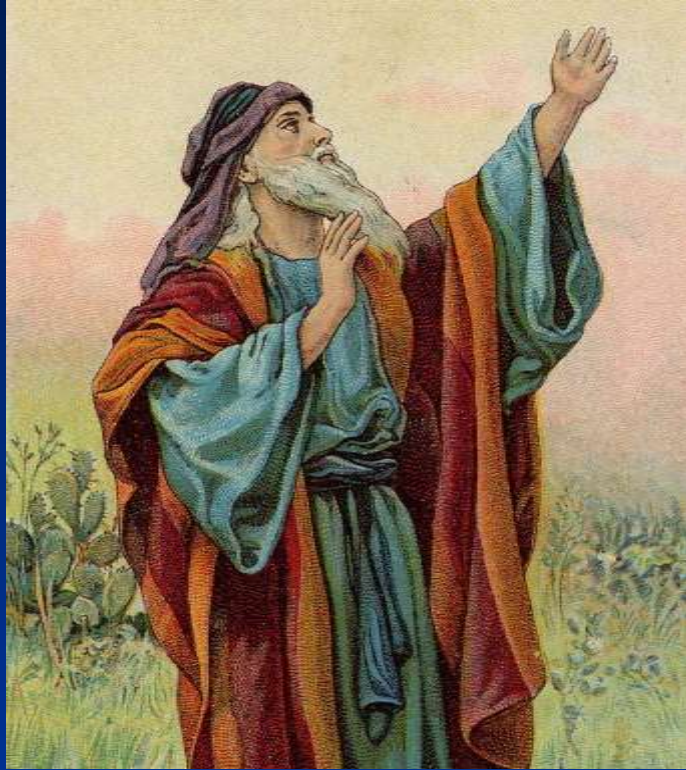


AMOS



**THE MAN AND HIS
MESSAGE!**

The World of Amos

all times B.C.

	ISRAEL			JUDAH		
	KING		PROPHET	KING		PROPHET
760	JEROBOAM II (793-753)		JONAH (780-760)	UZZIAH (792-740)		ISAIAH (762-690) MICAH (735-700)
755			AMOS (760-750)			
750						
745	MENAHEM (752-742)	* Zechariah ruled for 6 months in 753. Assassinated by Shallum who ruled for 1 month in 752.	HOSEA (750-725)		JOTHAM (750-732)	
740	PEKAH (752-732)					
735		Pekahiah served from 742-740				
730	HOSHEA (732-722)			AHAZ (Jehoahaz) (735-716)		
725						
	Northern Kingdom Destroyed					
720						
715				HEZEKIAH (716-687)		
710						

Condition's Amos Faced

- **Material Prosperity**
 - Amos 3:15 "I will also smite the winter house together with the summer house."

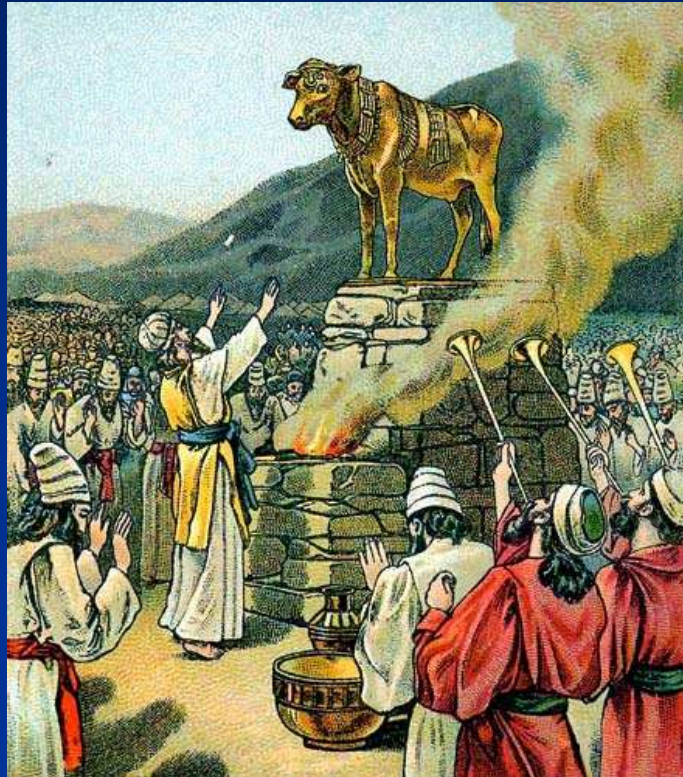
Conditions Amos Faced

- Moral Decadence

- 2:6-7 "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they sell the righteous for money and the needy for a pair of sandals.
- And a man and his father resort to the same girl in order to profane My holy name. NASU

Conditions Amos Faced

- Continuous Religious Apostasy
 - Calf-worship – 3:14



Formalistic Ritualism

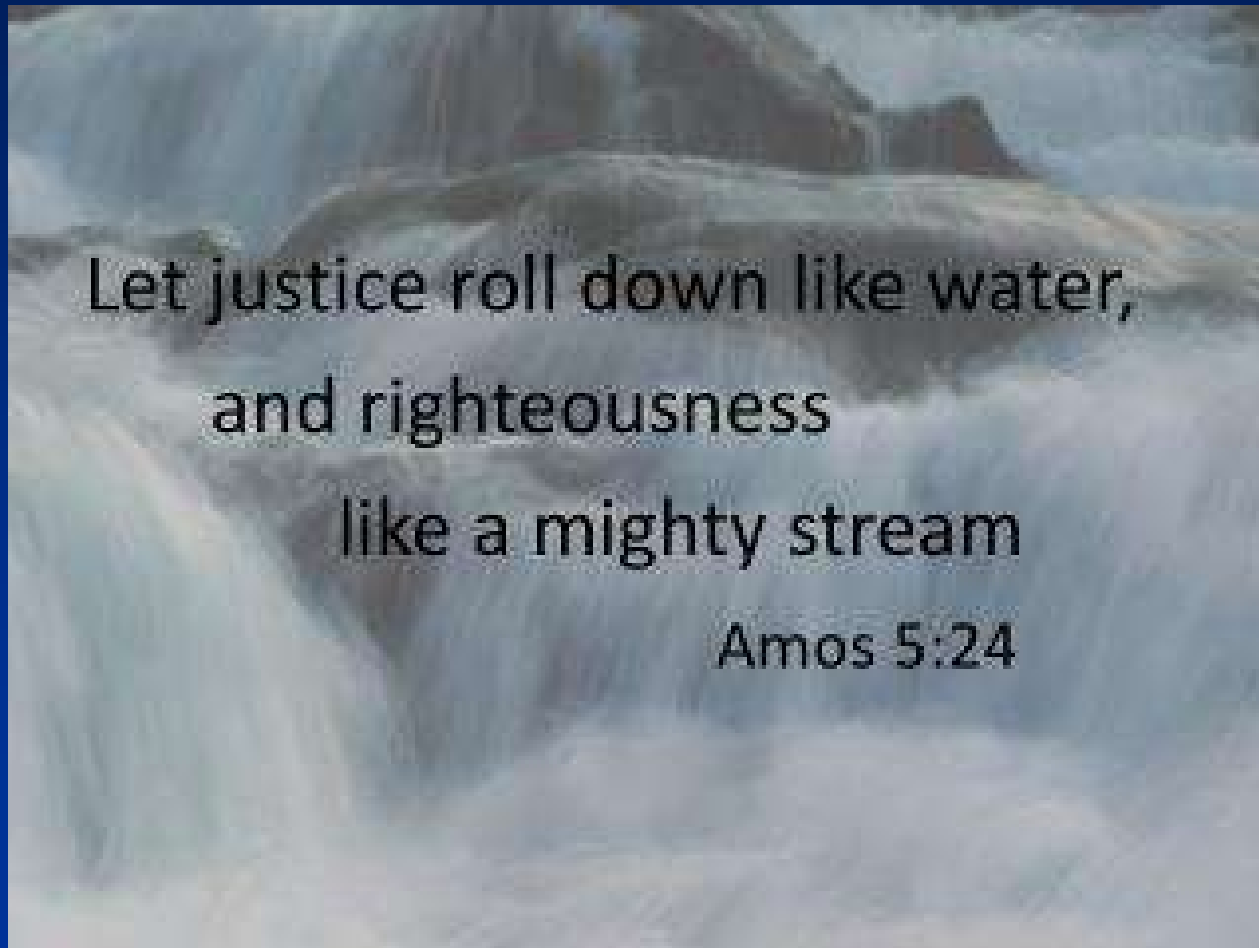
- Amos 5:21-24 "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies."

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

— Isaiah 29:13 (KJV)

Condition's Amos Faced

- Hypocrisy



Condition's Amos Faced

- Prideful and Arrogant Attitude
 - Amos 6:1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, And to those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria.

OUTLINE

- Amos 1-2 – Condemns all the nations around Israel, then points to Israel itself.
- Amos 3-6 – Sermon to Israel.
 - Reminds them of sinfulness, violated covenant
 - You will be taken into captivity!
- Amos 7-9 FIVE VISIONS
 - Shows total destruction/punishment to come

The Judgment of Jehovah



Prepare
to meet
thy **GOD**

Amos 4:12

The Judgment of Jehovah

A Basket of Summer Fruit



Amos 8:2 "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "**A basket of summer fruit.**" Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come for My people Israel. I will spare them no longer".

The Age of Written Prophecy

- OT Historians of Israelite History
- Make sure the people *understood* what was happening!
- Do not doubt God's faithfulness!

