

Christ in the Old Testament

MINOR PROPHETS

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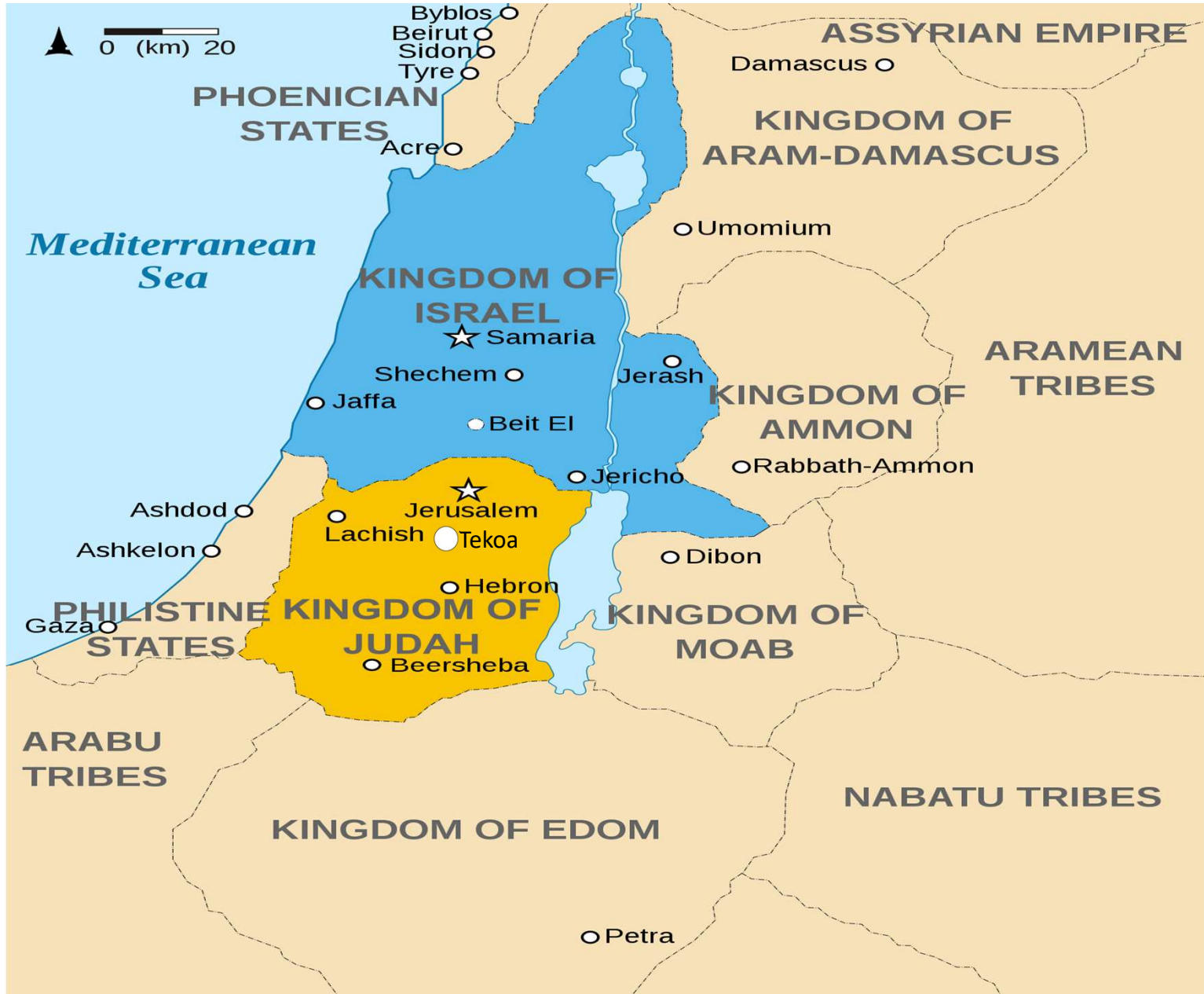


Amos the Prophet

Amos



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THE MINOR PROPHETS (Update)

