

Are you ready?

Amos 4



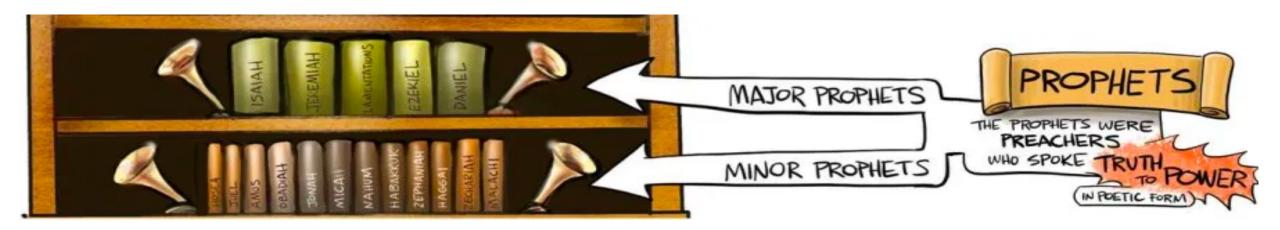
Amos 4:12 "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel."

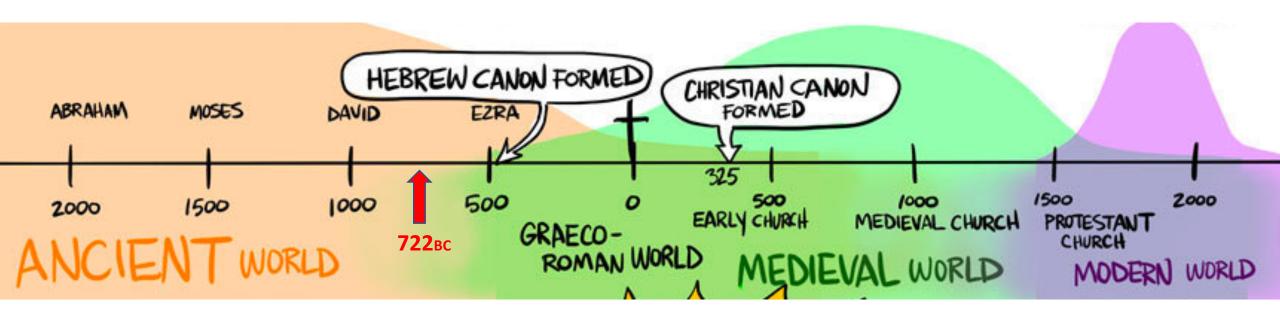
"God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination." Augustine



Israel – Northern Kingdom Amos 4





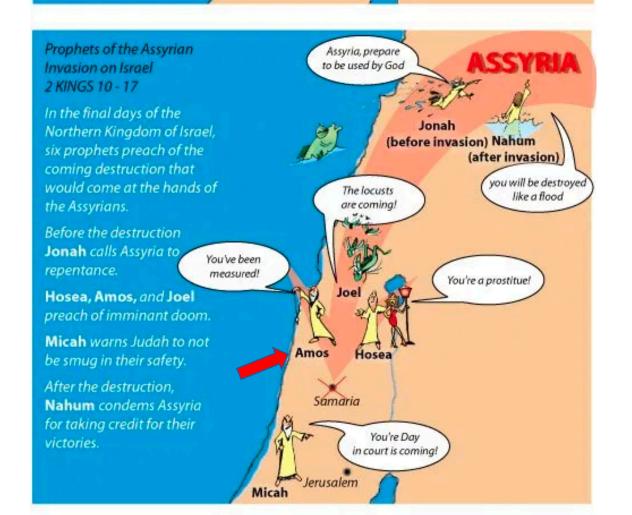


Prophet of the Divided
Kingdom
2 KINGS 1-10
During the skirmishes with
Moab, Obadiah chastises
Edom (descendents of Esau)
for sittiing by and doing
nothing to defend Israel.

