

Minor Prophets



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 – Jet Witherspoon Toole

Recommended Alternatives:

A Study of the Minor Prophets – Terry R. Baughman

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

1. Hosea, the Prophet of Love
2. Joel, the Prophet of Pentecost
3. Amos, the Prophet of Justice
4. Obadiah, the Prophet of Edom
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7. Nahum, the Prophet of Assyria
8. Habakkuk, the Prophet of Complaint and Faith
9. Zephaniah, the Orator
10. Haggai, the Prophet of Temple Building
11. Zechariah, the Prophet of Inspiration and Hope
12. Malachi, the Prophet of Rebuke

Languages Available:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

Date of Last Revision: