THE MINOR PROPHETS

I. THE TITLE
   A. Jewish Title
      1. Jewish Division - One Book
      2. Common Title - The Twelve
   B. Christian Title
      1. Augustine - The Minor Prophets
      2. Minor in size, but not in content or importance

II. THE SEPTUAGINT ORDER
   A. Hosea
   B. Amos
   C. Micah
   D. Joel
   E. The Rest Follow the Masoretic Order

III. THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
   A. Obadiah - 845 (possibly 889-884)
   B. Joel - 835
   C. Amos - 810-750 (770-750)
   D. Jonah - 824-783
   E. Hosea - 790-722
   F. Micah - 739-702
   G. Nahum - 663-654
Sermon Notes: The Minor Prophets

H. Habakkuk - 640-622 (626-622)
I. Zephaniah - 630-626 (640-610)
J. Haggai - 520 (September-December)
K. Zechariah - 520-470
L. Malachi - 433-424

IV. GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS

A. Israel
   1. Amos
   2. Hosea

B. Judah
   1. Obadiah
   2. Joel
   3. Micah
   4. Nahum
   5. Zephaniah
   6. Habakkuk

C. The Restoration
   1. Haggai
   2. Zechariah
   3. Malachi

D. Assyria - Jonah
V. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. The Assyrian Period

1. The five Assyrian invasions

   a. First Campaign of Tiglath-Pileser III - 743-742
      (1) II Kings 15:19-20
      (2) Made Israel under Menahem tributary

   b. Second Campaign of Tiglath-Pileser III
      (1) Provoked by the alliance of Syria and Israel against Assyria
      (2) Destroyed Damascus
      (3) Captured the Galilean Tribes
      (4) Made Judah a tributary

   c. Shalmaneser V - 725-722
      (1) Destroyed Israel
      (2) Judah remains tributary

   d. Sargon II
      (1) To put down an uprising by Ashdod - Isaiah 20
      (2) Judah remains tributary

   e. Sennacherib - 701
      (1) Instigated by the revolt of Hezekiah
      (2) All fortified cities of Judah destroyed except Jerusalem
      (3) Judah becomes tributary again
2. The Prophets
   a. Amos
   b. Jonah
   c. Hosea
   d. Isaiah
   e. Micah
   f. Nahum

B. The Babylonian Period
   1. Destroyed Assyria - 614-612
   2. Three campaigns against Judah
      a. First campaign and deportation - 606-605
         (1) Transition from Nabopollasser to Nebuchadnezzar
         (2) Daniel and his three friends
      b. Second campaign and deportation - 598-597
         (1) Jehoiachin taken
         (2) Ezekiel taken
      c. Third campaign - 586
         (1) Instigated by the revolt of Zedekiah
         (2) Destroyed Jerusalem and the First Temple
         (3) Times of the Gentiles begin
3. The Prophets
   a. Habakkuk
   b. Zephaniah
   c. Jeremiah
   d. Ezekiel
   e. Obadiah?
   f. Daniel

C. The Persian Period
   1. Cyrus captures Babylon intact putting the Jews of both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivity under one
   2. The Prophets
      a. Haggai
      b. Zechariah
      c. Malachi

VI. MAIN THEMES
   A. Great Themes and Truths and Principles of God and Man
   B. Condemnation of Sin
   C. Comfort to the Remnant
   D. Things to Come - Near and Far
VII. PROPHETIC PERIODS

A. Their Own Times

B. The Captivity and the Restoration

C. The First Coming of the Messiah

D. The Great Tribulation

E. The Second Coming of the Messiah

F. The Messianic Kingdom