Prophet	Date (B.C.) Approx	Name Meaning	Prophecies To/About	King at Time (assumption)
Obadiah	845-750	'Servant of the Lord'	Israel/Edom	Jehoram (Ju) Joram (Is)
Joel	835-796	'Yahweh is God'	Judah	Joash (Ju) Jehu/Jehoahaz(Is)
Jonah	793-753	'Dove'	Nineveh	Jeroboam 11 (Is) Amaziah/(Ju)
Hosea	753-715	'Salvation'	Israel	Jotham/Ahaz (Ju) Jeroboam/Pekah/Hoshea (Is)
Amos	760-755	'Burden- bearer'	Israel/Judah	Jotham/Uzziah (Ju) Jeroboam/Pekah (Is)
Micah	770-710	'Who is like unto the Lord'	Israel/Judah	Jotham/Ahaz/Hezekiah(Ju) Zechariah – Hoshea (Is)
Nahum	655	'Consolation'	Nineveh	Manasseh (Ju) *
Zephaniah	625	'Yahweh hides'	Judah/Assyria. And Nations	Josiah (Ju)
Habakkuk	610	'Clings to'	Judah/Nations	Josiah/Jehoahaz/Jehoiakim
Haggai	520	'My Feast'	Judah	N/A
Zechariah	520	'Yahweh has remembered'	Judah	N/A
Malachi	460 - 420	'My Messenger'	Judah	N/A

Kings of Judah and Israel

Saul	1050-1010 BC
David	1010-970
Solomon	970-930

Judah (and Benjamin)				Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)					
King	Reign		Character	Prophets	King	Reign		Character	Prophets
1. Rehoboam	931-913	17 years	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931-910	22 years	Bad	Ahijah
2. Abijah	913-911	3 years	Bad		2. Nadab	910-909	2 years	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870	41 years	Good		3. Baasha	909-886	24 years	Bad	
					4. Elah	886-885	2 years	Bad	
					5. Zimri	885	7 days	Bad	
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	25 years	Good		6. Omri	885-874*	12 years	Bad	Elijah Micaiah
5. Jehoram	848-841*	8 years	Bad		7. Ahab	874-853	22 years	Bad	
6. Ahaziah	841	1 years	Bad		8. Ahaziah	853-852	2 years	Bad	
7. Athaliah	841-835	6 years	Bad		9. Joram	852-841	12 years	Bad	Elisha
8. Joash	835-796	40 years	Good	Joel	10. Jehu	841-814	28 years	Bad	
9. Amaziah	796-767	29 years	Good		11. Jehoahaz	814-798	17 years	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740*	52 years	Good		12. Jehoash	798-782	16 years	Bad	
11. Jotham	740-732*	16 years	Good	Isaiah Micah	13. Jeroboam II	782-753*	41 years	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732-716	16 years	Bad		14. Zechariah	753-752	6 mo	Bad	
13. Hezekiah	716-687	29 years	Good		15. Shallum	752	1 mo	Bad	
14. Manasseh	687-642*	55 years	Bad-repent	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah	16. Menahem	752-742	10 years	Bad	
15. Amon	642-640	2 years	Bad		17. Pekahiah	742-740	2 years	Bad	
16. Josiah	640-608	31 years	Good		18. Pekah	740-732*	20 years	Bad	
17. Jehoahaz	608	3 mo	Bad		19. Hoshea	732-712	9 years	Bad	
18. Jehoiakim	608-597	11 years	Bad	Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	722 BC Fall of Israel / Assyrian Captivity				
19. Jehoiachin	597	3 mos	Bad						
20. Zedekiah	597-586	11 years	Bad						
Destruction of Jerusalem, 9th Av, 586 BC, Babylonian Captivity									

