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THE MINOR PROPHETS

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The Old Testament has 39 books. It is divided:

History	17 books	5 – Moses, 12 – History
Poetry	5 books	
Prophets	17 books	5 – Major Prophets, 12 – Minor Prophets

The Minor Prophets are the last 12 prophets of the Old Testament. These include all the books from Hosea to Malachi.

The term “Minor Prophets” was used by the church in early days. Jewish tradition claims that the present arrangement was made by the great synagogue formed by Ezra.

The Minor Prophets are called so because they are less in volume than the Major Prophets, not because they are of less importance.

The Jews considered them one book and the Talmud says of them, "our fathers made them one book, that they might not perish on account of their littleness."

Most of the Minor Prophets end with a promised future blessing to Israel. This is a reminder that God is not finished with Israel. Paul reiterates this

Romans 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid.

Romans 11:25-26 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

In the following of the Minor Prophets, you will need to have your Bible open and read the related Scriptures given as you read the notes.

HOSEA

Hosea 1:1 During reign of: (see II Ki 10:30, 15:8-12)
King Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah -- Judah
King Jereboam II -- Israel ~ 760 B.C. – 722 B.C. (some say 60-70 years)

Gleanings from Hosea:

- Unfailing love and patience toward his unfaithful wife
- Pictures God's relationship with adulterous Israel
- God would chastise Israel - but it would be the chastisement of a jealous lover.
- In spite of Israel's deeply ingrained sin - God still stood ready to forgive --- if only she would repent.
- The nation had sunk to the point of such corruption that divine judgment could no longer be averted.
- What Jeremiah was to Judah (600 B.C.), Hosea was to Israel(750 B.C.). Both were weeping, broken-hearted prophets
- Israel is referred to as Ephraim (10 tribes – Northern Kingdom)
The largest tribe -- representative of Israel

Prologue ch 1-3
God is holy ch 4-7 *Israel's sin intolerable*
God is just ch 8-10 *Israel's shall be punished*
God is love ch 11-14 *Israel shall be restored*

Prologue Ch 1-3

The prophet through the heartbreak of his own marriage tragedy had come to see Israel's sin against God in its deepest and most awful significance.

God is:

- Creator (possessor & owner)
- King (sovereign ruler)
- Judge (supreme judge)
- Father (relationship)

God wants to fulfill His purposes through relationship with His people.
It breaks His heart when His own people reject Him.

Types within Hosea:

Gomer – a picture of the nation of Israel;
Hosea's children – a picture of the people of that nation;
Hosea – a picture of God's love

Hosea's children:

1st son: Jezreel 1:4 "to be scattered, sown"
Then daughter: Lo-ruh-amah 1:6 "no more mercy, no compassion"
Last son: Lo-ammi 1:9 "not my people"

Jezreel - "to be scattered" in judgment.

1:5 to be scattered there 'yet' (see 1:10) they are to be redeemed, there (Jezreel), they will be regathered (1:11), to be "sow her unto me in the earth" (2:23).

'All Israel shall be saved.'

Israel shall be scattered, re-gathered, and re-scattered.

Jeremiah 50:4-5 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

Hosea's children & Israel's future restorations tied together:

Ch 1-3 all start with dis-owning Jezreel is the location where they are 'broken' 1:5, Lo-ruhamah and Lo-ammi picture Israel put away by God:

Isaiah 50:1 Thus saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Ch 1-3 ends with restoration

A) Jezreel will be place of restoration – 1:11.

B) God miraculously provides for Israel in 2:14-23. (corn, wine, and oil speak of feeding). This may refer to the time of the 1260 days when God supernaturally preserves Israel in Rev. 12:6, 13-17.

C) Israel in the Millennium - 3:5

Gomer is bought as a slave for 30 pieces of silver. Hosea 3:1-3

Israel scattered – but will be redeemed – 3:4-5.

Ch 4-14 Treatise (Ch 1-3 is prologue)

The Treatise (4:1):

'The LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because...

How did Israel end up like this? They left the temple and Jerusalem and replaced it with the altars at Dan and Bethel. I KI 12:27-32

1) Israel's sin Ch 4-7 **God is holy** **Israel's sin intolerable**
4:15-17, 5:3-4, 6:9-10, 7:1-6

- Ignorance (choice) 4:6
- Idolatry 4:12-13,17
- Immorality 5:3

Israel's sin pictured:

Back sliding heifer 4:16

Lusts aflame like hot oven 7:4&6

Cake half baked (mingled w/ heathen - now useless) 7:8

Silly dove - stupid 7:11

Crooked bow -- missing God's target 7:16

Lay among nations as a broken pot 8:8

Wandering & lonely ass 8:9

Dried up root 9:16

Empty vine 10:1

2) Israel shall be punished ch 8-10 **God is just** **Israel's shall be punished**
8:12-14, 9:7&9, 10:6&13-15 (cut off = judgment)

Hosea 10:10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them;

3) Israel shall be restored ch 11-14 **God is love** **Israel shall be restored**

- God's love 11:1, 4, 8 (Admah & Zeboim Deut. 29:23, Isa 1:9)
- Broken hearted plea - 11:8a, 13:9, 14:1-2, 14:4-7
- Discourse of Reconciliation 14:8 (between God & Israel)
- Israel's deliverance 2:19-23, 3:5, 6:1-3, 11:1&4&8-9, 13:10&14, 14:4-7

JOEL

THE DAY OF THE LORD Joel 1:15, 2:1, 2:11, 2:31, 3:14

(See also Isa 2:12, 13:6-16, Jer 30:7-8, 46:10, Eze. 7:19, 13:5, 30:3&9, Amos 5:18-20, Obad. 15, Zeph. 1:7, Zech 14:1-8, Mal. 4:5)

- Note the vividness of description by Joel
- Before the Babylonian invasion, this locust invasion was a “wake-up” call that went unheeded
- “Tell it to your children...” --- learn from the sins of fathers & from the cost of sin
- “Blow trumpet, sound alarm”

Ch 1 *Day of the Lord (Present Desolation - Local)*

Ch 2:1-27 *Day of the Lord (Double reference – Local and Trib)*

Ch 2:28 –2:32 *Day of the Lord (Double Reference – Pentecost and Trib)*

Ch 3 *Day of the Lord (Tribulation / Millennium)*

Joel refers to locust plague as “The Day of the Lord is at hand” (1:15)

Then refers to “Day” coming (2:1) in double reference

Then 2:28 he uses the locust plague to “spring-board” to the future Day of the Lord – the Tribulation and chapter 3 refers to future events.

