

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Amos & Hosea

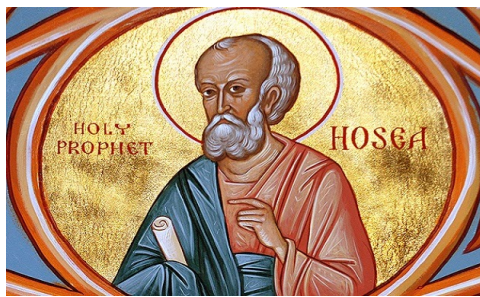


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Amos

- The earliest of the Old Testament's prophets
- Mid-8th century BCE
- Reign of Jeroboam II
- He was a shepherd in the southern kingdom of Judah, **but he prophesied to the northern kingdom of Israel.**
- Theme of **social justice**
- Summary
 - o Chapters 1-2
 - Oracles of doom
 - Condemnation of Israel's 7 neighbors
 - o Chapter 5
 - Seek the Lord to have life.
 - Israel's worship is rejected.
 - **The Day of the Lord is coming** (a day that Israel and all those who oppose the Lord will be conquered by the Lord).

Hosea

- Prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel in its final years.
- Structure:
 - o Chapters 1-3: Narrative (story)
 - Hosea is told to marry a prostitute named Gomer.
 - They have 3 children: **Jezreel** (the place where Israel's army would be destroyed), **Lo-ruhamah** (Hebrew for **no mercy**), and **Lo-ammi (not my people)**. **The names are metaphors for how God sees Israel.**
 - She cheats on Hosea (representing how Israel has 'cheated' on the Lord with idols).
 - **Hosea** represents **the Lord**. **Gomer** represents **Israel**.
 - o Chapters 4-14: Prophecies

Test your knowledge!

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) Chronologically, who was the Old Testament's first prophet?
 - a. Hosea
 - b. Ezekiel
 - c. Jeremiah
 - d. Amos
- 2) Amos was from _____ and prophesied to _____.
 - a. Israel... Judah
 - b. Judah... Israel
 - c. Israel... Israel
 - d. Judah... Judah
- 3) What was the name of Hosea's wife?
 - a. Lo-ruhamah
 - b. Lo-ammi
 - c. Jezreel
 - d. Gomer
- 4) Who does Hosea symbolically represent in the story of his marriage?
 - a. Israel
 - b. Judah
 - c. The Lord
 - d. King David
- 5) T or F: the book of Amos has an overarching theme of social justice.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Answers: 1) d. 2) b. 3) d. 4) c. 5) a.