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MINOR PROPHETS

Lesson 1. Hosea - The Prophet of Love

Short Answer

1. With which prophets was Hosea a contemporary and to whom did he prophecy?
 - a. Isaiah, Amos and Micah
 - b. he prophesied to the northern Kingdom of Israel
2. Why did God tell Hosea to marry a sinful woman?

As a demonstration to Israel of the terrible wickedness of the sin of idolatry.
3. Why is Jeroboam referred to as “Jeroboam who made Israel to sin”?

Jeroboam introduced the idolatry of Egypt, patterning it after the worship of Jehovah.
4. How was Hosea’s unfaithful wife an illustration of unfaithful Israel?

She went after other lovers, but God told Hosea to love her and to buy her to him again. God still loved unfaithful Israel and He would buy her back again after her captivity.
5. List seven of Israel’s sins.

falsehood, unmercifulness, swearing, lying, murder, stealing and committing adultery

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6. What did God want more than burnt offerings and sacrifices?

He wanted mercy and knowledge of God.

7. Why was Israel scattered among the Gentiles?

They were scattered because they had counted the great things of God's laws as something strange, of which they had no knowledge.

8. Why did God continue to deal with Israel even after they went into captivity?

He knew that many of them would repent and turn to Him in true faith.

9. Why did Ephraim receive her death notice in Hosea 13?

because they had begun to worship Baal.

10. How did Hosea close his prophecy?

He closed it with another call to repentance and a promise of God's forgiveness.

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Lesson 2. Joel – The Prophet of Pentecost

True or False: Circle the correct answer.

1. Joel was the son of Pethuel, of whom we know nothing.
True or False
2. Joel prophesied of a great calamity that would come on the people of Judah.
True or False
3. The calamity that Joel prophesied would come was an earthquake.
True or False
4. Hezekiah sent the scribes and elders to Isaiah with a very urgent request for prayer.
True or False
5. Hezekiah spread a threatening letter he had received before the Lord.
True or False
6. Joel gave a wonderful prophecy of Pentecost.
True or False
7. A valley in Palestine is called the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
True or False
8. Old Testament prophecy and the New Testament bear witness to a time when Israel as a nation will accept God in Jesus Christ.
True or False
9. Joel, Habakkuk, and Isaiah prophesied a future millennial reign in Christ.
True or False

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Lesson 3. Amos – The Prophet of Justice

Short Answer

1. Amos' call was dated two years before what event that occurred during the reign of which king?
 - a. earthquake
 - b. Uzziah
2. To whom was Amos called to prophecy and for which other nation did he have a message?
 - a. Israel
 - b. Judah
3. Why was God often said to roar His message to the people?

To convey to them the mighty authority of His word and the terribleness of His judgement against sin.
4. With what phrase did Amos begin each message? What did this signify?
 - a. For three transgressions, and for four, He would not turn away their punishment.
 - b. He would not act in judgment for the first offense, but only after repeated offences.
5. What became the major subject of Amos's prophecies?

God's charges against Israel
6. How were the ten tribes affected by the ministries of Elijah and Elisha?

They continued to go deeper into idolatry.
7. What was doubtlessly Israel's greatest sin?

Their greatest sin was the sin against privilege and blessing.

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8. For what did Amos reprove Israel?
For their insincere pretense of worship to Jehovah by idolatrous practices before the altar at Bethel.
9. What was the reason for Amos's deep sorrow?
Israel had not repented.
10. What conditions prevailed during the time Amos prophesied?
prosperity
11. What vision made Amos an intercessor for the people of Israel?
Amos saw a plague of grasshoppers that would leave the land desolate.
12. What did the false priests insinuate regarding Amos?
That Amos prophesied for his bread.
13. How did Amos respond to Amaziah's request?
He responded boldly with great courage and faith.
14. What did God show through the vision of a basket of summer fruit?
He showed that Israel was ripe for judgement.
15. What was God's final message by Amos?
That Israel would go into captivity to Assyria and that many would be slain.
16. Amos' final prophecy looked ahead to what future event?
the coming of Christ

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Lesson 4. Obadiah – The Prophet of Edom

True or False: Circle the correct answer.

