Studying through the Minor Prophets

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Introduction

INTRODUCTION.

A. The Hebrew writer wrote, “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,” (Hebrews 1:1, NKJV) Some of the various ways were:

1. Dreams. (Genesis 37)
2. Visions. (Daniel 7)
3. Audible voice. (I Samuel 3)
4. Inner voice. (Hosea 1; Joel 1, etc.)
5. Previously written word. (Daniel 9)
6. Angel. (Genesis 19)
8. Miracle. (Judges 6:37)

B. Throughout the history of man, God has used different types of instructors.

1. Moses - lawgiver (Nehemiah 8:1,14; 9:13-14; John 1:17, 7:19)
3. Priests - law - two fold duty: “first, to declare, interpret, and teach the law; second, to tend the sacrificial duties”. (A Commentary on the Minor Prophets, Homer Hailey, pg 14-15) (Leviticus 10:8-11; Hosea 4:6; Ezekiel 22:26; Malachi 2:7)
4. Prophets - word - proclaimed the word of God to Israel.
5. Psalmists - poets - “Some reflect, others express, many foretell; but all see to glorify God.” (Ibid. pg 15)

I. WHO AND WHAT WERE PROPHETS?

A. Defining the word prophet.

1. nabi {naw-bee`} - “spokesman, speaker, prophet” (Judges 6:8; I Samuel 3:20)
2. Nabiy is translated as prophet 312 times, prophecy 1 time, them that
prophesy 1 time, prophet + 376 (man) 1 time, variant 1 time for a total of 316 times.

3. A prophet was a spoke person for God, speaking what God had told him to speak.

4. “A prophet of God is one who speaks the Word of God and whose message is confirmed by a work of God (i.e. by a miracle).” (A Popular Survey of the Old Testament, Norman L. Geisler, pg 229)

B. The scriptures also define the word prophet by how the word is used.

1. Aaron was called Moses’ prophet. (Exodus 7:1)

2. God said Aaron would be Moses’ “spokesman . . . a mouth.” (Exodus 4:16)

3. Therefore, Aaron was a prophet, a spokesman, a mouth.

4. God said that He would raise up a prophet and put His words in the prophet’s mouth. (Deuteronomy 18:9-22)

5. Prophets such as Jeremiah had something to say and had to say it. (Jeremiah 20:9)

C. There were oral prophets.

1. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Genesis 20:7,17; Psalms 105:7-15)

2. Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18; 34:10; Hosea 12:13)

3. Miriam (Exodus 15:20)

4. Deborah (Judges 4:4)

5. Unnamed prophet (Judges 6:8)

6. Group of prophets (1 Samuel 10:5-13)

7. Samuel was a judge and a prophet. (Cf. Acts 3:24)

8. There were false prophets.

   a. There were ways to test a prophet.

      (1) Did any of their predictions NOT come true? (Deuteronomy 18:21, 22)

      (2) Did they turn people away from God? (Deuteronomy 13:1-3)

      (3) Did they use instruments of divination? (Deuteronomy
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18:10,11)

b. Micah 3:5, 11

D. There were literary prophets.

1. Prophets of the ninth century.
   a. Obadiah - 845 B.C. - There is a much debate over this dating. The events addressed could refer to almost any time period. There are two dates suggested:
      (1) 845 B.C. - time of Jehoram, king of Judah
      (2) 586 B.C. - time period of the fall of Jerusalem
      (3) Because of a quotation found in Jeremiah, it would seem that the earlier date is the best choice.
   b. Joel - 830 B.C. - Various scholars place Joel from 830 BC to 350 BC. For this study, we will take the earlier date.
   c. Jonah - 790-750 B.C. - Jonah appears in the early part of the eighth century, but is placed in the ninth century group because he prophesied before the rise of the Assyrian Empire under Tiglath-pileser.

2. Eighth Century - Assyrian Period
   a. Amos, 755 B.C.
   b. Hosea, 750-725 B.C.
   c. Isaiah, 740-700 B.C.
   d. Micah, 735-700 B.C.

3. Seventh Century - Chaldean Period
   a. Nahum, 650 B.C.
   b. Zephaniah, 640 B.C.
   c. Jeremiah, 627-580 B.C.
   d. Habakkuk, 609 B.C.

