



Minor Prophets PART 1

Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah

HOSEA

Main theme: Hosea marries a prostitute to display God's relationship with Israel.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Unfaithful Gomer is unaffected by Hosea's love and care for her.
- Children: "massacre," "not loved," and "not my people."

Hosea 1:2

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."

Joel 2:28-29 (Acts 2)

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit."

JOEL

Main theme: Locust plague symbolic of God's coming judgement on <u>Judah</u>. **Interesting Facts and Lessons**:

Short 3 chapters predict coming judgement by Babylon, but also a renewed nation and relationship with God.

Joel 2:32

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

AMOS

Main theme: A shepherd from <u>Judah</u> preaches to <u>Israel</u> about the need for social justice.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

How we treat people outwardly is an indication of our true spiritual condition.

Amos 5:23-24

"Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

OBADIAH

Main theme: The nation Edom will suffer for helping Babylon conquer <u>Judah</u>.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Edom descendants of Esau, (Jacob's twin brother).
- The OT's shortest book. (1 chapter, 21 verses)

JONAH

Main theme: <u>Israel's</u> reluctant prophet called to save their enemies.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Fish food
- Jonah doesn't want Nineveh (Assyria's capital) to repent.

MICAH

Main themes: Both <u>Israel</u> and <u>Judah</u> will be judged for their idolatry and injustice.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

❖ Abuse of the poor again reveals an inner problem.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

HISTORY TIMELINE

JOSHUA-CANAAN >> 12 TRIBES >> KING DAVID >> SPLIT >> CAPTIVITY >> RETURN Hosea, Amos, Jonah 1 L Joel

Micah 1 L Obadiah