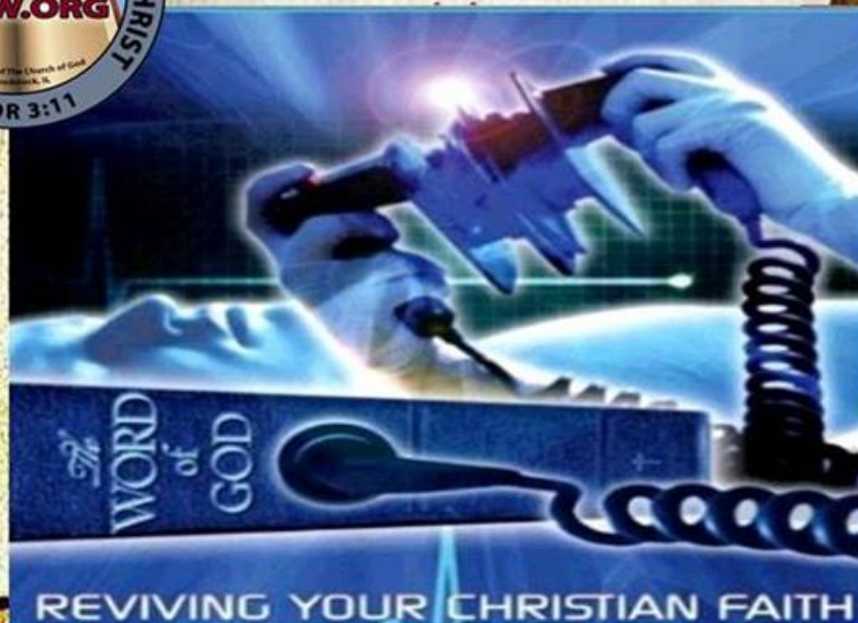
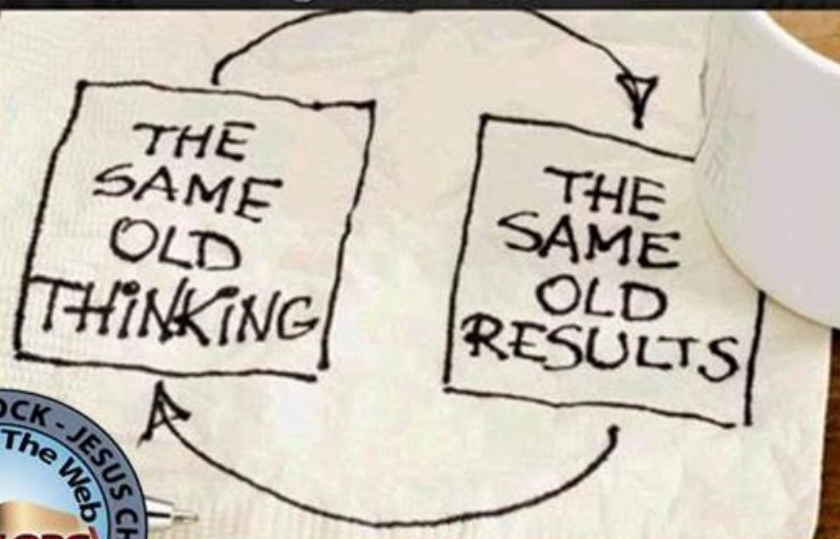


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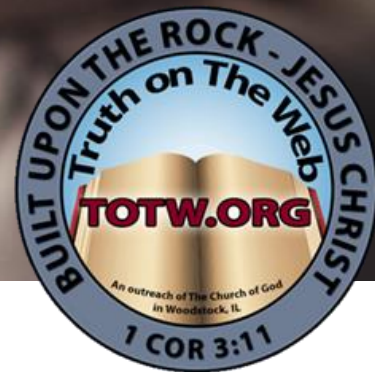
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Understanding the Bible: **The Minor Prophets**

part 2



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Amos — ca 760 BC

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Jonah — ca 780 BC

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Nahum — ca 663-612 BC

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ca 760 BC

Shepherd of Justice

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Amos 5:14-15 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **15** Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:18-20 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. **19** 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. **20** *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

