

Christ in Prophecy
Special 14: Minor Prophet Book

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Can you name a single one of the Minor Prophets? Have you ever read one of their 12 books in the Bible? Do you know why they are called Minor Prophets? Did you know they contain many end time prophecies? Did you know that they are full of messages that are relevant to Christian living today? Stay tuned for an interview with two experts on the Minor Prophets.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus our Blessed Hope and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. My colleague Nathan Jones and I are delighted to have a special guest with us today, and since he is a close friend of Nathan's I am going to ask Nathan to introduce him.

Nathan Jones: Well this is my good friend Steve Howell, we have known each other 15 years now or so. We served together at Southeast Christian Church. Now he is a pastor at a church in Tonganoxie, Kansas. Say that five times fast. And together we decided we were going to write a book. So I am so pleased man to have you here with us.

Steve Howell: I appreciate you having me here.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, Steve we are delighted.

Steve Howell: It's a pleasure.

Nathan Jones: He was also our pastor of our Adult Bible Fellowship too, so he is a pastor by trade?

Steve Howell: Yes.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: And your role now?

Steve Howell: Right now I am serving as the Associate Minister of Adult Education and Discipleship at our church.

Dr. Reagan: And what is the correct pronunciation of the town?

Steve Howell: Tonganoxie.

Dr. Reagan: I guess that is an Indian word?

Steve Howell: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: And where is it located?

Steve Howell: Just west of Kansas City.

Dr. Reagan: Ok. Well fellas you have written a book on the Minor Prophets that is coming out just any moment. And I want to start off interviewing you by telling you something that happened at our church a couple weeks ago. Our Associate Pastor started a teaching a course on the book of Revelation. And he got up and talked about at the beginning how people ignore Bible prophecy and what a tragedy it is that they ignore it. And in the process he said, "Well take the Minor Prophets for example." He said, "I would be willing to estimate that the average Christian has never read a single one. Probably doesn't even know a name of a Minor Prophet." He said, "In fact if you were to ask the average Christian who are the Minor Prophets? They probably say, 'Well they were coal miners in Old Testament times.'" Well that leads me up to my first question: Why in the world would you write a book about the Minor Prophets?

Steve Howell: Well, Dave one of the things I really love doing is taking something that is kind of obscure, kind of ignored in Scripture and trying to show that it is relevant and exciting to people. I think all Scripture is relevant, all of it is exciting if you understand it properly. And so one of the things I've always enjoyed doing in my ministry is taking studies from different books like Leviticus, or Deuteronomy. The Minor Prophets fits right in as one of those areas that we kind of ignore.

Dr. Reagan: How about you Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Well I have a less spiritual reason actually. At the top of the stairs just outside of my office is this tiny little 3 foot tall door, and it has always intrigued me because where does it go? Well, it's not just a door, but someone before my time put a little sign over it that says, "Minor Prophets." And it got me thinking, here is a door to the attic that no one uses, its little, its leads to a dusty unused area. And how much do people think of the Minor Prophets, that they are little use, it's dusty, it's boring, and it's something that isn't worth checking out. And so walking by that door every day I thought, you know we need to teach people about the Minor Prophets. So it's not as spiritual as his answer, but I guess it inspired me to take on the task.

Dr. Reagan: Well good. Well who were the Minor Prophets? And when did they live?

Steve Howell: Well you got the Minor Prophets you know as a prophet it's simply a person who has received the call of God to share His message. These are guys who are out there presenting the message. And you have prophets who spoke. You have prophets who acted out, but you had certain prophets that wrote, and these are 12 guys that did that.

Dr. Reagan: When did they do it?

Steve Howell: They did this around the time with the Assyrians and the Babylonians, around the time of the exile before and after this.

Dr. Reagan: So you are talking about 500-700 years before Christ.

Steve Howell: Sure.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, about 800-500 BC.

Steve Howell: Yeah.

Nathan Jones: Ranges about 300 years.

Dr. Reagan: And why are they called Minor Prophets?

Steve Howell: Well because they were coal minors. No.

Nathan Jones: They had a wide variety of jobs.

Steve Howell: Absolutely. Yeah, your Minor Prophets are there because it is called minor because they are small. And it's not small in importance, it is just small in terms of the length of book that they wrote.

