

# Minor Prophets 314 Associate Degree Level



**Classroom Hours:** 24 (minimum)

## **Description/Overview:**

Rebuke, love, justice, oppression, inspiration, and hope are just a few of the topics covered in the books of the Minor Prophets. Through this course students will learn not only the historical setting and condition of God's people during the time of prophecy but also apply truths relevant to their lives.

## Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) List each prophet and their main identifying attribute or factor:  
Hosea – The Prophet of Love  
Joel – The Prophet of Pentecost  
Amos – The Prophet of Justice  
Obadiah – The Prophet of Edom  
Jonah – The Reluctant Prophet  
Micah – The Prophet of the Oppressed  
Nahum – The Prophet of Assyria  
Habakkuk – The Prophet of the Complaint of Faith  
Zephaniah – The Orator  
Haggai – The Prophet of Temple Building Zechariah –  
The Prophet of Inspiration and Hope Malachi – The  
Prophet of Rebuke
- 2.) Explain the use of the term “minor” prophets.
- 3.) Identify the direction and purpose of each prophet’s message.
- 4.) Describe the historical situation and direct surroundings of each prophet. 5.)  
Differentiate between the five visions of Joel.
- 6.) Retell Jonah’s journey from reluctance and running to rescue and redemption.
- 7.) Express Micah’s experience with the voice of the remnant.
- 8.) State Habbakuk’s complaints and explain God’s answer to them.
- 9.) Establish Zephaniah as a prophet of inspiration and hope. 10.)  
Illustrate why Malachi was known as a prophet of rebuke.

## Topics/Concepts:

- The idea of Israel as an unfaithful wife, pursued and bought back again and again by a merciful and forgiving Father.
- Amos’ prophecy to the ten tribes and Judah.
- The occasion of Joel’s prophecy – a severe plague of insects attacking the land.
- The first, second, and third discourse against Israel.
- Obadiah’s prophecy to the Edomites who were direct descendants of Saul.
- Micah as the prophet to the oppressed.
- Nahum’s prophecy of the sentence of Ninevah.
- Zephaniah’s prophecies of judgment for Jerusalem and surrounding nations.
- Haggai’s appeal to rebuild the temple.

## **Recommended Primary Textbook(s)**

*Minor Prophets (GATS)*, Barbara Westberg

## **Recommended Alternatives:**

*A Study of the Minor Prophets* – Terry R. Baughman  
*Minor Prophets* – Jet Witherspoon Toole

## **Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:**

Chart of the Twelve Minor Prophets  
Chart of Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah  
Notes to the Instructor: How to Use This Manual  
Introducing the Minor Prophets  
Hosea, the Prophet of Love  
Joel, the Prophet of Pentecost  
Amos, the Shepherd from Tekoa  
Obadiah, the Prophet of Judah  
Jonah, the Reluctant Missionary  
Micah, the Prophet of the Oppressed  
Nahum, the Prophet of Comfort and Doom  
Habakkuk, the Prophet of Faith  
Zephaniah, the Evangelistic Prophet  
Haggai, the Prophet of Encouragement  
Zechariah, the Visionary Prophet  
Malachi, the Prophet of Rebuke

### APPENDICES

Hosea: Seven Steps to Backsliding  
Joel: Object Lesson  
Amos: Shepherd of Tekoa  
Habakkuk: As It Is Written  
Haggai: Monologue

## **Languages Available:**

English, French and Spanish

**Course Packet Resources:**

Answer Key

Additional Materials available on Request to [gats@upci.org](mailto:gats@upci.org)

**Comments:**

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