Lesson 10: Amos and Hosea

>>> Read All of Lesson & >> if last name A-L read Amos >> otherwise read Hosea

Note repeated phrases and verses that strike you as impactful

WHEN?

The history of the divided kingdom has been divided into the time periods of different oppressors. Circle the prophets in this lesson & mark the decades of their activities using the timelines in the reference section/back cover

WHY?

In this lesson we study two prophets, Amos and Hosea who speak to Israel during a period of national optimism in Israel. Business was booming and boundaries were bulging. But below the surface, greed and injustice were festering. Hypocritical religious motions had replaced true worship, creating a false sense of security and a growing callousness to God’s disciplining hand. Famine, drought, plagues, death, destruction—nothing could force the people to their knees. This also the time of Jonah who is mentioned in 2 Kings 14 with Assyria under weak leadership and having troubles Israel is able to regain much of their lost territory under Jeroboam II (793-753 BC) but within 20 years after his rule much of the land will be taken by Assyria and then taken into captivity 30 year after his death. In the harsh situations of Hosea and Amos we see God given this last generation a chance to repent

2 Kings 14 ESV

25 He restored the border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the the Lord, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher. 26 For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter, for there was none left, bond or free, and there was none to help Israel. 27 But the Lord had not said that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, so he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

Amos and Hosea are those spokesmen of God telling Israel it will be blotted out.

Amos 3:7 ( ESV)

“For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

Amos 5:10 ( ESV)

They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

Hosea 6:5 ( ESV)

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

Write down words phrase you notice repeated.
For three transgression, even for four >>>>
Amos begins with judgment against the nations around Israel in the first 2 chapters and in the third chapter pronounces judgment against Israel. Note the judgment against them with no compassion or hope given.

Bad News for Israel's Neighbors

Israel will be taking away in about 30yrs. What would you do if you knew that the USA would be destroyed for sins?

Big Ideas in HOSEA
- God’s relationship with his people is compared to marriage
- God loves his people despite their unfaithfulness
- Idolatry among God’s people is like prostitution
- The Israelites’ continuous refusal to acknowledge God will result in their exile

Big Ideas in AMOS
- Wealth and success can lead to spiritual complacency
- Sexual immorality, violence, corruption and idolatry draw hearts away from God
- God punishes those who exploit poor people and prosper at their expense
- God calls his people to lives of justice
- God promises to restore his people after judgment

Social Injustice

Amos
A major theme in Amos is God’s requirement for his people to extend justice to others, to seek good and to hate evil; yet the Israelites are guilty of many crimes of social injustice.

Israel’s Social Injustice
- Oppress the poor 2:6-7
- Buy and sell the innocent and needy instead of helping them 2:6-7, 8-9
- Trample the poor and needy 2:6, 7, 11; 6:4
- Deny justice to the oppressed and poor 2:7, 5:12
- Illegally keep items held in pledge 5:12
- Collect unjust fines 2:8
- Wealthy men oppress the poor and crush the needy 4:1
- Turn justice and the fruit of righteousness into prison and bitterness 5:7, 8:12
- Cast righteousness to the ground 5:7
- Hate those who uphold justice in court 5:10
- Detest honest people 5:10
- Force the poor to give them grain 5:11
- Oppress the innocent 5:12
- Take bribes 5:12
- Live with complacent attitudes 6:1
- Act with pride 6:8
- Cheat when selling through skimping measures, deceiving prices and using dishonest scales 6:6

Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - www.nivquickviewbible.com
Israel, repent of injustice and idolatry or else go into exile

Key Verses

Amos 4:12 (ESV)
12 “Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

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<td>3:9, 9:1 oppress/heart empty 3:10 do not know how to do right 5:4-5 Worship at Bethel 5:7 turn justice to wormwood 5:11 trample the poor 6:3-7 lay on beds of ivory/do not grieve ruin</td>
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Amos’ Visions

7:1-3 Vision of Locust Locusts come after King’s portion taken
7:4-6 Vision of Drought/Fire Land burned/eaten up
7:7-9 Vision of Plumb Line Sets plumb line against people of Israel-Amos does not ask Lord to relent
8:1-14 Summer Fruits is Israel’s end The fruits of Israel wrong is coming & those who swear by Samaria and Golden Calf of Dan shall fall & never rise
9:1-10 Lord at altar Shatter people as one shatters capitals of building & kill those left with sword, people shall flee and not escape, Lord will kill them even in captivity. Fix upon them evil not good. Lord will destroy sinful kingdom.

List Your Favorite Verse/s
Key Verse

**Hosea 1:2 (ESV)**

> "When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord."

**Hosea 4:6 (ESV)**

> "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

### Outline - Hosea

I. Marriage of Hosea to Gomer (1:1-3:5)  
(Adulterous wife & Faithful Husband)
   A. Hosea’s marriage (1:1-2:1)
   B. Application of Gomer to Israel’s sins (2:2-2:23)
   C. Restoration of Gomer (3:1-3:5)

II. Lord & Israel (3:6-14:9)  
(Adulterous Israel & Faithful Lord)
   A. Spiritual Adultery of Israel (4:1-6:3)
   B. Refusal of Israel to repent (6:4-8:14)
   C. Judgment of Israel by God (9:1-10:15)
   D. Restoration of Israel to God (11:1-14:9)

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