

Unit 5, Lesson 21, Amos, Hosea, Micah

Daily Readings:

Day 1: Amos 1-4

Day 2: Amos 5-9

Day 3: Hosea 1-4

Day 4: Hosea 5-9

Day 5: Hosea 10-14

Day 6: Micah 1-4

Day 7: Micah 5-7

INTRO, AMOS

Amos, *burden*, farmer-turned-prophet, sent to Israel during prosperous time, but time of rebellion. Declares coming judgment. 755 BC, just after Jonah, before Hosea. Uzziah is King in Judah, and Jeroboam II in Israel. All enemies weak, people couldn't fathom coming judgment. But in 30 years, Israel fell to Assyria.

8 prophecies(1:1-2:16), 3 sermons(3:1-6:14), 5 visions(7:1-9:10), 5 promises(9:11-15)(Here find the CHRIST of the book)

QUESTIONS, AMOS

1. Name the 8 locations singled out for judgment. (1:3-2:6)_____

2. The first 5 are judged because of sin against Israel/Judah. Why is Judah judged? (2:4)_____

Israel?(2:6-8)_____

3. What had God done for Israel?(2:9-11)_____

4. What do you think is the point of all the "cause and effect" statements of 3:3-6? (see 7-8)_____

5. What picture does Amos paint of the few who will be saved? (3:12)_____

6. Why does Amos invite Israel to sin?(4:4-5)_____

7. How had the Lord been warning Israel? (4:6-11)_____

8. Why would the Lord HATE the feast days of Israel that HE ordained? (5:21-24)_____

9. What element was missing in Israel's religion? (6:1-7)_____

Note: Is "the affliction of Joseph" found in Genesis 37:25?

10. How did Israel escape the first two "visions" of Amos? (7:1-6)_____

note that the third vision is fulfilled in II K. 15:8-10

11. How did King Jeroboam hear about Amos's words?(7:10-13)_____

12. What type of famine is predicted for Israel? (8:11-14)_____

13. How determined was God to punish Israel? (9:2-4)_____

14. Is there any hope in Amos's prophecies?(9:13-15)_____

INTRO, HOSEA

Hosea, *salvation* (same root as Joshua/Jesus), sent to Israel during time of outward prosperity but inward corruption. Told to marry unfaithful woman as a picture of Israel. Begins under Jeroboam II, as Jonah-Amos. Uzziah, Ahaz, and Hezekiah reigning in Judah. Preached from about 755 BC to 710 BC. Just after Amos. Contemporary of Isaiah/Micah in the South.

CHRIST: Compare 11:1 to Matthew 2:15.. "Out of Egypt I called My Son." And, the redemption of Gomer!

QUESTIONS, HOSEA

1. Why was Hosea instructed to marry Gomer? (1:2)_____

2. Explain the names of their three children.(1:3-9)_____

3. If "scattered" and "no mercy" and "not My people", how do you account for 1:10-11? (see Romans 9:18-26)_____

4. Though Israel is charged with adultery (2:1-5), and promised judgment (2:6-13), what other promise is made? (2:14-23).

5. Hosea “buys back” (redeems!) Gomer, but “punishes” her also. How was Israel punished?(3:4)

6. Name the “destroyer” of God’s people:(4:6)

7. Give two pictures of the “faithfulness” of Israel: (6:4)

8. Jesus said (Matthew 9:10-13) that we should go and learn what Hosea 6:6 means. Do you know?

9. Why so much fuss over “Ephraim”? (9)

10. What will be “rained” on those who seek the Lord? (10:12)

11. What two “Sons” did God call out of Egypt? (11:1, Matthew 2:13-15)

12. List some of the charges against Israel. (12:1,8,11,14 ; 13:1,2)

13. If Israel will return to the Lord, what promises are offered her? (14:4,5, 6,7)

INTRO, MICAH

Michayahu, “Who is like God?” (see 7:18). A stern prophet who ministers largely to Jerusalem, but also predicts the downfall of Samaria(1:6). He exposes sin, announces judgment, but offers hope also. Like Amos, Micah was a farmer. He prophesied from about 735 to 710 B.C., a contemporary of Hosea (north) and Isaiah (Jerusalem). Though Assyria grew stronger and stronger, Micah rightly predicted (4:10) a *Babylonian* captivity. This must have startled or even amused his hearers, as Babylonia was considered “history” in the light of Assyria’s might.

CHRIST: 1. (5:2) The birthplace (Matthew 2:5,6) and eternal nature of Jesus! 2. (2:12,13 ; 4:1-8; 5:4,5) The literal reign of Christ on earth!

QUESTIONS, MICAH

1. What is coming to the city of Samaria? (1:6-7)

2. Elijah, Elisha, Amos, now Micah, warn against what horrible sin?(1:7)

3. List other sins of God’s people:(2:1,2,6,8,9)

4. Why does the Lord not hear some prayers?(3:1-4)

5. How did Micah say he was different from the other prophets? (3:5-8)

6. Isaiah 2:2-4 and Micah 1:1-3 are exactly the same. What day do they announce?

7. What will be the headquarters of the new world seen by the prophets?(4:2)

8. What will NOT exist in that day? (4:3-5)

9. While Assyria rules the world and is knocking at Judah’s door, who does Micah predict will enslave them?(4:10)

10. What two things do you learn about a coming ruler in Micah 5:2?

11. What, in verse 4? (see Isaiah 40:11)

12. “He” shall deliver us from “the Assyrian.” Is this the Lord and the Assyrians of Micah’s day? Or the coming Messiah (same Lord) and a *future* “Assyrian”?

13. What does the Lord require of us?(6:8)

14. How is bad leadership a curse?(6:15,16)

15. When everything goes wrong, what do you do? (7:5-7)

16. On what note does the prophecy of Micah end? (7:18-20)