4. Sixth Century - the Exile
   a. Ezekiel, 593-570 B.C.
   b. Daniel, 605-536 B.C.
5. Sixth and Fifth Century - Post Exile Period
   a. Haggai, 520 B.C.
   b. Zechariah, 520-518 B.C.
   c. Malachi, 440 B.C.

II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PROPHETS AND KINGS.

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Questions from Obadiah

1. To whom were the warnings in this book specifically directed?

2. What had deceived the Edomites?

3. Using verses 5 and 6, explain the extent of Edom’s destruction.

4. According to verse 7, what would happen to Edom?

5. What had Edom done when Jerusalem was attacked by her enemies?

6. What had Edom done to Israel in “the day of their calamity”?

7. What would be found on Mount Zion?

8. What would the house of Jacob and the house of Joseph do to the house of Esau?

9. Who would possess the mountains of Esau?

10. Who would possess Gilead?
Questions from Joel

Chapter 1

1. Who was the son of Pethuel? ________________________________________________

2. List the three stages of the devastation of Israel’s crops. __________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. Why did Joel tell Israel to “(l)ament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of
   her youth.” _________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

4. What did Joel say would come “as destruction from the Almighty?” _____________
   __________________________________________________________________________

5. In addition to the locusts, what other elements of devastation did Israel suffer? ________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 2

1. What was Joel describing when he wrote, “A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds
   and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains”? (2:2, NKJV)_______
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. The Lord told Israel to turn to Him with______________________________.
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. What did the Lord tell Israel to rend (tear)? ____________________________________
4. “... for He is __________ and __________, slow to ________, and of great __________; ...”

5. Joel told Israel that if they would repent, then the Lord would bless them. Their vats would overflow with _________________________________.

6. According to the prophecy of Joel, who would be saved in that day when the Lord would pour out His Spirit upon all the flesh? ________________________________

Chapter 3

1. The Lord said that He would gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of ____________________.

2. “Because ye have taken my _______ and my ________, and have carried into your _______ my goodly pleasant things:” (KJV)

3. “Proclaim ye this among the ____________; Prepare ______, wake up the mighty _______, let all the ______ of ______ draw near; let them come up;” (KJV)

4. “Let the _________ be _________________ and come up to the valley of _________________: for there will I sit to _______ all the heathen round about.” (KJV)

5. “The LORD also shall roar out of ________________, and utter his ___________ from ________________; and the heavens and the ______ shall shake: but the _______ will be the hope of his ___________, and the strength of the _______________ of __________.” (KJV)

6. “But _____________ shall dwell ___________________, and _________________ from _________________ to ________________.” (KJV)
Questions from Jonah

Chapters 1-2

1. Who was the son of Amittai? ________________________________________________

2. To what city did Jonah try to flee? __________________________________________

3. Who said to Jonah, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish”? ________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

4. Who did Jonah say that he feared? __________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

5. What did Jonah suggest the men of the ship do to calm the storm? ________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

6. “The _______________ compassed me about, even to the _______: the depth _______________ me round about, the ______________ were ______________ about my head.’ (KJV)

7. “I went __________ to the bottoms of the ________________; the __________ with her __________ was about me for ever: yet hast thou ______________ up my life from corruption, O LORD my ________.” (KJV)

8. In this study, to what type of animal did the Lord speak? __________________________

Chapters 3-4

1. To what city did the Lord tell Jonah to go and preach? __________________________

2. How great or big was the city? ______________________________________________

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3. What did Jonah cry out on his first day’s walk in this city? _________________________

4. How did the people respond to the Lord’s message, delivered by Jonah? __________

5. With what did the king of Nineveh cover himself? ________________________________

6. What did the Lord do when He saw Nineveh’s response? _________________________

7. “Therefore now, O LORD, __________, I beseech thee, my _______ from me; for it is
   __________ for me to _____ than to _______. Then said the __________ , Doest
   thou well to be _____________? (KJV)

