ABSTRACT

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This study intended to analyze figurative language in the Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book. The objectives of this study were to find out the types of figurative languages and their meanings in the Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book. There were two theories that used in this study, the first theory proposed Knickerbocker and Reninger (1974) entitled Interpreting Literature used to find out types of figurative language and the second theory proposed by Leech (1981) entitled Semantic: The Study of Meaning used to find the meaning of types of figurative language found in Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book. The method used in collecting the data was observation method and there were several steps in collecting the data of the Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book, such as by reading and understanding the Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book on the book "Holy Bible New International Version", then taking note and classifying the phrase and sentence that contain of figurative language. This study analyzed the data descriptively by using qualitative method. After analyzing the sentences in the Bible, the writer found several of figurative languagdat aes used in Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book. There were eight types of figurative language that found in the Bible Old Testament: Major Prophets Book, they were 2 of metaphors (8%), 11 of similes (44%), 2 of synecdoche (8%), 2 of metonymy (8%), 2 of hyperbole (8%), 2 of irony (8%), 3 of paradox (12%, and 1 of personification (4%). There were three of meanings found from seven types of meaning, which is 72% of connotative meaning, 20% of denotative meaning and 8% of social meaning.

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