

Micah

The Superscription (1:1)

A Message of Destruction for Samaria and Judah (1:2–2:13)

- The Revelation of the Coming Judgment (1:2–16)
 - Judgment pronounced against Samaria (1:2–7)
 - The doom of the cities of Judah (1:8–16)
- The Reasons for the Coming Judgment (2:1–13)
 - Social evils denounced (2:1–11)
 - A promise for the remnant of Israel (2:12–13)

A Message of Doom and Deliverance (3:1–5:15)

- Doom: The Coming Judgment (3:1–12)
 - Judgment on the leaders (3:1–4)
 - Judgment on the false prophets (3:5–8)
 - Judgment on Jerusalem (3:9–12)
- Deliverance: The Coming Kingdom (4:1–5:1)
 - The glories of the kingdom (4:1–8)
 - Peace and security through obedience (4:1–5)
 - 4:1–5 ≈ Isaiah 2:2–4
 - Restoration promised (4:6–8)
 - The suffering that precedes the kingdom (4:9–5:1)
- Deliverance: The Coming King (5:2–15)
 - His first coming (5:2–3)
 - 5:3 = Matthew 2:6
 - His second coming (5:4–6)
 - The future role of the remnant of Israel (5:7–15)

Message of Denunciation (6:1–7:10)

- God's First Indictment (6:1–5)
- Israel's First Reply (6:6–8)
- God's Second Indictment (6:9–16)
- Israel's Second Reply (7:1–10)
 - The total corruption of the people (7:1–7)
 - Domestic discord of 7:6 ≈ Matt 10:35–36, Luke 12:53
 - Penitence and trust in God (7:8–10)

Epilogue: Blessings for Israel (7:11–20)

- A prophecy of restoration (7:11–17)
- God's compassion and steadfast love (7:18–20)

Habakkuk

Introduction (1:1)

Habakkuk's Problems (1:2–2:20)

- The Prophet's First Complaint: Why Does God Allow Wicked Practices to Continue in Judah? (1:2–4)

- God's First Reply (1:5–11)
 - He has raised up the Chaldeans (Babylonians) to punish Judah
- The Prophet's Second Complaint: Why Will God Use Wicked People to Punish Judah? (1:12–2:1)
- God's Second Reply (2:2–20)
 - The wicked will, in fact, be punished
 - “. . . But the just shall live by faith” (2:4b = Romans 1:17)

Habakkuk's Prayer (3:1–19; a carefully composed poem or song)

- Praise for the Person of God (3:1–3)
- Praise for the Power of God (3:4–7)
- Praise for the Purpose of God (3:8–16)
- Praise Because of Faith in God (3:17–19)

Joel

Title Verse: the Author (1:1)

Desolation of the Locust Plague as a Type (1:2–2:17)

- Lament over the Ruin of the Country (1:2–12)
- A Call to Repentance and Prayer (1:13–14)
- Picture of the Desolation (1:15–20)
- Prophecy of Future Desolation (2:1–11)
- Exhortation in View of Desolation (2:12–17)

The Day of the Lord and Deliverance (2:18–3:21)

- God's Promise of Immediate Deliverance (2:18–27)
- God's Promise of Future Deliverance (2:28–3:21)
 - God's spirit poured out (2:28–32)
 - God's judgments (3:1–17)
 - The glorious future of Judah (3:18–21)