8. Why did God prepare the plant (gourd)? ________________________________

9. What did the worm do? ____________________________________________

10. How many people lived in Nineveh? _______________________________________

11. “Then said the ____________, Thou hast had _______ on the gourd, for the
   ___________ thou hast not _____________, neither madest it __________; which came
   up in a ____________, and perished in a _____________:” (KJV)

12. “And it came to pass, when the ______ did arise, that ______ prepared a
   _____________ east ________; and the _______ beat upon the ________ of
   Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to _______, and said, It is ___________ for
   me to ______ than to __________.” (KJV)
Questions from Amos

Chapters 1-3
1. Who was the king of Judah during the days of Amos? ________________________

2. List the eight cities or nations upon which the Lord promised judgment.
   a. _______________  b. _______________
   c. _______________  d. _______________
   e. _______________  f. _______________
   g. _______________  h. _______________

3. “But I will send a fire upon __________, and it shall devour the ___________ of
   ___________: and ___________ shall die with __________, with ___________, and with the sound of the ____________:” (KJV)

4. For what did Israel sell the poor? _____________________________________________

5. To whom did the Lord reveal His secret? _______________________________________

6. “And I will smite the ___________ ___________ with the ___________ ___________; and
   the houses of ___________ shall ___________, and the ___________ ___________
   shall have an ___________, saith the LORD.” (KJV)

Chapters 4-6
1. Explain the Lord’s statement in Amos 4:6. _______________________________________
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

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2. “I have smitten you with blasting and ___________: when your ___________ and your ___________ and your ___________ and your ___________ increased, the palmerworm ___________ them: yet have ye not ___________ unto me, saith the ________.” (KJV)

3. What was the Lord telling Israel to do in Amos 5:4-7? ____________________________

4. Explain the Lord’s statement in Amos 5:10-13. ____________________________

5. Where did the Lord say there would be wailings? ____________________________

6. List two comparisons used by the Lord to show what would happen to those who desired the “day of the Lord.”

   a. ____________________________

   b. ____________________________

Chapters 7-9
1. List the five visions seen by Amos.

   a. ____________________________

   b. ____________________________

   c. ____________________________
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2. Who was specifically mentioned as objecting to Amos’ preaching? ________________________

3. “__________, the days come, saith the ________ GOD, that I will ________ a ________ in the ________, not a ________ of ________, nor a ________ for ________, but of hearing the ________ of the ________: And they shall ________ from ________ to ________, and from the ________ even to the ________, they shall run to and fro to seek the ________ of the ________, and shall not ________ ________.” (KJV)

4. What did the Lord say that He would raise up “on that day”? ________________________

5. Who would overtake the reaper? ________________________
Questions from Hosea

Chapters 1-3
1. Who were the kings of Judah when the word of the Lord came to Hosea? ____________
   
   __________________________________________________________________________
   
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. What was the name of Hosea’s wife? ________________________________

3. Give the name of Hosea’s three children? ________________________________
   
   __________________________________________________________________________

4. According to Hosea 2:12-13, what happened when Israel “went after her lovers”? ______
   
   __________________________________________________________________________

5. “And in that ______ will I make a __________________ for them with the ______ of the ________, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the ____________ things of the ________: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to ______ ______ _______.” (KJV)

6. Explain God’s message to Israel that was illustrated in Hosea’s taking Gomer back, the “woman who is loved by a lover.” ________________________________
   
   __________________________________________________________________________

Chapters 4-6
1. In chapter 4, what was the charge brought by the Lord against “the inhabitants of the land?”
2. “My people are___________ for lack of___________: because thou hast rejected ____________, I will also ____________ thee, that thou shalt be no ____________ to me: seeing thou hast ____________ the _______ of thy God, I will also forget thy ____________.” (KJV)

3. Into what w ould the Lord change the glory of Israel? __________________________

4. What enslaved the heart of Israel? ________________________________

5. Who would be “desolate in the day of rebuke”? __________________________

6. “When ____________ saw his sickness, and ________ saw his wound, then went ____________ to the Assyrian, and sent to king ____________: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.” (KJV)

7. What was wrong with Israel’s acts of repentance as seen in Hosea 6:1-3? __________

8. According to chapter six, what does the Lord desire? __________________________

Chapters 7-9
1. What kind of king did Israel make for herself? __________________________
2. “____________, he hath mixed himself among the people; __________ is a _______ not turned.” (KJV)

3. Read Hosea 7:13-16. Give a list of what Israel was guilty of doing. 

4. According to Hosea 8, what had Israel sown and reaped?

5. What had the Lord written which Israel had considered as strange?

6. “For Israel has forgotten his _____________________________ ...”

