

# 21 Learn from others

## The Minor Prophets

Prophet	When?	Spoken to	Summary of message / key events
Jonah	2 Kings 14:23,25		
Amos	Amos 1:1		Amos 2:6-7, 7:1-9
Hosea	Hosea 1:1		Hosea 1:2-9, 3
Micah	Micah 1:1		Micah 1:3-7
Nahum			Nahum 1:7-10
Habakkuk	Habbakkuk 1;6		Habakkuk 1:2,5-6
Zephaniah	Zephaniah 1:1		Look at headings to paragraphs
Obadiah			Obadiah 1-4, 10
Haggai	Haggai 1:1		Haggai. 1:1-10, Ezra 4:24, 5:1-2
Zechariah	Zechariah 1:1		Zechariah 1:4 and the paragraph headings (also Ezra 4:24, 5:1-2)
Joel			Joel 1:1-7
Malachi			Malachi 1:6-7, 4

Key	for Israel and Judah	
	about other countries	
	after the exile	

1000 BC

800 BC

600 BC

## Mark on the map

- Tekoa
- Joppa
- Nineveh
- Jerusalem
- Babylon
- Samaria
- Edom
- Judah
- Israel

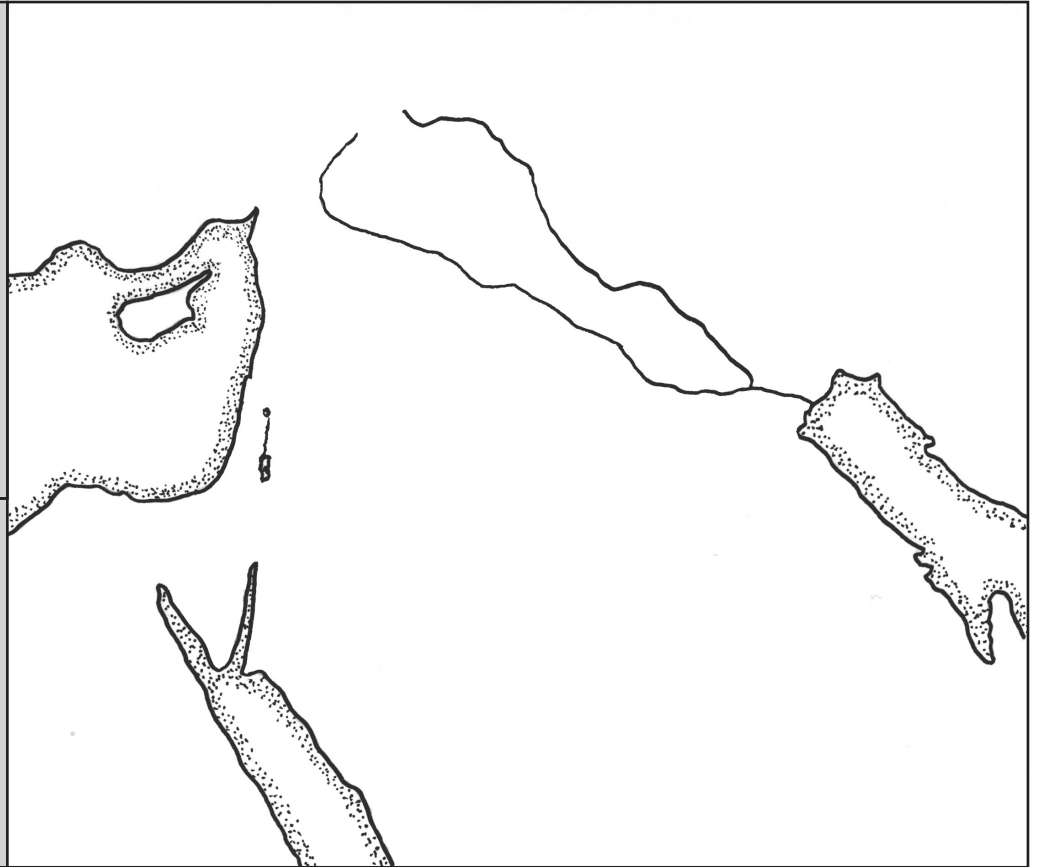
## Obadiah

is the shortest book in the Old Testament.

which

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which is shorter?



## Can you remember?

Try to write out the names of the Minor Prophets without looking.

## Who is like

- a silly dove? Hosea 7:11
- a cake not turned? Hosea 7:8
- grapes in the wilderness? Hosea 9:10
- a young palm? Hosea 9:13
- a trained calf? Hosea 10:11
- a toddler? Hosea 11:3

