

Review

1. WHAT ARE 5 REASONS TO STUDY THE MINOR PROPHETS?

- AS EXAMPLES TO AVOID, I COR. 10:6.
- MAY HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST JESUS, ROM. 15:4.
- BUILD OUR FAITH IN GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THE OT, ROM. 10:4.
- IT IS GOD'S WORD, HOS. 1:1, JOEL 1:1, AMOS 1:3.
- EN-FORCE UNDERSTANDING GOD RULES IN KINGDOMS OF MEN.

2. What is the Hebrew root meaning of the word “prophet”?

"to bubble forth, as from a fountain"

3. What is a prophet according to Biblical usage? Provide Scripture.

God's Spokesman, Ex. 4:16, 7:1-2.

4. What is the mission of the prophets?

Bring the people to faith, repentance, and obedience.

5. What are the 2 types of prophets?

1. oral vs literary.
2. major vs. minor.

6. What is the reason these prophets are called “Minor”?

length of their literary work.

7. What are other words used for the prophets?

Seer, Man of God, Servant of God, Messenger of God.

8. How many prophets are there in the Old Testament?

36+

9. Name the Minor Prophets.

1. Hosea
2. Joel
3. Amos
4. Obadiah
5. Jonah
6. Micah
7. Nahum
8. Habakkuk
9. Zephaniah
10. Haggai
11. Zechariah
12. Malachi

Shaking Hands with the Prophets

OBJECTIVE: OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHORS TO GAIN A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THEIR PERSONAL BACKGROUNDS IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR WRITINGS.

Meaning of Names.

- HOSEA (NUM. 13:16, MATT. 1:21), = SALVATION OR DELIVERER.
- JOEL = JEHOVAH IS GOD.
- AMOS = BURDEN OR BURDEN-BEARER.
- OBADIAH = SERVANT OF JEHOVAH.

Meaning of Names.

- JONAH = DOVE.
- MICAH = WHO IS LIKE GOD.
- NAHUM = COMFORT OR CONSOLER.
- HABAKKUK = EMBRACE.

Meaning of Names.

- ZEPHANIAH = JEHOVAH HAS TREASURED OR JEHOVAH HAS HIDDEN.
- HAGGAI = FESTIVE.
- ZECHARIAH = JEHOVAH REMEMBERS.
- MALACHI = MY MESSENGER.

Family.

- HOSEA (1:1) = SON OF **BEERI**, MAN OF A WELL. NO FURTHER HISTORY.
- JOEL (1:1) = SON OF **PETHUEL**, VISION OF GOD. NO FURTHER HISTORY.
 - ◆ 13 OTHER JOEL'S IN BIBLE.
- AMOS = NO FAMILY HISTORY.
- OBADIAH = NO FAMILY HISTORY.
 - ◆ 13 OTHER OBADIAH'S IN BIBLE.

Family.

- JONAH (1:1) = SON OF AMITTAI. NO FURTHER HISTORY.
- MICAH = NO FAMILY HISTORY.
 - ◆ 7 OTHER MICAH'S IN BIBLE.
- NAHUM = NO FAMILY HISTORY.
- HABAKKUK = NO FAMILY HISTORY.

Family.

- ZEPHANIAH (I:I) = SON OF CUSHI, SON OF GEDALIAH, SON OF AMARIAH, SON OF HEZEKIAH.
 - ◆ GREAT GRANDSON OF KING HEZEKIAH.
 - ◆ 4 OTHER ZEPHANIAH'S IN BIBLE.
- HAGGAI = NO FAMILY HISTORY.

Family.

- ZECHARIAH (1:1, NEH. 12:4,16, EZRA 5:1) = SON OF BERECHIAH, SON OF IDDO.
 - ◆ WAS CHIEF OF THE PRIESTS WHO RETURNED WITH ZERUBBABEL TO JERUSALEM.
 - ◆ 31 OTHER ZECHARIAH'S IN BIBLE.
- MALACHI = NO FAMILY HISTORY.



Location.

- HOSEA (7:5, 1:2) = LIKELY A CITIZEN OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM.
- JOEL (2:1,23, 3:1, 6) = NOT EXPLICITLY MENTIONED BUT POSSIBLY A NATIVE OF JUDAH.
- OBADIAH = LOCATION UNKNOWN.
- AMOS (1:1) = FROM TEKOA.

Lessons.

- GOD USES ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES AND BACKGROUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES.