Seven periods of Prophecy

**Minor Prophets**

* *Minor Prophets who are dated in the Bible*

Hosea, Amos, Micah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah

* *Minor Prophets who are undated in the Bible*

Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Malachi

* *Contemporaries (Prophets living at the same time)*

Hosea is contemporary of Isaiah and Micah

Zephaniah and Habakkuk are contemporaries of Jeremiah

Daniel is contemporary of Joel and Obadiah

Haggai and Zechariah are contemporaries

Malachi sits all by himself

**The sixteen Prophetical books fall into four divisions**

* *The first group would be six prophets*

Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum

* *The Second group would be seven prophets*

Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Daniel, Joel, Ezekiel, Obadiah

* *The third group would be two prophets*

Haggai and Zechariah

* *The fourth contains only one prophet*

Malachi

These four groups cover a period of about 316 Years.

**In dividing up the minor prophets, note that there are twelve of them that make up one book in the Hebrew canon. These can best be divided into a three-six-three sequence.**

* *First Sequence*

Hosea, Joel, Amos

* *Second Sequence*

Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

* *Third Sequence*

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**Note:** The Hebrew twelve volume unit of the Minor Prophets is divided into twenty-one ***sedarim*** (sections for public reading) which shows that, originally, the twelve prophets were read as a single book.

**In memorizing the Minor Prophets the best sequence is as follows**

* *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah* **---break---** *Jonah* **---break---** *Micah, Nahum* **---break---** *Habakkuk, Zephaniah* **---break---** *Haggai, Zechariah* **---break---** *Malachi*

**There are *seven* periods of prophecy in the Bible**

* *Period one*

Adam to Abraham (note that Enoch is called a prophet)

* *Period two*

Abraham to Moses (note that men prophecy in "***the camp***," ***Numbers 11:29, 30***)

* *Period three*

Moses to Hosea (1500-689 B.C.)

* *Period four*

Hosea to Malachi (689-389 B.C.)

* *Period five*

John the Baptist to Acts 1 (John and Christ are both Prophets)

* *Period six*

Acts 1 to the Rapture (the Holy Spirit showing us "***things to come,"*** ***John 16:13***)

* *Period seven*

The 144,000 witnesses with Moses and Elijah in the Tribulation.

There are no prophets in the Millennium. Prophets in the Millennium are to be executed ***Zechariah 13:3***

