

Major Messages from the

MINOR PROPHETS



Yet They Still Matter

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

**These are not writings from God’s
“B team.”**

2 Timothy 3:16

They are not dusty relics from an ancient past

These prophets were given a thankless job of ministering to God’s people at their worst

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

Who Is Zephaniah?

The word of the Lord that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah.”

**Zephaniah came from the royal line
as a descendant of Hezekiah**

Zephaniah 1:1

**He could have worn a crown, but instead, he carried a
cross of calling**

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

Who Is Zephaniah?

His message was not to rebellious atheists but to complacent believers

“At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent...”

Zephaniah 1:12

They didn't deny God's existence they just treated Him as background noise.

“She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the Lord; she does not draw near to her God.”

Zephaniah 3:2

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

The Great Day of the Lord

“The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly.”

From Zephaniah’s point of view there were Four Historical Milestones coming

Zephaniah 1:14

The Destruction of Jerusalem (*Zephaniah 1:4–6*)

The Restoration of Israel (*Zephaniah 3:11–12*)

The Arrival of the Messiah (*Zephaniah 1:7*)

The Return of the Messiah (*Zephaniah 1:2–3*)

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

Our Focus Today

We're not decoding signs or setting dates

Instead, we want to understand the final Day of the Lord — the day that still lies ahead

Scripture gives us four truths about that coming day that should shape every day we live until it comes

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Factual

Two-thirds of Jesus' parables deal with judgment and accountability on that day

In **Matthew 24**, Jesus spoke plainly of His return

Hebrews 6:1–2 calls it a “mature teaching.”

Acts 17:31 declares it is a fixed date

And **Acts 1:11** reminds us, the first message after Jesus' ascension was He'll be back!

Major Messages from the
MINOR
PROPHETS

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Fearful

Far be it from you to do such a thing — to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Genesis 18:25

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27

Major Messages from the
MINOR
PROPHETS

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Fearful

This Day of the Lord isn't when God decides — it's when He distributes

For those who have rejected Christ, it is truly fearful

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:27–28

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Fair

Many ask, “How can a loving God send anyone to hell?”

God doesn't send — people choose

Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning. Her prophets are unprincipled; they are treacherous people. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law. The Lord within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.

Zephaniah 3:3-5

Major Messages from the
MINOR
PROPHETS

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Fair

Despite our sinful state, His invitation echoes through all of history: “**Come to Me.**”

Romans 1:20 says no one is has an excuse — God’s truth has been made plain

“Come to Me, all who are weary...” (**Matthew 11:28–30**)

“For God so loved the world that He gave...” (**John 3:16**)

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Final

There's no purgatory, no do-over, no appeals.

(*Matthew 25:46*)

***2 Peter 2:4 – 9* reminds us that...**

The same God who judged angels and the flood will again hold the unrighteous accountable

The same Lord who rescued Noah and Lot will rescue His people and bring justice to all.

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

The Coming Day of the Lord

It's Final

*Every day that passes brings us one day closer to finality... **Now is the time of God's favor; now is the day of salvation.***

2 Corinthians 6:2

Zephaniah's warning becomes Christ's invitation:

"Before that day comes, come to Me."

Major Messages from the
**MINOR
PROPHETS**

Today You have a Choice

The Day of the Lord is **Factual** — it's not if, but when

It is **Fearful** — for those apart from Christ

It is **Fair** — God has been just and merciful all along

It is **Final** —
when it comes,
the time to choose
ends



Major Messages from the
MINOR
PROPHETS

John 14:3

If I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and receive you
to Myself, that where I am,
there you may be also.