Text: Various

Topics: Judgment, Obedience, Prophets

Series: Minor books, Major Messages

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The Times of the Minor Prophets

I. The Surrounding Politics

The <u>unwillingness</u> of the Israelites to <u>subject</u> themselves to God had devastating results.

II. The Stubborn People

The Israelites failed to listen to God's promise of <u>blessing</u> for <u>obedience</u> and <u>cursing</u> for <u>disobedience</u>.

III. The Suffering Prophets

God <u>repeatedly</u> sent prophets to <u>warn</u> and to <u>call</u> the Israelites <u>back</u> to God.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Exodus 20:3-17. How did God want His people to live?

Compare what God wanted from His people with how they lived. (See Judges 21:25 & 1 Samuel 8:6-7) What was the result?

How does God want His church to live? What might God be happy, and unhappy about?

2. What did God promise the Israelites in Deuteronomy 28:1-3, 15-16?

What did the northern kingdom (Israel) experience, and why? (2 Kings 17:15-18)

What did the southern kingdom (Judah) experience, and why? (2 Kings 25:10-12)

Describe how God wants you to live. In what ways are you doing well and in what ways not so well? What helps you do well?

3. Read 2 Kings 17:13-14; 2 Chronicles 36:15-16; and Matthew 23:37-38 What did God condemn Israel for?

Can you think of an area in which God might be facing no other option but discipline for His church? For you?

How does the gospel of Jesus direct us and give us hope?