

MINOR PROPHETS

FOR BEGINNERS

MAJORING IN MINORS

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In this series, Mike introduces the books of the Minor Prophets providing a summary of content, history, main features and information about each author as well as modern applications from each book.



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INTRODUCTION

Isaiah _____
Jeremiah _____
+ Lamentation _____
Ezekiel _____
Daniel _____

} _____

I. MINOR PROPHETS

721 BC _____

Divided Kingdom _____

931 BC – 587 BC _____

Northern Kingdom absorbed _____

Samaria _____

Babylonians _____

Jews Reject Jesus _____

- Jeremiah 25:12 _____

II. ORGANIZATION OF CANON

A – APPENDIX 1

B – APPENDIX 2

C – APPENDIX 3

D – APPENDIX 4

E – Additional books _____

- Jude 3 / II Peter 1:1-4 _____

III. MINOR PROPHETS – TIMELINE

1. Fall of Northern Kingdom – 721 BC _____

2. Fall of Southern Kingdom – 587 BC _____

3. Return of Exiles – 538-457 BC _____

SUMMARY

NEXT LESSONS

ASSIGNMENT

THE CALL OF THE PROPHET

This study will focus on the characteristics of each prophet's call from God.

I. BACKGROUND

Words referring to *prophet* in Hebrew language:

ROEH = _____

NAHBI = _____

Hebrew prophecy was the defining element that separated the Hebrew religion from other contemporary religions.

- I Samuel 9:9

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPHET'S CALL

1. The call was _____

2. The call was from _____

- Jeremiah 1:9 _____

The source was God, not the prophet.

3. The call was _____

Flying Fish _____

- John 6:68 _____

4. The call had a _____

5. The call was not _____

6. The call was accompanied by _____

A. Samuel _____

B. Ezekiel _____

C. Daniel _____

D. Moses _____

E. Isaiah _____

- Deuteronomy 18-20 _____

7. The call changed the _____ into the _____

How?

A. Called on him to _____

B. Separated him _____

C. Made him _____

D. Produced a _____

E. The people saw the prophet as _____

SUMMARY

The call experience _____

Features of the call:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

ASSIGNMENT

- Read: Hosea

NEXT LESSON

Summary of each book into five categories:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

1. HOSEA

1. _____ 721 BC

- _____
- _____

2. _____ 587 BC

- _____

3. _____ 538-457 BC

- _____

5 CATEGORIES

1. The Prophet _____
2. The Prophet's _____
3. The Prophet's _____
4. The Prophet's _____
5. The Prophet's _____

1. THE PROPHET HOSEA

Acting out prophecies:

A. Moses – Exodus 3:5 _____

B. Saul – I Samuel 11:17 _____

C. Ezekiel – Ezekiel 2:8-3:6 _____

D. Ezekiel – Ezekiel 5:2 _____

E. Isaiah – Isaiah 20:3-4 _____

F. Agabus – Acts 21:11 _____

- Hosea 1:2 _____

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

Jeroboam II _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

A. Jezreel – Hosea 1:3-4 _____

B. Lo-ruhamah – Hosea 1:6 _____

C. Lo-ammi – Hosea 1:8-9 _____

SUMMARY

What is Hosea about?

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK – OUTLINE

A. Chapters 1-3

B. Chapters 4-7

C. Chapters 8-10

D. Chapters 11-14

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE BOOK:

1. Hosea 1:2 _____

2. Hosea 6:1-3 _____

3. Hosea 12:6-8 _____

4. Hosea 6:6 _____

5. _____

5. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

LESSONS

1. Remain _____

2. God is _____

3. Our faith is demonstrated _____

- Hosea 6:6 _____

Parallelism _____

- John 13:35 _____

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Hosea
- Read: Joel / Amos

2. JOEL

- A. 721 BC _____
- B. 587 BC _____
- C. 450 BC _____

Twelve prophets _____ book in _____ Bible.