The Plumbline Words

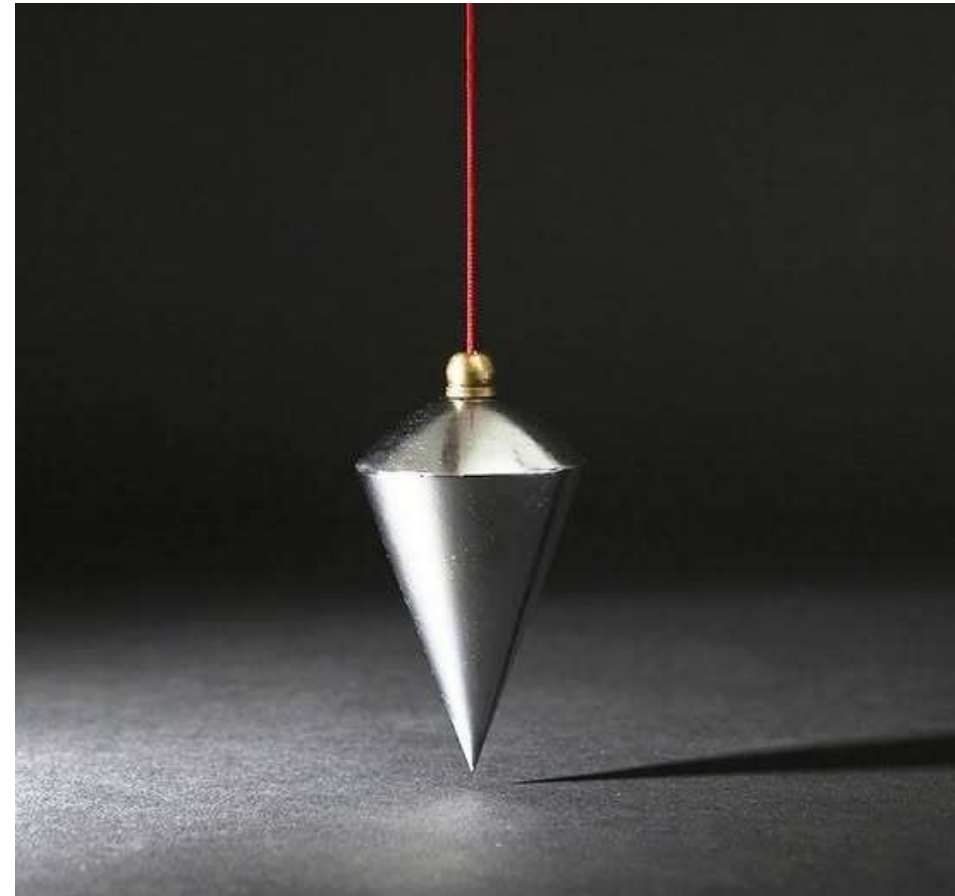
Mishpat (Justice) & Tzedakah (Righteousness)

Mishpat - Legal decision, verdict, what's due.

Tzedakah - Right relationship, equity, straightness.

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" Amos 5:24

"Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more" Amos 7:7-8



Amos: The Plumbline Prophet

“Let justice roll down like waters” — Amos 5:24

Background: circa 760 BC; an 8th (very significant) century prophet

Who: Amos of Tekoa, sheep breeder + sycamore dresser, not a professional prophet 7:14-15

When: “two years before the earthquake” 1:1. Uzziah/Jeroboam II — peak wealth for both Judah and Israel but also peak rot

Where: Bethel — Northern Kingdom’s royal sanctuary 7:13

Why: God measures Israel by His standard, not their success; empty religion

Thrust: 8th Century Prophet for 21st Century Church — Amos 3:7, noting —

A.W.Tozer: *“Righteousness is not easy. That is why so little of it is found where it is expected.”*

The Plumbline Vision — God's Standard

“Behold, I am setting a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel” 7:8

What it is: Builder's tool. Shows if a wall is true or leaning

What it means: YHWH measures covenant faithfulness, not religious activity 5:21-24

Result: “I will never again pass by them” 7:8 — judgment is now fixed

A.W.Tozer: “God is not at cross-purposes with Himself.” The same God who saves also judges. (Judgment and mercy – a recurring Bible theme)

Breaking down the book: The plumbline sets up the whole book. Three measurements follow...

