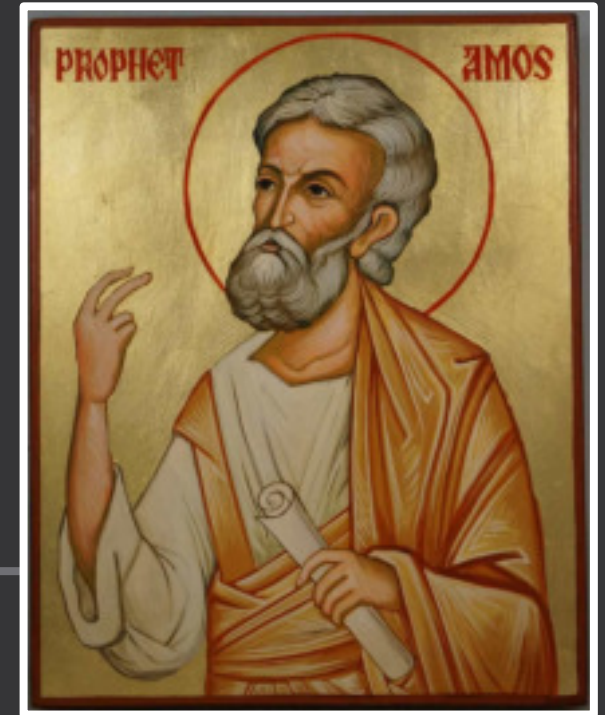
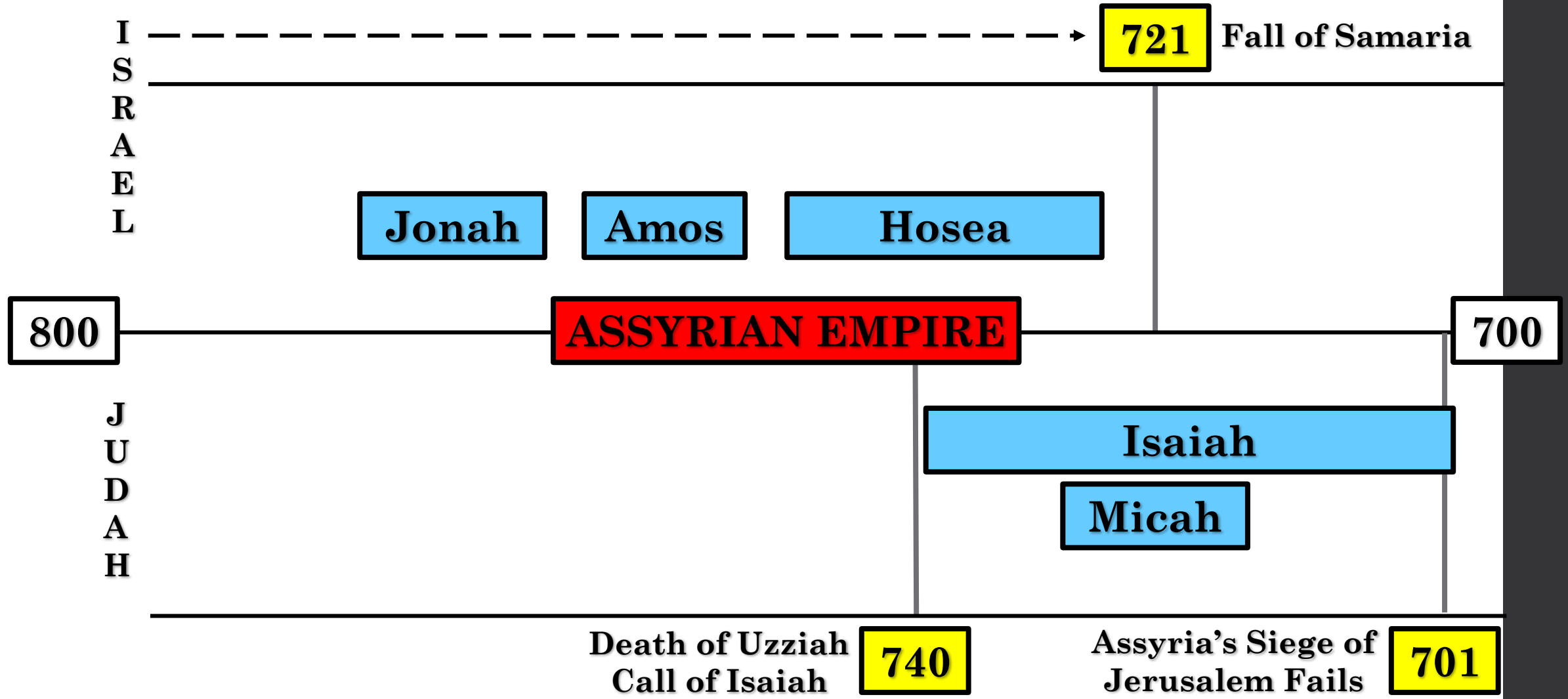


