

“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



<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Jonah	793-753	Nineveh	
Hosea	750-722	Northern Israel	3 invasions: 740-734 BC, 722 BC, 701 BC (<u>722 Fall of Samaria</u> - Assyrian Exile)
Amos	760-750	Northern Israel	
Micah	735-701	Judah	
Nahum	663-612	Judah	
Isaiah	740-701	Judah	

Babylonian Judgement 605-586

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Jeremiah	626-586	Judah	
Zephaniah	640-609	Judah	
Joel	597-586	Judah	3 Invasions: 605 BC, 597 BC, 586/7 BC (<u>586 Fall of Jerusalem</u> - Babylonian Exile)
Obadiah	597-586	Judah	
Habakkuk	605	Judah	
Ezekiel	597-586	Babylon	
Daniel	605-539	Babylon	

Restoration Period 539-400

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Haggai	520	Jerusalem	Rebuilding of Temple Finished 515 BC (<u>538/9 Return from Exile</u>)
Zechariah	520	Jerusalem	
Malachi	450-400	Jerusalem	

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

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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) 9 Visions