Joel 1:2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Mark 13:19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Joel will spring-board from the present locust plague to the future time of God’s judgment in the tribulation.

I) Ch 1 Present Desolation - Day of Lord is local – locust plague

A) Palmerworm, locust, cankerworm, caterpillar...

‘A nation’ of locusts (vs.6)

Locusts united by God become a ‘great army’ (2:25)

Locust is judgment warned by Moses – Deut 28:14-15, 38-39

B) Famine – locusts have destroyed the food source

‘Corn, oil, wine’ – vs 10 is food supply

Wheat, barley, harvest – vs11

Vine, fig, pomegranate, palm, apple trees, all trees – vs 12

Meat – vs 16

Seed / corn – vs17

No food for animals – vs 18

Water source gone, fire – vs 20

De-bark trees kills whole tree – vs 7

Amos 5:18-19 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

C) Call to Repentance

Priests and ministers – vs13

Elders and all – vs14

D) This is the 'Day of the LORD' – vs 15-20

Fire is judgment of God – vs 19

E) Locust Plague Described

Locusts resemble a cloud of dust or sand reaching a few feet above ground as they leap forward.

W.M. Thomson's work *The Land and the Book* describes it thusly: "Their number is astounding; the whole face of the mountain was black with them. On they came like a living deluge. We dug trenches and kindled fires, and beat and burned to death 'heaps upon heaps'; but the effort was utterly useless. Wave after wave rolled up the mountainside, and poured over rocks, walls, ditches and hedges – those behind covering up and bridging over the masses already killed. It was perfectly appalling to watch this animated river as it flowed up the road, and ascended the hill above my house. For four days they continued to pass on toward the east... millions upon millions. In their march, they devour every green thing...."

James Boyce's work *Impressions of South Africa* writes: "It is a strange sight, beautiful if you can forget the destruction it brings with it. The whole air, to twelve or eighteen feet above the ground is filled with the insects, reddish brown in body, with bright gauzy wings. When the sun's rays catch them, it is like the sea sparkling with light. When you see them against a cloud they are like the dense flakes of a driving snow-storm. You feel as if you had never before realized immensity in number. Vast crowds of men gathered at a festival, countless tree-tops rising along the slope of a forest-ridge, the chimneys of London houses from the top of St. Paul's – all are as nothing to the myriad of insects that blot out the sun above and cover the ground beneath and fill the air whichever way one looks. The breeze carries them swiftly past, but they come on in fresh clouds, a host of which there is no end, each of them a harmless creature which you can catch and crush in your hand, but appalling in their power of collective devastation."

II) Ch 2:1-27

Day of the Lord

(Double reference – Local and Trib)

A) Vs 1-11 Shades of both the local locust plague and the Tribulation

Local locust plague – vs.7-9

Tribulation

vs.6 'much pained'

Jeremiah 30:6-7 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

vs 10-11 'day of LORD is great and very terrible' describes the Tribulation

B) Vs 12-17 Call to repentance

- C) Vs 18-24 Tribulation prophecy ('Then' – vs 18)
These verses describe God's care for Israel in the last 3 ½ yrs. of trib:
God leads Israel into wilderness - Rev.12:6
God feeds Israel (corn, wine & oil) – Joel 2:19
The LORD will do great things - Joel 2:21
Divine feeding – Joel 2:22-24

- D) Vs 25-28 God will restore (local sense)

III) Ch 2:28 –2:32 Day of the Lord --
(*Double Reference – Pentecost and Trib*)

'Afterward' – this is a future event

- A) Minor fulfillment at Pentecost
Peter said: 'This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.'
All of 2:28-32 was not fulfilled that day.
- B) Major fulfillment during the tribulation
The minor fulfillment is a foretaste of the major fulfillment.
The tongues of Acts 2 is a foretaste of the 144,000 preaching
in tongues (languages) to the world (Matt. 24:14)
- C) Joel 2:28-32
Vs 28-29 Speaking in tongues in the tribulation
Vs 30-31 End of the Tribulation signs
Vs 32 Revelation of Jesus Christ / Israel saved (Rom.11:26, Jer. 30:7c)

IV) Ch 3 Day of the Lord (Tribulation / Millennium)

A future prophecy concerning the end times – yet to be:

Joel 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem...

- A) Battle of Armageddon
Vs 1 – God gathers them to this battle
- B) Judgment of Nations (Matt 25:31-46)
Vs. 2-8 Judged by treatment of Israel
Judged in Valley of Jehoshaphat – vs 12-14
- C) Future Events:
Armageddon – vs 9-11
Sun, moon & stars darkened – vs 15
LORD shall roar (and then return to earth) – vs 16
Egypt and Edom judged - vs19 (Egypt desolate for 40 yrs – Eze.29:10-15)
Jerusalem restored / Millennium reign - vs 17-18, 20-21

AMOS

Amos was a herdsman (1:1, 7:14-15)

He was a preacher of righteousness – justice of God emphasized

He preached shortly before Hosea (Amos 1:1, Hosea 1:1). Hosea's ministry emphasized the mercy & love of God.

8 Burdens ch 1-2

3 Sermons ch 3-6

5 Visions ch 7-9

I) 8 Burdens Ch 1-2

All 8 burdens start with "For three transgressions and for four..."

An expression "You've gone too far... one time too many... tipped the scales..."

