

Minor Prophets Test

True or False

- ___ 1. The Book of Jonah is *not* primarily evangelistic in nature.
- ___ 2. Unlike his contemporaries, Amos and Hosea, Micah directed his oracles toward the people of Judah.
- ___ 3. Both Joel and Obadiah were most likely written in the middle of the 800's B.C.
- ___ 4. Zephaniah was a contemporary of Malachi.
- ___ 5. Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai.

Matching – Key words

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| a. Hosea | e. Jonah | i. Zephaniah |
| b. Joel | f. Micah | j. Haggai |
| c. Amos | g. Nahum | k. Zechariah |
| d. Obadiah | h. Habakkuk | l. Malachi |

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| ___ 1. Messenger of the Covenant | ___ 7. Wrathful |
| ___ 2. Submission | ___ 8. Hopeful |
| ___ 3. Prostitute | ___ 9. Apocalyptic |
| ___ 4. Day of the Lord | ___ 10. Locust (boy) |
| ___ 5. 2 questions and a prayer | ___ 11. Nineveh |
| ___ 6. Edom | ___ 12. Temple |

Multiple Choice

- 1. The prophet, Malachi:
 - a. prophesied about the impending doom of the Northern Kingdom in 721 BC
 - b. is almost entirely autobiographical
 - c. encouraged God's people to renew their allegiance to the covenant
 - d. prophesied shortly before the fall of Jerusalem

2. The prophet, Nahum:
 - a. forms a sequel to Jonah
 - b. contains some of the most beautiful poetry in the Old Testament
 - c. predicts the destruction of Nineveh
 - d. all of the above

3. The prophet, Obadiah:
 - a. is only 2 chapters long
 - b. proclaims God's judgment against the Edomites for their joy over the fall of Jerusalem
 - c. was a contemporary of Amos
 - d. is primarily concerned with "the Day of the Lord"

4. The prophet, Haggai:
 - a. is 14 chapters long
 - b. was either a very early or a very late minor prophet
 - c. is very easy to apply to our own decisions about spiritual priorities
 - d. contains more messianic prophecies than any other minor prophet

5. The prophet, Amos:
 - a. was a contemporary of Isaiah
 - b. prophesied to Judah
 - c. ministered around 430 BC
 - d. was first a shepherd

6. The prophet, Jonah:
 - a. contains a prayer of humble repentance "from the depths"
 - b. was intended to encourage God's people to seek the salvation of all kinds of people (including pagan fisherman and Ninevites)
 - c. was intended to encourage God's people to fear and obey the One controls all things
 - d. both a and b
 - e. both a and c

7. The prophet, Joel contains this well-known verse, quoted in the book of Romans:
 - a. "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath."
 - b. "For whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
 - c. "And what does the Lord your God require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"
 - d. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout! O daughter of Jerusalem!"

8. The prophet, Hosea:
 - a. was told in a vision to eat a little scroll
 - b. likened the idolatry of the people of Judah to drunkenness
 - c. likened the idolatry of the Northern Kingdom to adultery
 - d. was a contemporary of Jeremiah

Extra Credit

1. Which famous early church father taught that the book of Jonah was best seen as an prophetic allegory (parable or fable) about the Babylonian exile of the Jews?

2. Is this a legitimate interpretation of the book of Jonah?

3. Why or why not?

4. Malachi 3 begins like this:

“See, I will send my messenger (1), who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger (2) of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

This verse speaks of two messengers which have been labeled 1 and 2 for clarity. Malachi is prophesying about two different New Testament messengers. Who are they?

1. _____

2. _____

5. List the minor prophets in chronological order. The order of some of them is debatable. You will get credit so long as you do not invert the order of those prophets whose dates are certain, i.e. there is more than one correct way to list them.

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