7. Why would the Lord cast away Israel?

8. After being cast away, what would Israel become?

Chapters 10-14

1. How many times does Hosea refer to “king Jareb” in this book?

2. If Israel had sown righteousness, what would they have reaped?

3. “Ye have plowed ____________, ye have reaped ____________; ye have eaten the _______ of _______; because thou didst trust in thy way, in the ________________ of thy _________ ________.” (KJV)
4. “They shall _______ after the _______: he shall roar like a _______: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. They shall tremble as a _______ out of _________, and as a _______ out of the land of _________: and I will place them in their _________, saith the _______.” (KJV)

5. Explain Hosea 13:1-3. __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

6. When the Lord said, “I gave you a king in my anger,” to which king was He referring? __________________________________________________________

7. “_______ shall say, What have I to do any more with _________? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a _________ fir ________. From me is thy fruit found.” (KJV)

8. “Who is ________, and he shall understand _________ _________? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ______ of the ________ are _________, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.” (KJV)
Questions from Micah

Chapter 1

1. What came to Micah?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Who were the kings of Judah during the days of Micah?

________________________________________________________________________

3. Upon what would the Lord tread?

________________________________________________________________________

4. “What is the transgression of Jacob?”

________________________________________________________________________

5. Of what city did the Lord say He would “pour down her stones in the valley?”

________________________________________________________________________

6. In what was Micah to roll himself?

________________________________________________________________________

7. When Micah went wailing like the jackals, what was he to wear?

________________________________________________________________________

8. What city mourns?

________________________________________________________________________

9. What pined or waited carefully for good?

________________________________________________________________________
Chapter 2
1. What did the wicked covet and take by violence? ____________________________

________________________________________________________________________

2. What had the wicked said to those who prophecy? __________________________

________________________________________________________________________

3. The Lord’s people had risen up like a what? ______________________________

________________________________________________________________________

4. Who had the wicked cast out of their homes? ______________________________

________________________________________________________________________

5. To what type of prophet would the wicked listen? __________________________

________________________________________________________________________

6. Who would the Lord assemble and gather? _________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 3
1. Why would the Lord hide His face from the wicked? _________________________

________________________________________________________________________
2. Who did the Lord say had made His people to err or stray?

________________________________________________________________________

3. What did the Lord say would go down over or on the false prophets?

________________________________________________________________________

4. Micah said that he was full of ______________________ by the Spirit of the Lord.

5. Who had abhorred justice or judgment?

________________________________________________________________________

6. With what had the leaders of Israel and Judah built up Zion?

________________________________________________________________________

7. Because of the wicked leaders, what would happen to Zion?

________________________________________________________________________

8. Because of the wicked leaders, what would happen to Jerusalem?

________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 4

1. When would the “mountain of the Lord’s house . . . be established on the top of the mountains?”

________________________________________________________________________

2. Who would say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, . . .”? _________

________________________________________________________________________
3. Into what would the people beat their swords? ______________________________________

4. Into what would the people beat their spears? ______________________________________

5. “In that day,” what would the Lord make the outcast (“her that was cast far off” KJV) _____

6. Where did the Lord say Judah (“daughter of Zion”) would go? __________________________

7. The Lord told the “daughter of Zion” to arise and do what? ____________________________

Chapter 5
1. Who would come out of Bethlehem Ephrathah? ______________________________________

2. When would the “remnant of His brethren” return to the children of Israel? ____________

3. What would happen to the land of Assyria? ________________________________

4. What would the Lord do to Judah’s strong holds? ________________________________
5. What would the Lord cut off from their hands?