<u>NATION</u>		<u>CAPITAL CITY</u>
Syria	1:3-5	Damascus
Philistia	1:6-8	Gaza
Phoenicia	1:9-10	Tyre
Edom	1:11-12	Teman & Bozrah
Ammon	1:13-15	Rabbah
Moab	2:1-3	Kirioth
Judah	2:4-5	Jerusalem
Israel	2:6-16	Samaria

JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS (Sins of inhumanity) Jer 25:13-25

- 1) Syria (Damascus) "Fire burn palaces of Benhadad"
I Ki 20, II Ki 8, Jer 49:23-27, Isa 17
- 2) Philistia (Gaza) "Fire wall of Gaza - Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron..."
Eze 25:15-17, Zeph 2:4-7, Zech 9:2-8
- 3) Phoenicia (Tyre) "Fire wall Tyre, devour places.."
Eze 26-28, Isa 23, Joel 3:4-8, Zech 9:1-4
- 4) Edom (Teman & Bozrah) "Fire on Teman, destroy palaces of Bozrah"
Eze 25:12-14, Jer 49:7-22, Obad 1
- 5) Ammon (Rabbah) "Fire wall of Rabbah, devour palaces, shouting in day of battle"
Eze 25:1-7, Jer 49:1-6 (vs.2 fire, alarm of war) Zeph 2:8-11
- 6) Moab (Kirioth) "Fire wall of Moab, devour palaces of Kirioth, Moab die with tumult, with shouting & with trumpet"
Eze 25:8-11, Jer 48, Isa 15-16, Zeph 2:8-11
- 7&8) Judah & Israel Right along with judgment on the heathen, God pronounces judgment on His own -- Judah 2:4-5, Israel 2:6-16

II) II) 3 Sermons Ch 3-6

3:1-2 Increased privilege = increased responsibility

Israel supremely favored, therefore supremely responsible

3:1 Israel here means all 12 tribes - "Against whole family which I brought out of Egypt"

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3 Sermons	(Therefore)	
Hear word of the Lord	Judgment deserved	Judgment decreed
3:1	3:1-10	3:11-15
4:1	4:1-11	4:12-13
5:1	5:1-15	5:16-6:14

A little gem - Amos 3:7

(Gen 5:21, 6:3, 6:13, 18:16-18&23, Ex.3:10, Lk.2:25-30, Lk.1:10-17, Lk.1:26-37, Matt.1:20-21, I Cor.2:9-10)

2nd sermon - God sent a "Wake-up" call that went unheeded - "yet have ye not returned unto me"
4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11

3rd sermon - "Seek" 5:4, 6, 8, 14

Judgment:

- Wailing in streets 5:16
- Go into captivity 5:27
- Deliver up city & contents 6:8
- God raise up nation to do this 6:14

III) 5 Visions Ch 7-9

- Grasshoppers 7:1-3 Plague is averted
- Fire 7:4-6 Judgment restrained
- Plumbline 7:7-9 Judgment determined
- Summer fruit 8:1-2 Judgment imminent
- God over the altar 9:1-6 Judgment executed

Interlude - Amaziah vs. Amos 7:10-17

Conclusion - 9:9-15 Ends with restoration of Israel (Vs. 14-15 – note 'I will...')

OBADIAH

Judgment on Edom vs 1-16

Final triumph & blessing on Judah vs 17-21
(Compare with Joel 3:19-20)

Judgment on Edom vs 1-16

Obadiah 1

The Lord God is author of this rumour. War is the result.

Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?

Esau - type of flesh (Edom is Esau Gen. 36:1)

- Vaunts itself against God
- Will at last be destroyed

Jacob - type of spirit (Gal. 5:16-17)

- Final triumph & blessing when flesh destroyed

Edom dwells in cleft of rock (vs 3)

- Gen 36:8-9 Esau dwelt in Mt. Seir (a mountainous region)
- A place of false security (safety, refuge, protection, impregnable fortress)
- A high place - pride (vs 3)
- Who shall bring me down? Vs 3
-

Esau's heart is like his home

- Heb 12:16 - "profane"
- Spiteful against Israel Ps. 137:7, Obad 10-14

Esau's false security

- Pride vs 3-4 (sin of Lucifer)
- Wealth vs 5
- Help of other nations vs 7a, Isa 31:1-3
- Wisdom vs 8
- Valor & strength vs 9

Esau will be destroyed

- Destroyed Obad 10&18, Mal.1:4

The cursing/blessing on treatment of Israel of Gen 12 is seen.

If cursed – no amount of security can help. Rev. 6:15-17, Mal. 1:4

If blessed – no amount of hatred / enemy can stop you (Num 22:12)

Edom is Jacob's brother.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Salt is added in the wound when affliction comes from those whom you expect comfort. Edom treated Jacob as an enemy.

1) Edom refused Moses' request to pass through on the way into the promised land. Num. 20:14-21

2) Edom's passive cruelty

Obadiah 1:11-12 In the day that

- thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them. But thou
- shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither
- shouldst thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither
- shouldst thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Similar to: Judges 5:23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

3) Edom's active hatred:

Psalms 137:7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase *it*, rase *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.

Poetic Justice

Key Verse is:

Obadiah 1:15 For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Baxter writes: "Edom had indulged in treachery against Judah (vs.11-12); therefore Edom should perish through the treachery of confederates (vs 7). Edom had seized the chance to rob Judah (vs.13); therefore Edom should be robbed even till his hidden things or treasures, were searched out (vs.5-6). Edom had lifted the sword and shown violence against Judah (vs.10); therefore Edom should perish by slaughter (vs.9). Edom had sought the utter destruction of Judah (vs. 12-14); therefore Edom should be utterly destroyed (vs.10,18). Edom had even sought to hand over and dispossess the remnant of the invaded Jerusalem (vs.14); therefore, in the end, the remnant of Jacob should possess the land of Edom (vs.19)."

Final Triumph & Blessing on Judah vs 17-21

Final deliverance vs 17

God's divine preservation vs 18

Zechariah 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

Israel receive final possession vs 19-20

Kingdom is the Lord's vs 21

If God be for you, who can be against you (Obad 18)

If God be against you, what hope do you have (Mal. 1:4)

Jonah

Ch 1 Fleeing from God

Ch 2 Praying to God

Ch 3 Speaking for God

Ch 4 Learning from God

Ch 1 **Jonah flees from God** to Tarshish, 2200 miles west, Nineveh is east

Why? 4:2

Jonah did not want God to spare Nineveh

Capital of Nineveh-Assyria

Assyria were Nazis of their day:

1. Tortured people
2. Held people down, grab tongue with hands, and rip out tongue by its roots.
3. Man tied to stake in spread eagle fashion, and then one takes a sharp razor knife and flays the skin back one inch at a time.
4. Long sharp pole driven through men and then pole is planted in ground with victim left to die
5. Boys and girls burnt alive

God now calls Jonah to preach to these same people who tortured and killed some of Jonah's ancestors.