God's Case Against Israel: Three Plumbline Drops

Indictments x 8 | Chapters 1–2 | “For three transgressions... and for four”
Focus: Nations + Judah/Israel judged

Oracles x 3 | Chapters 3–6 | “Hear this word...”
Focus: Israel's guilt exposed

Visions x 5 | Chapters 7–9 | “This is what the Lord GOD showed me”
Focus: Judgment unavoidable, restoration promised

The 8 Indictments — 1:3–2:16

“For three transgressions and for four” — God Judges All

Pattern: Ever-narrowing circles, ending at Judah and climaxing at Israel

1. **Damascus 1:3-5** — Threshed Gilead with iron sledges
2. **Gaza/Philistia 1:6-8** — Slave trade, delivered whole communities
3. **Tyre 1:9-10** — Broke covenant of brotherhood, sold slaves
4. **Edom 1:11-12** — Pursued brother with sword, no pity
5. **Ammon 1:13-15** — Ripped open pregnant women to expand borders
6. **Moab 2:1-3** — Burned king of Edom’s bones to lime
7. **Judah 2:4-5** — Rejected Torah, went after false gods
8. **Israel 2:6-16** — Sold righteous for silver, crushed poor, profaned My name

The 3 Oracles — 3:1–6:14

“Hear This Word” — Israel’s Indictment

Three sermons at Bethel. Each darker.

Oracle 1 — 3:1–15 “You only have I known”

Charge: Privilege brings responsibility. Lions roar before striking. God roars before judging.

Image: Winter/summer houses smashed, ivory beds gone 3:15

Oracle 2 — 4:1–13 “Prepare to meet your God”

Charge: “Cows of Bashan” — wealthy women crush poor. 5 judgments ignored.

Refrain: “yet you did not return to me” 4:6,8,9,10,11

Climax: Earthquake/God Himself comes 4:12-13

Oracle 3 — 5:1–6:14 “Seek Me and live”

Charge: Religion without justice = noise 5:21-24.

Woes: To those at ease in Zion 6:1. “Did you bring Me sacrifices 40 years?” 5:25

End: Exile “beyond Damascus” 5:27; The Day of the Lord (c.f. Obadiah 15)

The 5 Visions — 7:1–9:10

“This is what the Lord GOD showed me” — Judgment & Hope

Pattern: 2 averted, 1 decisive, 1 destruction, 1 promise

Vision 1 — Locusts 7:1-3 | “Lord GOD, please forgive!” | Amos intercedes, God relents

Vision 2 — Fire 7:4-6 | “Lord GOD, please cease!” | Amos intercedes, God relents

Vision 3 — Plumbline 7:7-9 | “I will never again pass by” | No more intercession. Wall condemned.

Historical flashback: Amaziah the Priest expels Amos 7:10-17

Vision 4 — Summer Fruit 8:1-14 | “The end has come” | Basket of ripe fruit = Israel ripe for judgment. Famine of hearing 8:11

Vision 5 — Lord by the Altar 9:1-10 | “Strike the capitals” | No escape. But remnant preserved 9:8-9

The Raised Booth — 9:11-15

11 In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and will rebuild the ruins of it, and will set up the parts thereof that have been broken down, and will build it up as in the ancient days:

12 that the remnant of men, and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, may earnestly seek me, saith the Lord who does all these things.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when the harvest shall overtake the vintage, and the grapes shall ripen at seedtime; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall be planted.

14 And I will turn the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the ruined cities, and shall inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and shall drink the wine from them; and they shall form gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be plucked up from the land which I have given them, saith the Lord God Almighty.

Amos 9:11-15 (Brenton's Septuagint)

15 The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

16 “After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,

17 that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things.

18 things known from long ago.

Acts 15:15-18 (New International Version)

Amos 9:11-15 — From Plumbline to Booth

1. **Context:** Judgment Then Hope

Amos 1-9:10 wrath. 9:11-15 restoration.

2. **LXX vs MT:** Both True

MT “Edom” = land. LXX “mankind” = nations; James quotes LXX. Acts 15:16-17.

3. **Booth Timeline:** Fall to Glory

Fell 586 BC. Raised: Cross → Church → Kingdom; Zech 14:16-18 Feast of Tabernacles.