1. The Edomites were descendants from Esau.
True or False
2. The Edomites had a great love for the Israelites.
True or False
3. Obadiah prophesied that God would stir up the heathen nations against the Edomites for their sins against Judah.
True or False
4. The Edomites rejoiced over Judah's downfall.
True or False
5. Obadiah promised Edom's complete extinction because of her sins.
True or False
6. The last of Obadiah's prophecy looks ahead to the complete spiritual restoration of Israel and Christ's reign on the earth.
True or False

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Lesson 5. Jonah – The Reluctant Prophet

Short Answer

1. `Where did Jesus confirm the fact of Jonah's historical character and his being swallowed by a whale?

Matthew 12:40-41

2. Where is recorded the historical background of Jonah's prophecy?

II Kings 14

3. To what extent was Jonah's experience a type of Jesus?

It was a type of Jesus going down into hell for us and coming forth in the resurrection to give us eternal life.

4. To what extent does God repent?

God cannot repent as men do. His actions often depend on men's actions.

5. How did Jonah reveal that he did not come to Nineveh with a true missionary spirit?

By angrily waiting in a booth on the east side of the city to see if God would destroy it.

6. What was God demonstrating to Jonah in the gourd vine which grew up quickly and was then cut down rapidly?

He demonstrated His mercy to Jonah and what it meant to lose the mercy of God.

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Lesson 6. Micah – The Prophet of the Oppressed

Short Answer

1. With whom was Micah a contemporary?

Isaiah

2. With what other prophecy is there a marked resemblance?

Isaiah 2:1-4

3. What good result came from Hezekiah's respect for Micah's prophecy?

saving the life of Jeremiah

4. What inspired Micah's first message?

a vision of the Lord treading upon the high places of the earth, visiting judgment on the sinful people of Israel and Judah

5. What sins of Judah and Israel did Micah point out?

They coveted the fields and houses of their neighbours and took them by fraud or violence, they took them from women, children and the poor.

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6. What message of hope did Micah give to both Israel and Judah?

There is hope for people who will take heed to god's lessons of truth and righteousness from His judgements and chastisements.

7. Which prophecy of Micah's stands out as unique among the prophets?

he foretells the place of Christ's birth

8. What requirements of the Lord were revealed by Micah?

to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God

9. Why did Micah feel so forlorn?

there were no upright men in Israel with whom to fellowship

10. Why could Micah feel encouraged and optimistic?

There was always a remnant of faith among the people and they had the hope of God's promises to bring them through.

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Lesson 7. Nahum – The Prophet of Assyria

True or False: Circle the correct answer.

1. Nahum was a native of Elkosh.
True or False
2. The subject of Nahum's entire prophecy is the restoration of Nineveh.
True or False
3. The purpose of Nahum's prophecy was to assure the Jews that God would protect them from the threat of an Assyrian attack.
True or False
4. Nahum pictured God as one quick to become angry.
True or False
5. Nahum pictured Assyria as a lion tearing its prey into pieces.
True or False
6. The destruction of Nineveh was so complete that for many centuries its ancient site was unknown.
True or False
7. When God laid His hand of judgement on Nineveh, her strong men became weak as women and all her defenses collapsed.
True or False

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Lesson 8. Habakkuk – The Prophet of Complaint and Faith

Short Answer

1. What can be learned about Habakkuk from his writings?

We can learn about his faith, personality, character and the problems of his time.

2. What caused the conflict of faith that Habakkuk expressed?

God's seeming indifference toward Judah's extreme violence and sinfulness.

3. What caused an even greater conflict of faith?

God's answer that He would use the bitter and dreadful Chaldeans to punish His people.

4. How did the Lord answer Habakkuk's honest conflict of faith?

by a vision

5. Why did Habakkuk burst out in a prayer of praise to God?

because his questions had been answered and his doubts were gone

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Lesson 9. Zephaniah – The Orator

Short Answer

1. With whom was Zephaniah a contemporary?

Jeremiah

2. With what were Zephaniah's prophecies mostly concerned?

God's judgment to come on many nations who had mistreated the people of Israel, particularly with His judgement to come on Judah for sin, and the fall of Jerusalem

3. How did Zephaniah indicate the imminence of Judah's captivity?

By telling them they would not be able to inhabit the houses that they were building nor reap the fruit of the vineyards that they were planting.