1. THE PROPHET JOEL

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

King Joash – 835-796 BC _____

Queen Athaliah _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

ZION – “Castle” / “Highest Point” _____

ZION / Jerusalem _____

Because of its status _____

Zionist movement today? _____

SUMMARY OF JOEL'S PREACHING

God's Judgement _____

The need _____

Promise of _____

CONTENT OF THE BOOK OF JOEL

1. Locust _____

2. Call to _____

3. Day _____

4. Promise _____

5. Outpouring _____

- Joel 2:28-32 _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK – OUTLINE

- 1. _____ 1:1-20
- 2. _____ 2:1-17
- 3. _____ 2:18-32
- 4. _____ 3:1-17
- 5. _____ 3:18-21

MODERN DAY LESSONS FROM JOEL

1. Try _____

2. The hope _____

3. God will _____

- Acts 2:37-38 _____

- Romans 8:11 _____

3. AMOS

1. THE PROPHET AMOS

786-746 BC _____

- Hosea _____

- Isaiah _____

- Micah _____

- Jonah _____

- Amos 1:1 _____

- Amos 7:14-15 _____

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

Not all was well in the Northern Kingdom.

AMOS SPOKE TO A NATION GUILTY OF:

1. Social injustice _____

2. Idolatry and false worship _____

3. Luxurious lifestyle _____

4. Corruption and bribery _____

5. Military success and complacency _____

6. Dishonest business practices _____

7. Refusal to repent _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

Main Themes:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK

A – OUTLINE

1. Introduction – 1:1-2 _____

2. Oracles against the nations – 1:3-2:16 _____

3. Oracles against Israel – 3:1-6:14 _____

4. Visions of judgement – 7:1-9:10 _____

5. Future restoration – 9:11-15 _____

B – SPECIAL FEATURES

1. Social justice emphasis _____

2. Universal accountability _____

3. Confrontation with religions institution _____

4. Amos' background _____

5. Dialogue with Amaziah _____

5. MODERN DAY LESSONS FROM AMOS

1. Commitment to social justice is not only for the politically minded. _____

2. Authentic worship is confirmed by actual righteousness. _____

3. We are responsible for the vulnerable. _____

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Joel / Amos
- Read: Obadiah / Micah

4. OBADIAH

Order of study, 4 _____ 6 _____ 5 _____

1. THE PROPHET OBADIAH

Different Obadiahs

A. _____

B. _____

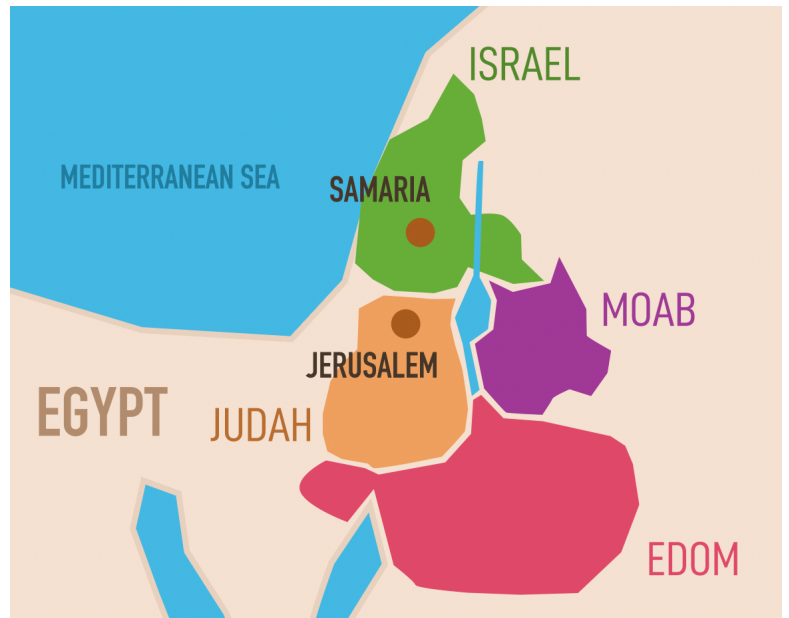
Obadiah the prophet _____

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

- Obadiah 1:11 _____

- Lamentations 4:21-22



- Ezekiel 35:5 _____

Obadiah's Message _____

Edom's natural protections:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

EDOM'S PUNISHMENT REALIZED

A. Hellenistic period: 323-31 BC _____

B. Roman period: 106 AD _____

C. Arab conquest _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK

I. Intro – 1:1-4

II. Judgement against Edom – 1:5-14

III. Reasons for Edom's judgement – 1:15-16

IV. Day of the Lord – 1:17-21

V. Conclusion – 1:21

5. THE PROPHET'S LESSONS

A. Don't _____

- Proverbs 24:7 _____

Why not rejoice?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. We have _____

