

## V. The Minor Prophets

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*(Remember key phrases that are underlined)*

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- A. Hosea  
Theme: The prophet Hosea marries an unfaithful wife, Gomer. The breakup of their marriage and restoration symbolizes how God will judge Israel but take her back.
- B. Joel  
Theme: Joel warns of great judgment (The Day of the LORD) to come upon Israel for her sin. The judgment is symbolized in a plague of locusts.
- C. Amos  
Theme: In a time of great prosperity, Amos speaks judgment on Israel for her lack of social justice ("Let justice roll down like the waters").
- D. Obadiah  
Theme: Obadiah speaks judgment against Israel's enemy, Edom.
- E. Jonah  
Theme: Jonah rebels against God, is swallowed by a great fish, repents and then preaches to the people of Nineveh who repent.
- F. Micah  
Theme: Micah preaches judgment on Israel for her oppression of the poor. The Messianic deliverer will come from Bethlehem (5:2).
- G. Nahum  
Theme: Nineveh had repented under Jonah's preaching but later when Nahum preached judgment they did not repent and the city fell.
- H. Habakkuk  
Theme: A dialogue between Habakkuk and God about God's use of Babylon to punish Judah.
- I. Zephaniah  
Theme: The Day of the LORD is coming in which judgment will fall against the nations and Judah for her sin.
- J. Haggai  
Theme: Haggai preached when the first exiles were returning from Babylon. He encourages them to rebuild the temple.
- K. Zechariah  
Theme: Zechariah also encourages the first exiles to rebuild the temple. Zechariah's prophecies include eight "night visions."
- L. Malachi  
Theme: After the temple had been rebuilt, Malachi urges the people to repent of the sins into which they had fallen. The messengers of God (John the Baptist and Jesus) are coming!