



What are the Minor Prophets?





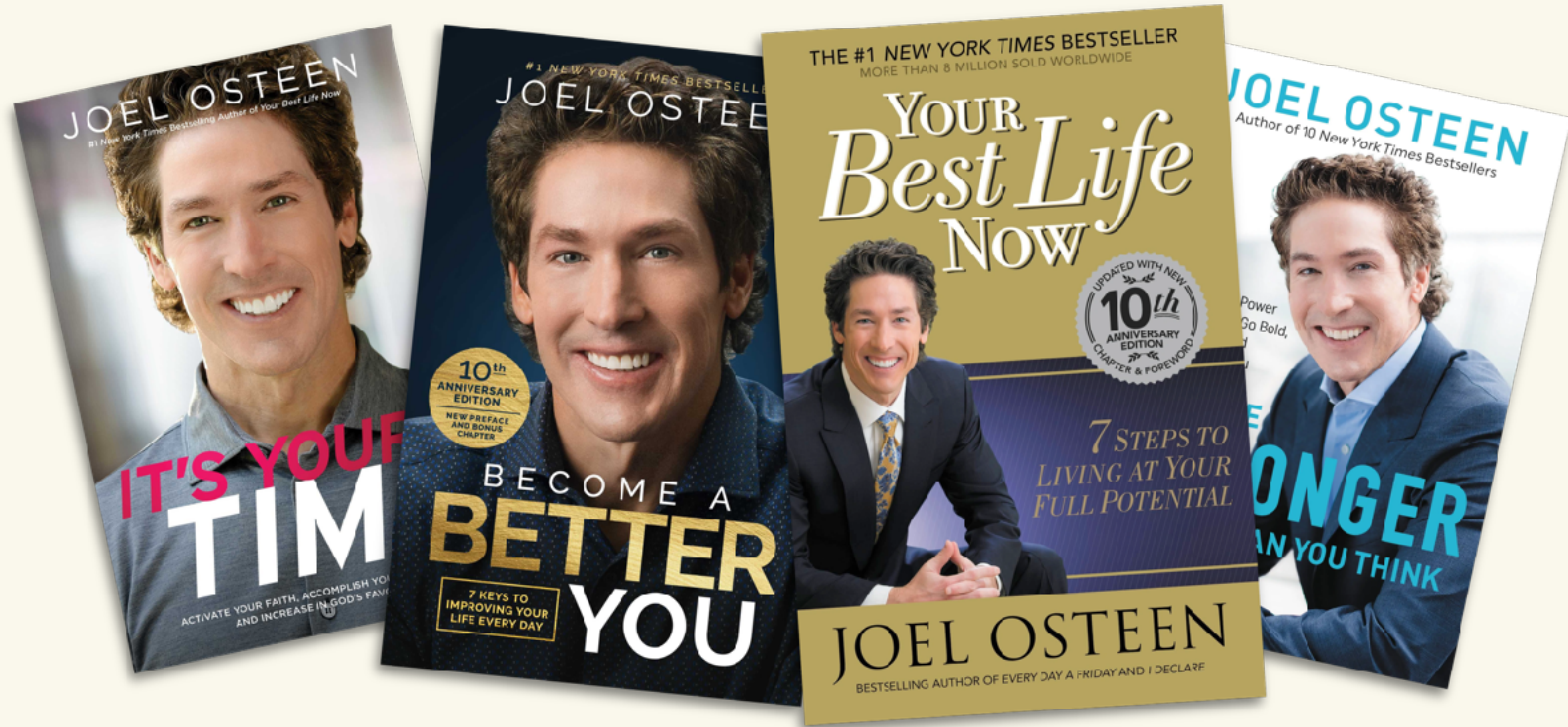
Luke 24:27

“Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”





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Judgment = Punishment





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Judgment = Punishment = Cruelty





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Judgment = Responsibility





Reality of Judgment

The day of the Lord is near, the day when destruction comes from the Almighty. Joel 1:15





Reality of Judgment

After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts, and then the stripping locusts, too! Joel 1:4





Reality of Judgment

Sound the trumpet in Jerusalem! Raise the alarm on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the Lord is upon us. Joel 2:1





Reality of Judgment

“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” C.S. Lewis





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Reality of Judgment

“For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.” 1 Thessalonians 5:2





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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23





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“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.” Luke 3:8a

“All must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.” Acts 26:20b





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Genesis; Joshua; Numbers; Judges; Job; Esther; 2 Samuel; 1&2 Kings; Isaiah; Matthew; Acts





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“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” Psalm 34:18

He “will not reject a broken and repentant heart.” Psalm 51:17





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“I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten...”





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“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:17





Renewing Power

“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.”

Joel 2:28-29





Renewing Power

“He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people.” Ephesians 1:13-14





Renewing Power

“and I, the Lord, will make my home in Jerusalem with my people.”
Joel 3:17-21





Renewing Power

“Look, God’s home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them.”

Revelation 21:1-5





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“Not their peers, not the media, not their youth group leaders or clergy, not their religious school teachers.”





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