Nathan Jones: Seven percent of the Old Testament, so it is a very small margin of the Old Testament.

Steve Howell: Yeah, you have your Major Prophets that wrote a whole lot. And these are the guys that just they had a message to communicate but they just didn't use a lot of text, they probably had to double-space their text to get that in there. So, yeah, it's just length.

Dr. Reagan: So, it is just talking about the fact that their books are shorter in comparison to what are called the Major Prophets.

Steve Howell: Absolutely.

Dr. Reagan: But it doesn't mean what they had to say is less important.

Steve Howell: No, same God, same messages. Big impact just in a short amount.

Dr. Reagan: Well that brings me to my next question and that is: Why do you think they had been so ignored?

Steve Howell: Well, for me I think there is a number of reasons. Nathan and I were talking about this a little bit last night. You know part of it just their location, it's at the back of the Old Testament. A lot of people if they try to read through the Bible they get bogged down in some of these books.

Dr. Reagan: Probably in Leviticus.

Steve Howell: Yeah, exactly.

Nathan Jones: Numbers.

Steve Howell: Yeah, they hit those parts so it takes a while to get through, so some people they never make it there. So that is one of the reasons.

Dr. Reagan: And also it may well be a psychological thing in the sense that they are called Minor Prophets so therefore they think they are not important.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Steve Howell: True. True.

Nathan Jones: I thought that because the time period is that the Israelites had wandered away from God, and God was trying to get them back. So, all of us go through a time in our life where we are angry, or sad, or happy. And this was a time period in Israel's life where God was angry with them because they continued to commit spiritual adultery; they were running after other gods. So a lot of what you read in the Minor Prophets is God's heartbreak; He's angry, He

wants His people to repent. He wants to take care of them and love on them, and bring them back. So when people read them it's just, well God is always angry and all. So I think people don't want to read angry stuff, they prefer the happier books, or the more exciting stories. And I think that gets to your other point, stories.

Steve Howell: Yeah. Yeah, the story part, that is a huge part. People like stories. And the Minor Prophets a lot of them don't have narrative that goes with it. If you think through the one that most people know it is Jonah.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Steve Howell: Jonah is the Minor Prophet people relate to because there is the story of the whale. It's exciting. The other ones they don't have that narrative that goes along with it so it is harder to relate.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah. Well one of the things that occurred to me when I found out that you all were writing this book is that when you think of a prophet you think about somebody talking about the future. And these prophets do have some end time prophecies, but you decided instead to focus upon their faith message. Why did you do that?

Steve Howell: Part of our big focus was just making sure that this is something that is relatable to the Church in general. And while prophecy is important, it's not at the forefront of a lot of people's mind. So we wanted to tackle an issue that was more relevant, more pressing on their minds.

Dr. Reagan: To Christian living today.

Steve Howell: To Christian living. To the average Joe in the congregation their focus more on faith than prophecy. Hopefully as we combine those things they are able to learn on both sides, but it is important people need to know how to faith in their situations. These guys speak to that.

Dr. Reagan: How about you Nathan, anything?

Nathan Jones: Well the overall theme, even those prophecies of what God would do if they didn't obey, what God would bless them if they did obey. What the future prophecies were it was about restoration. The prophets were "nabi" that is the Hebrew for messengers. They sent God's messengers, repent come back to me. So, it was a matter of restoration of the people's faith and trust in God. And so through that there's lots of prophecies but that is the overall theme is faith and trust, building faith and trust. And each of the Minor Prophets faced tremendous faith challenges. You know faith when your heart is shattered. Faith through devastating losses. Faith through peer pressure. Faith when you just don't feel like it. And on and on and those are relevant to all the faith struggles that we have today. So that is why we took the faith approach. But the blessing is that like Steve said since so few people are really into Bible prophecy we are teaching them faith, but then we are teaching them Bible prophecy. Surprise! They didn't expect it but we are getting them taught in Bible prophecy which is so important.

Dr. Reagan: I love the design of the cover of your book there with the 12 up at the time there. "12 Faith Journeys of the Minor Prophets." It's a beautiful design.

Nathan Jones: Well, praise the Lord.

Dr. Reagan: Incidentally when you talked about stories and people thinking of Jonah. That immediately reminded me of the fact that to me one of the most powerful stories in all the Minor Prophets is that of Hosea.

