

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOKS

HOSEA

Hosea prophesied from 760-720 B.C. He spoke primarily to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. His message centered around Israel's unfaithfulness to God and the assurance that He would one day be the God of all nations.

JOEL

Joel prophesied from 840-830 B.C. He spoke primarily to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. His purpose was to warn Jerusalem and Judah of judgement and their need to repent. If they did; God would pour out His Spirit.

AMOS

Amos prophesied from 780-740 B.C. Amos spoke to the nation of Israel (during same period as Hosea). Amos spoke of the coming judgement upon Israel (because of their idolatry) and of the future glory of God's people.

OBADIAH

Obadiah prophesied around 586 B.C. His message was one of judgement against Edom.

JONAH

Jonah prophesied from 790-770 B.C. His message was a call for Assyria (Nineveh was the capital) to repent.

MICAH

Micah prophesied from 740-700 B.C. Micah spoke to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. His message spoke of the fall of Israel and God's sending of an eternal King.

NAHUM

Nahum prophesied from 630-610 B.C. Nahum came about 160 years after Jonah. This time, the message was of the coming destruction of Assyria (Nineveh being the capital).

HABAKKUK

Habakkuk prophesied from 606-586 B.C. Habakkuk spoke to Judah. Babylon would destroy Judah and would then itself, be destroyed. God's people, would yet fill the earth and the "just shall live by faith".

ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah prophesied from 639-608 B.C. Zephaniah spoke of the coming destruction of Judah and the surrounding nations. He also spoke of the faithful of God and His care for them.

HAGGAI

Haggai prophesied from 520-516 B.C. Haggai spoke to Judah after they had returned from the Babylonian Captivity. He speaks regarding

the temple being rebuilt and a far greater temple that God would dwell in.

ZECHARIAH

Zechariah prophesied from 520-516 B.C. Zechariah looks back at the lessons to be learned from Judah's history, of the rebuilding of the temple and the coming greatness of the Kingdom of the Messiah that God would send.

MALACHI

Malachi spoke from 450-400 B.C. His message to God's people was a message of warning. They were not to be lax in their worship of God. He then closes by looking forward to the Day of the Lord.