Jonah also knew (20-30 years prior) Isaiah 7:17, Hosea 9:3,10:6-7, and 11:5 that Assyria would be used to judge Israel.

Jonah feared the mercy God had for wicked Nineveh.
His emotions are torn between his love for Israel and his hatred for Nineveh. He loves God yet he hates to see Nineveh spared.

Sin always takes you down:

Vs. 3 Down to Joppa

Down to ship

Vs. 15 Down to ocean

Down to whale's belly

Down to bottom of sea

1:4-God works in life of backslider Vs7 - Vs13 - Vs17 2:10

Only correct response is to obey.

Ch 2 **Jonah prays to God**

72 hours from stubbornness to brokenness

Whale swallowing him was not an act of punishment but of preservation

When God works in your life

-Its always for your good - Heb.12:10-11

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Jonah prays, repents - God works 2:10
- price of disobedience was being drenched in stomach-fluid

Jesus confirmed the actual account of this - Matthew 12:39-41

Ch 3 Jonah speaks for God

1:2, 3:1-2 same task
Always better to obey first time

The message 3:4
The result 3:5-10 (Just what Jonah had feared)
2nd Pet. 3:9
Jonah is the John 3:16 of the O.T.

Nineveh – capital of Assyria (the enemy of Israel)

- Circumference of the city was 60 miles
- 100 ft walls - 3 chariots could ride abreast (on top)
- 1,500 towers (on walls)
- Each tower 200 ft tall
- About 315 sq miles
- 20 times that of London
- Had orchards, great gardens, and pastures-note 4:11 (Much cattle)
- Population (120,000 babies 4:11) =600,000 to 1,000,000

Ch 4 Jonah learns of God

Pouts 4:1&3

4:5-8 a picture story for Jonah

4:9 Jonah - “I do well to be angry”

4:10-11 Lesson
Heart of God

4:10-11 is John 3:16,Luke 15:15-32, Ezekiel 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9

- Jonah 4:9 was hurt in his heart
- Heart of God yearns for all to be saved

MICAH

Key Verse:

Micah 3:8 "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

Micah is the only prophet to Israel and Judah:

Micah 1:6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, *and* as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

I) Judgment Imminent Ch 1-3

3 Sermons 1:2 "Hear all ye people..."

2:1 "Woe to them..."

3:1 "Hear this..."

II) Restoration of Israel Ch 4-5

Future Kingdom Ch 4

Future King Ch 5

III) Plea for Repentance Ch 6-7

I) Judgment Imminent

1:1 Contemporary to Isaiah

1st Sermon 1:2-1:16

- Vs 2-5 God is Judge of this "court room"
- Vs 9 Her (Samaria - Israel vs6) wound is incurable
For "it" (Assyria - Assyrian captivity) is come into Judah
In 722 B.C. Assyria took Israel captive and came to gates of Jerusalem but went no further.
After 722 B.C. Gentiles were imported into Samaria, some Jews and Gentiles married which produced "Samaritans" Jn 4:1-9
- Vs 8 Micah grieves over this

1:10-16

Play on words - meaning of names of cities:

<u>City</u>	<u>Meaning of Name</u>	<u>Bible States:</u>
Gath	"Tell"	Declare it not in "tell-town"
Aphrah	"House of dust"	Roll thyself in dust in "house of dust"
Saphir	"Fair, beauty"	People of beauty will be naked - shameful
Zanaan	"Come out"	The ones that come out, not come out
Beth-ezel	"House of taking away" -- city would be taken away	
Maroth	"Bitter" Received bitter / evil from Lord	
Lachish	"Horse-town"	Bind horses in horse-town
Achzib	"Lie, deception"	A lie to the kings
Moreseth	"Betrothed" (Brides given gifts)	Town would "leave home" and no longer belong to Judah, but belong to invaders
Mareshah	"Conquered"	Conquered by enemy

Why Judgment?

Micah 1:5 For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

Micah 1:7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

Micah 1:13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. Micah 3:2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

2nd Sermon

2:1-2 Evil workers

2:3-5 vs 4 - fields divided among strangers

vs 5 - none will have authority to divide the land and measure it off by placing landmarks

2:6 They “stop their ears”

2:11 They want false prophet to tell smooth things

3rd Sermon

3:1 Addressed to heads (judges) and princes - authority figures
vs 1 Is it not for you to know judgment?

3:2-5 Instead of caring for flock, they “flay skin off” the lower class Rom 16:18

3:6-7 These prophets will not hear from God

3:8 Micah - the true prophet, was in minority - message sent in vs 9-12

II) Restoration of Israel

Future Kingdom Ch 4

3:12 Judgment upon Jerusalem, but future restoration ahead in 4:1

4:1-8 Millennial reign of Christ

4:9-13 “Thou shalt go to Babylon” -- judgment on Jerusalem / Judah

Future King Ch 5

5:1 Smite the Judge of Israel Isa 50:6, Matt 26:67-68, 27:30

5:2 Prophecy of birth place of Christ

5:3 “give them up” till regathering (judgment on Israel) – ‘then the remnant...’

5:5&6 Assyrian = Antichrist

5:10-15 Christ comes as King, evil will be rooted out

III) Plea for Repentance Ch 6-7

6:2 Lord has a controversy

6:8 Repent & seek the Lord

walk with God - restored communion

God had lead His people as a shepherd, He wants righteousness

6”9-12 Lord’s voice, the people’s sins

7:14-15 Divine care and feeding in the tribulation

7:18-20 Future restoration guaranteed

Nahum

Nahum Unknown other than an Elkoshite
Assyria A superior nation Cruellest of the cruel (3:19)
Message The doom of Nineveh, the end of Assyria and hope for Judah

God judged Nineveh

Nineveh's destruction was so complete that Alexander the Great marched over the site, and did not know that a world-empire was buried under his feet.

