

Minor Prophets



Hosea



Joel



Amos



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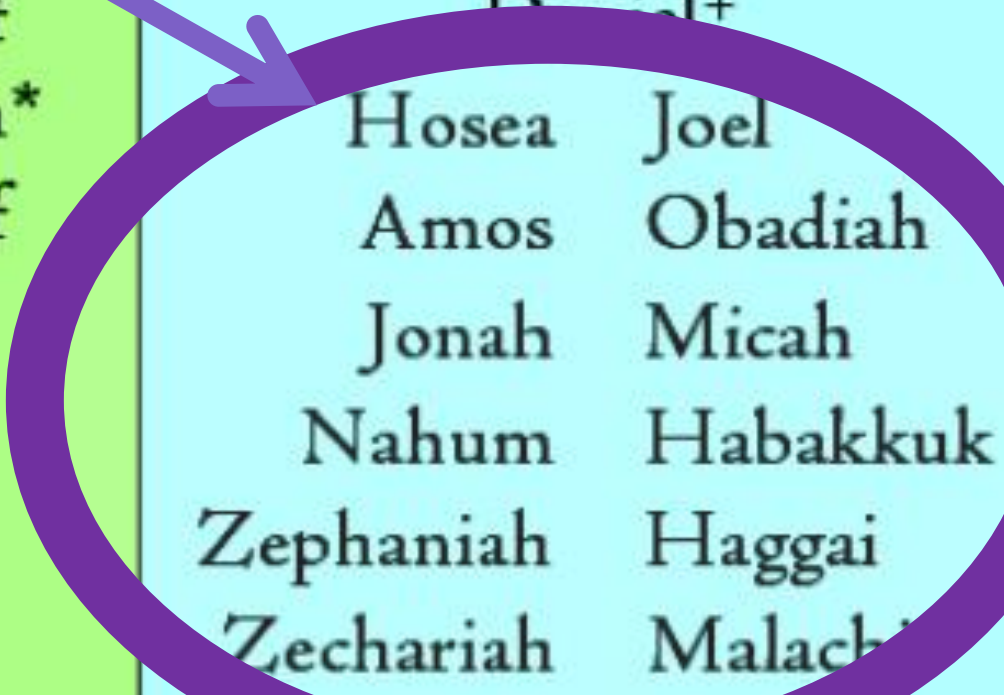


Zechariah



Malachi

Law	History	Poetry	Prophecy
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah-
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations
Numbers	1-2 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Baruch*
Deuteronomy	1-2 Kings	Song of Songs	Ezekiel
	1-2 Chronicles	Wisdom of Solomon*	Daniel+
	Ezra	Wisdom of Sirach*	Hosea Joel
	Nehemiah		Amos Obadiah
	Tobit*		Jonah Micah
	Judith*		Nahum Habakkuk
	Esther+		Zephaniah Haggai
	1-2 Maccabees*		Zechariah Malachi



Why are they called *Minor* Prophets?

- Not less important, but generally less broad and less voluminous writings
- Preached mainly to Israel and Judah, (Jonah to Nineveh) around exile.

**MAJOR vs. MINOR
PROPHETS**





■ Hosea

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❖ called Israel to *repent* and be faithful. Israel had begun worshiping other gods (Baal) and was unfaithful to God → spiritual “adultery”

The LORD said to Hosea:

“Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry (spiritual adultery) and children of harlotry for the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the LORD” Hos 1: 2

So he went and took Gomer.... – Hos 1:2-3

“Bring Charges against your mother.... Let her put away her adulteries... For she said, “I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, Hos 2:5





What would you do if you were Hosea and your wife was named Gomer and she was not loyal to you?

“Behold, I will allure her... And speak comfort to her, I will give her her vineyards.... And it shall be in that day, Says the Lord that you will call Me, “My Husband” and no longer call Me My Master.

For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals. I will betroth you to Me forever, Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy, I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord. ...Then I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy.

-Hos 2:16-20,23

Measure your success by the faithfulness/ loyalty to God in your Christian life and in your service.



*Giving God
Our Best*



“Well, then, Jesus said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God” – Mark 12:17

Don't give to Caesar (the world) what belongs to God. That would be being disloyal to God or “adulterous”

Always seek to give to Christ what belongs to Him in your spiritual life, in your service and your time to avoid idolatry

Joel

Warned the people of Judah about God's coming judgment - and the **coming restoration and blessing that will come through repentance.**



Joel – “the prophet of Pentecost”



- *‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; ...whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’*

-Acts 2:17-21 (From Joel 2:28-30)

❖ **With continual repentance, the Holy Spirit fills my heart and His grace will be effective in my service**



Amos

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❖ Through the Spirit of God, we can speak the truth in love.

Warning to wealthy and religious leaders about their greed, selfishness, immorality, bribery and injustice

Watch out for partiality. When serving others, be careful with the tendency to pay attention to the **attractive students and disregard others**. Be careful with hidden biases.

Eye contact for example. That is injustice and lack of Loyalty to Christ who said, *“whatever you do to the least of these my brethren you have done unto me.” Mt: 25:40*

Amos 7:10 -17

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words...."

*"Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah....And there prophesy.
¹³ But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the royal residence."*

The World will persecute you for being faithful

- We don't want your opinion here
- We don't want your message to repent
- We don't accept your views
- We will live how we want to live
- This is what's politically correct
- We want to live how the world lives
- And if you, by your words or example, disagree with us,
You can take a hike!

Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

And the LORD said to me,

'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'

¹⁶ Now therefore, hear the word of the LORD:

...

Amos persisted in obeying God, despite being opposed

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Obadiah

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❖ Don't condemn and don't rejoice in brother's fall or punishment

Prophecies against the pride of Edom (descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother).

While God used the Babylonians to discipline Judah, he prophesies the punishment of Edom for helping the Babylonians against "their brother"

We should not rejoice in the fall of a sinner or help the enemy spoil them further.



Jonah

Jonah - Missionary book of Old Testament

Seek the salvation of those even outside the Church. Our repentance and obedience to God will contribute to the salvation of others.

"the Lord is gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent in punishing..."

You have had pity on the plant ... And should I not pity Nineveh..."

-Jonah 4:2,10

Nineveh repented around 760 BC because of Jonah's preaching

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Through your repentance and obedience, you too will be bearer of the message of salvation, a bearer of Christ to others.

- *...as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

- -Matthew 12:40

Micah

- ❖ Seek to receive Jesus into your heart continually. While you may feel “little”, Christ will be seen through your humility and faithfulness.

Warned Judah to turn back to God or face judgment.

He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From ***everlasting.***” -Micah 5:2



Nahum

❖ Be steadfast in your repentance and humility, be careful lest you become spiritually lazy and stop repenting.

- Prophecies downfall of Nineveh (610 BC) and vindication of Judah, but this time after the Assyrians (Ninevah was in the Assyrian empire) had captured the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

- Within 100 years after Jonah preached to the Ninevites, their repentance did not last and the next generation return to sin and were destroyed.





Habakkuk

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Trust God even in difficult circumstances. Be patient.
“The just shall live by his faith” (2:4) Serve in God’s strength not by your own power.

questions and complains about the calamities befalling God’s people and concludes:

“The just shall live faith.” Romans 1:17 from Hab. 2:4

Faith = Trust in God (Trust God in your services, not your own strength)

I am raising up the Babylonians,- a cruel and violent people....They are notorious for their cruelty ...all bent on violence....But they are deeply guilty, for ***their own strength is their god.***”

Notice how God views relying on your own strength as an idol.



Zephaniah



Haggai



Zechariah

❖ Participate in Church Life, in proper worship, keep growing

Zephaniah – God is ready to Judge yet mighty to save
God's judgment on Judah; righteous remnant

Haggai – God will rebuild His Temple

Prophecies after Persians free the Jews from Babylon and return them to Judah- cares very much about proper worship

Zachariah (with Haggai)- God will establish His kingdom

- Also prophesied about Christ being betrayed with 30 pieces of silver

1 Timothy 4:16: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you"



Malachi

- ❖ Remember what God has done for you to save you. Demonstrate that your heart belongs to God through good works, a living Faith

Reminded people to worship properly according to the Law, **to be diligent**, after the consecration of the rebuilt temple. God is glorified when care is given to proper worship.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

-Malachi 3:10