Steve Howell: Oh, yes.

Dr. Reagan: And it an incredible story of his life. And that is one of the things that makes this book so important is the fact that it has a unique feature about it. And that unique feature is what?

Steve Howell: Well what we tried to do is to open each chapter on each Minor Prophet with a historical fiction account of each prophet.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Steve Howell: Like we said they don't have a story necessarily of their own in the Bible. So we took some liberties by reading through the prophecy, trying to understand where they are coming from, understand their background and then craft a story that would help us to picture in our minds who these guys could be. I know who Moses is, I've seen it, he looks like Charlton Heston right?

Dr. Reagan: Well I tell you, that to me that was an incredibly effective part of this book. I love the Minor Prophets. I went to church for 30 years every time the door was open and never heard one thing about the Minor Prophets. I didn't discover them until I was 30 years old and I fell in love with them. I've read probably every book that has ever been published on the Minor Prophets and this is the best one I've ever read. And one of the things that makes it that good is the fact that you guys have put together a historical fiction, a story about each prophet at the very beginning and it just pulls you into it. And you can see where he's coming from, and you can better understand his message.

Nathan Jones: We had reviewers who helped us as we went and it was interesting how different styles affect different people. Some people really resonate with stories. Some people like the historical fact section where we give the background and the times and all. And some people like the life application messages that come at the end of it. We have applications for Israel, for the Church, for the nations, and for you. And so it is funny as different people read they resonated with different sections depending on what their likes are.

Dr. Reagan: So, your point here is that you wrote this book for the fella sitting in the pew. You didn't write it for scholars.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah, I'm not a theologian.

Steve Howell: No.

Dr. Reagan: You see I found it very down to earth and easy to read.

Nathan Jones: Praise the Lord.

Dr. Reagan: And I couldn't put it down. Can you imagine a book about the Minor Prophets that you just keep going you can't hardly wait until the next story?

Steve Howell: Oh, yeah it was a lot of fun to write.

Dr. Reagan: Let me ask you this: Are the Minor Prophets ever mentioned in the New Testament?

Steve Howell: Yes, yes they are. They are quoted throughout. There are a number of different places where they are quoted. Matthew loves to quote places, he quotes at least five different Minor Prophets in his Gospel.

Dr. Reagan: I suspect that probably the quote that is used the most in the New Testament, I don't know this for sure but I know that it is used a lot is out of Hosea where he talks about, "O, death where is your victory? O, death where is your sting?" Is that right?

Nathan Jones: Which you find in 1 Thessalonians 4 where he talks about the Rapture. There are 250 Old Testament quotes, a little more than 250 that are found in the New Testament. Which proves that the New Testament by quoting the Old Testament, that the Old Testament is valid. And you're right there now separate books, you don't throw away the Old Testament with the New Testament and then go with that.

Dr. Reagan: That is why so many Christians don't understand a lot of the New Testament, they don't know the Old Testament.

Nathan Jones: And the prophecies like Hosea 11, Matthew 2:15 says, "Out of Egypt I called me Son." And that was a prophecy about Jesus living in Egypt for a while and coming out. Joel 2 is quoted in Acts 2:16 where he says right off the bat, "Spoken by the Prophet Joel." So here Luke is substantiating what Joel wrote. You have the prophecies of Bethlehem we've got Micah 5:2 you can find that in Matthew 2:6 that the Messiah would come out of Bethlehem.

Dr. Reagan: One of the most famous prophecies in the Bible.

Nathan Jones: Or Jesus riding on a donkey, Zechariah 9:9 can be found in Matthew 21:5 that Jesus would do His triumphal entry on a donkey. So, there are many quotes from the Minor Prophets that you can find in the New Testament.

Dr. Reagan: In fact when Jesus got on that donkey to ride into the city He said, "I am doing this to fulfill prophecy."

Nathan Jones: Yes. And that was the prophecy of the Minor Prophets. And if Jesus thought it was important---

Dr. Reagan: I was going to ask if Jesus ever quote the Minor Prophets?

Steve Howell: Yeah, in addition to that think about His resurrection. He compares His resurrection to the sign of Jonah.

Dr. Reagan: That's right.

Steve Howell: If you don't understand Jonah and the whale and that whole story then you are not going to understand that reference.

Dr. Reagan: Oh boy.