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Amos 1:1-2 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. **2** And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

Amos 1:3-15 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: **4** But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad. **5** I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD. **6** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom: **7** But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: **8** And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD. **9** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: **10** But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof. **11** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: **12** But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. **13** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: **14** But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: **15** And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

Amos 2:1-5 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime: **2** But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet: **3** And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD. **4** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: **5** But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Amos 2:6-16 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; **7** That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* maid, to profane My holy name: **8** And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god. **9** Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. **10** Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. **11** And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. **12** But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. **13** Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is full of sheaves*. **14** Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: **15** Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. **16** And *he that is* courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

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Amos 3:1-15 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, **2** You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. **3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed? **4** Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? **5** Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? **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*? **7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. **8** The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? **9** Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. **10** For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. **11** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary *there shall be even round about the land*; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. **12** Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *in* a couch. **13** Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, **14** That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar *shall be cut off, and fall to the ground*. **15** And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

Amos 4:1-13 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. **2** The Lord GOD hath sworn by His holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. **3** And ye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD. **4** Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and your tithes after three years:* **5** And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.* **6** And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. **7** And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. **8** So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the LORD. **9** I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the LORD. **10** I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the LORD. **11** I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the LORD. **12** Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. **13** For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* His name.

Amos 5:1-15 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel. **2** The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up. **3** For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel. **4** For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye Me, and ye shall live: **5** But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. **6** Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Bethel. **7** Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, **8** *Seek Him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* His name: **9** That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. **10** They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. **11** Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. **12** For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*. **13** Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it *is* an evil time. **14** Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **15** Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:16-27 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing. **17** And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD. **18** 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. **19** 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. **20** *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? **21** *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. 25 Have ye offered unto Me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.*

Amos 6:1-14 Woe to them *that are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! **2** Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? **3** Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; **4** That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; **5** That chant to the sound of the viol, *and* invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; **6** That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. **7** Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. **8** The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. **9** And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. **10** And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. **11** For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and He will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts. **12** Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock: **13** Ye which rejoyce in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? **14** But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

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Amos 7:1-17 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings. **2** And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small. **3** The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD. **4** Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. **5** Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small. **6** The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD. **7** Thus He shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in His hand. **8** And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of My people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: **9** And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. **10** Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. **11** For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. **12** Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: **13** But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it *is* the king's chapel, and it *is* the king's court. **14** Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: **15** And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto My people Israel. **16** Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac. **17** Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

Amos 8:1-14 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. **2** And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon My people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. **3** And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.* **4** Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, **5** Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? **6** That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?* **7** The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. **8** Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by the flood of Egypt.* **9** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: **10** And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. **11** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: **12** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. **13** In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. **14** They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Amos 9:1-10 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and He said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. **2** Though they dig into hell, thence shall Mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: **3** And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: **4** And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. **5** And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* He that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt. **6** *It is* He that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded His troop in the earth; He that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* His name. **7** *Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto Me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?* **8** *Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.* **9** *For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.* **10** *All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.*

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Obadiah 1:1-14 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. **2** Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. **3** The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? **4** Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD. **5** If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes? **6** How are *the things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up! **7** All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee; *they that eat* thy bread have laid a wound under thee: *there is* none understanding in him. **8** Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? **9** And thy mighty *men*, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. **10** For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. **11** 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. **12** But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. **13** Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity; **14** Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

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1:17-21 Restoration Of Israel

Obadiah 1:15-21 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. **16** For as ye have drunk upon My holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. **17** But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. **18** And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*. **19** And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead. **20** And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. **21** And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Jonah

ca 780 BC

Word To Nineveh

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Jonah 1:1-17 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, **2** Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. **3** But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. **4** But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. **5** Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. **6** So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. **7** And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. **8** Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou? **9** And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*. **10** Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. **11** Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. **12** And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you. **13** Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. **14** Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. **15** So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. **16** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows. **17** Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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Jonah 2:1-10 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, **2** And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* Thou heardest my voice. **3** For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. **4** Then I said, I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple. **5** The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. **6** I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast Thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. **7** When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple. **8** They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. **9** But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD. **10** And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

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Jonah 3:1-10 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, **2** Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. **3** So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. **4** And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. **5** So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. **6** For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **7** And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: **8** But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands. **9** Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? **10** And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did *it* not.

