

# *THE SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS*

## THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

*WEEK 16*

*Seeing Christ Through the Eyes  
Of the Prophets*



# SEEING CHRIST THROUGH THE PROPHETS

*Hebrews 1:3*

*Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"*

# ISAIAH “Worshiping our God of Salvation”

The first 39 chapters of talks about the judgment by the Lord, talks about Israel and the holiness and righteousness and justice of God

The next 27 chapters from 40-66 is all about grace and compassion and the glory of God

# ISAIAH “Worshiping our God of Salvation”

The Book of Isaiah has three major themes

1. CONVICTION: The overwhelming sense of sin and the wrath of God against sin. This is clearest in the 21x Isaiah uses the word “woe”. In God’s sight our good deeds are “filthy rags” [64:6-7];

# ISAIAH “Worshiping our God of Salvation”

2. CONFESSION: The all-pervading awareness of the Power, Majesty and Holiness of God. And 23x he uses the Divine Name of “THE HOLY ONE OF GOD”, a name nearly unique to Isaiah except for 5 other passages.
3. CONFIDENCE: The crystal clear sight of the Salvation and Coming Victory of Christ.

# Jeremiah “Worshiping our God of Repentance”

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Vs.5 “Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you,

And before you were born I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”  
This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the  
Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Go down to the potter’s house, and  
there I will give you my message.”

# Jeremiah “Worshiping our God of Repentance”

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<sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

# Lamentations “Worshiping our God of Hope”

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The theme of the book and this middle chapter  
3:23 Jeremiah discovers

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS our Great  
Lord!

Lamentations 1:2

She has no one to comfort her

Vs. 3 she has found no rest

Vs. 6 they have found no pasture



# Lamentations “Worshiping our God of Hope”

## Psalm 23

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

## Psalm 81:16

He should have fed them also with the finest of  
the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should  
I have satisfied thee

# EZEKIEL “Worshiping our God of the New Heart”

**1:3** the word of the LORD came expressly to  
Ezekiel the priest

Lessons we can learn from Ezekiel

God’s servants are:

Open to God’s voice

Listening to God’s voice

# EZEKIEL “Worshiping our God of the New Heart”

Waiting for God’s hand

“And there the hand of the LORD came upon  
him”

3: 20

The person with a new heart is following God’s  
lead

Vs. 26 –the majesty and authority of God

# Daniel – Worshipping Our God Who Rules

A God in Heaven who rules

should cause us to be:

People of Conviction

People of Confidence

# Daniel – Worshipping Our God Who Rules

Daniel 2:17-18

vs.17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: vs.18 that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Three Mega themes (Present in all 12 Minor Prophets)

The Minor Prophets declare

God is in control

God is holy

God is lovingly just

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea-Worshipping our Faithful God

8:14

Israel, you forgot your Maker but I will not  
forget you

God faithfully warns His people

4:5

Israel faithlessly lives apart from God

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea-Worshipping our Faithful God

7:13

Israel faithlessly neglects God's Word

4:1

Israel faithlessly compromised God's plan

6:1

God faithfully disciplines His disobedient  
chidden



# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea-Worshipping our Faithful God

## Hosea 6

Come; let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces

but he will heal us

He has injured us

but he will bind up our wounds

After two days he will revive us

on the third day he will restore

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Joel - Our God of Wrath

Chapter 1

God seek repentance

Chapter 2

God reveals Himself

Chapter 3

God will restore

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Amos – Our God of Justice

God was concerned about:

Sledges of Torture - Damascus (1:3-5)

CRUELTY (human rights violations)

Slave Trafficking - Gaza (1:6-8) SLAVERY

(selling people for money)

Severing Treaty - Tyre (1:9-10) DISHONESTY

(breaking promises)

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Amos – Our God of Justice

Sword of Terror - Edom (1:1 1-12)

VENGEFULNESS (hated her brother)

Sadistic Triumphant - Ammon (1: 1 3-15)

VIOLENCE (cruelty to defenseless)

Spoiling Tombs - Moab (2:1-3)

DISRESPECTFULNESS (spiteful to the dead)

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Amos – Our God of Justice

Spurning the Torah - Judah (2:4-5)

DISOBEDIENCE (unfaithful to God)

Social Transgressions - Israel (2:6-16)

HARDHEARTEDNESS

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Amos – Our God of Justice

Lessons from the book of Amos

First, God is overly patient *with* nations, giving time to repent before Judgment falls.

