

The Minor Prophets

- Turn in your homework assignment.
- Pick the handout, *Amos & Hosea*
- Pick up your homework from last time.
- If you missed last time, see a TA to get copies of the handout material.

Amos & Hosea

- **Introduction**

Amos - Judgment of the exploiters

Hosea - God loves his unfaithful people

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- **Dating**
- **Message**
- **Applications**

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- He was sent to warn them of impending doom.

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Amos may have used a secretary.

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**There's no compelling reason to doubt
Amos' authorship of Amos.**

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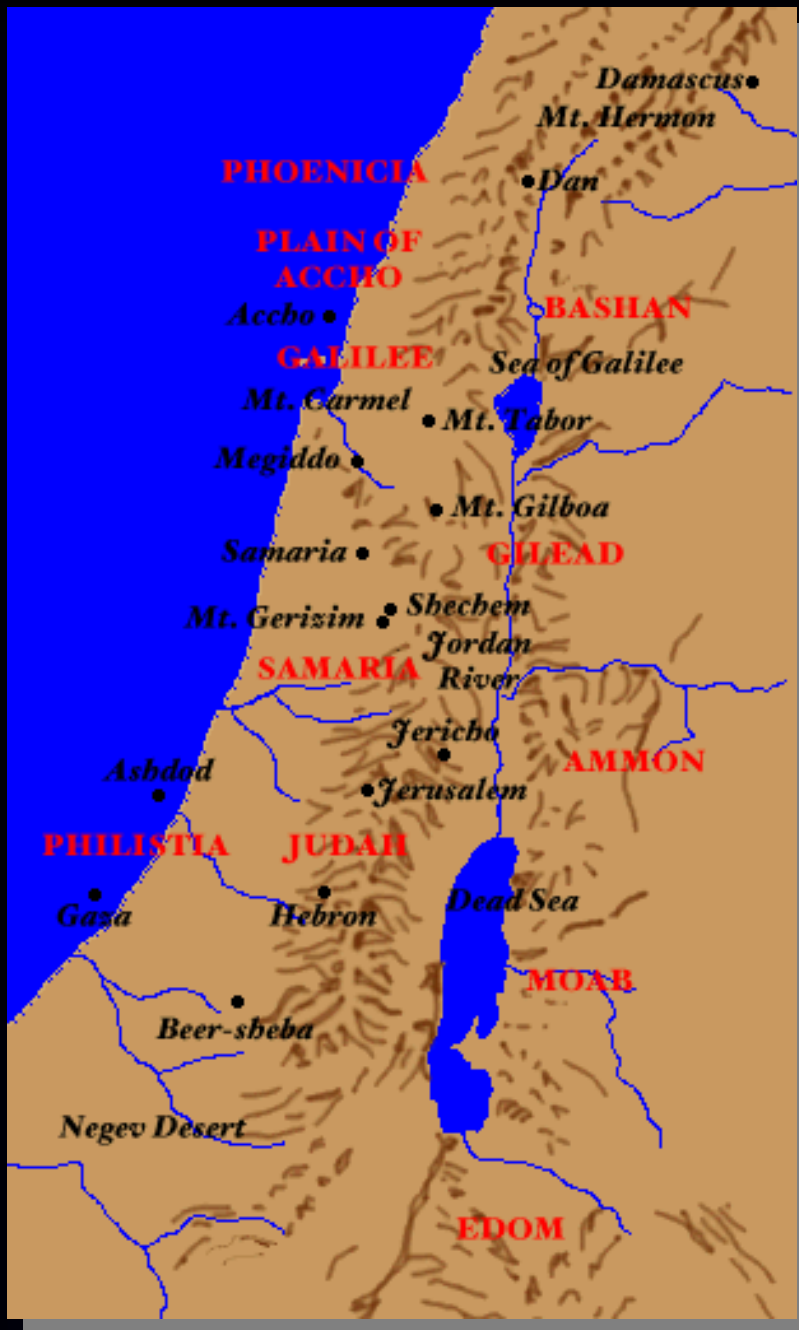
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Since you don't love and since God is just... you haters of your brothers will be judged.

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From Damascus (NE)
to Philistia (SW).

From Phoenecia (NW)
to Edom, Moab &
Ammon (SE)

From Judah (S) to
Israel (N)

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 - Miscellaneous Issues

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- Contemporaneous with Amos, Micah & Isaiah.
- A time of great prosperity & evil.
- The prophet's marriage an object lesson
- Chs. 1-3 are a snapshot of the whole book

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Was Hosea redacted?

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Since you don't love and God disciplines those He loves...

Unfaithful Israel will be chastised.

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- I remember how devoted you were to me
- when you were young, how as a bride you
- loved me and followed me through the
- desert, through land not sown.

Jeremiah 2:2 (Paraphrased)

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- **D** Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. **Isaiah 49:15-16**

Hosea

- ...O Zion...whoever touches you touches
- the apple of his eye. Zechariah 2:8
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– Chs.1-3 Married to an unfaithful woman

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Even after centuries of the worst kinds of wickedness God's response to Satan's accusations was, Shut up Satan, I have chosen, rescued and forgiven her. (see Zech.3:1-10)

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 - Chs.4-14 Israel's guilty thus she is judged.

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Idolatry

Idolatry → is giving something in creation the reverence, trust & service that rightfully belongs to God (Romans 1:18-23).

We become like our gods.

As we consider our hyper-desire for approval, significance, pleasure & control we would do well to appreciate the spiritual risk and ruin we invite into our own souls.

Inordinate emotions can clue us in on the idolatry underneath.

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Homework Assignment

- Read & annotate Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk & Zephaniah
- Memorize Micah 6:8, Hab.2:4b & Zeph. 3:5
- Identify personally applicable principles.
- **Prepare answers for the following based on your study:**
 - 1. Identify the kings of Judah**
 - 2. What nations threatened?**
 - 3. Identify one major theme for each book.**