Nathan Jones: Malachi 4:5 you can find that in Matthew 17 where it talks about Elijah coming as a forerunner to the Messiah. So, the New Testament there are a lot of quotes by Jesus

where He is quoting the Minor Prophets too, because He is the Angel of the Lord that gave the messages to the Minor Prophets.

Dr. Reagan: Well if the Minor Prophets were important to the Apostles and to the Lord Jesus Christ they should be important to us.

Steve Howell: Sounds good.

Dr. Reagan: We'll come back and talk about that, ok, let's take a break.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to Christ and Prophecy. I'm in the midst of interviewing two men who have just published a new book about the Minor Prophets. One is my colleague Nathan Jones who serves at our ministry as an evangelist, and also as our web minister. The other is good friend of Nathan's Steve Howell who serves as the Associate Minister of Discipleship and Education at Tonganoxie Christian Church in Kansas. The title of their book is, "12 Faith Journeys of the Minor Prophets." Well I hope I didn't slaughter the name Tonganoxie.

Steve Howell: No, you're good.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, well good. Steve we are so glad to have you with us. And I want to start with a question that came to mind when I was putting together the ideas for this script and that is: What are some of the best known quotes from the Minor Prophets that people would recognize immediately?

Steve Howell: Well there are quite a few of them that are used throughout the Bible. Hosea 6:6, "I desire mercy not sacrifice." That's a great quote that Jesus refers back to. Habakkuk 2:4 "The Just shall live by faith," is quoted throughout.

Dr. Reagan: Bases of the Reformation Movement, came right out of the Minor Prophets.

Steve Howell: Absolutely.

Dr. Reagan: "The Just shall live by faith." And it is quoted over, and over in the New Testament.

Steve Howell: Yeah, Micah 6:8, "Do justly, walk humbly with your God." I murdered that quote here, but look it up its good. Nathan you had some others.

Nathan Jones: I liked Hosea 8:7, "They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind." And that's just an example of how the Minor Prophets how poetic God is. You know God is a master poet, so even though He's given prophecy He covers every prophecy with such beautiful, flowery descriptive language, you know. "They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind."

Dr. Reagan: Most people think that came from Shakespeare.

Nathan Jones: Yeah. Yeah. Shakespeare is quoting the Minor Prophets.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah. Yeah.

Nathan Jones: He read them too.

Dr. Reagan: Oh yeah. Well, what are--when you look over these Minor Prophets which one would, and I'm speaking to both of you here, which one is your favorite?

Steve Howell: Well I really liked Habakkuk.

Nathan Jones: Say that many times fast.

Steve Howell: It's fun to say that's part of why I like it. But I really enjoyed it and I had the opportunity to preach a sermon about it as I was working on the book, so it kind of holds a special place there in my heart. But I just love the idea that this guy, this prophet receives a message from God. He has been questioning, he has been asking things and he gets this message and he doesn't understand it. And he's able to go back to God and say, "I don't get it." He still wants more. And while he may not get the answer that he fully wants, he is still able to trust God and move forward with that. I just love the picture that he has in that book of prophecy.

Dr. Reagan: How about you Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Well I like Micah. You know when you want to talk about that acting prophets, in other words they did something; they named their kid a funny name, or they walked around with a yoke on their back. Micah walked around naked, and howled like an ostrich. Now I have no idea what an ostrich sounds like that howls. But what got me is I called him Micah God's lawyer, because God puts evil King Ahaz and the nobles and the leaders of Israel on trial, and Micah is like God's lawyer. He is sent in. He puts them on trial. He finds them guilty of corruption and of abuse and of power, and giving away the Temple. And so Micah comes in he charges them and he leaves. And to me he just seemed like such a neat character because he is so colorful I guess. I got to say too, to answer that question I am kind of drawn between two because the other one is Zechariah, not only because it is the Revelation of the Old Testament. But a lot of the prophets unfortunately their messages were rejected. Amos especially, he was dragged out of town and he was rejected, and the people didn't repent. But during Zechariah's time along with Haggai the people repented. And after that all the prophecies from God were encouragement. So Zechariah is a whole book of encouragement. And he gave messages about the return of Jesus Christ, and the Millennial Kingdom. And it is exciting reading, it is like reading Revelation, and he got to be encouraging in the process. So I like those two the most. But I think I like all of them. It is hard to pick out one.