________________________________________________________________________

6. What would the Lord do “in anger and fury”?

________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 6

1. With whom did the Lord have a complaint (controversy, KJV)?

________________________________________________________________________

2. According to verse 4, what had the Lord done for Israel?

________________________________________________________________________

3. What did the Lord specifically require of His people?

________________________________________________________________________

4. To where did the Lord’s voice cry?

________________________________________________________________________

5. How would the Lord make His people sick?

________________________________________________________________________

6. What statues did the Lord say Israel had kept?

________________________________________________________________________
Chapter 7

1. “______ _____ ! For I am like those who gather __________ ________, like those who glean vintage grapes; there is no _______ to _____ of the first-ripe fruit which my soul desires.” (NKJV)

2. Who had “perished” from the earth? __________________________________________________________

3. The “most upright” is sharper than a what? ______________________________________________________

4. Who did the Lord say would be a man’s enemies? ______________________________________________________

5. Who would shame cover? __________________________________________________________

6. “Who is a _______ like unto thee, that pardoneth ____________, and passeth by the __________ of the _______ of his _________? he retaineth not his _______ for ever, because he delighteth in ______.” (KJV)
Questions from Nahum

Chapter 1
1. Against whom was the book of Nahum written? _________________________________
2. Upon whom will the Lord take vengeance? _________________________________
3. The Lord will "not at all ___________________ the wicked."
4. What happens when the Lord rebukes the sea? _________________________________
   ________________ ____________ ______________________________________
5. "The Lord is ________, a stronghold in the _____ of ___________; and He knows those who
   _______ in _____." (NKJV)
6. "The ______________ ________ before Him, the _______ ________, and the ________
   heaves at His presence, yes, the _______ and all who _______ in it." (NKJV)
7. What happens to the flower of Lebanon? _________________________________
   ________________________________________________

Chapter 2
1. What color were the shields of the mighty men? _________________________________
2. What color were the valiant men wearing? _________________________________
3. The chariots would come with what? _________________________________
   ________________________________________________
4. What would rage in the streets? _________________________________
5. What would be dissolved? _________________________________
6. “‘_______, I am against you,’ says the _____ of _____, ‘I will ______ your _______ in ______, and the ______ shall ______ your young lions; I will cut off your _____ from the ______, and the voice of your ______________ shall be ______ no more.” (NKJV)

Chapter 3

1. With what was the "bloody city" filled? __________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. What would the Lord "cast" upon the city of Nineveh? __________________________

3. “It shall come to _____ that all who _____ upon you will _____ from you, and say, ‘_______ is laid _______! Who will _______ her?’ Where shall I _____ _________________ for you?” (NKJV)

4. Who was listed as the strength of No Amon? ______________________________________

5. Who was listed as the helpers of No Amon? _______________________________________

6. “All your ______________ are _____ trees with ripened _____: If they are ________, they fall into the ______ of the ______.” (NKJV)

7. Why was Nineveh told to draw water? __________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

8. What had Nineveh multiplied more than the stars of the heaven? _________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

9. Who was scattered on the mountains? __________________________________________
Questions from Zephaniah

Chapter 1

1. Who was the king of Judah during the days of Zephaniah? _________________________

2. What did the Lord say that He would consume? ______________________________________
   ______________________________________
   ______________________________________

3. The Lord said that He would "cut off every trace of ________ from his place." (NKJV)

4. The Lord said that He would punish "the ___________ and the ___________
   ___________, and all such as are ____________ with foreign ____________." (NKJV)

5. The Lord said that he would also punish "all those who ________ over the
   _____________, who fill their ____________ __________ with violence and
   _________." (NKJV)

6. Zephaniah described the "day of the Lord" as a "day of wrath." He also described it as:
   a. A day of __________________ and _____________________.
   b. A day of __________________ and _____________________.
   c. A day of __________________ and _____________________.
   d. A day of __________________ and _____________________.
   e. A day of __________________ and _____________________ against the fortified
      cities and high towers.
Chapter 2
1. Who did Zephaniah tell to seek the Lord? 

2. Who did Zephaniah say would be forsaken? 

3. What would happen to Ekron? 

4. To whom did the Lord say, "I will destroy you; so there shall be no inhabitant"? 

5. Who would lie down at evening in the houses of Ashkelon? 

6. Who did the Lord say had reproached His people? 

7. Who did the Lord say would be like Sodom? 

8. To whom did the Lord say, "You shall be slain by my sword"? 

Chapter 3
1. Who did Zephaniah call "roaring lions"? 

