

BULLSEYE!
ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!

"THE BOOK OF AMOS"
"THE PROPHET ON A SINKING BOAT"

Prophets were chosen of God, to tell the **certain future** before it happened, with **prophecy**.

They would **not** predict the future, as this would imply guesswork on the part of the prophet.

God simply used these messengers, to tell what **WOULD** be happening. No guessing needed!

The books of the prophets, **Isaiah to Malachi**, cover about **400 years**, 830-430BC approximately, when the Hebrew nation was in decline.

THEIR MISSION AND MESSAGE

1. To try and **save** the Hebrew nation from **IDOLATRY** and wickedness.
2. Failing this, to announce to the nation, that they will be **destroyed**.
3. But not completely destroyed, as a **remnant** (a few left) will be saved.
4. Out of this remnant will come a **Person** who will bring all nations to God.
5. That person will be a great man who will one day arise out of the **family tree of David**. The prophets called him **THE BRANCH**. This family tree of David, once the most powerful family in the world, was cut down in the days of the prophets, and disappeared. But the family would comeback with this man called **THE BRANCH - THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** ([Rev 19:16](#))

Not even understanding the full meaning and importance of their words, the prophets were obedient.

There are **three prophets** whose mission were to other nations other than Israel (ten Northern tribes) and Judah (two Southern tribes), and these were **JONAH to Assyria (Nineveh), OBADIAH to Edom (Esau) and NAHUM to Assyria (Nineveh).**

16 PROPHETS IN FOUR GROUPS

1. NORTHERN KINGDOM CALLED ISRAEL had the **ten tribes**, and lasted about **210 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Amos, Hosea**.

The destruction and captivity **Northern** kingdom went from **734-721BC**. They were taken to **Assyria** have simply disappeared from the face of the earth.

2. SOUTHERN KINGDOM CALLED JUDAH had the **two tribes** of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and lasted about **320 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah**.

The destruction and captivity of the **Southern** kingdom, went from **606-586BC**. Taken to **Babylon**.

Invading armies didn't kill and destroy everything at once, but slowly strangled their captive nations, with taxes, slaves and goods. Under their rule, they then left the very poorest in the land to struggle on.

3. RESTORATION OF THE NATION made up of only Judah and Benjamin, **NOW CALLED ISRAEL**, happened from 536-444BC, and the prophets during this period were **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**.

4. OTHER NATIONS were **ASSYRIA** (Nineveh) with the prophets **Jonah** and **Nahum** and **EDOM** (Esau) with the prophet **Obadiah**

THE 16 PROPHETS ARE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS

Northern - ISRAEL	Southern - JUDAH	Other Nations
Amos	Before captivity	Ninevah
Hosea	Joel	Jonah
	Isaiah	Nahum
	Micah	
	Jeremiah	Edom (Esau)
	Habakkuk	Obadiah
	Zephaniah	

	Before & to Babylon	
	Daniel	
	Captives in Babylon	
	Ezekiel	
	Return from Captivity	
	Haggai	
	Zechariah	
	Malachi	

"TABLE OF KINGS AND PROPHETS"

KINGS and PROPHETS					
Two Prophets	Year BC			Year BC	Fourteen Prophets
		The Exodus 40 years		1446	
		Joshua in Canaan 16 years		1406	
		The Judges 340 years (450 yrs with gaps Acts 13:20)		1390	Samuel 1100-1050 BC
		Saul 40yrs		1050	
		David 40yrs		1010	Nathan
		Solomon 40yrs		970	
	930	KINGS NORTHERN reign years	KINGS SOUTHERN reign years	930	
	930-911	1 Jeroboam I 22	1 Rehoboam 17	930-914	
		2 Nadab 2	2 Abijah 2		
		3 Baasha 24	3 Asa 40	912-872	
		4 Elah 2			
		5 Zimri 7 days			
		6 Omri 12			
Elijah 875-850	875-854	7 Ahab 22	4 Jehoshaphat 25	874-850	
	855-854	8 Ahaziah 2	5 Jehoram 8	850-843	
Elisha 850-800	854-843	9 Joram 12	6 Ahaziah 1	843	
AMOS 780-740 HOSEA 760-720	843-816	10 Jehu 28	ATHALIAH 6	843-837	
	820-804	11 Jehoahaz 17	7 Joash 40	843-803	JOEL 840-830
	806-790	12 Joash 16	8 Amaziah 30	803-775	
	790-749	13 Jeroboam II 41	9 Uzziah 50	787-735	JONAH 790-770
	748	14 Zachariah 6 mth	10 Jotham 15	749-734	ISAIAH 745-695
	748	15 Shallum 1 mth			MICAH 740-700
	748-738	16 Menahem 10			
	738-736	17 Pekahiah 2			
	748-730	18 Pekah 20	11 Ahaz 15	741-726	

	730-722	19 Hoshea 9	12 Hezekiah 30	726-697	
	ASSYRIA CAPTIVITY 734-722		13 Manasseh 55	697-642	
			14 Amon 2	641-640	608 ZEPHANIAH 639-
			15 Josiah 30	639-608	610 NAHUM 630-
			16 Jehoahaz 1	608	586 JEREMIAH 626-
			17 Jehoakim 10	608-597	586 HABAKKUK 606-
			Assyria falls 607 - Rise of Babylon		
			18 Jehoakin 1	597	OBADIAH 586
			19 Zedekiah 10	597-586	
			BABYLON CAPTIVITY 606-586		DANIEL 606-534 EZEKIEL 592-
			570		
			Babylon falls 536 - Rise of Persia Return from captivity 536		
			Joshua	536-516	HAGGAI 520- 516
			Zerubbabel	536-516	ZECHARIAH 520- 516
			Temple rebuilt		
			Ezra	457-430	
			Nehemiah	444-432	
			Wall rebuilt		MALACHI 440-
			400		

AMOS

BACKGROUND

Amos was a Southern prophet from Judah, that went to the Northern Kingdom in the time of Jeroboam II ([Amos 7:10-11](#)), about 30 years before the Northern tribes went into Assyrian captivity.