For the earth will be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

400 BC

200 BC

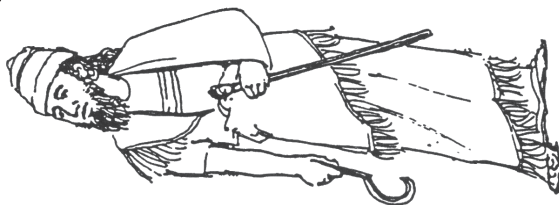
BC/AD

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jonah</b></p> <p>Jonah tried to get out of doing what God asked him, and was swallowed by a great fish. Go back the number of nights he spent in the fish's belly. (1:17)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jonah</b></p> <p>Did he Ninevites repent? Go forward 40 years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jonah</b></p> <p>Jesus refers to Jonah as a sign of what was to happen to him (Matthew 12:39-41) What does this refer to? If it's good news move forward 10 spaces.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amos</b></p> <p>In Amos we read of how God was angry with his people because their worship wasn't sincere. How did they treat the poor? (2:7) If it was bad go back 2 spaces</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amos</b></p> <p>Amos had a vision of a man holding a plumb line . What's a plumb line? The nation of Israel was like a wall out of line. Go back 20 years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amos</b></p> <p>In chapter 9:11-15 God promises Israel something. If it's good, move forward 5 spaces</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hosea</b></p> <p>Hosea's wife ran away and became a prostitute. Hosea was told to go after her, and bring her back. This is a picture of God's unfailing love for his nation. What had they done? (11:1-2) Go back 5 spaces.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hosea</b></p> <p>In chapter 3:5 we're told how the nation will return to God and recognise his goodness. Go forward 50 years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hosea</b></p> <p>In chapter 6:1 there is recorded what will happen if the people return to God. Move forward the number of positive things recorded in this verse.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Micah</b></p> <p>What did Micah speak against (2:1-2,3:1-3, 5) and warned of coming judgements. Move back 1 space</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Micah</b></p> <p>In chapter 5:2 the birth place of the Messiah is prophesied. Move forward the number of words in that place name.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Micah</b></p> <p>In chapter 4:1-4 what are we given a beautiful picture of? Move forward 80 years.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nahum</b></p> <p>The 3 chapters of Nahum are a vividly told poem celebrating the destruction of Nineveh, which Nahum prophesied was imminent. The detail is very graphic. Who was going to come and attack them? Go back 4 spaces.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nahum</b></p> <p>In chapter 1:3 we're told about God's character. Move forward the number of things we're told.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nahum</b></p> <p>In chapter 1:15 God reassures Israel that the wicked will not go unpunished. What is the good news in this verse? Move forward 40 years</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zephaniah</b></p> <p>Through Zephaniah God warned that he would punish Israel's neighbours for their false religion, violence and fraud. Move back one space for each nation apart from Judah and Jerusalem who would be punished.(hint - use the headings).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zephaniah</b></p> <p>Chapter 3:13-17 tells us that there will be a faithful group in the future. What will happen to them? If it's good news go forward 40 years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zephaniah</b></p> <p>Look at chapter 3:20. Move forward whilst rejoicing the number of things God promises in this verse.</p>

<p><b>Habakkuk</b>            What was Habakkuk's question? ( 1:2)            Move back 30 years</p>	<p><b>Habakkuk</b>            In Habakkuk God tells us that we have to wait, and that even when things happen that seem to be the opposite to God's will, He is still there, working in the nations.            Wait patiently – don't move anywhere for this turn!</p>	<p><b>Habakkuk</b>            Is chapter 2:14 good news.            Move forward 2 spaces if it is.</p>
<p><b>Obadiah</b>            Edom, Israel's Arab neighbour and enemy rejoiced when she was captured. Obadiah foretells that Edom and all Israel's enemies will be destroyed.            In verse 12-14 count the number of 'dots' and go back that many spaces.</p>	<p><b>Obadiah</b>            We're told that Israel will again occupy the land in verses 19 -20. All nations will benefit when (v21) the kingdom is the Lord's. See Isaiah 2:1-4 as well.            Move forward 30 years.</p>	<p><b>Obadiah</b>            This is the shortest book in the Old Testament.            Move forward a very short distance -only one space.</p>
<p><b>Haggai</b>            Haggai prophesied to the returned exiles, encouraging them to rebuild the temple. Although the people had been back for some time the temple had not been rebuilt. Why was this? (1:3)            Move back 20 years.</p>	<p><b>Haggai</b>            Did the people respond to Haggai's message? (1:14)            Move forward 40 years.</p>	<p><b>Haggai</b>            Which temple is Haggai talking about in chapter 2:6-9            Move forward 3 spaces.</p>
<p><b>Zechariah</b>            A series of visions to encourage the people. Were they just for the people of Zechariah's time?            Move forward 20 years.</p>	<p><b>Zechariah</b>            Chapter 9:9 is a prophecy about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem which we read of being fulfilled in Matthew 21.            Go forward the number of disciples sent to fetch the animal.</p>	<p><b>Zechariah</b>            Zechariah is full of prophecies about the kingdom. What particular prophecy is in chapter 14:1-4?            Move forward 3 spaces.</p>
<p><b>Joel</b>            The book is all about locust invasions representing the judgements of God if the people didn't turn back to him.            Go back the number of invasions (see Ch 1:4)</p>	<p><b>Joel</b>            God promises a time of plenty to come in chapter 2:18-32.            Go forward the number of things promised in verse 19.</p>	<p><b>Joel</b>            Is chapter 3:1-2 good news?            Move forward 40 years if it is.</p>
<p><b>Malachi</b>            Malachi talks about the corrupt priesthood in his time and God's anger with them including a prophecy about spreading nasty things on their faces (2:3).            Don't go anywhere this go – you need to be cleaned!</p>	<p><b>Malachi</b>            In chapter 4:5 we read about Elijah which refers to the forerunner of Christ. Who does this partly refer to (Matthew 11:10)            Run on ahead 30 years.</p>	<p><b>Malachi</b>            Malachi is the last book written in the Old Testament. There was about 400 years of silence from God, before the time of Jesus.            Move back 400 years (I think you've lost!)</p>

**START**

800 BC



*Assyrian*

JONAH

790 BC

780 BC

770 BC

760 BC

AMOS

750 BC

740 BC

730 BC

HOSEA  
MICAH

*Isaiah*

720 BC

710 BC

700 BC

690 BC

680 BC

670 BC

660 BC

650 BC

NAHUM

640 BC

ZEPHANIAH  
HABAKKUK

630 BC

620 BC

610 BC

