“The Prophet: God’s Mouthpiece”

An Intro to the Minor Prophets

**I. The Prophet’s Job Description (3 Questions)**

**A) What is a “Prophet?”**

 Exodus 7:1-2

**\* A prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of God to His people communicating God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**B) What was a Prophet’s Job Description?**

 1) Popular understandings

 2) Primary role

**\*Not primarily to ‘foretell’ but to ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’**

 3) Covenant prosecutor [*Prophets enforced the covenant God had made with Israel]*

Malachi 3:8-9; Zephaniah 1:4-6, 3:18

**C) What Was the Prophet’s Primary Goal?**

\***Calling people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God** … See Joel 2:12-13

**\*Prophecy not primarily meant for prognostication, but for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

 Jer 26:18-19; Jonah 3:4-10

**II. The Prophet in Action**

**A) Sometimes Miracle Worker, most times … a preacher!**

**B) Keeping the King in Check**

Deuteronomy 17:18-20; 2 Samuel 12:7-10

**C) Often lonely and hard**

● Unpopular Office Jeremiah 1:17-19

● Unattractive Office Ezekiel 4:4-7

● Difficult Office Isaiah 20:2-4

**D) Change in prophecy in NT**

Acts 2:17-18; 1 Corinthians 14:3-4

**III. Why Study the Minor Prophets**

**A) Neglected portions of scripture are often the most helpful**

**B) Prophecy Points to the coming Messiah**

Zechariah 12:10; Malachi 4:5-6; Zechariah 9:9; Hosea 11:1; Zechariah 11:12-13; Micah 5:2

**C) Reminds us of who God is, what He wants … it gives us picture of His heart!**

Hosea 11:8, 6:6

**\*I don’t want your religion, I want your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; I don’t want rituals, I want your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**D) Reminds us of Whose we Are!**

**God’s mouthpiece to the nation … RETURN TO ME**

**Assyrian Judgment 734-701**

**Prophet Year Location**

Jonah 793-753 Nineveh

Hosea 750-722 Northern Israel 3 invasions: 740-734 BC, 722 BC, 701 BC

Amos 760-750 Northern Israel (**722 Fall of Samaria** - Assyrian Exile)

Micah 735-701 Judah

Nahum 663-612 Judah

Isaiah 740-701 Judah

**Babylonian Judgement 605-586**

**Prophet Year Location**

Jeremiah 626-586 Judah

Zephaniah 640-609 Judah

Joel 597-586 Judah 3 Invasions: 605 BC, 597 BC, 586/7 BC

Obadiah 597-586 Judah (**586 Fall of Jerusalem** - Babylonian Exile)

Habakkuk 605 Judah

Ezekiel 597-586 Babylon

Daniel 605-539 Babylon

**Restoration Period 539-400**

**Prophet Year Location**

Haggai 520 Jerusalem Rebuilding of Temple Finished 515 BC

Zechariah 520 Jerusalem (**538/9 Return from Exile**)

Malachi 450-400 Jerusalem

**DATES BOOKS Subject/Topic**

Jan 13 Jonah             13) The Missionary God

Jan 20 Obadiah        14) Reveling in Disaster

Jan 27 Micah            15) Messiah & the Latter Days

Feb 3 Micah 16) What the LORD Requires

Feb 10 Nahum          17) Nineveh’s Impending Fall

Feb 17 Zephaniah    18) Judgement & Singing

Feb 24 Haggai           19) Rebuilding Project

Mar 3 Zechariah 20) Repent & Return to God

Mar 10 Zechariah 21) 8 Visions

Mar 17 Zechariah  22) Joshua the High Priest

Mar 24 Malachi 23) Return to Me

Mar 31 **Summary** 24) Minor Prophets

**DATES BOOKS Subject/Topic**

Oct 14 **Intro** 1) Intro to Minor Prophets

Oct 21 Hosea            2) This is your last chance

Oct 28 Hosea 3) No Rivals

Nov 4       Hosea    4) God’s Amazing Love

Nov 11 Amos     5) Social Justice is Godly

Nov 18 Amos 6) The Day of the LORD

Nov 25 Amos 7) Judgement & Salvation

Dec 2 **New Members Sunday**

Dec 9 Amos 8) Recognizing Hand of LORD

Dec 16 Joel              9) The Day of the LORD

Dec 23 Joel 10) The Day of the Church

Dec 30 Habakkuk    11) Righteous Live by Faith

Jan 6 Habakkuk 12) Hope: Always Rejoicing