

“The Deception & Proof of Pride!”

1. **Intro:**

1.1. India update:

- 1.1.1. **Show** - Map of India(where we went)
- 1.1.2. **Explain** - 2 washing machines in Texas.
- 1.1.3. **Show** – Power point.

1.2. Why the Minor Prophets?

1.2.1. In the Hebrew bible the minor prophets were combined into 1 book, called “The 12” because of their brevity.

1.2.2. What does “Minor” mean?

- 1.2.2.1. **Minor** only in the sense of being shorter than such prophecies as Isaiah & Jeremiah.
- 1.2.2.2. Their message is surely not less important.
- 1.2.2.3. They were Minor Prophets preaching a major message.
- 1.2.2.4. They were small in size but big in truth.

1.2.3. The **Order** of the Minor Prophets?

- 1.2.3.1. They are not arranged in chronological order.
- 1.2.3.2. No one is certain what determined their order in the canon.
- 1.2.3.3. **Show** – chart (chronological order)

1.3. Here’s what we want to look for in each book, each chapter...a three-fold lesson:

- 1.3.1. **(1) Historical** - each of the prophets preached and wrote to meet an **immediate need** in the lives of the people;
- (2) Prophetic** - each prophet illustrates or announces something about **Israel’s future**, in judgment or in restoration;
- (3) Practical** - the sins of the nations in that day are with us today, and there are many **practical lessons** for us to learn from these books.¹

1.4. Obadiah:

1.4.1. The most Minor of the Minor Prophets(shortest)

- 1.4.1.1. Actually in all the O.T.
- 1.4.1.2. Obadiah is like the little bell being struck in the midst of the orchestra’s performance.

1.4.2. The man Obadiah: 13 figures bear this name in the OT.

- 1.4.2.1. Yet, there is no link with the others.

1.4.3. The Aim:

¹ Warren Wiersbe; Outlines Minor Prophet intro