Picture of future destruction of the Assyrian

The total destruction of Nineveh and the Assyrians is a picture of the fate of the Antichrist, the Assyrian. Isa. 10:5, 12, 24-34, Micah 5:4-7

Nineveh - that great city (Jonah 1:2) – Capital of Assyria

2 prophets devoted to it
God is longsuffering II Pet 3:9, Jonah 4:2
God is jealous Nahum 1:2-3

Rom 11:22 Behold the:

Goodness	(Jonah)	And
Severity of God	(Nahum)	

I) <i>God is jealous</i>	<i>Nineveh will fall</i>	<i>Ch 1</i>
II) <i>God is judge</i>	<i>How Nineveh will fall</i>	<i>Ch 2</i>
III) <i>God is just</i>	<i>Why Nineveh will fall</i>	<i>Ch 3</i>

This is 100-150 years after Nineveh had repented at the preaching of Jonah
Babylon had come against it and failed 3 times - which lead to drunken parties
Historians say that the Tigris River overflowed its banks and washed a hole for the enemy army to invade (Nah. 1:8, 2:6)

Ch 1 God is Jealous - Nineveh will fall

A) God speaks of Himself 1:2-8

Jealous vs 2 Vengeance vs 2 Anger vs 6

Jealous - Creator is envious of no one, jealous over His own Ex 20:5

Vengeance - Belongs to God Rom 12:17-21, Ps 94:1 (Reserved for Him)

Anger - Beecher: "A person that does not know how to get angry, does not know how to be good."

If we stand by and let injustices go, something is wrong (Jud. 5:23)

God's wrath is not a fit of anger, a temper tantrum - vs 3

B) God speaks to Nineveh 1:9-11, 14

God know their plots vs 9&11

Vs 14 God tells King of Assyria the end result of their plot

C) God speaks to Judah 1:12-13, 15

Vs 12-13 God's promise to destroy Nineveh

Vs 15 Messenger comes with good news - Nineveh cut off

Ch 2 God is Judge - How Nineveh will fall

612 B.C. Medes & Babylonians attacked Nineveh

2:1-4 Invading army approaches

2:5-10 City is captured

Vs 6 Khoser River flows through city - they dammed the river and then released the waters so it destroyed the walls and some buildings

Vs 7-8 March soldiers of Nineveh off to become slaves

Vs 9 Then looting of the city

Vs 10 Nineveh reaps what she sowed

2:11-13 Leaders are taunted

Assyrians had statues of lions in art & architecture

Vs 13 "I am against you" saith the Lord - contrast to

"I am with you" (Nahum 3:5)

Ch 3 God is Just - Why Nineveh will fall

A) Bloodshed 3:1-3, note descriptiveness of vs 3

B) Idolatry 3:4-7

C) Pride & Self confidence 3:8-19

Vs 8 No was defeated by Assyrians in 663 B.C.

Vs 11 Thou also like them

Vs 12 Weak like a ripe fig tree shaken

Vs 13 Weak like women

Vs 16 Babylonian spoil & fly away

Vs 17 Nineveh like grasshoppers - sleep in cold, sun heats and flee

Vs 18 Scattered

Vs 19 Others rejoice in their defeat

Others felt effects of their cruelty

Habakkuk

Ch 1 *Burden*

Ch 2 *Vision*

Ch 3 *Prayer*

Written in view of Babylonian invasion (about 607 B.C. ??)
(Jeremiah's time, probably after Zephaniah)

Burden Ch 1

1:1-11 Why is God so indifferent?

- A) The Prophet's complaint 1:1-4 (Hab. speaks)
(Q) Why: won't God hear? – wicked triumph? (A) Sin – Isa. 59:1-4, Hab. 1:4

- B) The Lord's answer 1:5-11 (God speaks)
Judgment is inevitable
God will send the Babylonians to judge them (vs.6)
Babylon described in 1:7-10
This is fulfillment of Deut. 28:30, (see blessings Deut 8:12, 28:8)

- C) Habakkuk's doubting 1:12-17 (Hab. speaks)

1:12-17 Why is God so inconsistent?

How could God use wicked Babylon to punish Judah?

Holiness - character of God vs 12-13

"God, You know beginning from end, why do You use Babylon to punish Your people?"

Note: Unbelief is rebellion & lack of trust. It is an act of the will. (Pro. 3:5-6)

Often one questions God from a troubled mind and broken heart. (Pro. 3:5-6)

- Some things understand here (Now)
- Some things understand after (Later)
- Some things understand in the hereafter (Heaven)

We must see beyond the present and trust God.

God, can't You punish Judah some other way?

The wicked Babylon will treat Judah inhumanely (vs 14-15) (Zeph 1:2-3)

See Deut 28:20-23,26,32,36-37,41, & 28:49-57

The Babylonians worship other gods (vs 16-17)

God had used war, natural calamities, a weeping prophet, yet no change.

People's hearts do not change in spite of signs and miracles. (Lk. 16:31)

Vision Ch 2

A) Write the vision (2:1-3)

Habakkuk waits for an answer (2:1) (Job 23:1-5)

Troubled minds and broken hearts want answers

Be patient (2:3), live by faith (2:4)

(Joseph in pit, Jeremiah in dungeon, David in distress,

Elijah in depression, Job in despair, God gives comfort.

Isa 40:31, 41:10&13, Ps 73:16-17)

- B) Trust God's Word 2:4-5
Pride and lust are enmity with God.
The just live by faith.

- C) Declare God's judgment 2:6-20
Man's Sinfulness:
 - Selfish ambition 2:6-8
 - Covetousness 2:9-11
 - Exploiting people 2:12-14
 - Drunkenness & violence 2:15-17
 - Idolatry 2:18-19God's holiness – 2:20
Habakkuk came to see sin as God sees it. Verse 20 is his Isa 6:1-3.