4. **Acts 15:** Gentiles Enter Now

Cornelius → Peter → Council. No circumcision; Booth raised = Jews + Gentiles in Messiah.

5. **Romans 11:** Israel Saved Later

“Fullness of Gentiles” v25. “All Israel saved” v26;

Not replacement. Grafted in.

6. **Plumbline to Booth:** God’s Plan

Plumbline 7:8 condemns. Booth 9:11 restores.

Justice then mercy. Judgment then kingdom.



AMOS

	<p>Introduction</p> <p>A shepherd's vision</p> <p><i>CHAPTER</i> 1:1–2</p>	<p>Oracles against the Nations</p> <p><u>Damascus</u> <u>Gaza</u> <u>Tyre</u> <u>Edom</u> <u>Ammon</u> <u>Moab</u> <u>Judah</u> <u>Israel</u></p> <p><i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:3–2:16</p>	<p>Sermons against Nation of Israel</p> <p>Hear this word . . . sons of Israel (3:1) . . . you cows of Bashan (4:1) . . . house of Israel (5:1)</p> <p><i>CHAPTERS</i> 3–6</p>	<p>Visions of Judgment</p> <p><u>Locusts</u> <u>Fire</u> <u>Plumb line</u> <u>Ripe fruit</u> The LORD by the altar</p> <p><i>CHAPTERS</i> 7:1–9:10</p>	<p>Promises of Hope</p> <p>“In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David. . . . I will also plant them on their land.” (9:11,15)</p> <p><i>CHAPTER</i> 9:11–15</p>
Theme	Israel's coming judgment for treating others with injustice				
Key Verses	3:1–2; 4:12; 5:15, 24				
Christ in Amos	Jesus Christ, who has all authority to judge, is also the One who restores His people.				

AMOS

TRUE WORSHIP of GOD should always lead to JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

1-2 MESSAGE TO THE NATIONS & ISRAEL

1-2 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE NATIONS

TYRE, DAMASCUS, AMMON, MOAB, JUDAH, EDOM, GAZA

2b ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

THE WEALTHY IGNORE THE POOR
...and SELL THEM INTO DEBT SLAVERY
...and DENY THEM LEGAL REPRESENTATION

THE PARTY'S OVER!

3-6 MESSAGE TO ISRAEL & ITS LEADERS

3-6 "I CHOSE YOU, ISRAEL, FROM AMONG ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH, AND THIS IS WHY I WILL PUNISH YOU FOR ALL YOUR SIN."

ALLUSION to GENESIS 12 ISRAEL SHOULD BE A BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS.

EXPOSURE OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

IT'S ALL A SHAM!

"LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN UNFAILING STREAM..." (5:24)

HEBREW: **MISHPAT** ACTIONS TAKEN TO CORRECT INJUSTICE

HEBREW: **TSEDEQA** RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS EQUITY DESPITE SOCIAL DIFFERENCE

GREAT CALLING + GREAT RESPONSIBILITY = GREAT CONSEQUENCES

ACCUSATIONS OF IDOLATRY

WORSHIP OF THESE GODS LEADS TO INJUSTICE... BUT NOT THE GOD OF ISRAEL

"SEEK ME, THAT YOU MAY LIVE." (5:4)

"SEEK GOOD, NOT EVIL, THAT YOU MAY LIVE." (5:14)

ANNOUNCING THE DAY OF THE LORD

AMOS & THE PROPHETS

40 YEARS LATER... (2 KINGS 17)

ARMIES OF ASSYRIA

EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD'S JUSTICE & MERCY

HE MUST CONFRONT EVIL AMONG ISRAEL & THE NATIONS

HIS LONG-TERM PURPOSES ARE FOR RESTORATION & A NEW FAMILY

7-9 AMOS' VISIONS

SYMBOLIC DEPICTIONS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

SCORCHING FIRE

LICHT SWARM

OVERRIPE FRUIT

GOD

911 IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE

HOUSE OF DAVID

FUTURE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

GOD'S KINGDOM OVER ALL NATIONS