A Bird's Eye View of the Minor Prophets

1. Hosea--"Salvation" 14 chapters

Prophesied to Israel before the Captivity (760-725 BC)

Theme: Hosea's adulterous wife pictures Israel's infidelity to the LORD.

2. Joel--"Jehovah is God"

3 chapters

Prophesied to Judah early (c. 835 BC)

Theme: A locust plague pictures the "Day of the LORD"

3. Amos--"Burden" (a herdsman, dresser of sycamore fruit)

9 chapters

Prophesied to Israel early (760-753 BC)

Theme: 8 burdens, 3 sermons, 5 visions

Characteristic phrase: "For three transgressions and for four..."

4. Obadiah--"Servant of Jehovah"

1 chapter

Prophesied early against Edom (c. 845 BC)

Theme: Denunciation of Edom for pride

5. Jonah--"Dove" 4 chapters

Prophesied to Nineveh early (782 BC)

Theme: God's concern for Gentiles and the innocent

6. Micah--"Who is like Jehovah"

7 chapters

Prophesied against Judah (735-700 BC)

Theme: Rebukes Judah's sin; Previews Israel's Redeemer

7. Nahum--"Consolation," "Comfort" 3 chapters

Prophesied against Nineveh (650 BC)

Theme: Nineveh's ruin

8. Habakkuk--"Ardent Embrace"

3 chapters

Prophesied against Judah (609-605 BC)

Theme: The just shall live by faith

9. Zephaniah--"Jehovah hides (i.e., protects)"

3 chapters

Prophesied against Judah (630 BC)

Theme: The Day of the LORD, Judgment

10. Haggai--Festival"

2 chapters

Prophesied to Judah (August-December 520 BC)

Theme: Exhortation to complete the 2nd Temple

Prophecies of the coming of Messiah and His Kingdom

11. Zechariah--"Jehovah Remembers"

14 chapters

Prophesied to Judah (520-518 BC)

Theme: Israel's Future, Messiah, Kingdom

12. Malachi--"My Messenger"

4 chapters

Prophesied to Judah (c. 433 BC)

Theme: God's Love for Israel, Charges against her, the coming Day of the LORD