Prayer Ch 3

Habakkuk worships God after hearing from God.
Habakkuk questioned God, was told 'the just shall live by faith, and now he sees things clearly.
Notice his conclusion in Hab. 3:18-19.

D.L. Moody - "I used to think I should close my Bible and pray for faith, I came to see it was in studying the Word that I got faith."

A) Prayer vs 1-2

B) Vision vs 3-15

God's supernatural care, protection, and provision of His people from Egypt to Canaan:
Vs 3-4 Mt Paran = Mt. Sinai, Teman = Edom (this is journey from Egypt to Canaan)

Vs 5 plagues on Egypt

Vs 6-7 defeat into Canaan (nation that lay between Egypt & Canaan typified by Cushan & Midian)

Vs 8-15 God marched in victory (Ex 19:1-4)

Poetry used to describe:

Vs 8 Crossing Red Sea / Jordan

Vs 9 Battles en route to Canaan

Vs 10 Judges 5:4-5

Vs 11 Miracle of sun & moon standing still - Josh 10:12-13

Vs 12-15 Conquering Canaan

God has done so much for His people in the past (vs3-15). Judgment in the present is because of their sin. God will 'do it again' for His people (vs 16-19).

C) Praise vs 16-19

3:16-17 God will rightly judge

3:18-19 "I will trust God" - true and righteous are His judgments.

Zephaniah

1:1 The great, great grandson of Hezekiah. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah and Nahum. He probably preached around 640-630 B.C., just before the religious reform of Josiah. Jeremiah and Zephaniah prepared the way for Josiah's reform.

- I) *Wrath coming on Judah* 1:1-2:3
- II) *Wrath on all nations* 2:4-3:8
- III) *After wrath - healing* 3:9-20

I) **Wrath coming on Judah 1:1-2:3**

The severity of God's judgment: vs 1-5

I will consume...

I will cut off...

Judgment on:

- (1) Judah, (2) Jerusalem, (3) Baal worshippers, (4) Cherarim worshippers,
- (5) Astrologers, angel worshippers, (6) Those who love God & love Malcham (Molech - god of Ammon that required human sacrifice), (7) Those turned back from the Lord, (8) Those who have not sought the Lord .

Maktesh - "Wall St." – the business town vs 11

'Settled on lees' - thickened hearts vs 12

They say, 'The Lord is not involved in human affairs...' vs 12

Vs 14-18 The Great Day of Lord (Reason for it – vs 17 'because...')

Zephaniah preached: 'The great day of the LORD is near, it is near. This brought reform under King Josiah, but not a true change of heart.

II) **Wrath on all nations 2:4-3:8**

West - Phillistia & Phillistines 2:4-7

East - Moab & Ammon 2:8-11 (Like Sodom...)

South - Ethiopia 2:12

North - Ninevah & Assyria 2:13-15 (Contemporary of Nahum)

Jerusalem 3:1-8 (They had all privileges from God - hence greater judgment)

III) **After wrath - healing 3:9-20**

Vs 8 Armageddon

Vs 9 Blessing of Mill.

One language spoken in Mill.

Vs 15 King Jesus

Vs 16-17 Mill. Traits:

Jerusalem is center, Jesus is King

Note: Contrast 1:2 - 3:20 (1:17 is the problem)

Haggai

This book only covers less than 4 months (Dates given: 1:1, 1:15, 2:1, 2:10, 2:18, 2:20)

The remnant had traveled 900 miles from Babylon to Jerusalem. The foundation of the temple was laid in 536 B.C.. The work on the temple had been ceased due to opposition. Now, after 16 years of "doing nothing", God raises up Haggai and Zechariah to encourage Joshua and Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple.

Haggai (Lord's prophet) speaks to Zerubbabel, Governor and Joshua, the High Priest. (1:1, 1:12, 1:14, 2:1)

Four Messages:

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1) <i>Build the Temple</i> | 1:1-1:15 |
| 2) <i>Be Strong</i> | 2:1-9 |
| 3) <i>I Will Bless You</i> | 2:10-19 |
| 4) <i>I Will Reward Zerubbabel</i> | 2:20-23 |

1) **Build the Temple** (6th Month 1st Day)

A) Unbelief - lack of faith (Offered excuses 1:1-4)

Isa. 45:13, 44:28 fulfilled in Ezra 1:1-4

King Cyrus gave money and materials in 538 B.C. God had protected them as they traveled from Babylon to Jerusalem. They had the vessels of the temple...

B) They were selfish

"It is not time to build house of God" - but it is ok to build my house...

We have Matt. 6:33, they had Prov. 3:9-10, Lev. 26:3-13, Deut. 16:17, 28:1-14, 30:3-9

C) They were chastened by God

Lack of God's blessings 1:6-11

D) Repented & Obeyed 1:12-15

Result is:

1) "I am with you, saith the LORD" (1:13)

2) People came & did the work (1:14) – obedience means action!

2) **Be Strong** (7th Month 21st Day)

Be strong - God is with you

He was with those in the first temple vs. 3

He is the covenant keeping God vs 5a

He was with those who came out of Egypt vs. 5b

God's Spirit is with them vs 5c

He will send the Desire of nations. vs 6-9

He will be with them vs 4 (Josh.1:5, I Chr.28:20, Heb.13:5)

Be strong – If God is in it, money is no problem vs 8,

Little is much, if God is in it – vs 9

3) I Will Bless You (9th Month 24th Day)

Vs 11-12 Can you make something holy by touching it? No

Vs 13 Can you defile yourself by touching something defiled? Yes (sin is contagious)

Vs 14-19 The application:

The people working on temple could not impart holiness to it, but they could defile it by their sins.

If God doesn't bless it, it is defiled.

God couldn't bless them (17a) – they were still in the 70 years of 'desolation.'

But now, this was all to change. This was a new start (2:18-19). From this day....

This is 70 years of desolations, to the very day. (Eze 25:1, Jer 52:4, II Ki 25:1, fulfilling Jer 29:10, 25:11, see Zech 1:12, Dan 9:1-2) 590 - 520 B.C. = 70 years

4) I Will Reward Zerubbabel (9th Month 24th Day)

Make thee a signet!

