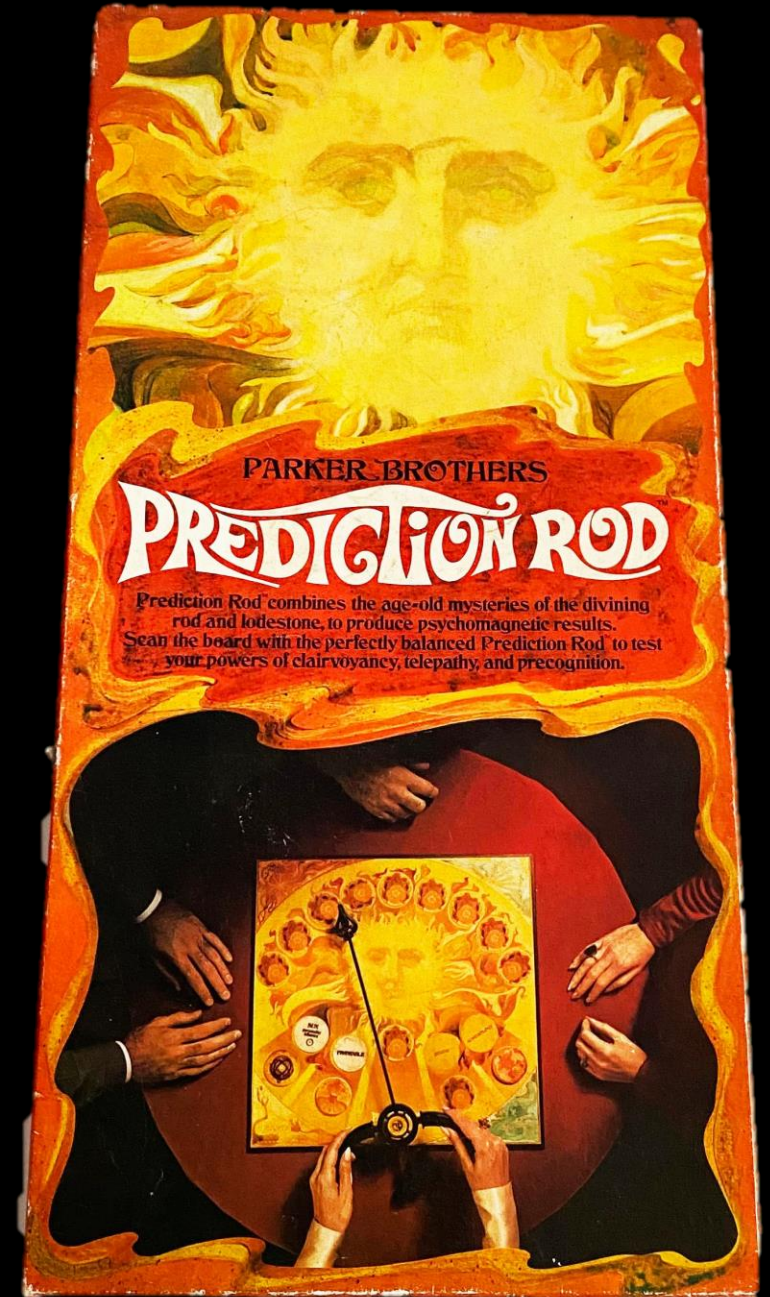
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“Rhabdomancy”

Using a stick to predict
or say something



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Magic Wands



“Rhabdomancy”

Using a stick to predict
or say something

“Dowsing”

(aka divining rods)



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How do we know
the will of God?

Hosea 4:15-16

Though you play the
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My two stubborn heifers



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And the revoltors have
gone deep into slaughter
(Hos. 5:2)

Choices matter



Good

Bad



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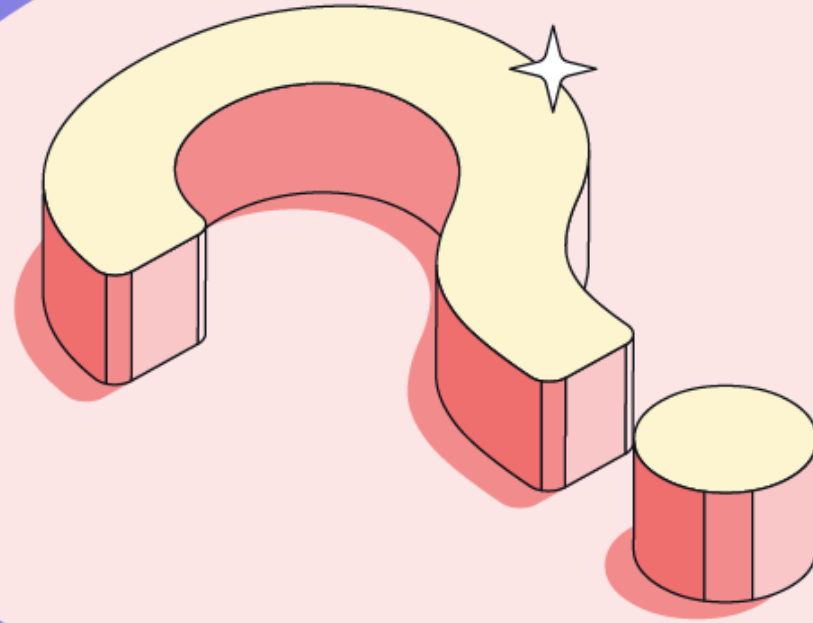
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RHETORICAL



QUESTION

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In prosperity they
ignored God



In calamity they
turned elsewhere



Whether God promised...

Judgment


Hope

the results were the same



Point For Home





Wherever you
are, whatever
you do, make
God the center

Hosea 10:11

Ephraim was a trained
calf that loved to thresh,
and I spared her fair neck;
but I will put Ephraim to
the yoke

Hosea 10:11

וְאֶפְרַיִם עֵגְלָה מְלַמְדָּה
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← EASY WAY

HARD WAY →

Point For Home





We make
real choices

Hosea 10:13-14

You have plowed iniquity;
you have reaped injustice;
you have eaten the fruit of
lies. Because you have
trusted in your own way
and in the multitude of
your warriors, therefore
the tumult of war shall
arise...

Hosea 10:13-14

חַרְשָׁתֶם-רָשָׁע עֲוֹלָתְהָ
קִצְרֹתֶם אֲכַלְתֶּם
פְּרִי-כַחַשׁ כִּי-בִטַחְתָּ
בְּדַרְכֶּךָ בְּרַב גְּבוּרֶיךָ:
וַיָּקָאם שָׂאוֹן





Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves
righteousness; reap
steadfast love; break up
your fallow ground, for it
is the time to seek the
LORD, that he may come
and rain righteousness
upon you.

Hosea 10:12

וּזְרְעוּ לָכֶם לְצִדְקָה
קַצְרוּ לְפִי-חֶסֶד גִּירוּ
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