

# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

## PERIOD SIX

### TWO KINGDOMS - LAST PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

#### LESSON 30

*In this lesson we want to learn about three prophets - Amos - Hosea - Micah*

- *who they were*
- *the outlines of their books*
- *the messages they gave*

The last prophets of Israel were AMOS, HOSEA and MICAH. They worked between 760 BC and 720 BC

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	<p><b>Government of Judah</b></p> <p>19 kings, they all belong to the family of David.</p> <p><b>Way of Living</b></p> <p>They all lived about the same, none were very poor, and none were very rich. They had a simple way of living.</p>			<p><b>Religion</b></p> <p>Little by little the people turned from God - then they came back to God as the prophets brought them back to God.</p> <p><b>Prophets</b></p> <p>850 - 700 - Joel, Isaiah, Micah, - Obadiah 700 - 600 BC - Jeremiah, Zephaniah, - Nahum, Habakkuk</p>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Amos, Hosea and Micah lived when Jeroboam II, Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah and Hoshea were kings of Israel. Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah were kings of Judah. Look at the chart.

The people of Israel were not afraid of the nations around them. They had been able to defeat them.

The people of Israel had many nice things and much money. They forgot God. They

worshipped other gods. The people of Israel sinned much. The rich people were taking money from the poor people. The rich were very rich and the poor were very poor.

The people in Judah did not have much money. They did not have many nice things. There were only a few very rich people and only a few very poor people in Judah. All the people lived about the same.

Amos, Hosea and Micah were called "minor" prophets because they wrote short books.

Hosea and Micah lived at the same time Isaiah lived. Isaiah was a major prophet because he wrote a long book.

The northern kingdom is called either Samaria or Israel. The people of Israel were often called "Samaritans".

<b>JUDAH</b>										
<b>King</b>	Uzziah			Jotham	Ahaz			Hezekiah		
<b>Prophet</b>										
<b>Prophet</b>				<b>Isaiah</b>						
<b>Prophet</b>					<b>Micah</b>					
<b>BC</b>	770	760	750	740	730	720	710	700	690	
<b>Prophet</b>										
<b>Prophet</b>	<b>Amos</b>		<b>Hosea</b>							
<b>King</b>	Jeroboam II		Pekah	Pekah	Hoshea	Israel in Exile				
			Menahe m							
<b>ISRAEL</b>			Zecharia	Shallum	Pekahiah					
			Family of Shallum	Family of Pekah	Family of Hoshea					

## 2. THE MAN AMOS

The name Amos means "burden or heavy load."

**Amos was a prophet to the people of Israel.** Amos came from Judah. He told what would happen to Judah and all the other countries around there. But Amos preached

mostly to the people of Israel.

Amos took care of sheep. He also took care of sycamore trees, Amos 7:14. The sycamore tree has fruit which can be eaten. The tree gives much shade.

Amos did not come from a prophet's family. He did not come from the priest's family. Yet, the Lord told Amos to preach. Amos was not afraid to preach God's Word. He told the people the Lord was going to punish them for their sins.



### 3. THE BOOK AMOS

READ THE BOOK OF AMOS.

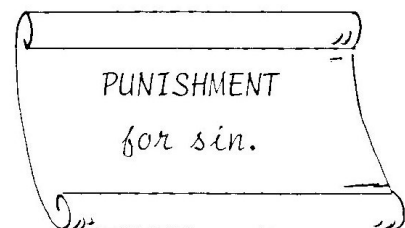
#### A. Outline of the book.

- Coming judgment on all nations, Amos chapters 1 and 2.
  - Coming judgment on the nations around Israel, Amos 1:1 - 2:3.
  - Coming judgment on Judah and Israel, Amos 2:4-16.
- Reasons for judgment on Israel, Amos chapters 3 - 6.
  - The people of Israel thought they were all right because they had God's word, Amos 3:1-15.
  - The people of Israel had religion, but lived in sin, Amos 4:1-13.
  - The people of Israel had much money and lived an easy life, Amos 5:1 - 6:14.
- Coming judgment pictured by visions, Amos 7:1 - 9:10.
  - The plague of locusts, Amos 7:1-3.
  - The great fire, Amos 7:4-6.
  - The plumbline, Amos 7:7-9.
  - The telling of history, Amos 7:10-17.
  - The basket of summer fruit, Amos 8:1-14.
  - The altar, Amos 9:1-10.
- Coming blessings, Amos 9:11-15.
  - The temple will be rebuilt, Amos 9:11,12.
  - The cities will be rebuilt, Amos, 9:14,15.

