REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Amos & Hosea

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
  - Chapters 1-2
    - Oracles of doom
    - Condemnation of Israel’s 7 neighbors
  - 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:
  - 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**.
  - 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.