

A SURVEY OF THE PROPHETS

Lesson 1 - Introduction

The purpose of this survey is to examine a somewhat "dustier" part of the Bible's library of books. While religious people in general are somewhat familiar with the historical books in the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, etc.), many people have limited or no familiarity with some of the prophetic works in the OT.

This series is designed to encourage the student to use various aids to answer the questions in each lesson. These include:

- www.biblequestions.org (see "P" for "Prophets, Major & Minor")
- Bible commentaries (some are available at www.biblestudytools.com)

- A. What is a "prophet" and what is his job?
- B. List what are commonly called the "major" prophets.
- C. List what are commonly called the "minor" prophets.
- D. What is the difference between a "major" and a "minor" prophet?
- E. Prepare a timeline that lists the approximate dates (B.C.) for the following people or events.
 - a. Moses, Saul, David, Solomon, Jesus
 - b. Any two of the judges from the Book of Judges
 - b. The time period for the "United Kingdom", the fall of the Northern Kingdom to the Assyrians, the fall of the Southern Kingdom to the Babylonians
 - c. Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah
- F. Add the Major and Minor prophets to your timeline.
- G. Of what value is a study of the Major and Minor prophets for Christians today?