2. Who did Zephaniah call "evening wolves"? 

3. Who had done "violence to the law"? 

4. What would be devoured with the fire of the Lord's jealousy?
5. What would the Lord restore to the "peoples"?

6. Who would do "no unrighteousness" or iniquity?

7. Who did Zephaniah tell to sing?

8. What did Zephaniah tell the "daughter of Jerusalem" to do?

9. To whom would it be said, "Do not fear"?

10. "The _______ your ______ in your midst, the Mighty One, will _______; He will _______ over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His _______, He will _______ over you with _________." (NKJV)
Questions from Habakkuk

Chapter 1
1. Describe what Habakkuk saw in verses 3-4. _____________________________________________
2. Who did the Lord say He was raising up? ________________________________________________
3. Why was this nation marching “through the breadth of the earth”? _________________________
4. “Their horses also are sifter than _________________________________.” (NKJV)
5. After having acknowledged that the Lord could not look on wickedness, what did Habakkuk ask the Lord? _____________________________________________________________

Chapter 2
1. Upon what did the Lord tell Habakkuk to write “the vision”? ______________________________
2. Why did the Lord want Habakkuk to write down “the vision”? ____________________________
3. Who did the Lord say would live by faith? ______________________________________________
4. The Lord said the proud man “__________________ his desires as ________________.”
5. “Woe to him who __________ evil gain for his house, That he may set his ______ on ________, That he may be delivered from the ________ of disaster!” (NKJV)
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Habakkuk

6. “Woe to him who __________ a ______ with bloodshed, Who establishes a ______ by _______________!” (NKJV)

7. “Woe to him who gives _______ to his ____________, Pressing him to your ________, Even to make him ________, That you may look on his _______________!” (NKJV)

8. Woe to him who says, “_________________” to wood.

9. Woe to him who says to the silent (dumb, KJV) stone, “_________________________ _____________________________."

10. “But the Lord is in His _______ ____________. Let all the _______ keep __________ before Him.” (NKJV)

Chapter 3

1. When Habakkuk heard the Lord’s “speech,” he was __________________.  

2. From where did Habakkuk say the “Holy One” had come? __________________

3. What happened to the everlasting mountains? ____________________________

4. What did the “deep” do? ____________________________

5. Habakkuk said the Lord “went forth for the ______________ of Your people.”

6. What happened to Habakkuk when he heard the Lord approaching in the vision? _______

7. “The Lord God is my ______________; He will make my _______ like deer’s _______,  
And He will make me _______ on my _______ hills. . .” (NKJV)
Questions from Haggai

Chapter 1
1. When did the word of the Lord come to Zerubbabel by Haggai? ____________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

2. What had the people not built? ________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

3. What consequences were the people suffering for having put their needs above their worship
to the Lord? __________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

4. Who was Joshua’s father? ____________________________________________________

5. What did the people fear? ____________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

6. Whose spirit did the Lord stir up? _____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 2
1. What was initially wrong with the rebuilt temple? ______________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

2. What did the Lord say remained with the people? ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
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Haggai

3. With what would the Lord fill the temple? ______________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

4. With what had the Lord struck (smote) the people? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

5. Now that the foundation of the temple had been laid, what would the Lord do for the people?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

6. Who would the Lord make as a signet (signet ring)? ____________________________


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Zechariah

Questions from Zechariah

Chapter 1
1. When did the word of the Lord first come to Zechariah the son of Berechiah? __________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. Who did the Lord tell the Israelites not to be like? _________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. What took hold of (overtake) their fathers? ______________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

4. How long did Zechariah say that the Lord had been angry with Jerusalem and the cities
   of Judah? __________________________________________________________________

5. Who said, “I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal” (NKJV)? ________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6. In the vision of the horns, how many horns did Zechariah see? _________________

7. In the vision of the horns, what did the Lord say the four craftsmen (carpenters) were
   coming to do? ______________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Chapter 2
1. To where was the man with the measuring line going? _____________________________

2. What city would be inhabited as “towns without walls”? __________________________

3. “He sent Me after __________, to the ______________ which plunder you; for he who
   ______________ you touches the __________ of His ______.”

