

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord
 Session 30: The Minor Prophets of the Kingdom (Part 1)
 Remember Acts 17:11

The Minor Prophets:

“The Book of the Twelve”

- One Scroll (12 Books)
- Compiled Circa 190 BC
- Order is Not Necessarily Chronological

Note: Edict of Cyrus was in 539 BC

The Twelve Minor Prophets:

Prophet	Ministry	Date of Book	Chr. Order
Hosea	Israel	c. 715 BC	3
Joel	Judah (Return)	9 th or 5 th Cent. BC	(?)
Amos	Israel	c. 750 BC	2
Obadiah	Judah (Edom)	c. 590 BC	8
Jonah	Israel (Assyria)	c. 780 BC	1
Micah	Judah	c. 700 BC	4
Nahum	Judah (Assyria)	c. 650 BC	5
Habakkuk	Judah	c. 610 BC	7
Zephaniah	Judah	c. 625 BC	6

Haggai	Return	c. 520 BC	9
Zechariah	Return	c. 518 BC	10
Malachi	Return	c. 450-420 BC	11

The Prophet Hosea:

Hosea “Salvation”

- Prophet to Israel
 - o Ministry for Approx. 60 Years (Book Covers About 30)
 - o Citizen of Israel During the Reign of Jeroboam II (787-747BC) Until Hoshea (731-722BC)
 - o Concluded Prior to the Fall of Samaria (722BC)
 - o Concurrent with 2 Kings 14-17
 - o Written in Prophetic Poetry
 - o Central Themes: Judgement & Restoration

Outline:

The Image of a Broken Marriage	Ch. 1-3
The Case Against Israel	Ch. 4-11
The Fallen History of Israel	Ch. 12-13
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The Image of a Broken Marriage (Ch. 1-3)

- Commanded to Marry an Unfaithful Woman
 - o Prophetic Sign of Israel's Unfaithfulness
 - o 3 Children (Each a Message of Judgment)
- Gomer is Unfaithful and Separates from Her Family
 - o Falls Into Destitution & Prostitution (Bears the Consequence of Her Unfaithfulness)
 - o God Commands Hosea to Redeem Gomer (Pay Ransom & Debts)

The Marriage Explained:

- God Rescues Israel (Redeemed from Egypt)
- Establishes a Covenant at Mt. Sinai
- Gives Them a Land of Abundance
- Israel Sacrifices That Abundance to Other Gods
- God's Love for His People is More Powerful Than Their Sin
- The People will Be Judged But a New Kingdom with a New Messianic King will Come (3:4-5)

The Case Against Israel Ch. 4-11

- Because of Unfaithfulness & Unrighteousness the Land is Cursed to Famine
- The People Are Willfully Ignorant of God
 - o Ya-Dah' (To Know in Relationship)
 - o A Knowledge Which Will Transform Their Lives
- God is Giving Them Over to Their Ignorance
 - o The Farther They Are From God, The More Unjust, Unwise, & Unrighteous They Become
- Hypocrisy of Worship
 - o Rampant Sin, Injustice, Dishonesty, Idolatry (Yet the People Return to Sacrifice as if Nothing Has Happened)
- Hypocrisy in Politics
 - o Relying on Military Entanglements Rather Than God's Protection (Assyria & Egypt)