Basic Message:

- You will be taken into Captivity
 - NOT because God has lost His power!
 - NOT because Assyria is so powerful!
 - BECAUSE OF YOUR SINS!**

The Judgment of Jehovah

Isaiah 10:5-7

- Woe to Assyria, **the rod of My anger** and the staff in whose hands is My indignation, I send it against a godless nation, and commission it against the people of My fury to capture booty and to seize plunder, Yet it does not so intend, nor does it plan so in its heart, but rather it is its purpose to destroy and to cut off many nations.

The Judgment of Jehovah

- The **curses of the covenant** (Deut 28) were promised by God.
- Would serve “as a sign and for a wonder, upon they seed forever” (Deut 28:46)
- **LESSON:** God is true to His word and there are consequences for breaking His laws!

Four Characteristics:

- It was irrevocable
 - Could repent individually.
 - *“Seek ye Me, and ye shall live” (5:4)*
 - Too late to avoid national judgment
 - 4: 6-12 List calamities.....
 - 4:11 “Ye have not returned to me.”
 - 4:12 **“Prepare to meet thy God.”**

Prepare to Meet Thy God

- Not: Repent before its too late!
- Judgment is coming: **Brace yourself!**
- **Verdict has been sealed!**



Four Characteristics

- Judgment was deserved.



- A Vision of the Plumb line!

A Plumb line



- “A weight with a pointed tip on the bottom that is suspended from a string and used as a vertical reference line.”
- This instrument has been used since the time of the ancient Egyptians by bricklayers, masons, and carpenters to ensure that their constructions are "plumb", or perfectly upright.

Amos 7: 7-9

“Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. 8 The LORD said to me, “What do you see, Amos?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer. 9 “The high places of Isaac will be desolated, and the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste.”

Vision of the Plumb line



- Wall = Israel
- Plumb line = God's standard
- God had made Israel upright!
- Slightly crooked – repaired.
- Only solution: Tear down!

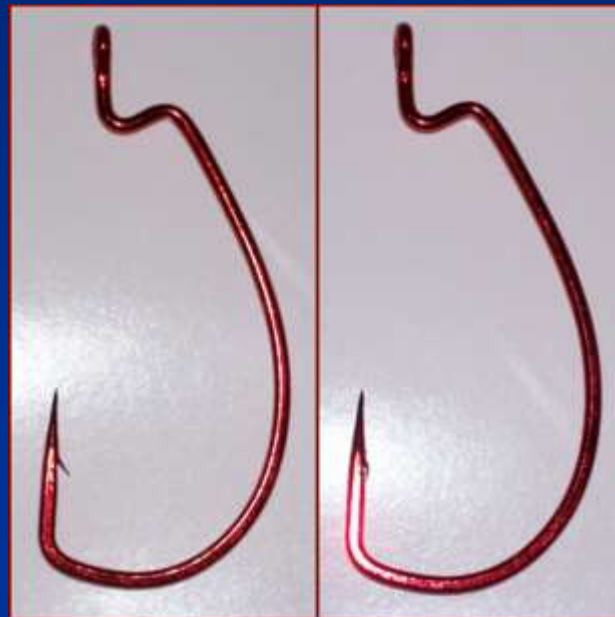
Judgment would be Severe

- Punishment fits the crime!
 - Amos 2:13-15 “I will **press you...**”
 - Amos 3:12 “Just as the shepherd snatches from the lion's mouth **two legs** **or a piece of an ear**, so will the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria be snatched away.”



Judgement would be Severe

- Amos 4:2 “The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his holiness, they shall come and they shall **take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish hooks.**”







Judgment was *Unexpected*



- Israel's primary enemy = **Syria**
 - II Kings 13:7 “Trampled under foot like the dust on threshing floor.”

Map 4 THE KINGDOM YEARS

-  Probable extent of Israelite control during the Kingdom of Solomon, c. 950 B.C.
-  The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, c. 860 B.C.
-  Boundary between Israel and Judah
-  Exact location questionable

0 25 50
Scale of Miles

The Great Sea

The Salt Sea

JUDAH

ISRAEL

Riblah

Zobah

Damascus

Syria

Ashtaroth

Ramoth Gilead

Ammon

Note: Other place names significant during the time of the Kingdoms are found on Map 3.

Amos warns:

Amos 5:27 "Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD . . .



Assyria first world empire . .

- Impact and bother Israel and Judah
- First to attempt to destroy “nationalism” by deporting people
- Most barbaric (fish hooks)!
 - Intermarry and lose ethnic identity
 - Lose mother tongue (Hebrew).
 - Create a half-breed race—Samaritans.

Map 6 PALESTINE IN CHRIST'S TIME

(1,742) Elevation, in feet
? Exact location questionable

0 10 20
Scale of Miles



Vision of the Plumb line



- Amos spoke plainly ignored!
- Took bitter pill of captivity/destruction to humble the people.
- Where is America?
- Individually: “Seek the Lord” ...”saved by Him.”