C. Take _____

5. MICAH

1. THE PROPHET MICAH – MICAH 1:1

2. THE PROPHET'S TIMES

A. Northern Kingdom

B. Southern Kingdom

Micah sent to:

North _____

South _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

A. NORTH

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- _____
- _____

B. SOUTH

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- _____
- _____

UNIVERSAL THEMES

- A. _____
- _____
- B. _____
- _____
- _____

WELL KNOWN PASSAGES:

1. Micah 6:8 _____
 - _____
 - _____
-
2. Micah 5:2 _____
 - _____
 - _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK

I. Introduction – 1:1-4

II. Judgement against Israel – 1:15-16

III. Woes against corrupt leaders – 2:1-13

IV. The future kingdom – 3:1-4:13

V. Birthplace of the Messiah – 5:1-6

VI. God's case against Israel – 6:1-16

VII. Hope amidst judgement – 7:1-20

5. THE PROPHET'S LESSONS FOR TODAY

A. True _____

B. Our worship _____

C. As believers _____

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Obadiah / Micah
- Read: Jonah

6. JONAH

Introduction - Jonah was an historical figure, not a parable.

- II Kings 14:23-27 _____

JONAH'S GIFT - 1:1-3:10

1:1-10- Jonah had the gift of prophecy.

PROPHECY EXERCISED IN DIFFERENT WAYS:

1. _____

Vs. 2 _____

Vs. 10 _____

2. _____

Vs. 11-15 _____

Vs. 16 _____

3. _____

1:17-2:10 _____

JONAH AND NINEVEH - 3:1-10

JONAH'S FAULTS - 4:1-11

Jonah was not afraid. _____

His faults became evident after he finished preaching.

1. He was _____ vs. 1-2

2. He was _____ vs. 3-4

3. He was _____ vs. 5-11

In the end, his faults cancelled out _____

LESSONS FOR THE JEWS

This is history not parable. _____

A. God is God of _____

B. They had a _____ as the light of all men.

C. God's _____ is love.

LESSONS FOR TODAY'S CHRISTIANS

1. Jonah is much like we are, a combination of _____ and _____.

There have been mistakes made in teaching this idea:

A. We're all _____

B. We're all _____

Jonah teaches that _____

2. God's Word is _____

3. God is a God of _____ and _____.

God was merciful to :

A. The _____

B. _____

C. The _____

None of us will probably ever end up in the belly of a fish but...

Remember, God can _____ us no matter where we are.

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Jonah
- Read: Nahum / Habakkuk

7. NAHUM

Prophesied _____

1. THE PROPHET NAHUM

1. Name means _____

2. From _____

3. Dates _____

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

1. 150 years before Nahum _____

2. Nineveh's grace _____

3. Overthrown of _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

A. Jonah offered mercy, _____

B. Some scholars say this book is not trustworthy because _____

The point is that _____

4. ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK

I. THE GOD OF VENGEANCE – 1:1-15

a) _____ 1:1

b) _____ 1:2-6

c) _____ 1:7

d) _____ 1:8

II. NINEVEH'S DISTRESS – 1:9-2:13

- a) _____ 1:9-15
- b) _____ 2:1-7
 - _____ vs. 1-4
 - _____ vs. 5-7
- c) _____ 2:8-10
 - _____ 2:8-13

III. REASONS FOR NINEVEH'S DOOM – 3:1-19

- a) _____ 3:1-7
 - _____ 3:1-3
 - _____ 3:4
 - _____ 3:5-7
- b) _____ 3:8-19
 - _____ 3:8-11
 - _____ 3:12-19