Dr. Reagan: Well for me it is very difficult to choose because I love them so much. Hosea and the great story of his relationship with this woman.

Nathan Jones: You have a wonderful sermon on Hosea.

Dr. Reagan: How you can see the whole Gospel in that thing. At the end I mean his wife has betrayed him and yet he rescues her from slavery. Even so she didn't deserve it it's the grace of God. Habakkuk, Haba-kkuk I think the Jews call it. But anyway what a story you know he says, "Lord, I'm out there and I'm preaching my heart out and nobody is repenting and I'm telling them if they don't repent, You are going to pour out your wrath. How about a little wrath? You know you got to justify me as a prophet here." The Lord says, "Cool it. I'm sending you the worst army in the world. They are going to come down here and just tear this whole land up." He said, "Lord, I want wrath, but I want a little wrath. I mean we are bad, but we're not as bad as they

are. How can you punish those who are evil, with those who are more evil?" And that is a profound question.

Steve Howell: It is.

Dr. Reagan: And the Lord just says, "The righteous shall live by faith. You've got to live by faith." And they came and they destroyed. But here are the Jews back in the land today. And all those who persecuted them where are they? They are in the dustbin of history. Then of course I love Zechariah, because it changed my life. Zechariah changed my life. Everybody told me that Bible prophecy never means what it says, you just spiritualize it. And then one day I read the book of Zechariah and every prophecy it had in there about the First Coming meant what it said. And I suddenly thought, hey, if the First Coming prophecies meant what they said the Second Coming prophecies must mean what they said. So, I could just go through the whole thing, I just love them all so much. Let me ask you this, you focus on each prophets faith journey, which one did you find to be the most interesting?

Steve Howell: For me Dave, I think Jonah was my most interesting faith journey. You know that is the one that most people know. It's the Sunday School class one. People know the story there. Jonah runs away from God's call. He gets swallowed by this big fish and spit out, and then he goes back and preaches. You know as you read that story it ends with Jonah, he proclaimed that destruction was coming and then the city of Nineveh repented.

Nathan Jones: Surprise!

Dr. Reagan: Last thing in the world he wanted.

Steve Howell: Yeah, he has a little pity party for himself as he is watching this scene. He is hoping that the judgment will still come. God comes in and teaches him a lesson and says, "You're missing the point." And the story ends. You know so you finish reading the book of Jonah and you kind of end with this idea that well Jonah is just a jerk, right? He doesn't get this. But what I thought about was the fact that Jonah came back and he wrote that. He is the one that told us that he was a jerk. He's the one that told us.

Dr. Reagan: I never thought of it that way.

Nathan Jones: I didn't either.

Steve Howell: He's the one that comes back and he realizes what God was doing. He was able to see God cared for the sailors that were with him on the boat. God cared for the people of Nineveh in a way that he had never cared himself. So, for him to come back and write that to get the point that shows a great faith journey that I think a lot of times we miss.

Dr. Reagan: How about you Nathan?

Nathan Jones: To me it was Joel. Here Joel is a prophet and we don't know what the time period is particularly but the Jewish people had grown apathetic in their spiritual life with God. So, God sends a locust plague. I mean it eats everything. The people are stepping on them. It's in their hair. There is crunching. And walks the people back out and gathers them at the Temple and tells them, "That you have wandered from the Lord and you need to come back." Now, to me the hardest part was, and I think at some point Joel must have realized that God caused their devastating loss. Now how do we as Christians today know that sometimes God is behind the suffering that we experience in life? And that is something that we all struggle with. And the

reason was because the people had grown apathetic in their relationship with God. He had to shake them up. And in our lives God shakes us up so that we will draw closer to Him and trust Him more and that is His purpose for loss.

Dr. Reagan: Well for me one of the most interesting faith journeys is that of Amos who was a fig picker from Tekoa, an ignorant hick who was sent to the Northern Kingdom to read them the riot act. And he goes up there and he is so clever about how he does it, you know? He starts pouring out the wrath of God in words on all their enemies. And they are saying, "Yeah, yeah, yeah!" And then suddenly bang, he turns it on them and starts talking about their sins. He's quite a guy.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, his message wasn't very well received.

Dr. Reagan: No, not at all. Well, which of these 12 prophets did you find to be the most challenging to interpret?

