



Prepare To Meet Your God



In the Minor Prophets, God revealed His plan to deal with sin and to honor His name.

Minor Prophets, Major Themes

God's Name

Israel's Sin

Day of the Lord

-  Purge Israel's Sin
-  Judge Israel's Enemies
-  Restoration

Messiah



How Possible?



God's names reveal His character

攔 **LORD** or **GOD** (*Yahweh*)

攔 “*The LORD is His name*” (Hos 12:5)

攔 Bound Himself to His people by covenant (Hos 2:19-23; Ex 3:14-15)

攔 Distinguishes Him as the only true God (Hos 13:4)



God's names reveal His character

攔 God or **LORD of hosts** (*Sabaoth*)

攔 Sovereign Commander of all armies

攔 Based in history (Josh 5:13-15; 6:2)

攔 “*the King, the LORD of hosts*” (Zech 14:16)



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攔 **God** (*Elohim, El, Eloah*)

攔 General word for “God”

攔 *Elohim* – plural, allows for Trinity





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攔 **Lord** (*Adonai*)

攔 Sovereign Master, Lord

攔 Intensive form of *adon* (lord)

攔 “*Lord of all the earth*” (Mic 4:13)



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攔 **Lord GOD** (*Adonai Yahweh*)

攔 Combined

攔 Our covenant God in sovereign authority
(Mic 1:2)



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攔 **Almighty** (*Shaddai*)

攔 Almighty

攔 Self-sufficient

攔 Joel 1:15





God's names reveal His character

攔 God of Israel

攔 “your”, “our”, “their”, “my” God

攔 Personal relationship

攔 **God of my salvation** – personal rescue
and redemption (Mic 7:7; Hab 3:18)



God's character and reputation are the foundation for all His dealings

攔 God's main concern is His honor and reputation

攔 Mal 1:11; 2:2

攔 They accused God of delighting in evil
(Mal 2:17)



God's character and reputation are the foundation for all His dealings

攔 God deals seriously with sin because He is holy, pure and righteous

攔 Hab 1:12-13; Zeph 3:5

攔 The godly wrestle with God's delay (Hab 1:2-4, 12-13)



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攔 God is gracious and compassionate

攔 Jonah 4:2

攔 Their restoration flows from His character

攔 God set His love on Israel

攔 God does not change (Mal 3:6)



God's character and reputation are the foundation for all His dealings

攔 Restoration and protection are only for those who trust in Him

攔 He is a refuge for His people (Joel 3:16b-17)

攔 He is the object of our faith (Hab 3:18-19)

攔 He is the strength for those who trust Him (Zech 4:6-9; 10:6, 12)



God's character and reputation are the foundation for all His dealings

攔 He is a great King and is mighty

攔 "I am a great King" (Mal 1:14)

攔 Will be recognized as King by all (Zech 14:9ff)

攔 He is mighty (Amos 4:13, 9:6)



People are called to respond to the one true God

攔 *“Prepare to meet your God”* (Amos 4:12)

攔 *“the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him”* (Hab 2:20)

攔 Walk humbly with our God (Mich 6:8)