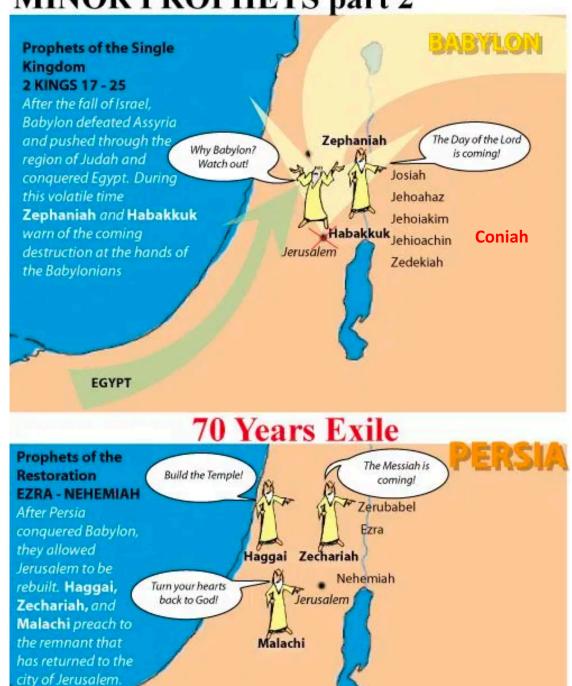
Prophet of the Divided
Kingdom
Samaria
You should have helped your brother!

Obadiah

Jerusalem



MINOR PROPHETS part 2



1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, "Bring now, that we may drink!"



2 The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness, "Behold, the days are coming upon you When they will take you away with meat hooks, And the last of you with fish hooks.



3 "You will go out through breaches in the walls, Each one straight before her, And you will be cast to Harmon," declares the LORD.



4 "Enter Bethel and transgress; In Gilgal multiply transgression! Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days.



5 "Offer a thank offering also from that which is leavened,

And proclaim freewill offerings, make them known.

For so you love to do, you sons of Israel," Declares the Lord GOD.





'Harmon' = far mountain?

Retaining 1-5

- Wealth now worthless
 - 'cows' play on words 'Bashan'
- Walls now defenseless
 - Samaria incredible!
- Worship now meaningless
 - 'leaven' 'freewill'
 - 'so you love to do' sarcastic!

"Knowledge without repentance will be but a torch to light men to hell." Thomas Watson



6 "But I gave you also cleanness of teeth in all your cities And lack of bread in all your places, Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.



7 "Furthermore, I withheld the rain from you While there were still three months until harvest.

Then I would send rain on one city And on another city I would not send rain; One part would be rained on, While the part not rained on would dry up. 8 "So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink water, But would not be satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.



9 "I smote you with scorching wind and mildew;

And the caterpillar was devouring Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees;

Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.



10 "I sent a plague among you after the manner of Egypt; I slew your young men by the sword along with your captured horses, And I made the stench of your camp rise up in your nostrils; Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.

11 "I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand snatched from a blaze; Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.



Matt 23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."



Returning? 6-11

- 5 times LORD said 'yet you have not returned to Me!'
- 'clean teeth' = famine
- Withheld the rain Elijah & Ahab revival
- Wind & worm Jonah repentance
- Plagues of Egypt release
- Sodom & Gomorrah reminders
- Historical returns remarkable stubbornness

"Repentance, as we know, is basically not moaning and remorse, but turning and change."

J.I. Packer



12 "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel."

13 For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind And declares to man what are His thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness And treads on the high places of the earth, The LORD God of hosts is His name.

Ready? 12,13

- You have been warned!
- I have been patient!
- The time of reckoning is at hand!
- It is My right as Creator to call on Creatures of Creation
- Amos 3 'walk together' Genesis 3
- Amos 4 'prepare to meet' "Adam, where are you?"

"Another proof of the conquest of a soul for Christ will be found in a real change of life. If the man does not live differently from what he did before, both at home and abroad, his repentance needs to be repented of and his conversion is a fiction." Charles Spurgeon

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent." Revelation 3:19



"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." C.S. Lewis

Are you ready to meet?

- What have we done with God's blessings?
- How have we observed His Law & Love?
- What do we trust for security or future?
- Leave me and I serve You Take me and I see You!



"You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late."

Thomas Fuller



How do we 'agree with God'?

- What does God want us to do?
 - Accept the law of the LORD
 - Keep the law of the LORD
 - Teach the law of the LORD

Are you ready?





As you leave - please mask up!

