

28-36, 39 - OT Minor Prophetic Books of the Bible

Haggai & Zechariah (37-38) have already been included in the 5 rebuilding books)

What were God's interests – for relationship?

28. **Hosea** – The way back “*Come, and let us return unto the LORD*” 6:1

Hosea was asked to take back his adulterous wife to show God's plan for adulterous (idolatry) Israel

Adultery – “Go yet, love a woman...an **adulteress**, according to the **love** of the LORD” 3:1

Pays a price for the one who sinned – “So I **bought** her to me for fifteen pieces of silver...” 3:2

Takes her back – “And I said unto her...thou shalt not play the harlot...I also be for thee.” 3:3

Israel's adultery – “My people...have gone a **whoring** from under their God” 4:12

Price paid by Messiah – “to the Jew first...the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” Rom. 1:16/3:24

Taken back – “I will even **betroth** thee unto me in faithfulness...thou shalt know the LORD” 2:20

KEY VERSE – “Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God” 3:5

29. **Joel** – The way of ‘the Day’ “*the day of the LORD is...destruction*” 1:15

*There is a special **day of judgment** coming for the nations in which God will liberate Israel from them*

Signs for the Day – “sun and the moon...darkened...the stars shall withdraw their shining” 3:15

Reason – “gather all nations...for **my** heritage Israel, whom they...parted [divided] **my** land” 3:3

Victims – “Multitudes, **multitudes** in the valley of decision: for the **day** of the LORD is near” 3:14

Characteristics – “A **day** of darkness...in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke” 2:2,30

Results – “in that **day**...Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem” 3:18,20

KEY VERSE – “whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered”

2:32

30. **Amos** – The way of self confidence “*Woe to them that are at ease in Zion*” 6:1

Amos is called to reach a people prospering materially and militarily - that judgment is still near

Material confidence – “That lie upon beds of **ivory**...stretch themselves upon their couches” 6:4

Military confidence – “Ye...rejoice...Have we not taken to us horns by our own **strength**?” 6:13

Meager knowledge – “I will send a famine in the land...of **hearing** the words of the LORD” 8:11

Message – “Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment [justice] in the gate” 5:15

Massacre – “the songs of the temple shall be **howlings**...be many dead bodies in every place” 8:3

KEY VERSE – “Prepare to meet thy God” 4:12

31. **Obadiah** – The way of anti-Semitism “*violence against thy brother Jacob*” :10

Judgment (with no 2nd chance) on Edom [Esau] for their hatred to their twin brother Jacob [Israel]

Edom's sin – “thou have **rejoiced** over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction” :12

Edom's end – “Jacob shall possess their possessions...**not**...remaining...house of Esau” :17-18

KEY VERSE – “The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee...Who shall bring me down?” :21

32. **Jonah** – The way of running away “*I cried by reason of mine affliction*” 2:2

A Jewish prophet is sent to a foreign people. He knows God forgives the repentant – and that bothers him

Running from God – “[God] Arise, go to Nineveh...But Jonah rose...to **flee** unto Tarshish” 1:1,3

Running of God (after Jonah) – “the LORD had **prepared** a great fish to swallow up Jonah” 1:17

Running into God – “Then Jonah **prayed** unto the LORD his God out of the fish’s belly” 2:1
Running with God – “the word...came unto Jonah the second time...Jonah arose...**went**” 3:1,3
Running God – “O LORD, take...my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live” 4:3
KEY VERSE – “Salvation is of the LORD”

2:21

33. Micah – The way of the king “**And their king shall pass before them**” 2:13
Micah preaches retribution, repentance – and restoration through the coming messianic kingdom of God
Man – “The **heads**...judge for reward... the **priests**...teach for hire...**prophets**...for money” 3:11
King’s birthplace – “thou, **Bethlehem**...of Judah...shall he come forth...that is to be ruler” 5:2
King’s constitution – “He will teach us of **his ways**...the **law** shall go forth...from Jerusalem” 4:2
King’s domain – “He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong **nations** afar off” 4:3
King’s disarmament – “beat their swords into plowshares... **neither**...**learn war** anymore” 4:3
King’s duration – “the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion...even **forever**” 4:7
King’s peace – “ruler in Israel...And this man shall be the **peace**” 5:2,5
King’s forgiveness – “Who is a God like unto thee, that **pardoneth** iniquity...in mercy” 7:18
KEY VERSE – “O man...but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God” 6:8

34. Nahum – The way again “**Nineveh is of old like a pool of water**” 2:8
Though Nineveh repented under Jonah, years later she is ready for judgment. God has no grand-children
Judgment decreed – “God is jealous...the LORD revengeth...is furious...he reserveth wrath” 1:2
Judgment deserved – “the...harlot...mistress of witchcrafts...Nineveh is laid waste” 3:4,7
Judgment denied (for Judah) – “the feet of him that bringeth good tidings...**peace!** O Judah” 1:15
KEY VERSE – “The LORD is good...stronghold in the day of trouble...knoweth them that trust” 1:7

35. Habakkuk – The way of faith “**the just shall live by his faith**” 2:4
Habakkuk pours out his heart in a time of failure and negative happenings in understanding his God
His Perplexity – “how long shall I cry... thou wilt not hear...of violence... thou wilt not save” 1:2
His Prayer – “O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years...in wrath remember mercy” 3:1
His Praise (of faith) – “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines;
...and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet...I will joy in the God of my salvation” 3:17-18
KEY VERSE – “The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ feet...” 3:19

36. Zephaniah – The way of the Lord “**The LORD thy God...is mighty**” 3:17
The way away from God is judgment and devastation for all – but for the repentant there will be joy
Lord’s wrath – “silver nor...gold shall be able to deliver...in the day of the LORD’S **wrath**” 1:18
Lord’s mercy – “Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek...it may ye shall be hid in the day of...anger” 2:3
Lord’s limits – “The LORD hath **taken away** thy judgments...shalt not see evil any more” 3:15
Lord’s promise – “I bring you again...I...make you...a praise among all people of the earth” 3:20
KEY VERSE – “The LORD...will save...will rejoice over thee with joy...will rest in his love” 3:17

39. Malachi – The way departed “**But ye are departed out of the way**” 2:8
*Israel is back in their new temple and idolatry is gone – but the Lord asks concerning the temple, **Who is there even among you that would shut the doors...? I have no pleasure in you,**” 1:10. What’s wrong?*
Faithless – “I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, **Wherein** hast thou loved us” 1:2
Careless – “ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not **evil?** ...ye offer the lame and sick” 1:8

Fearless – “*if...I [God] be a father, where is mine honor?...if I...a master, where is my **fear?***” 1:6
Lawless – “*ye have not kept **my ways**, but have been **partial in the law***” 2:9
Loveless (to wives) – “*dealt treacherously...she thy companion...the wife of thy covenant*” 2:14
Sightless – “*ye say...one...doeth evil is good in the **sight** of...LORD... he delighteth in them*” 2:17
Cashless – “*Will a man rob God?...Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings*” 3:8
Useless – “*said, ‘It is **useless** to serve...What profit is it that we have kept His **ordinance**’* 3:14
KEY VERSE – “*they that feared the LORD...a book of remembrance was written before **Him***” 3:16
*OT ends with – **the way is coming:** “he shall prepare the way” for “**He** shall come,” 3:1*