

# THE MINOR PROPHETS

Word of Life Bible Institute

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## COURSE PLAN

1. **The Bible: Inspiration & Authority**
2. The Bible: Structure & History
3. Overview of the Twelve Minor Prophets
4. Explanation of the Plan of God for Israel & His Church
5. Explanation of Hosea, Amos: Minor Prophets & Social Problems
6. Explanation of Joel, Zechariah: Minor Prophets & Eschatology
7. Explanation of Obadiah, Nahum: Minor Prophets & Pride
8. Explanation of Jonah, Haggai: Minor Prophets & Ministry Life
9. Explanation of Micah, Habakkuk: Minor Prophets Mercy & Hope
10. Explanation of Zephaniah, Malachi: Minor Prophets & Christ

**HOSEA:** GOD IS FAITHFUL

**JOEL:** GOD IS WRATHFUL

**AMOS:** GOD IS JUST

**OBADIAH:** GOD IS JEALOUS

**JONAH:** GOD IS MERCIFUL

**MICAH:** GOD SEES EVERYTHING

**NAHUM:** GOD IS PATIENT

**HABAKKUK:** GOD WANTS OUR FAITH

**ZEPHANIAH:** GOD IS WITH US

**HAGGAI:** GOD WANTS FIRST PLACE

**ZECHARIAH:** GOD PICKED JERUSALEM

**MALACHI:** GOD WANTS OUR LOVE

My prayer for each of you  
today is that:

**God would stir in you a deep &  
abiding love for Jesus Christ,  
that can ONLY be satisfied by  
time spent with HIM in His Word.**



Saved @ age six  
Called @ age nine  
Read the Bible 100+ times  
MSU, BJU, TMS, DTS  
Pastor for 40 years  
Married for 33+ years  
Raised 8 children  
Served in 70+ countries

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God's Word gives us the  
**most complete** answers  
to the  
**most important** questions  
of life.

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<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Why?</b>
<b>Destiny</b>	<b>Where?</b>

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<b>Origin</b>	<b>Creator</b>
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<b>Destiny</b>	<b>Judge</b>

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<b>Genesis 1-2</b>	<b>Creator</b>
<b>Gen. 3 - Rev. 5</b>	<b>Redeemer</b>
<b>Rev. 6-22</b>	_____

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**We Need to \_\_\_\_\_ the  
God of the Bible**

Do you REALLY TRUST God's Word?

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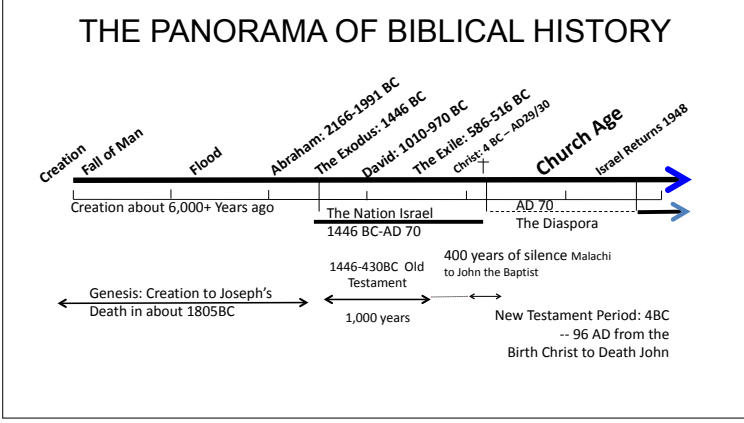
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**\_\_\_\_\_ Trust the Bible?**

Because the Bible is the Revelation of: "All that God wants us to know", about "Everything we need to know".

Remember: If He hasn't revealed it in His Word either it is a secret (Dt. 29:29) or it is unimportant to us now.

So the more of God's Word you TRUST, the more you know about all that really matters in life.

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## Why \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible?

If you would turn with me to John 17:17 we will find the first reason we need to trust and study God's Word:

**"Sanctify them through Thy Truth, THY WORD IS TRUTH!"**

God says His Word is Truth; and God says that ONLY that true Word can sanctify us (set us apart as useful and pleasing to Him).

So our walk with God can only BEGIN with a settled conviction of the TRUTHFULNESS OF THE BIBLE (Romans 10:17).