5. SUMMARY OF CONTENT

Chapter 1 _____

Chapter 2



Chapter 3

LESSONS

1. For a nation to survive _____

2. Humility and penitence _____

3. Faithfulness during turmoil _____

Additional comments / notes / questions

8. HABAKKUK

1. THE PROPHET HABAKKUK

1. _____

2. 612-605 BC _____



2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

Chapter 2:1

Chapter 2:4b

4. ANALYSIS / OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

I. HABAKKUK'S FIRST QUESTION AND GOD'S REPLY – 1:1-11

- a) _____ 1:1
- b) _____ 1:2-4
- c) _____ 1:5-11

II. HABAKKUK'S SECOND QUESTION AND GOD'S REPLY – 1:12-2:20

- a) _____ 1:12-2:1
- b) _____ 2:2-20

- 1. _____ 2:2-5
- 2. _____ 2:6-20

- Woe _____ 2:6-8
- Woe _____ 2:9-11
- Woe _____ 2:12-14
- Woe _____ 2:15-17
- Woe _____ 2:18-20

III. HABAKKUK'S PRAYER – 3:1-9

- a) _____ 3:1-2
- b) _____ 3:3-15
- c) _____ 3:16-19

- _____ 3:16
- _____ 3:17-19

5. CONTENT OF THE BOOK

Chapter 1 _____

Chapter 2 _____

Chapter 3 _____

6. HABAKKUK'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. Despite change in time, _____

2. It's difficult to worship God _____

Chapter 1 _____

Chapter 2 _____

- Habakkuk 2:20 _____

- Psalms 46:10 _____

Chapter 3 – Habakkuk 3:17 _____

7. LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. All nations _____

2. All can hold fast _____

3. Evil is eventually _____

4. If we understand _____

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Nahum / Habakkuk
- Read: Zephaniah / Haggai

9. ZEPHANIAH

1. THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH

- Zephaniah 1:1

He was familiar

His ministry was during Josiah

- Zephaniah 3:8

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

Hezekiah

Amon

Josiah

- Zephaniah 3:1-7

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

A. _____

B. History of the Destruction of Jerusalem.

1. Battle _____

2. Subjugation _____

3. First _____

4. Establishment _____

5. Prophetic _____

6. Later phases _____

7. Fall _____

C. Zephaniah warns of _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK

I. Day of the Lord – 1:1-2:3 _____

II. The Judgement on Nations – 2:4-38 _____

III. Salvation for the Remnant – 3:9-20 _____

5. GENERAL MESSAGE OF ZEPHANIAH

A. Jerusalem judged _____

B. Universal judgement _____

- Judgment as chastisement _____

C. Glory of the penitent people _____

- Messianic prophecy _____

6. LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. All nations are _____

2. The day _____

Core lessons are related:

A. _____
B. _____

10. HAGGAI

1. THE PROPHET HAGGAI

A. Name _____

B. He was a _____

C. His ministry _____

1. 1:1 - 2nd Year of Darius (520 BC) - 1st Day - 6th Month

2. 2:1 - 2nd Year of Darius (520 BC) - 21st Day - 7th Month

3. 2:10 - 2nd Year of Darius (520 BC) - 24th Day - 9th Month

4. 2:20 - 2nd Year of Darius (520 BC) - 24th Day - 9th Month

Total - 4 Months

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

100 years _____

605 BC _____

586 BC _____

562 BC _____

539 BC _____

538 BC _____

536 BC _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

Haggai has been described as a man with _____

- Haggai 1:3-11 _____

- Haggai 1:12-15 _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK

1. First message (1:1-15) _____

2. Second message (2:1-9) _____

3. Third message (2:10-19) _____

4. Fourth message (2:20-23) _____

5. HAGGAI'S MESSAGE – PURPOSE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

6. THE UNIQUENESS OF HAGGAI'S PREACHING

1. Practical _____

2. Historical context _____

3. Direct _____

4. Immediate response _____

5. Encouraging _____

6. Divine authority _____

7. LESSON FOR TODAY

There is a connection between _____ and _____ .