#### B. Lessons of the book.

Amos said, "The Lord is going to send punishment on eight groups of people." Who were they?

1) Amos 1:3



- 2) Amos 1:6
- 3) Amos 1:9
- 4) Amos 1:11
- 5) Amos 1:13
- 6) Amos 2:1
- 7) Amos 2:4
- 8) Amos 2:6

Why was the Lord going to punish the people of Israel (Amos 3:10)?

A citadel is a big house or a palace. It is built so strong that the people in it are safe from their enemies.

What did the rich people in Israel do to the poor people (Amos 4:1)?

The Lord had punished the people of Israel many times. Did they listen to Him (Amos 4:6-13)?

Was the Lord happy with the sacrifices the people brought (Amos 5:21-26)?

Why?

Amos told the people of Israel, "You will be punished." Was the priest, Amaziah, happy about the words of Amos (Amos 7:12,13)?

Was Amos afraid of Amaziah (Amos 7:16,17)?

What will the Lord do to the people of Israel in time to come (Amos 9:11-15)?

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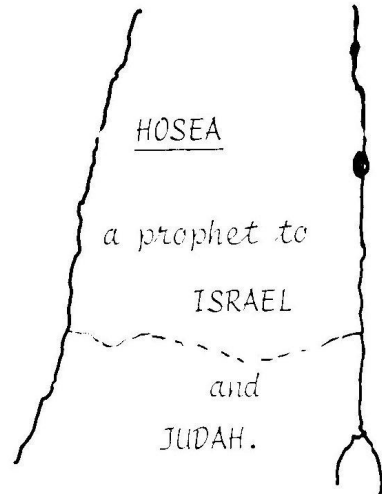
#### 4. THE MAN HOSEA

The name "Hosea" means "salvation."

Hosea started to preach near the end of the time Jeroboam II was king in Israel. He also preached when Hezekiah was king in Judah.

##### **Hosea as a prophet to the people of Israel and Judah.**

Hosea saw how the Lord was going to take the people of Israel out of their land. He had a great love for his people. Hosea asked them and asked them and kept asking them to come back to the Lord.



The Lord used the family of Hosea to show His love for the people of Israel.

#### 5. THE BOOK HOSEA

##### **A. Outline of the book.**

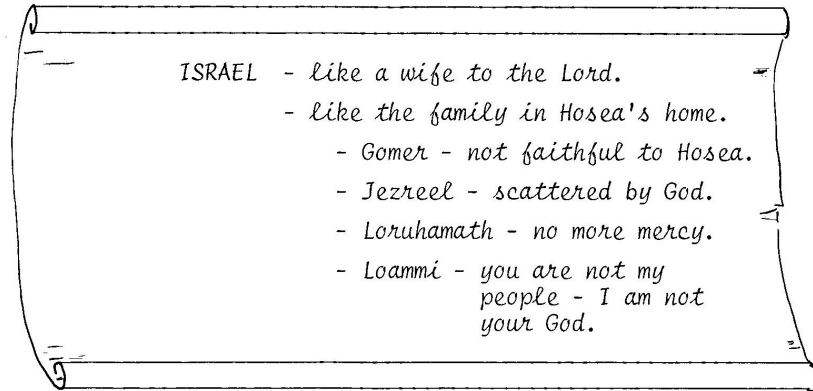
Hosea's marriage, a picture of God and the people of Israel

- The prophet's tragic experiences, Hosea 1:1 - 3:5.
- Hosea told the people of Israel about their sins, Hosea 4:1 -7:16.
- Hosea told the people of Israel about their punishment, Hosea 8:1 - 10:15.
- Hosea told the people of Israel about the Lord's blessings after the punishment, Hosea 11:1 - 14:9.

##### **B. The lessons of the book.**

READ HOSEA CHAPTERS 1 and 2.