Nathan Jones: Well, all the challenging books I gave to Steve. So, mine were all real easy but he had the challenging ones.

Dr. Reagan: That's what I do with prophecy questions I give them to you.

Nathan Jones: You send them to me, yeah.

Steve Howell: Well I disagree because I would say probably the most challenging would be Zechariah and that was one that Nathan wrote. I've taught on that before and that's hard. For me, I don't find that interpreting them is the big challenge. For us I think the challenge was figuring out how we wanted to share it and write it in the book. How do we consolidate that to share it? But I think for the average Christian it's not as complicated as it seems. If somebody is willing to go in and do some research and look into the background, spend some time looking through these books and just become familiar with it. It's not a hard challenge of interpretation on most of it. I think it is straight forward enough if people invest in it.

Dr. Reagan: Well what would you say is the fundamental theme of the Minor Prophets concerning faith?

Steve Howell: You had a great answer on this.

Nathan Jones: The fundamental reason I think on faith is the relevancy to the struggles we have today. These guys weren't super saints. They weren't--they were average Joe's. Like you said there was a fig picker, they were priests, there were teenagers, they had elderly, but each of them struggled with the messages that God gave them. And they learned to have more faith and more trust in God through those messages. And for the purpose in each one of those the message was God wanted restoration. He wanted His people to repent and return to Him. And that's what God wants for us as well. He wants us to be restored to Him. And that is what all of human history is, God is trying to get us back to Adam and Eve who were in the Garden of Eden who walked and talked and had fellowship with God. Jesus Christ died on the Cross to make that happen. And then one day He will return and set up His Kingdom and we will walk, and talk, and have fellowship with Jesus Christ, and later the Father one day.

Dr. Reagan: Wow. You know when I first read the Minor Prophets the thing that impressed me the most about them was the fact that these books were written 2,500-2,700 years ago and they are just as relevant as if they were written yesterday because we have not changed any of all.

The human nature is still the same. We are still struggling with the same sins, struggling with faith, struggling with hypocrisy and all this sort of thing. And these guys speak to the problems that are tearing this nation apart right now.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah. Habakkuk 2:4 I think sums up all the Minor Prophets, "The just shall live by faith." And if we, the just, those who have accepted Christ as Savior will live by faith then we can get over the trials of devastating loss, of a shattered heart, of peer pressure, when we are confused about God. Each of these guys dealt with a different issue. The just shall live by faith. If make that our motto then our faith will be strong in God.

Dr. Reagan: I don't know of a message more relevant today then that one.

Nathan Jones: Amen.

Part 3

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy and our discussion of the Minor Prophets with Nathan Jones and Steve Howell who are the authors of a wonderful new book entitled, "12 Faith Journeys of the Minor Prophets." Well fellas as we bring our program to a close what final comments would you like to express to our viewers concerning the Minor Prophets? Go first with you Steve.

Steve Howell: Well I would love to say, we would love for you to read our book that would be great. But even more important than our book is that we want you to read the Minor Prophets themselves. In your Bible you have so many different places that you can pull from. And some people might know the Psalms. Some people might know the Gospels. Some people might know the Epistles. But if you don't know the Minor Prophets you're missing out. You are missing out on some of God's council that He really wants you to know. And by reading through these sections of Scripture, these 12 men and their faith journeys they are going to open up ways for you to relate to God in ways that maybe you didn't know. And if you're trying to live out your faith these are resources that you can pull from. You can hear what God's messages is to this prophet, and His message through this other prophet you can understand in your own faith journey how do you live that out? It's a great resource.

Dr. Reagan: Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Well I would say we wrote this book for you because like us, and like the Minor Prophets you struggle with your faith in God. You know Obadiah struggled when he thought that God had forgotten him. And Hosea struggled with a broken heart. I mean those are relevant to us today. And so when you read the Minor Prophets you will grow in your faith in Jesus Christ. And then you will be able to withstand any of the storms that life throws at you, and that was our purpose. We want you to learn Bible prophecy of course, this is Christ in Prophecy, but we want you to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: And folks these are not Minor Prophets, they are just short winded prophets with powerful messages. Well that is our program for this week. I hope it has been a blessing to you and until next week the Lord willing this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb and Lion Ministries saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."

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