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4. Who did the Lord tell to sing and rejoice? ______________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

5. Who did Zechariah say would be “joined to the Lord in that day”? ______________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6. “Be __________, all ________, before the ________, for He is aroused from His
   _______ ________________!”

Chapter 3

1. How was Joshua, the high priest, clothed when Zechariah saw him standing before the Angel
   of the Lord? __________________________________________________________________

2. “Thus says the Lord of hosts:
   a. ‘If you will ______________ in My ________________,
   b. And if you will ______________ My ________________,
   c. Then you shall also ______________ My ________________,
   d. And likewise have charge of My ________________;
   e. I will give you ______________ to ________ among these who ________ here.” (NKJV)

3. The Lord said to Joshua, “I am bringing forth My Servant the ________________.”

4. “‘And I will remove the ________________ of that land in one ______. In that day,’ says
   the Lord of hosts, ‘Everyone will invite his ________________ under his ______ and under
   his ______ ________.’” (NKJV)
Chapter 4
1. Describe the lampstand (candlestick) as seen by Zechariah.

2. Who would bring forth the capstone (headstone)?

3. “The hands of __________ have laid the __________ of this temple; His hands shall also __________ it. Then you will know that the ________ of __________ has sent Me to you.” (NKJV)

4. What did the two olive trees represent?

Chapter 5
1. What was the size of the flying scroll?

2. What did Zechariah see sitting in the basket (ephah)?

3. What did Zechariah see “coming with the wind in their wings”?

4. To where did the Angel of the Lord say the basket (ephah) was being carried and why?

Chapter 6
1. Describe the horses seen with the four chariots.

   a. First chariot:
b. Second chariot: _______________________________________________________

c. Third chariot: _______________________________________________________

d. Fourth chariot: _______________________________________________________

2. Into whose house was Zechariah to enter? ______________________________________

3. Using the silver and gold, what was Zechariah to make? __________________________

4. What was the “Man whose name is the Branch” going to build? _____________________

5. Who would “sit and rule on His throne”? ______________________________________

Chapter 7

1. Who was sent to the house of God “to pray before the Lord”? _______________________

2. What had the Lord desired the people to show to “everyone his brother”? ____________

3. Whom were the people told not to oppress? ______________________________________

4. Because Israel had not heeded the words of the Lord, the Lord “would not ____________”
to them when they called out to Him.

5. “But I ____________ them with a ____________ among all the nations which they
   had not known. Thus the land became ____________ after them, so that no one
   ____________ through or ____________; for they made the ____________ land
desolate.” (NKJV)
Chapter 8

1. What would be called the City of Truth? ________________________________

2. Who would again sit in the streets of Jerusalem? __________________________

3. “I will bring them back, and they shall _______ in the midst of ____________.
   They shall be My ________ and I will be their _____, in ________ and
   __________________.” (NKJV)

4. What did the Lord say would be prosperous? ______________________________

5. When had the Lord determined (thought) to punish Israel? __________________

6. The Lord told Jerusalem to:
   a. “__________ each man the __________ to his neighbor;”
   b. “Give __________ in your gates for __________, justice, and peace;”
   c. “Let none of you think _______ in your ________ against your
      ______________,”
   d. “And do not __________ a false ______________.” (NKJV)

Chapter 9

1. Which city built herself a tower (strong hold)? ____________________________

2. “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!” Explain why they
   were to rejoice and shout. _____________________________________________

3. Whose dominion would be from sea to sea? _______________________________
4. “For I have bent __________, My bow, fitted the bow with ___________, and raised up your sons, O ______, against your sons, O __________, and made you like the sword of a mighty man.” (NKJV)

5. The arrow of the Lord would go forth like ________________________________.

6. “For how great is its ___________ and how great its ___________! Grain shall make the young _____ thrive, and new ______ the young women.” (NKJV)

Chapter 10
1. What had the idols spoken? ________________________________________________

2. Against whom was the anger of the Lord kindled? _____________________________

3. Whom would the Lord strengthen? _____________________________

4. Whom would the Lord save? __________________________________________

5. “I will also bring them back from the ______ of ________, and gather them from ___________. I will bring them into the ______ of ________ and ____________, until no more room is found for them.” (NKJV)

6. What will happen to the pride of Assyria? __________________________________

Chapter 11
1. Why were the shepherds wailing? _______________________________________

2. “For the pride of Jordan is in ________________________________.”

