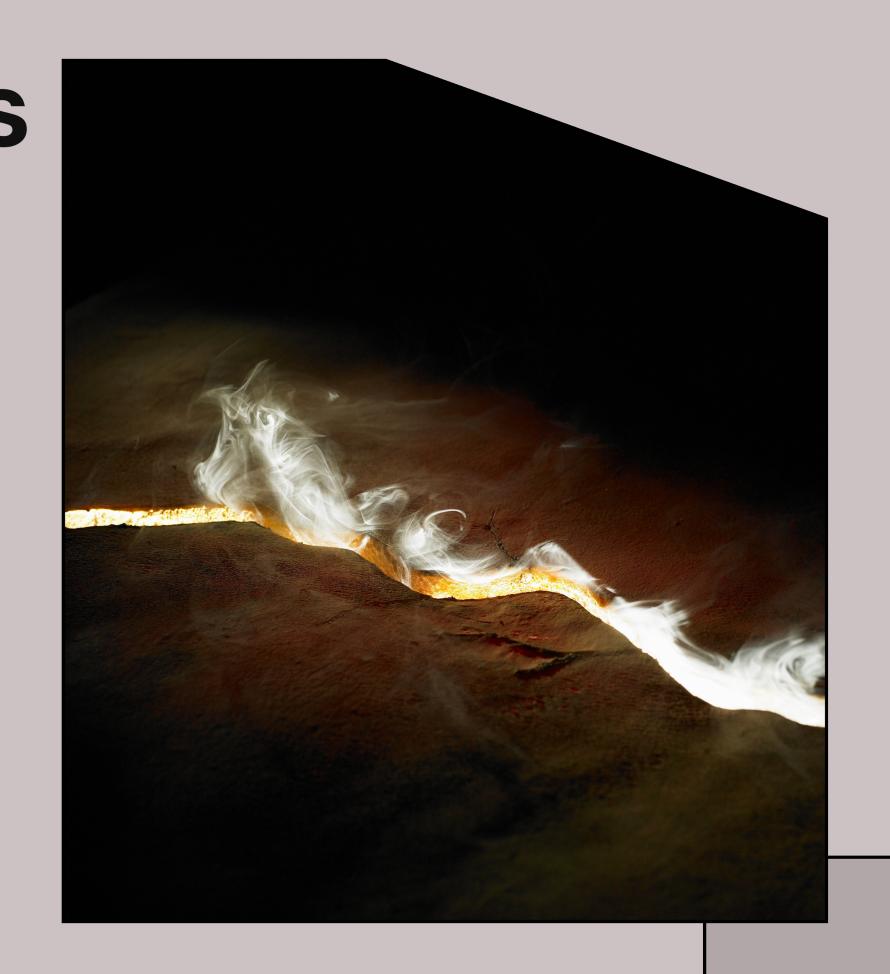
# The Tears of Things and the Prophets

Hearing God's Voice in a Wounded World

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### Voices Shaping Our Vision

- Abraham Joshua Heschel –
  Prophets feel God's pathos
- Walter Brueggemann Prophetic imagination awakens vision
- Richard Rohr Prophets live from sacred grief and create "holy disorder"



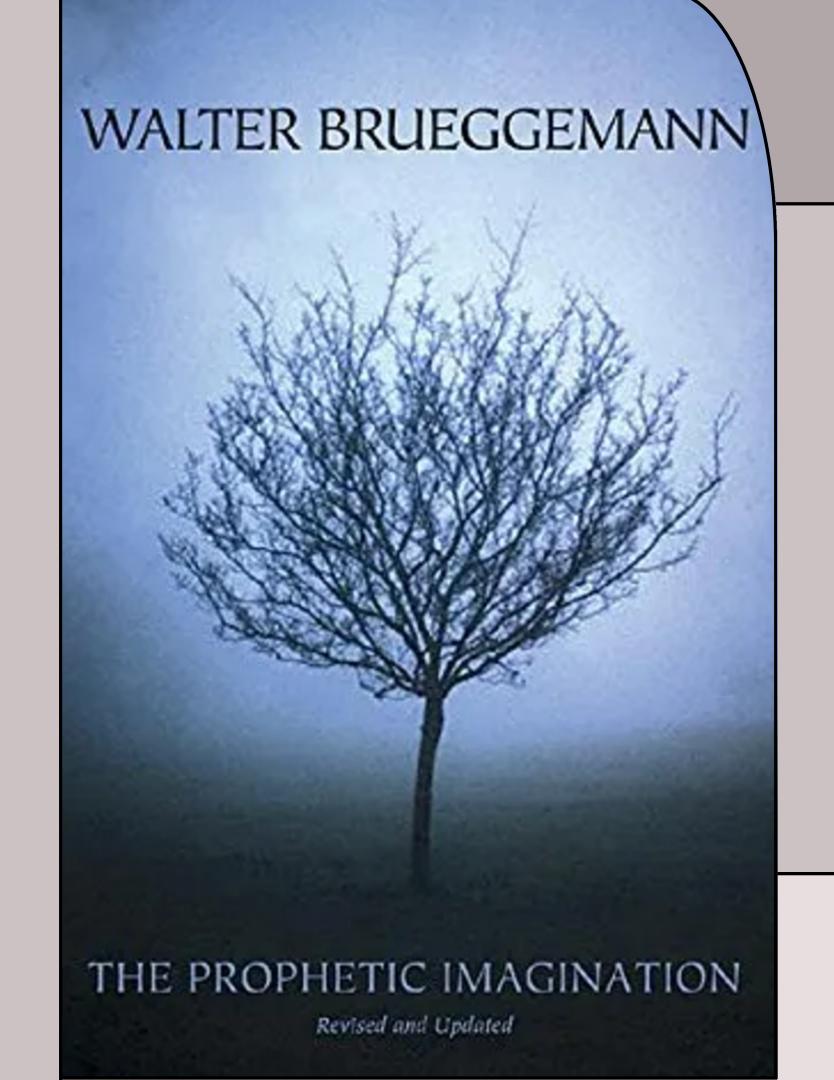
## Heschel: The Pathos of God

- God's emotions are real and urgent
- Prophets embody divine sorrow
- Heschel: "some of the most disturbing people"



#### Brueggemann: Prophetic Imagination

- Prophets dismantle dominant narratives
- They imagine new possibilities and speak them into being
- Use poetry, metaphor, lament to break numbness



#### Rohr: The Tears of Things

- True vision is born of woundedness and reconciliation
- Prophets embrace suffering and beauty: order, disorder, reorder
- Contemplation fosters compassion
- We work from lament toward integration





## Becoming a Prophetic People

**Practices of Prophetic Living** 

- Feel Deeply Share God's anguish & joy (Heschel)
- **Speak Imaginatively –** Use creative truth-telling (Brueggemann)
- Live Compassionately Act with contemplative clarity (Rohr)