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Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Not So Minor After All

When I say the word minor, what comes to mind? Normally not something good or great. If I was to offer you one thing and then turn around to give you something minor in comparison, would you appreciate me? Probably not.

We say that the “Minor” Prophets are not minor in importance or significance, however how often do you read them in comparison to the “Major” Prophets? What are we saying by our actions, that our words do not.

The “Minor” Prophets combined message tells us how God views sin, what sin does to our relationship with Him, and what the benefits are to repentance and faithfulness. What part of this seems “Minor” to you?

The “Minor” Prophets are actually named Trei Asar, Aramaic meaning “The Twelve.” They were actually the eighth and final book in the Nevi'im, the second main division of the Jewish Tanakh. It was man who divided them into the 12 books we know today.

Their message is one of great importance to Christians today. What they have to say is Not So Minor After All.

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* Minor

Inferior in importance, size, or degree; lesser in importance, seriousness, or significance

• Defining Biblical things in Biblical ways

The 12 Prophets were originally one book. In Aramaic they are known as Trei Asar, “The Twelve”

• Why is there a division between Major and Minor?

The books of Lamentations (5 chapters) and Daniel (12 chapters) both have minor books longer than them.

Interesting enough both books do not appear in the Nevi'im (book of Prophets)

• Why do we call them minor today?

“Major Prophets are considered more important.”

S. Michael Houdmann

• Is it true?

38.6% of Prophets quoted it comes from the 12 Prophets
2nd most quoted in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts

• Why don't we study them more?

We don't understand them. We feel there is nothing for us. We feel it takes too long to read them all. A lack of respect to God's word—His completed Word.