THE BLESSINGS OF FAITHFULNESS

A. Assurance (Matthew 24:13)

B. Peace (Philippians 4:7)

C. Vision / Insight (I Corinthians 2:12)

D. Nourishes hope (Romans 15:13)

ASSIGNMENT

- Re-read: Zephaniah / Haggai
- Read: Zechariah / Malachi

11. ZECHARIAH

1. THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH

Son of Iddo _____

Priestly family _____

Haggai 1:1 ————— Zechariah 1:1

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

3. THE PROPHETS' MESSAGE

Apocalyptic symbolism _____

FEATURES OF APOCALYPTIC SYMBOLISM

1. Vivid _____

2. Symbolic _____

3. Animal _____

4. Cosmic _____

5. Angles and _____

6. D _____

7. End _____

4. THE PROPHET'S BOOK – OUTLINE

- I. _____ 1:1-6
- II. _____ 1:7-6:15
- III. _____ 7:1-8:23
- IV. _____ 9:1-14:21

Zechariah's Book _____

5. THE PROPHET'S BOOK – CONTENT

1. Section #1 – Call to Repentance – 1:16 _____

2. Section #2 – 8 Visions and Crown – 1:7-6:15 _____

8 VISIONS

A. Horsemen _____ 1:7-17

B. 4 Horns _____ 1:18-21

C. Measuring _____ 2:1-13

D. Joshua _____ 3:1-10

E. Golden _____ 4:1-14

F. Flying _____ 5:1-4

G. Woman _____ 5:5-11

H. Four _____ 6:1-8

I. Crowning _____ 6:9-15

3. Obedience _____ 7:1-8:23

4. God's promises _____ 9:1-14:21

A. _____

B. _____

6. LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. Repentance is the first _____

2. Have faith because _____ !

12. MALACHI

1. THE PROPHET MALACHI

Malachi means _____

No details _____

Style of teaching _____

- Malachi 1:6-8 _____

2. THE PROPHET'S TIME

445-425 BC _____

3. THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

4. MALACHI – OUTLINE

I. God's _____ 1:1-5

II. Condemnation _____ 1:6-2:9

III. Rebuke _____ 2:10-16

IV. Coming _____ 2:17-4:6

5. CONTENT OF THE BOOK

Section #1 _____ 1:1-5

Section #2 _____ 1:6-2:9

Section #3 _____ 2:10-16

Section #4 _____ 2:17-4:6

PROPHET	YEARS	AUDIENCE	KINGS / RELIGIONS
1. Hosea	750-722 BC	Northern Kingdom	Jeroboam II – N.K.
2. Joel	835-796 BC	Judah	Joash – S.K.
3. Amos	786-746 BC	Northern Kingdom	Jeroboam II – N.K.
4. Obadiah	8 th Century BC Post 586 BC	Edom	Uzziah/Jotham/Ahaz/Hezekiah S.K – 8 th Century BC Gedaliah – Governor Post 586 BC
5. Jonah	Mid-8 th Century BC	Nineveh	Jeroboam II – N.K.
6. Micah	735-700 BC	Southern Kingdom	Jotham/Ahaz/Hezekiah – S.K.
7. Nahum	630-612 BC	Nineveh	Manasseh/Amon – S.K.
8. Habakkuk	Late 7 th Century BC	Judah	Josiah/Jehoiakim – S.K.
9. Zephaniah	640-609 BC	Judah	Josiah – S.K.
10. Haggai	520 BC	Return of Exiles	Darius I (Persia) Zerubbabel (Jerusalem)
11. Zechariah	520-518 BC	Return of Exiles	Darius I (Persia) Zerubbabel (Jerusalem)
12. Malachi	445-425 BC	Judah (post-exilic)	Artaxerxes I (Persia) Nehemiah (Judah)
Intertestamental Period	400 BC – 30 AD	Silence	- Persian Empire - Greek Empire - Maccabean Revolt (Jewish Independence – 140-63 BC) - Rise of Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes - Roman Empire

6. LESSONS

1. Worship _____

2. Judgement _____

- Malachi 4:1-3 _____

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