Book of Amos

Old Testament Workshop
Morrison Heights Baptist Church
March 15, 2020



Historical Context



Biographical Data

Background

Hometown: Tekoa (Southern Kingdom)

6 miles south of Bethlehem, 12 miles south of Jerusalem

“I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet.” (7:14)

Profession

- ① **Sheep Manager (1:1; 7:14)**
רעה NOT נקד (“shepherd”); responsible for large herds (SEE 2 Kg. 3:4)
- ② **Tender of Sycamore Trees and Their Figs (7:14)**



Luke 19:4

Biographical Data

Calling

7:10-15

“Surely the Lord God does nothing unless he reveals his secret counsel to his servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?” (3:7-8)

Ministry

Location and Time: 8th Century Israel (Northern Kingdom)

coinciding with the reigns of Uzziah (792-740 BC), a king of Judah, and Jeroboam II (793-753 BC), a king of Israel

“two years before the earthquake” (1:1; Zech. 14:5)

Contents of the Book

The Book of Amos is 146 verses.

1:1-9:10 JUDGMENT

9:11-15 HOPE



❶ Prophecies against the Nations (1:1-2:16)

Use of the Numerical Saying: $x + (x + 1)$

❷ Agricultural Imagery

1:1-2, 14; 2:13; 3:12; 4:1-2; 6:12; 8:1-2; 9:5, 9, 15

❸ Doctrine of Election (3:1-2)

❹ Day of the Lord (5:18-20)

❺ Visions (5)

7:1-3, 4-6, 7-9; 8:1-3; 9:1-4



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4:1

“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!’”

4:11

“You were like a firebrand snatched from a blaze.”



5:24

“But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

6:1

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria.”

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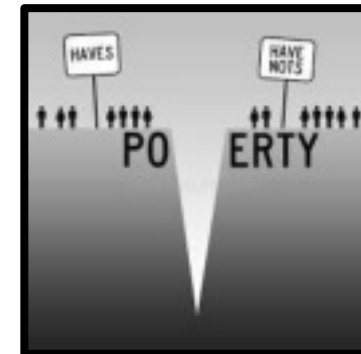
“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, ‘When I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the Lord. And people will stagger from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.’” (8:11-12)

Amos' Message: NOT Received WHY?

Amos preached during Israel's Second Golden Age: political stability (Jeroboam II reigned 41 years); economic prosperity; extended borders comparable to the time of David and Solomon (2 Kg. 14:23-27).

The “roaring” economy had been stoked by social evils.

- Oppression of the Needy (2:6-7; 4:1; 8:4, 6)
- Oppression of the Poor (4:1; 5:11-12)
- Oppression of the Helpless (8:6)
- Oppression of the Righteous (2:6; 5:10, 12)
- Oppression of Justice (5:7, 10)



Contents of the Book

- Corrupt Business (8:5)
- Bribery (5:12)
- Violence/Murder (3:10)
- Drunkenness (6:6)
- Oppression of the Prophets and the Nazirites (2:12)

The “good times” deluded the people. Adversity seemed so unlikely. After Jeroboam II died, however, six kings ruled during the remaining 31 years of the Northern Kingdom.

Zechariah	Assassinated
Shallum	Assassin and Assassinated
Menahem	Assassin
Pekahiah	Assassinated
Pekah	Assassin and Assassinated
Hoshea	Assassin

2 Kings 15:8-31

“They have set up kings, but not by me; they have appointed princes, but I did not know it.” (Hosea 8:4)