Second, God is no respecter of nations; all will be judged for their sin.

Third, when the cup of sin within a nation is full, Judgment will be irrevocable.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Amos – Our God of Justice

Fourth, God is sovereign over all nations, choosing the time of their rise and fall.

Fifth, nations are held accountable for brutal abuse shown to countries captured in war.

Sixth, *God's standards for* judging nations are similar but the results differ.

Seventh, God brings Judgment on leaders and nations who *perpetrate* fraud, oppression, and violence against its people.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Obadiah – Our God of Humility

God hates pride

How to break the Pride Pattern

REFOCUS: James 4:10

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and  
he shall lift you up.



# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Obadiah – Our God of Humility

### REQUEST:

1 Peter 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. vs.6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Micah – Our God of Righteousness

### Lessons from Micah

Live the truth

Look to Jesus

Micah 2:13 it says the breaker who goes before us, that is speaking of Christ the Messiah who breaks through the obstacles in the path ahead. Even today he helps us through our perplexing paths as we trust Him

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Micah – Our God of Righteousness

Live clothed with Christ's expectations

Micah 6:8

"To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (6:8).

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Nahum –Our God of Judgment

How to worship a God of Judgment

### 1. His vengeance

Nahum 1:2

God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies;

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Nahum –Our God of Judgment

2. His patience Nahum 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,

3. His omnipotence

Nahum 1:6

who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Nahum –Our God of Judgment

### 4. His goodness-

Nahum 1:7

The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Nahum –Our God of Judgment

Nahum 1:15

Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!

Celebrate your festivals, O Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed

We should be worshipping a God of justice

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Habakkuk – Our God of Sovereignty

### Lessons to Learn

1. The Burdened Prophet talks to a sovereign God (Ch. 1): Why does God allow evil to continue? Habakkuk asks seven questions:
2. The Bended Prophet listens to a sovereign God (Ch. 2):
3. The Blessed Prophet praises his sovereign God (Ch. 3):



# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Habakkuk – Our God of Sovereignty

3:17

Though the fig tree should not blossom

And there be no fruit on the vines,

*Though* the yield of the olive should fail

And the fields produce no food,

Though the flock should be cut off from the fold

And there be no cattle in the stalls,

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Habakkuk – Our God of Sovereignty

Verse 18

Yet I will exult in the LORD,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zephaniah – Our God of Hope

How do we worship Christ in Zephaniah?

He is our perfect judge

He comes as Prophet

He is our perfect King

He is our perfect High Priest

God's six "I wills"

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Haggai – Our God of Sacrifice

1:9

You looked for much, but indeed it came too little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zechariah – Our Jealous God

### Lessons from Zechariah

1. Sin will bring God's judgment

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap

2. God's past dealings with sin should cause us to turn from sin

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zechariah – Our Jealous God

Matthew 12:41

"The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah [is] here.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zechariah – Our Jealous God

### 3. Turning from sin brings blessing

1:2

<sup>2</sup> “The LORD was very angry with your ancestors. <sup>3</sup> Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the LORD Almighty.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zechariah – Our Jealous God

### 3. Turning from sin brings blessing

1:4

<sup>4</sup> Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD



# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

## Zechariah – Our Jealous God

1:6

Yet surely My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? "So they returned and said: 'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.'

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Malachi – Our God of love

1:6

Respond to the Love of God (1:1-5)

Honor the Love of God (1:6-2:9)

Trust the love of God (2:17-3:6)

God promises blessing (3:10-12).

Fear our loving God (3:13-4:3)

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Malachi – Our God of love

Acknowledging God's Loving Ownership

(3:7-12)

God calls it Theft

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings.

# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Malachi – Our God of love

As you read through the five Major Prophets  
and the 12 Minor Prophets

Worship Christ. You will find Him in every  
book of the Prophets