I have chosen thee!

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Zechariah

Zech 1:1, Hag. 1:1 Written 2 months after Haggai began his ministry
Haggai - Arouse the Jews to action
Zechariah - Encourage the Jews to finish the work

Ch 1-8 Early Prophecies -- Temple being rebuilt - 7 fold vision
Ch 9-14 Later Prophecies -- After Temple rebuilt

Ch 1-8 Early Prophecies Temple being rebuilt

Key verse: 1:14

Zech 1:7, 2 months after Hag. 2:19 (These visions are given)

Starts with a call to repentance 1:1-7

Then 7 visions

1st Vision 1:8-17

vs 10 God's angelic army that patrols the earth and carries out the decrees of God

vs 11 their report - Gentile nations are at rest

vs 12 Angel of Lord intercedes for Israel

vs 13-16 God says, "Blessings are just around the corner." Vs 15 - judgment soon to come to heathen that came against Israel

2nd Vision 1:18-21

4 horns Horns are nations that scattered Israel

4 carpenters - sent to judge the horns

3rd Vision 2:1-13

Reminded of God's planned future blessing of Jerusalem (2:5&10)

4th Vision 3:1-10

To: Joshua, high priest (religious leader)

filthy garments taken away, sin purged and put on new garments. The Lord rebukes Satan in the process.

God would do this for Israel now (taken out of captivity and back into blessing) and again in future mill. (vs 9-10) (In one day vs 9)

5th Vision 4:1-14

To: Zerubbabel, governor, (civil leader)

conclusion on main thought vs 6-9

The two anointed ones (sons of oil) are Zerubbabel and Joshua

1:10 The spiritual scene at work

God will again bless Israel 1:14, 2:4-5,10

Joshua & Zerubbabel standing by Lord ch 3:1,4:14

God is going to do a work through Joshua & Zerubbabel

6th Vision 5:1-11

Scroll - to expel evil from the land

- to curse thieves and him that sweareth falsely

ephah - largest unit of dry measure (Jewish)

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a woman in ephah - she is "wickedness"

a lead lid placed over the woman as a lid for the ephah and 2 women with wings carry it to Shinar (Babylon) and set her on a base - perhaps as a god / ephah and talent used in commerce

Probably means God will judge covetousness and cleanse Israel of her sin - covetousness belongs in Babylon.

God took Israel out of Babylon, now wants to take Babylon out of Israel

7th Vision 6:1-8

4 chariots with different colored horses come between mountains of brass (judgment)

Judgment on Babylon vs 6a, on Egypt vs 6b.

Crowning of Joshua 6:9-15

6:11 Joshua is now the only King-High Priest

Typically foretelling of the BRANCH(6:12), the coming King- High Priest

These prophecies of Zech 1-8 focus on near fulfillment, but a far fulfillment can be latently seen:

Man among Myrtle trees 1:16

Blessing on Jerusalem again

4 Horns – 1:18-19

Israel scattered

Man w/ measuring line 2:5,10-11

Jerusalem restored

Clothing of Joshua 3:4, 9b

Day of Atonement

Two olive branches 4:1-11

2 witnesses of Rev 11

Flying roll & woman in ephah (Zech 13:8-9)

Follow Israel or Babylon

4 chariots 6:1-8

God judges nations

Crowning of Joshua 6:9-15

Jesus, the King- High Priest

Ch 7

Israel is scattered due to "They honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"

Ch 8

Future restoration

vs 1-6 Jerusalem rebuilt

vs 7 Israel regathered

vs 8 Jehovah & Israel's relationship restored

vs 9-13 Land of Israel refreshed

vs 19 Facts turned to feasts

vs 20-23 Gentiles will be redeemed (Isa 2:1-3, Micah 4:1-5)

Ch 9-14 Later Prophecies After Temple rebuilt

Coming King - Zion blessings ch 9-10

His rejection ch 11

Final triumph & Zion ch 12-14

Chapter 9

Vs 1-8 Judgment upon Gentiles

Vs 1-2a to Hamath - cities of Syria

Vs 2b-4 cities of Phoenicia

Vs 5-6 cities of Phillistia

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After judgment of Gentiles - change to rejoicing & blessing for Israel (vs 9)
Offering of Jesus as King to Israel 9:9 (Matt 21:1-5&9)
Mill. Reign vs 10 (Church age is in-between)
Zechariah never saw church age, but God foreknew it would happen

If God had revealed the church age:
Jesus could not have offered Himself as a real bona fide offer as Messiah and God could never
had tested the Jews in relation to Him.

God has been pleased to show us the rejection and crucifixion again and again in the OT, so we
know He anticipated and overruled the unbelief and sin of the Jews when Christ first came to them.
His rejection: John 12:12-16, 12:23-24,32-33, Lk. 19:47, 20:20

Zech 9:13-15 Conflict in the Tribulation Period
9:16 Israel saved and jewels in His crown
Why God chose to do this? Zech 9:11, Gen. 15:18, 17:1-17, Deut. 9:3-6

The Messianic prophecies of Zech 9-14 reveal Christ as Messiah, humble King, loving Shepherd,
mighty Warrior, gracious Savior and righteous Ruler
These prophecies are found within the truth related to God's purposes for His people - Israel

Chapter 10 Re-gathering 10:10
Vs 1 Latter rain - former and latter rain required for plenty and prosperity
(Long dry time in between)
vs 2-3 Spiritual famine set in was due to unshepherding, bad shepherding or no-shepherding.
The shepherds were the ones who crucified the Lord of Glory.
Vs 4 Out of Judah:
Nail Isa 22:22-24
Corner(stone)
Battle-bow (Rev 19)
Vs 5 Victorious over those who sought their destruction
Like Haman, King Herod, Armageddon
Vs 6 Salvation at 2nd coming (As though not cast off)
(Hosea 1:6-11, Isa 50:1, 62:3-4, Eze. 36:28, Zech 13:9, Rom. 9:25-26)
God's plan & purposes fulfilled in spite of Israel's failing
Vs 8-12 Israel's restoration
Vs 10 - I will bring them again...
Vs 11-12 (What is true for believer is applicable for us) Rom. 5:1-5, Isa 43:1-7 applies to us

Chapter 11
Vs 4 Zechariah asked to play the role of a shepherd
Flock of Israel is destined for slaughter vs 4
Because of wicked rulers - wicked shepherds vs 5b

Vs 8 Three shepherds - probably scribes, elders, chief priests (Mt 27:1,20,41,62)

Vs 10 Broke Beauty (Grace, favor) Matt. 21:43

Vs 12-13 Sold for 30 pieces of silver Matt 27:4 (Ex 21:32)

Vs 14 Broke Bands (Vs 10, covenant broken - Isa 50 - cut off)

Matt 26:14-16, 27:3-10, 20,24-26 -- Fire of Zech 11:1 has been burning since they cried, "His blood be upon us and our children."

