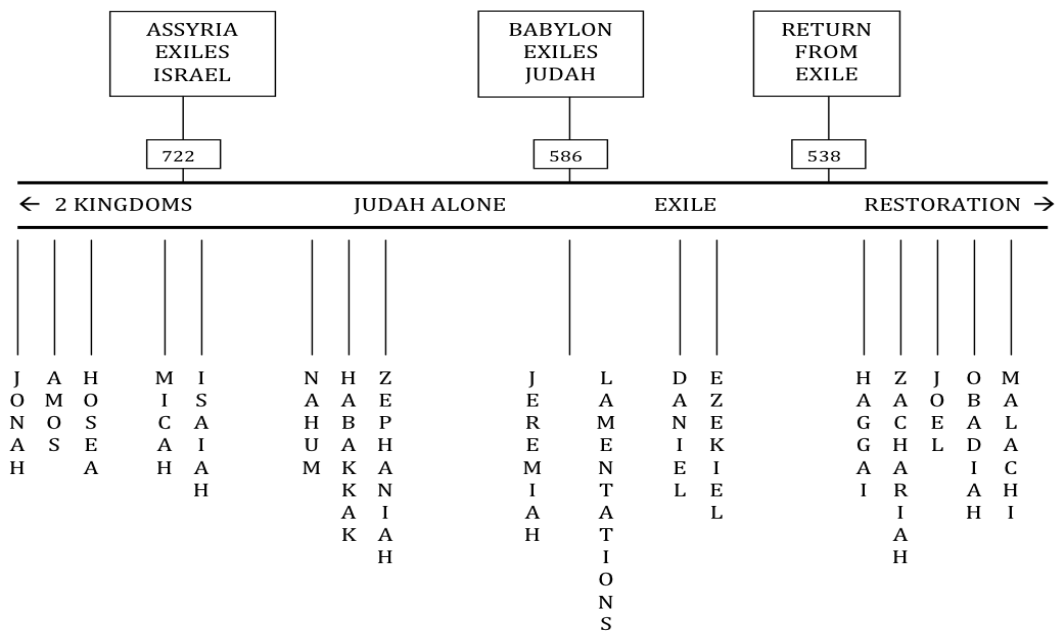


LESSON SIX

Hosea 755-710 B.C.

PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

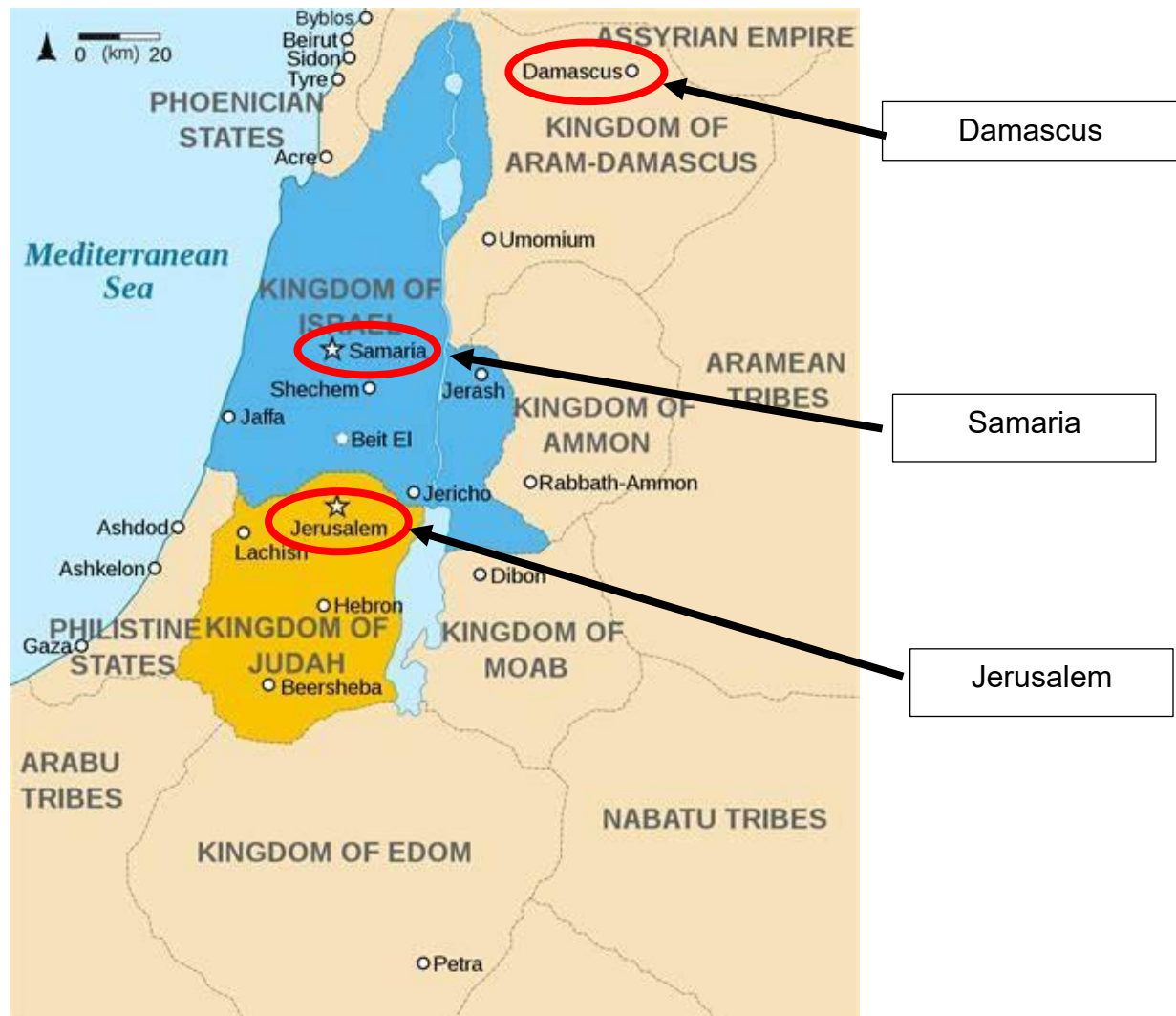


	TO ISRAEL	TO JUDAH	TO FOREIGN NATION
ASSYRIAN AGE	Amos (760) Hosea (760-730)	Isaiah (740-700) Micah (737-690)	Jonah (770)
BABYLONIAN AGE		Habakkuk (630) Zephaniah (627) Jeremiah (627-580) Lamentations (585) Daniel (605-530) Ezekiel (593-570)	Nahum (650)
PERSIAN AGE		Haggai (520) Zachariah (520-518) Joel (500) Malachi (433)	Obadiah (500)

<http://transformed12.wordpress.com/2012/07/18/gospel-doctrine-prophets-of-the-old-testament-timeline-chart/>

