

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea Nahum

Joel Habakkuk

Amos Zephaniah

Obadiah Haggai

Jonah Zechariah

Micah Malachi

The "Minor Prophets" are "minor" only in size, in comparison to the "Major Prophets," like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel

There is nothing "minor" about their message!"

GOD'S PROMISE
TO SEND PROPHETS:
Deuteronomy 18:14-22.

Three Hebrew Words, I Chronicles 29:29...
"Seer" Ø "RoEH"

"Prophet" Ø "NaBiYA"

"Seer" Ø "HozeH"

GOD'S PROCEDURE FOR SPEAKING THROUGH PROPHETS:

Hebrews 1:1-2

II Peter 1:20-21, and 2:1!

The Commissioning of Prophets: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Amos 7:14-15

Prophets were...

- Chosen by God!
- Sent by God!
- Equipped by God!

- Exodus from Egypt and wandering in the wilderness, 1445-1405 B.C.
- Conquering and settling in the land, 1405-1375 B.C.
- Ruled by Judges, 1375-1050 B.C.

- United Monarchy, 1050 931 B.C.
 - Saul
 - David
 - Solomon

The nation was divided after Solomon's death!

Northern Kingdom: Israel

Northern Southern Kingdom: Israel Kingdom: Judah

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All wicked kings

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Southern Kingdom: Israel Kingdom: Judah

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Assyrian Captivity, 722 B.C.

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Babylonian Captivity, 605 B.C.

Israel: Assyrian Captivity, 722 B.C

Judah:
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1st "Return," 538 B.C.

2nd "Return," 458 B.C.

THE MINOR PROPHETS, ACCORDING TO AUDIENCE: (with approximate date of writing)

I. To Edom: Obadiah, (845 B.C.).

II. To Nineveh:

A. Jonah, (760 B.C.).

B. Nahum, (650 B.C.).

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III. To Israel:

A. Amos, (760 B.C.).

B. Hosea, (750-710 B.C.).

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- IV. To Judah.
 - A. Before the Babylonian Exile
 - 1. Joel, (835 B.C.).
 - 2. Micah, (735 B.C).
 - 3. Zephaniah, (640 B.C.).
 - 4. Habakkuk, (609 B.C.).

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- IV. To Judah.
 - B. After the Babylonian Exile
 - 1. Haggai, (520 B.C.).
 - 2. Zechariah, (520 B.C.).
 - 3. Malachi, (430 B.C.).

Why Study The Minor Prophets???

- 1. They are part of the Word of God, and therefore are inspired Scripture, and profitable, II Tim. 3:16-17!
- 2. They record God's working with men. So, we learn about both God and man!

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- 3. To be warned concerning the seriousness of sin, Cf. I Cor. 10:6, 11-12.
- 4. To be encouraged, concerning the faithfulness of God, Rom. 15:4

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