4. Why did Zephaniah plead with the people to gather and seek the Lord?

that they might be hid in the day of His anger

5. How did Zephaniah describe the level of sin to which Judah had fallen?

Her princes were like roaring lions and her judges like evening wolves that killed their prey and left the bones till tomorrow.

6. What message of hope was found in Zephaniah's prophecies?

that all the world, good and bad, would receive their just dues

7. What do these prophecies show about Israel as a nation?

These show that Israel will accept the Lord when He defends them at the Battle of Armageddon.

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Lesson 10. Haggai – The Prophet of Temple Building

Short Answer

1. Why are Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi called post-exilic prophets?

They prophesied after a remnant of the Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity.

2. What was Haggai's commission?

His commission was to encourage the Jews to resume building the Temple.

3. What reasons did Haggai give the Jews for their lack of prosperity?

Their lack of prosperity was because they had ceased to work on the Temple, they had become occupied with building and beautifying their own homes and had become indifferent toward the house of the Lord.

4. What inspired the Jews to resume building the house of the Lord?

the Lord stirred up their spirits

5. What was the purpose for Haggai's second message?

The purpose was to prevent discouragement over the fact that this Temple would fall far short of the magnificence of Solomon's.

6. What was the content of Haggai's last message?

It was a prophecy of the defeat of all worldly kingdoms, especially the last world kingdom headed by the Antichrist, at which time God would restore the kingdom of Israel.

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Lesson 11. Zechariah – The Prophet of Inspiration and Hope

True or False: Circle the correct answer.

1. Zechariah's prophecies were concerned more with the coming of the Messiah to build a spiritual temple.
True or False
2. The Apostle Peter gave a splendid view of the inspiration and ministry of the Old Testament prophets.
True or False
3. Zechariah received most of his message from the Lord through other prophets.
True or False
4. Zechariah recorded a conversation between the angel of the Lord and the Lord.
True or False
5. In Zechariah's vision, the man with a measuring line told Zechariah that the Lord would be as a wall of fire around Jerusalem.
True or False
6. Zechariah's fifth vision was of Joshua standing before the angel of the Lord clothed in the garments of righteousness.
True or False
7. God let Zechariah know that the Temple would not be built by his might or power but by the Spirit of the Lord.
True or False
8. Zechariah's eighth vision was of a flying saucer.
True or False
9. The Lord told Zechariah to assign three Jews to make two crowns of silver and gold and set them on the head of Joshua.
True or False
10. Zechariah warned the Jews against reverting to the practices of their fathers before the captivity.
True or False

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11. In Zechariah 8, Zechariah told the Jews that the fast and mourning they observed in captivity should now become feasts of joy and gladness.
True or False
12. Zechariah prophesied of Christ riding into Jerusalem on an ass.
True or False
13. Israel will never become conscious of the wounds Christ suffered, the blood He shed, or the price He paid for salvation.
True or False
14. The glorified saints of the Lord will return with Christ when He comes to fight the Battle of Armageddon.
True or False
15. The evil forces arrayed against Christ will never be completely destroyed.
True or False

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Lesson 12. Malachi – The Prophet of Rebuke

Short Answer

1. What is the last book of Old Testament history?
Nehemiah
2. What is the last book of the Old Testament?
Malachi
3. How did Malachi picture the people of Israel as to their religion?
outwardly religious but inwardly indifferent and insincere
4. What were the sins of the priests?
 - a. **offered polluted bread on His altar**
 - b. **offered sacrifices of blind, lame and sick animals**
 - c. **refused to open a door in the house of the Lord or to build a fire on His altar**
5. Why did Malachi repeat a message of rebuke to the people of Judah and Israel?
because many had divorced the wives of their youth and married heathens
6. What was the twofold content of Malachi's last message?
 - a. **a warning of coming judgment on the wicked**
 - b. **a glorious promise of hope for the faithful, with an admonition to be careful to obey the law of the Lord**