

Objectives of Minor Prophets Class

- BUILD OUR FAITH IN GOD.
- APPRECIATE THE MINOR PROPHETS.
- ANSWER THE REVIEW QUESTIONS.
- SATISFY THE LESSON PLAN.

No. of Messianic Prophecies

1. Ten out of 12 prophets contain Messianic Prophecies.
2. Prophets without Messianic Passages are: Nahum and Habakkuk.
3. There are 22 sections with Messianic Passages.
4. Hosea (1), Joel (2), Amos (1), Obadiah (1), Jonah (1), Micah (3), Zephaniah (1), Haggai (2) and Zechariah (9) and Malachi (1).

History of Zion

- ★ A prominent hill in the Jerusalem that David captured from the Jebusites, 2 Sam. 5:6-7.
- ★ David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Zion, 2 Sam. 6:12.
- ★ Solomon moved the Ark of the Covenant from Zion to the temple, which was built on Mount Moriah, 1 Ki. 8:1, 2 Chron. 3:1-2.

History of Zion

- ★ The name Zion was extended to include the **temple**, Ps. 20:2, 74:2-3.
- ★ Zion is often used for the **whole of Jerusalem**, 2 Ki. 19:21,31, Ps. 48:1-2.

Denotation & Connotation

- ★ Denotation = the explicit or direct meaning or set of meanings of a word or expression ... (dictionary.com)
- ★ Connotation = the associated or secondary meaning of a word or expression in addition to its explicit or primary meaning. (dictionary.com)
- ★ Examples: home, dove.

Zion (old)

Denotation.

- ★ Mountain where the temple was built upon extended to include Jerusalem.

Connotation.

- ★ Lord dwells there, [Ps. 9:11](#).
- ★ Salvation/help provided to His People, [Ps. 14:7](#), [20:2](#).
- ★ God's people are there, [Isa. 10:24](#).
- ★ Place of refuge, [Jer. 4:6](#).

Old Zion vs. New Zion

Old

- ★ Physical
- ★ Destroyed
- ★ For Jews

New

- Spiritual.
- Eternal.
- For All.

What is the New Zion?

- ★ Messiah installed as King upon Zion, [Ps. 2:6](#).
- ★ Redeemed people are there, [Isa. 4:3-4](#).
- ★ Praising God, [Isa. 12:5-6](#).
- ★ Salvation / protection, [Isa. 4:5-6](#), [62:11](#).

Zion (new)

Denotation.

- ★ Dwelling place of God among His redeemed people.

Connotation.

- ★ Salvation.
- ★ Refuge.
- ★ Protection.
- ★ Joy.

New Zion In New Testament

Heb. 12:18-14

- ★ Context.
- ★ Equivalent Terms:
 - City of the Living God.
 - Heavenly Jerusalem.

New Zion In New Testament

Rev. 14:1-5

- ★ The Lamb is there in a position of authority.
- ★ The victorious saints are present.
- ★ Praising the Lamb.
- ★ Picture = Heaven.

Hosea

Messianic Prophecies

- ★ God would lure Israel back to Himself (2:14-23).
 - ✦ Note change from condemnation (1:10,2:11,12) to salvation (2:14,18,19).
 - ✦ 2:23 quoted in Rom. 9:25, 1Pet. 2:10.
- ★ Others - single verses/statements.
 - ✦ 1:10 & Rom. 9:26, 1 Pet. 2:10.
 - ✦ 3:4 “seek ... David their king”, Messiah.
 - ✦ 11:1 & Matt. 2:15.
 - ✦ 13:14 & 1 Cor. 15:55.

Joel

Messianic Prophecies

- ★ Future promise of prophecy, judgment and salvation (2:28-32).
 - ◆ Peter quotes from Joel in Acts 2:16-21.
 - ◆ 3 Parts of prophecy.
 - ◆ Mount Zion will provide a place of salvation, safety and protection for all those who call on the name of the Lord

Joel

Messianic Prophecies

- ★ Judah shall dwell forever (3:18-21).
 - ✦ “In that day” commonly used to refer to the Messianic Period.
 - ✦ A figurative picture of God’s people receiving blessings and defeat of their enemies.
 - ✦ Judah refers to God’s people under the new covenant (Heb. 8:8-12).

Amos

Messianic Prophecies

- ★ Promises Of A Bright Future — the Messianic hope (9:11-15).
 - ✦ “In that day” — Messianic Period. Confirmed by what is said about David.
 - ✦ David’s family ceased occupying the throne when Zedekiah was overthrown, Jer. 22:24-30. Fulfillment would be a spiritual one.
 - ✦ Reason for the restoration — all peoples may enjoy salvation (vs. 12 & Acts 15:16-18).