Cedars of Lebanon - used to build temple (Mighty trees)

Vs 2 mighty fallen, vs 3 Howling of shepherds

Vs 1 "Open the door" - would not open door to let Jesus in, now door is open for destruction. Historians state, "Around 30 A.D., doors of temple opened upon their own accord which Rabbi Johanan quoted, "Now I know that the destruction of the temple is at hand according to Zech. 11:1."

Vs 13 Money given to potter Matt 27:5-7. Zechariah to quit as shepherd and asks for wages (vs 12) - vs 13 He is disgusted with price and throws money at potter in temple.

Note: In quote in the book of Matthew, he united Jeremiah from Jer 18-19, and Zechariah prophecy, but only mentioned Jeremiah. (Jer 19:4, 19:8-9)

Zech 11:15-17 False shepherd - Antichrist (John 5:43)

Chapter 12 Jerusalem

"In that day..." vs 3,4,6,8,9,11,

"Jerusalem" vs 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

Vs 1 Lord Sovereign - Creator

Vs 2-3 Jerusalem will be attacked

(Note "all the people..." in vs 2,3,6,9, 14:2, 14:12, 14:16)

Vs 4 Jesus on white horse of Rev 19 - II The. 2:8

Vs 6 God helps Judah Vs 8 God defends

Vs 9 God destroys all nations

Vs 10 They will "Look" (Isa 45:22, Numb 21:6-8, Jn. 3:14-16,)

Pierced - a prophecy of 1st & 2nd coming

Chapter 13

Vs 1 Fountain opened: to house of David, for sin Eze 36:24-38

Vs 3-6 False prophets exposed

Vs 7 My Shepherd

Vs 8-9 1/3 of Israel is brought through the trib. and then saved

Chapter 14

Vs 1-5 2nd coming of Christ

Vs 6-7 may refer to Matt 24:27

Vs 8-11 Mill reign conditions

Vs 12-15 2nd coming (Man of war)

Vs 16-21 Those left will be saved and enter Mill reign - Matt 24:13

Malachi

Written around 400 B.C. - there had been no prophet for over 90 years.

Malachi was to Nehemiah what Haggai and Zechariah were to Joshua and Zerubbabel.

Malachi introduced a new method of teaching called *dialectics*. It is a way of bringing two opposite thoughts or opinions together and seeking a resolution by asking and answering a question.

Malachi will pose a series of questions that were not asked by the people, but were serious matters of the heart, unexpressed and unresolved.

I) *Appeal - In view of the present sin (1-2)*

II) *Appeal - In view of coming day (3-4)*

God speaks, they reply "Wherein?" 1:2, 1:6, 1:7, 2:17, 3:7, 3:8, 3:13

Their heart condition is very evident.

They serve God with their lips, but their heart is far from him.

I) **Appeal - In view of the present sin (1-2)**

(To Israel – all 12 tribes)

They questioned the love of God for them! 1:1-2

They offered profane sacrifices 1:7-8, 13

Would they offer it to the governor?

Giving reflects your love to God (II Cor 8:8)

They profaned the covenant of marriage 2:11-16

Jehovah appeals to priests 1:1-2:9 2:9 - "I"

Malachi appeals to people 2:10-17 2:10 - "We"

II) **Appeal - In view of coming day (3-4)**

The "Day" will judge the guilty 3:1-6 (God Speaks)

Therefore 3:7-12

The "Day" will bless the godly 3:13-4:3

Therefore 4:4-6

(The "Day" = Millennial reign of Christ)

The Lord will purify in that day. 3:3

Message is to prepare the way of the Lord (vs 1)

Offerings will be acceptable (vs 4)

God will judge sinners (vs 5)

'Return to me' 3:7

Wherein – they believe that there is no problem - (but they robbed God)

They said: 'It is vain to serve Lord' 3:14

Book of remembrance 3:16

Jewels in crown 3:17

Rule & reign with Him 3:18

Blessing 4:2-3

(This is O.T. equivalent to I Cor. 15:58)

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Mal 4:4-6 – Moses and Elijah – the 2 witnesses of Rev. 11

Mal. 4:5 ---- see Matt. 17:12-13, Matt 17:11 (Shall come...) and Rev. 11

Rev. 11 - Moses & Elijah Mal. 4:4-5, Matt 17:3, Lk. 16:29-31,

Lk. 24:27&44, Acts 26:22, 28:23, John 1:45

Law & Prophets = OT (Moses & Elijah)

See Acts 13:39-40 -- Law says "You are sinful. Prophets tell what to do about it.

Rev. 15:1-3!!! Moses related with trib. saints!

Both bodies are a mystery Jude 9

Gen. 3:15 First promise of coming Messiah (Advent)

Mal. 4:6 Last promise of OT of coming Messiah (Revelation)

In Malachi, 2 sins get small start:

Formalism (Pharisees)

Skepticism (Sadducees)

When a Christian sins, not only breaks laws of God, but also His heart:

Doubt God's love 1:1-5

Dishonor God's man 1:6-2:9

Profane God's covenant 2:10-16

Question God's justice 2:17-3:6

Rob God's storehouse 3:7-12

Despising God's service 3:13-4:6

Those who sin, try to justify it with words (Mal. 2:17, Rom. 3:19) - we ought to be quiet and submit to His will.