

The Minor Prophets

Hosea 1: 1 The Lord spoke his word to Hosea, son of Beerī, when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah and when Jeroboam, son of Joash, was king of Israel.

² When the Lord first spoke to Hosea, the Lord told him, “Marry a prostitute and have children with that prostitute. The people in this land have acted like prostitutes and abandoned the Lord.”

2: ¹⁹ “Israel, I will make you my wife forever. I will be honest and faithful to you. I will show you my love and compassion. ²⁰ I will be true to you, my wife. Then you will know the Lord.

14 Israel, return to the Lord your God. You have stumbled because of your sins.

² Return to the Lord, and say these things to him: “Forgive all our sins, and kindly receive us. Then we’ll praise you with our lips.

Joel 1: 1 This is what the Lord said to Joel, son of Pethuel.

² Listen to this, you leaders! Open your ears, all inhabitants of this land! Nothing like this has ever happened in your lifetime or in your ancestors’ lifetime. ³ Tell your children about it. Have your children tell their children. Have your grandchildren tell their children. ⁴ What young locusts leave, mature locusts will eat. What mature locusts leave, adult locusts will eat. What adult locusts leave, grasshoppers will eat.

2: ² “But even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart with fasting, crying, and mourning.” ¹³ Tear your hearts, not your clothes. Return to the Lord your God. He is merciful and compassionate, patient, and always ready to forgive and to change his plans about disaster.

Psalms 86: 15 But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and merciful God. You are patient, always faithful and ready to forgive.

Amos 1 These are the words of Amos, one of the sheep farmers from Tekoa. He saw a vision about Israel during the reigns of Judah’s King Uzziah and Israel’s King Jeroboam, son of Joash. This happened two years before the earthquake.

² He said: The Lord roars from Zion, and his voice thunders from Jerusalem. The pastures of the shepherds are turning brown, and the top of Mount Carmel is dried up.

Amos 3: 1 Listen to this message which I, the Lord, have spoken against you Israelites, against your whole family that I brought out of Egypt. ² Out of all the families on earth, I have known no one else but you. That is why I am going to punish you for all your sins.

9: ¹¹ On that day I will set up David's fallen tent. I will repair the holes in it. I will restore its ruined places. I will rebuild them as they were a long time ago.

1 Kings 9: ⁵ then I will establish your royal dynasty over Israel forever as I promised your father David when I said, 'You will never fail to have an heir on the throne of Israel.'

Obadiah 1: ¹ This is the vision of Obadiah. This is what the Almighty Lord says about Edom: We have heard a message from the Lord. A messenger was sent among the nations to say, "Get ready! Let's go to war against Edom."

² "Edom, I will make you the smallest of nations. Others will despise you. ³ Your arrogance has deceived you. You live on rocky cliffs. You make your home up high. You say to yourself, 'No one can bring me down to earth.' ⁴ Even though you fly high like an eagle and build your nest among the stars, I will bring you down from there," declares the Lord.

Micah 1: ² Listen, all you people! Pay attention, earth and all who are on it. The Almighty Lord will be a witness against you. The Lord will be a witness from his holy temple. ³ The Lord is going to come from his place. He is going to come down and step on the worship places of the earth. ⁴ Mountains will melt under him like wax near a fire. Valleys will split apart like water pouring down a steep hill.

5: ² You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, are too small to be included among Judah's cities. Yet, from you Israel's future ruler will come for me. His origins go back to the distant past, to days long ago. ³ That is why the Lord will abandon Israel until the time a mother has a child. Then the rest of the Lord's people will return to the people of Israel. ⁴ The child will become the shepherd of his flock. He will lead them with the strength of the Lord, with the majestic name of the Lord his God. They will live in safety because his greatness will reach the ends of the earth. ⁵ This man will be their peace.

Nahum 3: ⁵ "I am against you, Nineveh," declares the Lord of Armies. "I will lift up your dress over your face. I will show nations your naked body and kingdoms your disgrace. ⁶ I will throw filth on you. I will make you look like a fool. I will make you a sight to be seen. ⁷ Everyone who sees you will run from you, saying, 'Nineveh has been violently destroyed! Who will feel sorry for her?' Where can I find anyone to comfort you?"

1: ⁷ The Lord is good. He is a fortress in the day of trouble. He knows those who seek shelter in him.

Habakkuk 1: ⁵Look among the nations and watch. Be amazed and astonished. I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe even if it were reported to you. ⁶I am going to send the Babylonians, that fierce and reckless nation. They will march throughout the earth to take possession of lands that don't belong to them.

2 ⁴“Look at the proud person. He is not right in himself. But the righteous person will live because of his faithfulness

Ephesians 2: ⁸God saved you through faith as an act of kindness. You had nothing to do with it. Being saved is a gift from God. ⁹It's not the result of anything you've done, so no one can brag about it.

Zephaniah 1: ¹ This is the word that the Lord spoke to Zephaniah, who was the son of Cushi, the grandson of Gedaliah, and the great-grandson of Amariah, son of Hezekiah. The Lord spoke his word in the days of King Josiah, son of Amon.

⁴“I will use my power against Judah and against those who live in Jerusalem. I will remove the faithful few of Baal from this place and the names of the pagan priests along with my priests. ⁵I will remove those who worship all the stars in the sky on their rooftops and those who worship by swearing loyalty to the Lord while also swearing loyalty to the god Milcom. ⁶I will remove those who have turned away from following the Lord and those who no longer seek the Lord or ask him for help.”

3 - ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home. Yes, at that time I will gather you together. I will make you famous and praised among all the people of the earth when I restore your fortunes right before your eyes,” says the Lord.

Haggai 1 On the first day of the sixth month in Darius' second year as king, the Lord spoke his word through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel (who was the son of Shealtiel and was governor of Judah) and to the chief priest Joshua (who was the son of Jehozadak).

⁸“Go to the mountains, get lumber, and build the house. I will be pleased with it, and I will be honored,” declares the Lord.

Zechariah 1 In the eighth month of Darius' second year as king, the Lord spoke his word to the prophet Zechariah, who was the son of Berechiah and the grandson of Iddo. He said, ²“The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. ³Tell the people, ‘This is what the Lord of Armies says: Return to me, declares the Lord of Armies, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Armies.’

2: ¹⁰ Sing for joy and rejoice, people of Zion. I'm going to come and live among you, declares the Lord. ¹¹ On that day many nations will join the Lord and become my people. I will live among you. Then you will know that the Lord of Armies has sent me to you. ¹² The Lord will claim Judah as his own in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.

Matthew 1: ²² All this happened so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet came true: ²³ “The virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Malachi 4 “Certainly the day is coming! It will burn like a furnace. All arrogant people and all evildoers will be like straw. The day that is coming will burn them up completely,” says the Lord of Armies. “It won’t leave a single root or branch.

² “The Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings for you people who fear my name. You will go out and leap like calves let out of a stall. ³ You will trample on wicked people, because on the day I act they will be ashes under the soles of your feet,” says the Lord of Armies.