

## D. The Book of the Twelve

### 1. Hosea

- A. Prologue (1-3): Hosea's Love for an Adulterous Wife  
B. Poems (4-14): Yahweh's Love for Adulterous Israel

### 2. Joel

- A. Present Day of Yahweh (1:1-2:17): Lament, Repent!  
B. Future Day of Yahweh (2:18-3:21): Physical Blessings for Israel, Spiritual Blessings for All Flesh, Judgment on Nations

### 3. Amos

- A. Punishment for Sins of Nations, Judah, Israel (1-2)  
B. Oracles (3-6) and Visions (7-9a) of Judgment on Israel  
A'. Restoration of Israel, Judah, and the Nations (9:11-15)

### 4. Obadiah

Destruction of Edom/Nations; Deliverance of Israel/Judah

### 5. Jonah

- A. "Go to Nineveh!" (1a) B. Pagan Sailors Cry Out (1b)  
C. Jonah Prays: Grateful for Yahweh's Grace to Him (2)  
A'. "Go to Nineveh!" (3a) B'. Pagan Ninevites Cry Out (3b)  
C'. Jonah Prays: Angry over Yahweh Grace to Ninevites (4)

### 6. Micah

Three Cycles (1-2; 3-5; 6-7): "Hear!" → Rebuke for Idolatry/Injustice → Judgment → Hope of God's/Messiah's Kingdom

### 7. Nahum

- A. Hymn (1): Yahweh Comes to Execute Wrath  
B. Judgment (2-3): Destruction of Nineveh/Assyria; "Woe!"

### 8. Habakkuk

- A. Habakkuk's Complaint (1:2-4): Judah is Unjust  
B. God's Response (1:5-11): Babylon will Destroy Judah  
A'. Complaint (1:12-2:1): Babylon is worse than Judah!  
B'. Response (2:2-20): Babylon will be Destroyed; Woe x5  
C. Hymn (3:1-19): Yahweh Comes to Execute Wrath

### 9. Zephaniah

- A. Judgment on Judah and the Nations (1:2-3:8)  
B. Salvation for the Nations and Judah (3:9-20)

### 10. Haggai

- A. Accusation and Response (1): Rebuild the Temple!  
B. Promises (2-3): Nations will Bring Glory into Temple; God will Bless Israel; Nations will be Judged; Messianic Kingdom

### 11. Zechariah

- A. Visions of Israel's Restoration, Nations' Conversion (1-8)  
B. Messiah-Shepherd Comes, is Rejected (9-11)  
C. Israel's Final Restoration; Yahweh's Kingdom (12-14)

### 12. Malachi

- A. Six Disputes: Yahweh's Love for Unfaithful Israel  
B. Promise: Elijah will come, then Yahweh (3:1-5; 4:5-6)  
 → New Testament = John the Baptist + the Lord Jesus

Focus: Israel's Sin/Judgment

Focus: Israel's Relationship with the Nations

Focus: Israel's Restoration

## Themes of the Latter Prophets:

*Judgment, salvation of Israel and the nations*

### 1. Old Testament Historical Period

**A. Israel Sins:** Idolatry, injustice, unfaithfulness to covenant, leadership failure

**B. God Uses Nations to Judge Israel:** Assyria exiles N. Kingdom; Babylon exiles S. Kingdom; other nations (e.g., Edom) mock

### C. Judgment of Nations for their Sins:

- God uses Babylon to destroy Assyria/other nations, then uses Persia to destroy Babylon
- Israel's sin/judgment is a template for sin/judgment of all nations

### 2. Eschatological "Day of Yahweh"

#### A. Restoration of Israel:

- Israel Repents
- Return from Exile
- New Covenant
- New Heart, Holy Spirit
- Kingdom of God
- Messiah in David's Line
- Israel, Judah Reunited
- New Temple
- Centrality and Glory of Jerusalem/Zion
- New Creation; Fruitfulness of Land/Earth
- Fulfillment of Promises to Abraham
- Salvation of Remnant; Judgment Reversed

#### B. Conversion of the Nations

- By repentance and faith in Yahweh, people from all nations will enter into the Abrahamic covenant and Messiah's Kingdom and escape judgment on the Day of Yahweh

#### C. Judgement on Rebellious Nations

- God wields Israel as a weapon of judgment on the nations that gather against Jerusalem

## Messiah in the Latter Prophets:

- Will be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5)
- Will be identified with Yahweh Himself (Isa. 7:14 [Immanuel—"God with us"]; 9:6; 52:13)
- Will be full of Yahweh's Spirit (Isa. 11)
- Will be perfectly righteous (Jer. 23; Isa. 11; 53)
- Will enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech. 9)
- Will be rejected, suffer, die, be buried, and then see the light of life and be exalted (Isa. 53)
- Will rule with Yahweh over an everlasting kingdom with perfect peace, fruitfulness (Isa. 11; Jer. 23; 33; Ezek. 37:25; Amos 9; Mic. 5)
- Will judge the nations (Isa. 11)
- Will bring justice to the poor (Isa. 11)
- Will turn Israel and the nations to Yahweh (Isa. 11; 49:5-6; Mic. 5; Zech. 9)

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt. 3:2//4:17)