**The Bible says what it means, and means what it says.**

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## Seven \_\_\_\_\_ Why God's Word is True!

1. The absolute affirmation of Jesus.
2. The absolute confidence of the writers.
3. The incredible unity across 1,600 years & 40 writers.
4. The perfectly fulfilled prophecy.
5. The precise scientific accuracy.
6. The complete archaeological verification.
7. The amazing endurance through the ages.

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## Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

First, I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS TRULY GOD'S WORD  
\_\_\_\_\_ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAID SO!

Our Lord Jesus Christ believed in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. Because our Lord Jesus said so!

Jesus affirmed that there are no errors in science, history, or the moral areas in the Bible. This is called inerrancy (John 10:35; 17:17).

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## Jesus affirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ reliability of :

- Adam & Eve** as the first two humans (Mt. 19:4-5);
- Noah & the global catastrophe called the Flood** (Mt. 24:37-38);
- Abraham** as a person who lived and who knew Christ as God the Son (John 8:56);
- Abel** (Mat 23.35);
- Moses & the Burning Bush** (Mk 12.26);
- David** (Mt 12.3);
- Elijah** (Luke 4.25);
- Daniel** (Mt 4.17); and
- Jonah** (Mt. 12:40-41).

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### Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Second, **BECAUSE ALL THE \_\_\_\_\_ SAID SO:**

There is a harmony of conviction among the forty plus authors, that God spoke through them. Thousands of times, all the writers said, that they were **totally convinced** that they were sharing words that were not originating with them.

"The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His Word was in my tongue." (II Sam. 23:2)

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### Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Third, **BECAUSE OF ITS INCREDIBLE \_\_\_\_\_.**

The Bible's supernaturally designed unity is demonstrated in the fact that from 40+ men, on 3 continents, over 1,600 years, and 60 generations: **comes one integrated message.**

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### Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Four, **BECAUSE OF ITS \_\_\_\_\_ PROPHECY.**

What is the simplest and yet most profound evidence the Bible offers?

It is prophecy fulfilled: an irrefutable verification found in the Judeo-Christian Scriptures alone.

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### Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Five, **BECAUSE OF ITS SCIENTIFIC \_\_\_\_\_.**

Just the last few chapters of Job would be enough to prove the extra-terrestrial nature of this Book.

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## Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Six, **BECAUSE OF ITS** \_\_\_\_\_ **VERIFICATION.**

In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Sir William Ramsay, an English skeptic, set about to disprove the historicity of God's Word. He took as his target the Book of Acts. He started digging in modern Turkey (ancient Asia Minor).

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## Seven Reasons Why God's Word is True!

Seven, **BECAUSE OF ITS** \_\_\_\_\_ **THROUGH THE AGES.**

God's Word has endured through the ages, despite being the target of Empires, armies and infidels.

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## Why \_\_\_\_\_?

From world events, it appears that we are being *plunged* into a period of time about which the *Bible says more* than about any other period of time in history,

*...including the time that Jesus & His Apostles walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea.*

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## We Need to Trust the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible

God Sent us His Word and  
Confirmed it was From Him.  
Old Testament: Prophets & Priests  
New Testament: Christ & Apostles

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HOSEA: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_



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JOEL: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_



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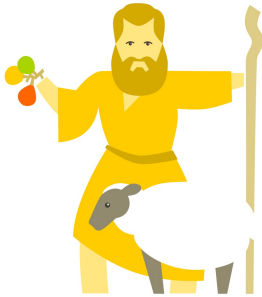
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AMOS: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_



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OBADIAH: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_



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**JONAH: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_**



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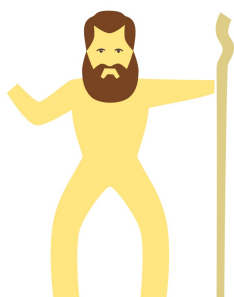
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**MICAH: GOD \_\_\_\_\_ EVERYTHING**



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**NAHUM: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_**



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**HABAKKUK: GOD WANTS OUR \_\_\_\_\_**



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ZEPHANIAH: GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ US



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HAGGAI: GOD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST PLACE



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ZECHARIAH: GOD \_\_\_\_\_ JERUSALEM



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MALACHI: GOD \_\_\_\_\_ OUR LOVE



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