



Bible Study: *The Minor Prophets*

Session 1: Introduction & Overview

The Prophets/Prophetic Literature

Major Prophets (the Big books):

Isaiah

Jeremiah & Lamentations (both by the same writer)

Ezekiel

Daniel

Minor Prophets (aka “the Twelve”; the Small books):

Canonical Order	Chronological Order	Approx Date(s) BCE	Historical Situation (filled in as each prophet is studied)
Hosea	Amos	760-750	Judah: Jeroboam II is king Israel: Uzziah is king Assyria: 745 – Tiglath-pileser III becomes king. Expands Assyrian territory & influence. (Israel falls to Assyria in 722)
Joel	Hosea	750-724, 622, 587-539	
Amos	Micah	730s	
Obadiah	Jonah	700s-100s	
Jonah	Obadiah	685	
Micah	Zephaniah	630-620	
Nahum	Nahum	615	
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	605	
Zephaniah	Haggai	520	
Haggai	Zechariah	520, 450	

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Zechariah	Joel	500-350	
Malachi	Malachi	480-450	

Important Historical Events During the Times of the Prophets

Date(s) BCE	Event
1200	Rise of the Assyrian Empire
1000	David unites tribes of Israel
930s	Death of Solomon, kingdoms split – Israel & Judah
722	Fall of Samaria (end of the N. kingdom of Israel) to Assyria
625	Rise of the Babylonian Empire
620	Religious reforms of King Josiah in Jerusalem
610	Assyrian empire ends as Nineveh falls to Nebuchadnezzar
605	Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) invades Palestine - 1 st deportation
597	2 nd deportation
586	Fall of Jerusalem - 3 rd deportation (end of S. kingdom of Judah)
536	Babylon captured by Persia
535	Decree of Cyrus – Exiles returned to Jerusalem & Judah
515	Completion of the 2 nd temple
after 515	Restoration of Judah