

Why This Study?

- **EXAMPLES TO AVOID** - I Cor. 10:6,11.
- **HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST** - Rom. 15:4-5.
- **GOD'S PURPOSE IN OT** - Rom. 10:4.
- **IT IS GOD'S WORD** - Hos. 1:1, Joel 1:1.
- **GOD RULES IN THE KINGDOMS OF MEN.**

Objectives

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

Who Are the Prophets?

Function: Word Etymology.

- GREEK PROPHĒTĒS ‘spokesman,’ FROM PRO ‘before’ + PHĒTĒS ‘speaker’.
- H5030; ORIGINAL: נביא; TRANSLITERATION: NABIY’; PHONETIC: NAW-BEE’.
- ROOT MEANING “TO BUBBLE FORTH, AS FROM A FOUNTAIN,” HENCE “TO UTTER”.
- JER. 20:9.

Who Are the Prophets?

Prophet = God's Spokesman.

- Ex. 4:16, 7:1-2.
- ONLY 3 MINOR PROPHETS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS PROPHETS, HAB. 1:1; HAG. 1:1; ZECH. 1:1.
- “THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME...”
- GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, 2 PE. 1:20,21; EZE. 13:1-7.

Who Are the Prophets?

Instructors under the Old Covenant.

- MOSES: LAWGIVER.
- WISEMEN/ELDERS: COUNSEL.
- PRIESTS: LAW.
- PROPHETS: WORD.
- PSALMISTS: POETS

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Mission.

- SOUGHT TO BRING THE PEOPLE OF HIS DAY TO FAITH, REPENTANCE, AND OBEDIENCE.
- 2KI. 17:13; NEH. 9:26; ZEC. 1:4.
- “FORTH-TELLER” RATHER THAN “FORE-TELLER”.
- “PROCLAIMERS” RATHER THAN “PREDICTORS”.

Who Are the Prophets?

Types.

- ORAL VS. LITERARY.
- MAJOR VS. MINOR.
 - ◆ LENGTH OF BOOK IS THE DIFFERENCE.
 - ◆ “MINOR” PROPHETS ARE NOT LESS IMPORTANT NOR LATER THAN THE OTHERS.
- OTHER DESIGNATIONS.
 - ◆ SEER - ISA. 9:9, ISA. 30:10.
 - ◆ MAN OF GOD - ISA. 9:6; I KI. 17:18,24.
 - ◆ SERVANT OF GOD - JOS. 1:13,15; 9:24.
 - ◆ MESSENGER OF GOD - HAG. 1:13.

Who Are the Prophets?

List.

- 36+ IN OT.
- THROUGHOUT OT HISTORY.
- BY LITERARY TYPE (16).
 - ◆ MAJOR (4): ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL.
 - ◆ MINOR (12): HOSEA, JOEL, AMOS, OBADIAH, JONAH, MICAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH, HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, MALACHI.

STUDY APPROACH

C L A S S S C H E D U L E

How to Study the Minor Prophets?

- UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT.
- INTERPRETATION NEEDS TO HARMONIZE .
- UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS AT THE TIME THE PROPHET LIVED.
- USE NT TO UNDERSTAND MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THESE BOOKS.
- OK NOT TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING.

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