This was also in the time of Uzziah, king of Judah (787 -735 BC), and coincides with the earthquake ([Amos 1:1](#)), being the result of Uzziah's disobedience and leprosy ([2 Chron 26:16-21](#)).

Jeroboam's reign had been very successful in a worldly sense, and had expanded in size and prosperity ([2Kings 14:23-29](#)). However, it had become a land of swearing, stealing, **moral rottenness**, injustice, oppression, robbery, adultery and murder. It had been about 200 years since the ten tribes had set up the Northern kingdom, with **calf worship** as its religion ([1Kings 12:25-33](#)). **Baal worship**, with the sacrifice of babies into fire, and the officially endorsed religious sodomy and prostitution ceremonies, became the norm.

Previously, God has sent Elijah, Elisha and Jonah, but to no avail. Israel was now speeding toward its ruin, and God, in a final effort, sent Amos and Hosea, to arrest it's coming destruction before Assyrian captivity.

AMOS 780-740BC

DAVID'S HOUSE WILL YET RULE THE WORLD

Wickedness of Israel, their doom and their restoration in David

Ch 1-2 Doom of Israel and surrounding nations

Amos starts with a general **prophecy of doom for eight nations** – Syria, Philistines, Phoenicians, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah and Israel by describing their sins and their **transgressions** with the same formula of “for three transgressions and for four...”. The word “**captivity**” is repeated again and again, for that is where they will end up (1:5, 6, 9, 15; 5:5, 27; 7:17; 9:4, 14). The earthquake must have been very severe as it was remembered for about 200 years after it happened ([Zechariah 14:5](#)), and is mentioned as a demonstration of God’s wrath of their coming judgment day.

Ch 3. Luxury palaces

Samaria was the capital of the Northern kingdom, and was situated on a **300 foot high hill**. It was surrounded by mountains on three sides and was impregnable. Its palaces were built with the blood of the poor (2:6, 7; 3:10; 5:11; 8:4-7) with such severity and cruelty, that would have shocked even the Egyptians and the Philistines (3:9-10).

Amos is speaking at Bethel (3:14; 7:13) which is 12 miles North of Jerusalem, and was the religious capital of the Northern kingdom. It was here that Jeroboam I had set up the Golden Calf for worship ([1kings 12:25-33](#)) about 180 years previous.

Amos came from Tekoa ([Amos 1:1](#)), ten miles South of Jerusalem, which also sat on a hill about **2,700 feet high**. He was a layman, a herdsman and collector of fruit, and **not** a professional prophet or priest.

Ch 4. Prepare to meet God

(Verses 1-2) The cattle of Bashan, the pampered ladies, were taken away by Assyria, like fat cows with literal hooks through their lips (4:2). Israel intensely religious but exceedingly cruel (v 4-5). God’s repeated efforts to save them had failed and now destruction awaited them (verse 6-13)

Ch 5. Day of God

Lament over the fall of Israel (v1-3). Another appeal to turn to God (v4-9). Further denunciation of their evil ways (v10-27). Their may have been a desire to turn to God but Amos wanted their hearts not their actions (v18-26).

Ch 6. Captivity

Amos again contrast their luxury to their captivity that is to come.

Ch 7. Three visions of destructions

Locusts (v1-3)

Fire (v4-6)

Plumb Line (v7-9). The city had been measured for destruction. Twice, God had relented, but no more.

The Bethel priest (v10-17) reported Amos to Jeroboam II. Amos told the priest he would soon be captive.

Ch 8. Basket of Summer fruit

This is the symbol of a sinful nation that was ripe for ruin.

Ch 9. Future glory of David's kingdom (9:11-1) and the Millennial reign (9:13-15)

Future captivity (v1-9) which comes within 30 years. David's restored throne (v8-15) which will rule over all nations.

In summary

AMOS 760-740BC

DAVID'S HOUSE WILL YET RULE THE WORLD Wickedness of Israel, doom and restoration

- Chapter 1-2** Doom
- Chapter** Luxury palaces
- Chapter 4.** Time to meet God
- Chapter 5.** Day of God
- Chapter 6.** Captivity
- Chapter 7.** Three visions
- Chapter 8.** Basket of Summer fruit
- Chapter 9.** Future glory.

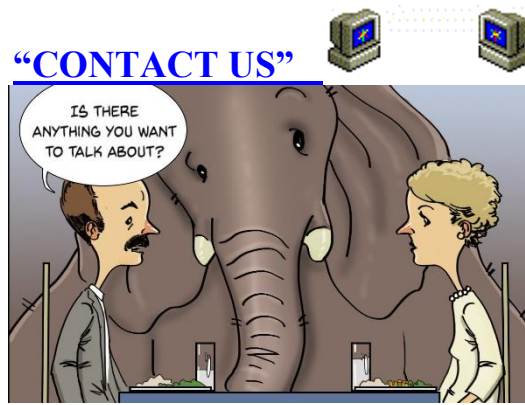
He sees 1. Return of Jews to God 9:11-12

2. Millennium 9:13-15

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