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Jonah 4:1-11 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. **2** And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray Thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that Thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest Thee of the evil. **3** Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live. **4** Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? **5** So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. **6** And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. **7** But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. **8** And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live. **9** And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death. **10** Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: **11** And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

The Minor Prophets

Hosea — ca 758-722 BC

Joel — ca 790-760 BC? ca 590 BC?

Amos — ca 760 BC

Obadiah — ca 586 BC

Jonah — ca 780 BC

Micah — ca 725-701 BC

Nahum — ca 663-612 BC

Habakkuk — ca 612-599 BC

Zephaniah — ca 630 BC

Haggai — ca 520 BC

Zechariah — ca 520 BC

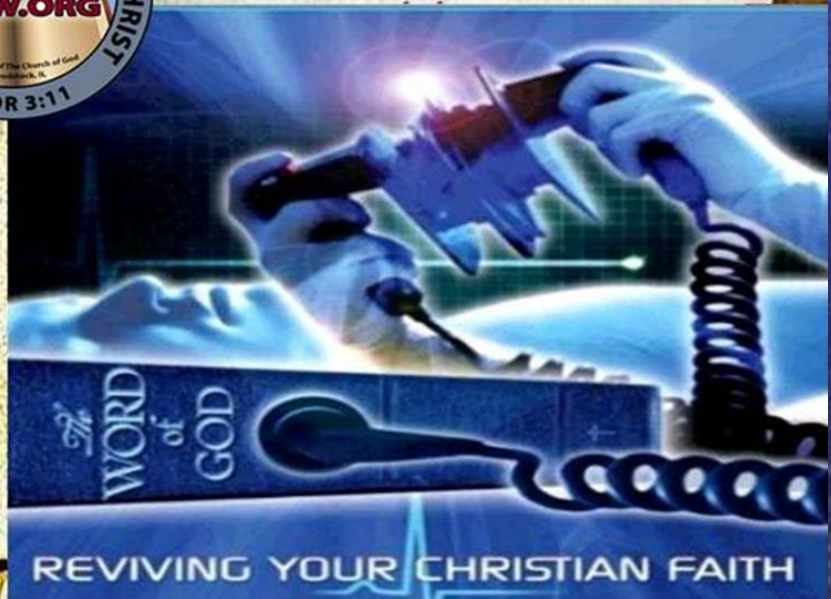
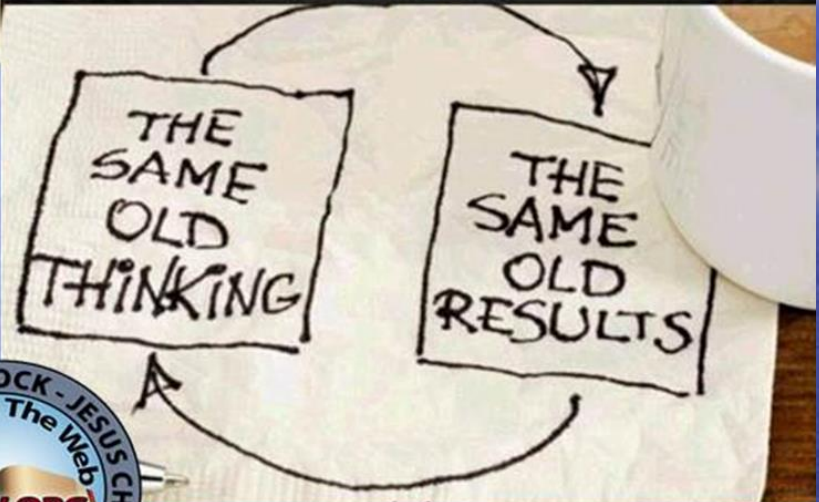
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