

59. What is Zion?

It is the dwelling place of God among His redeemed people where they find security and peace.

60. Are we in Zion today?

Yes. Heb. 12:22-24.

61. What did Zion denote and connote to the Jews in OT?

denote = temple extended to include Jerusalem. connote = dwelling place of God where He would provide security

and peace to His people.

62. Which Minor Prophets contain Messianic Prophecies?

All of them except: Nahum and Habakkuk.

63. How many sections of Messianic Prophecies are there in the Minor Prophets?

22.



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.



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



★ 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).



★ 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).



Messianic Prophecies

★ Exaltation of Israel & Mt. Zion, A Place of Refuge and Judgment (1:17-21).

The ultimate fulfillment of God's promises was to be realized in Jesus Christ, the one who came from the house of Jacob (Num. 24:15-24; Heb. 12:22-24; Matt. 21:5; Luke 1:31-33).

 In contrast to the judgment on Edom (vs. 15-16), Mount Zion will provide safety for its citizens.



★ Jonah was in the great fish 3 days and 3 nights (1:17).

 JC used this historical event to confront the skeptical Pharisees, Matt. 12:38-41,16:4; Luke 11:29-32.