3. Why was the staff called Beauty cut in two? ________________________________
4. How much were the wages (price) given to Zechariah? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

5. What did the Lord tell Zechariah to do with his wages (price) that he received? ________
________________________________________________________________________

6. “Woe to the worthless ______________, who leaves the __________! A __________ shall be against his arm and against his right _____; his _____ shall completely wither, and his right _____ shall be totally blinded.” (NKJV)

Chapter 12
1. “Behold, I will make _______________________ a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, . . .” (NKJV)

2. The Lord would make of Jerusalem a very heavy ________________________________.

3. Why would the Lord save the tents of Judah first? ________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

4. What would the Lord pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem? ______________________________________________________

5. “. . . then they will look on Me whom they ___________. Yes, they will ________ for Him as one mourns for his only _____, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a _________________.” (NKJV)

Chapter 13
1. What will the Lord cut off from the land? ______________________________________

2. “And it shall be in that _____ that every __________ will be ashamed of his __________ when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to ______________.”
3. “______, O sword, against My ________________, against the _____ who is My Companion,” says the ______ of hosts.” (NKJV)

4. What did the Lord say would happen when the shepherd would be struck? ______________

5. Of the three parts, which would call on the name of the Lord? ____________________________

6. The Lord will say, “This is My people.” How will His people reply? ________________________

Chapter 14

1. Who would not be cut off from the city of Jerusalem when the nations battled against it? ___

2. What mount would be split in two? ________________________________________________

3. What will flow from Jerusalem? __________________________________________________

4. “All the land shall be turned into a plain from _______ to __________ south of

___________. Jerusalem shall be raised up and ____________ in her place from

__________’s Gate to the place of the ________ Gate and the ________ Gate, and from the Tower of __________ to the king’s winepresses.” (NKJV)

5. What would happen to the families who would not come up to Jerusalem to worship the

King, the Lord of hosts? __________________________________________________________________________

6. In that day, what would be engraved upon the bells of the horses? ______________________

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Questions from Malachi

Chapter 1
1. When the Lord said, “I have loved you,” how did Israel reply? ______________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. Who said, “We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places”?
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. Who honors his father? _____________________________________________________

4. Who honors his master? ____________________________________________________

5. What were the priests guilty of doing? _______________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6. What type of sacrifices had the priest been offering? _______________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

7. The Lord said, “My name shall be great among the ____________________________.”

Chapter 2
1. What did the Lord say He would bring upon the priests? ______________________

2. What was in the mouth of Levi? ________________________________

3. What should the lips of the priest have kept? ________________________________

4. Whom did the Lord say had dealt treacherously? ____________________________

5. Whom had some of the men of Judah married? ______________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
6. With what had the men of Judah covered the altar of the Lord? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

7. What had the men of Judah done to the wives of their youth? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

8. Why does God hate divorce? ____________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

9. How had Judah wearied the Lord with their words? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Chapters 3 & 4
1. Whom would the Lord send? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

2. What would the messenger do to the sons of Levi? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

3. Against whom did the Lord say He would be a swift witness? _________________
________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

4. “For I am the Lord, I do not ____________________________.”

5. In what way had Judah robbed God? ____________________________

6. Against whom had the people spoken harsh (stout) words? ____________________________

7. To whom did the Lord listen? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________
8. “Then you shall again _________ between the ___________ and the ___________, between one who serves ______ and one who does not serve Him.” (NKJV)

9. When the day comes, what would happen to all the proud and all who do wickedly? ______

10. What did the Lord tell the people to remember? ______________________________

11. “Behold, I will send you __________ the prophet before the coming of the __________ and _____________ day of the ________.” (NKJV)