

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Majoring in the Minors: A quick Study of the Minor Prophets

1. How many Minor Prophets in the old testament?

ANSWER: Twelve

2. Can you name the Minor Prophets?

ANSWER: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

3. Which one of the Minor Prophets married a harlot?

ANSWER: Hosea

Hosea 1:2-3

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

4. Malachi 3:1 tells of a messenger being sent to "prepare the way." What New Testament character fulfilled this statement?

ANSWER: John the Baptist

Matthew 11:10, Mark 1:2, Luke 1:76

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus Christ

5. Zechariah 9: 9 tells of an important event in the life of Christ. What future event of Jesus is this?

ANSWER: Palm Sunday

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.

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6. According to the prophet Joel, an unusual occurrence is predicted. What does Joel 2:31 indicate will happen?

ANSWER: The sun will go down and the moon will turn into blood

Zechariah 14: 6-7 further shares "On that day the sources of light will no longer shine,^[a] yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light.

7. One of the Minor Prophets prayed "From the depths of the grave, I called for help, and you listened to my cry." Can you name the Prophet?

ANSWER: Jonah

Jonah 2:2 NIV speaks to this prayer.

"In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

8. What is the only book in the Minor Prophets to have only one chapter?

ANSWER: Obadiah

9. In the book of Haggai, God express His displeasure with something the people have neglected to do. What does the passage of Haggai 1: 2-7 reveal God has an issue with?

ANSWER: Lack of concern for God's house

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10. Which minor prophet spoke of the plumb line? What was the message of the plumb line?

ANSWER: Amos (Amos 7:7-8);

⁷This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb,^[a] with a plumb line^[b] in his hand. ⁸And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

A plumb line aligns or keeps straight. God told the prophet to tell Israel to align themselves with the Word of God as they were committing idolatry and doing other things contrary to the Word of God. Israel represented disobedience, bad behavior and didn't live up to the standards set before them.

11. What is a theme for the book of Zephaniah?

ANSWER: Judgment and restoration

God instructed the prophet to share with Israel the judgment of being captured. The Assyrians would capture Israel (Northern Kingdom) and The Babylonians/Chaldeans would capture Judah (Southern Kingdom). But He would restore the faithful remnant and give them a fresh start.

12. What is the message in Habakkuk 2:4?

ANSWER: The Just Shall Live by Faith

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

The prophet Habakkuk was upset about the wicked behavior of the surrounding nations overtaking Israel. Habakkuk had a conversation with God about the behavior and how he felt like nothing was being done to assist Israel. God shared with Habakkuk that He knows all about the situation and had it under control. Habakkuk received the message and shared with Israel that they must continue to live right even in the midst of a perverse and wicked world. The righteous person will live by faith.

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13. What is the meaning of Micah 7:7?

ANSWER: Put your trust in God. Do not trust in friends, relationships, neighbors, family or anyone or anything as it will crumble as stated verses 8-10 of Chapter 7 in Micah.

Micah 7:7 As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

14. One of the moral lesson's in the book of Nahum is that God cares deeply about His people and will not let their oppressors go unpunished. What is the Chapter and verse that states "God takes vengeance on his adversaries?"

ANSWER: Nahum 1:2

God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.