In lesson 25 we saw that Israel was like a wife to the Lord (Isaiah 54:5,6; Hosea 2:19,20; Song of Solomon).



The Lord wanted to show the people of Israel how they went away from Him. He wanted to show the people of Israel that He loved them.

The Lord told Hosea to marry a woman. What kind of woman was Hosea to marry (Hosea 1:2)?

This woman was a picture of the people of Israel living in sin. The wife of Hosea was called Gomer.

What was the name of the first child (Hosea 1:4)?

This name means "sown or scattered by God." God was going to punish Jehu (king of Israel). He was going to bring the kingdom of Israel to an end. The people of Israel would be scattered among the nations.

What was the name of the second child (Hosea 1:6)?

This name means "no more mercy." God was going to send punishment on the people of Israel. The people of Israel would not be His people anymore.

Hosea told the people that in time to come the Lord would bring the people of Israel and the people of Judah back to Himself (Hosea 1:10,11).

Chapter two of Hosea tells that Hosea's wife, Gomer, left him. She went after other men. The people of Israel left the Lord and went after other gods.

What did the Lord ask Hosea to do (Hosea 3:1)?

While Gomer was with other men, she became a slave. Hosea had to pay for Gomer before he could get her back. Then he made her stay at home so she would not go after other men.

The people of Israel and Judah worshipped other gods. Because the people of Israel worshipped other gods, they were taken to Assyria (2 Kings 17:23). The people of Judah were taken to Babylon (2 Chronicles 36:10). When the people of Judah came back from Babylon, they never worshipped other gods again.

The people of Israel (Judah) stayed in their land until they rejected the Lord Jesus. Then the Lord scattered them among the nations. The people of Israel had been out of their country for almost 2,000 years. Today, the Lord is drawing the people of Israel back to their country. When the Lord Jesus Christ is ready, He will come back to the world. He will be the king of Israel forever.

**After the northern kingdom (Israel) was destroyed, the Bible still talks about Israel. A small group of people (left over) from Israel and Judah came back to their own land. These people were called Israel or Israelites. These same people are called Israelis or Jews today.**

## 6. THE MAN MICAH

The name "Micah" means "Who is like the Lord?"

**Micah was a prophet of the people of Israel and Judah.** Micah came from Judah. He warned Judah and Israel (Samaria) of punishment that was going to come.

Some people think Isaiah was Micah's teacher.



## 7. THE BOOK MICAH

### A. Outline of the book.

- Punishment to come to Israel (Samaria) and Judah, Micah 1 - 2.
  - Judgment against Samaria and Judah, Micah 1:1-16.
  - Sins and punishment of Israel and Judah, Micah 2:1-11.
  - Salvation of a remnant (left over group), Micah 2:12-13.
- Punishment to come to the leaders, Micah 3:1-12.
- The coming of the thousand year kingdom, Micah 4:1 - 5:15.
- The Lord complained about the sin of the people of Israel, Micah 6:1-16.
- The people of Israel will repent and come back to the Lord, Micah 7:1-20.

### B. Lessons of the book.

READ THE BOOK OF MICAH.



Micah told about the Messiah and His kingdom. The Messiah is the Old Testament name for Jesus Christ.

Micah told about the end of Samaria 722 BC (Micah 1:6,7; 2 Kings 17:5,6).

Micah told about Sennacherib taking part of Judah and going up to Jerusalem (Micah 1:9-16; 2 Kings 18:13).

Micah told about the end of Jerusalem. He told how the temple would be destroyed (Micah 3:12; 7:13; 2 Chronicles 36:18,19).

Micah told how great Jerusalem will be in the time to come (Micah 4:1-8). It will have a great king. Will He be king of Israel only (Micah 4:3)?

Will there be peace at that time?

READ MICAH 5:2 and MATTHEW 2:5,6.

What will the Lord do for the people of Israel in time to come (Micah 7:18-20)?

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## WORDS TO LEARN

1. citadel - a big house or palace. It is built so strong that the people in it are safe from enemies.
2. mercy - pity which is not deserved, loving kindness.
3. plumbline - a string with a weight on the end - it is used to see if a wall is straight or leaning.
4. remnant - what is left over; a small group.