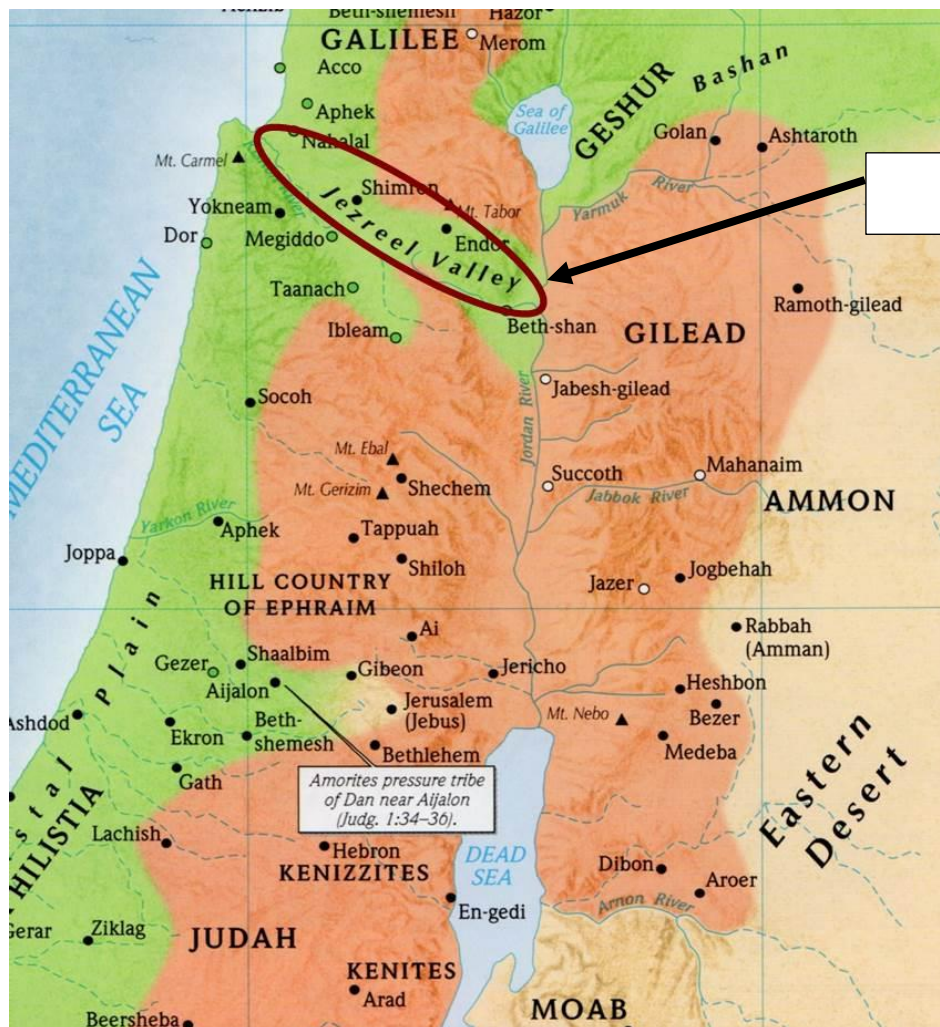
Introductions

- Hosea, like his contemporary, Amos, prophesied to Israel (the Northern Kingdom).
- Hosea prophesied around 732 B.C.
- By 732 B.C. Damascus had fallen to the Assyrians and by 722 Samaria, the capital of Israel (Northern Jewish Kingdom), fell which resulted in the Jewish deportation.
- Isaiah and Micah were ministering to the Southern Kingdom (Judah) during this time.
- God spoke through Hosea to proclaim immanent judgment upon Israel.



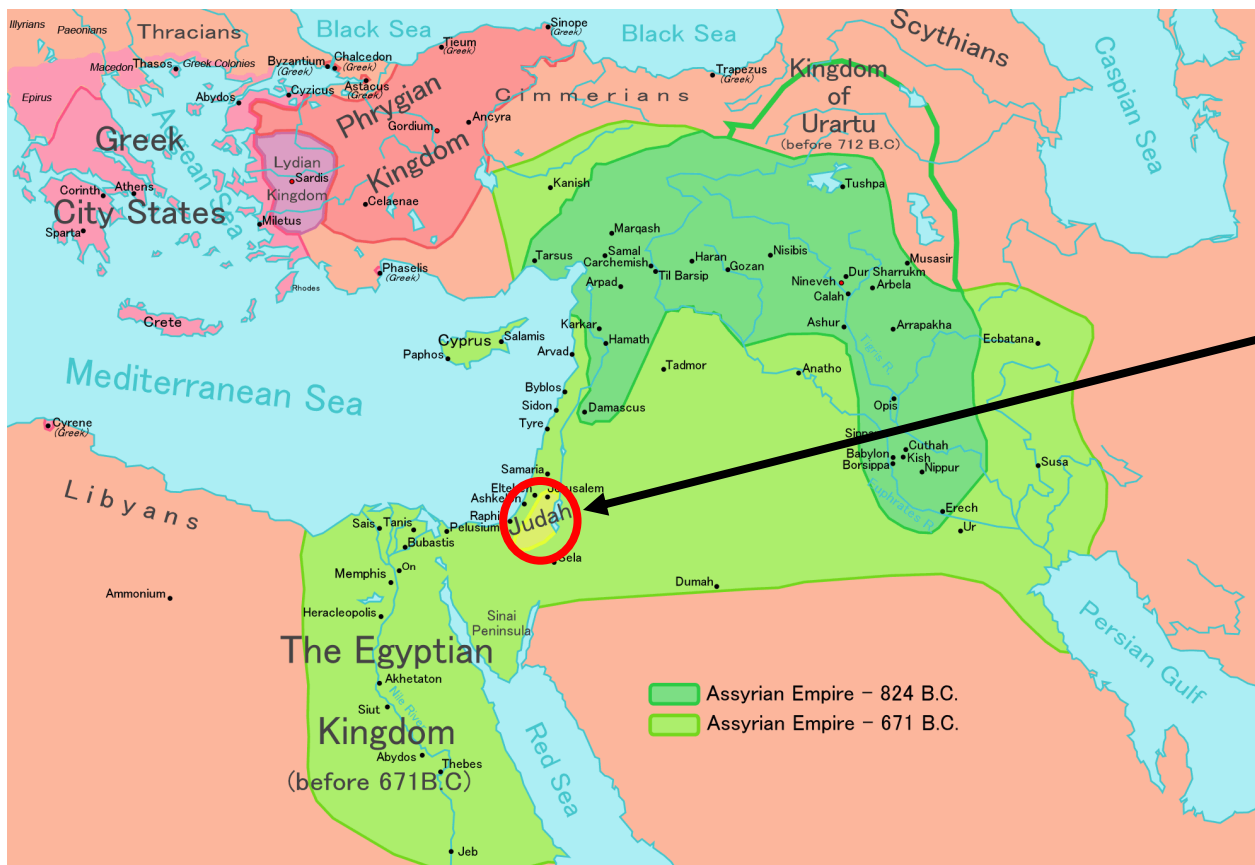
Chapters 1-3-Hosea's Personal Life

- God told Hosea to take a prostitute for a wife (Gomer 1:1-3).
- Bible scholars debate whether Hosea's wife was a prostitute before the marriage or if she became one after the marriage. Either way, God ordained this marriage (1:1-2).
- Hosea's marriage illustrated Israel's unfaithfulness toward God.
- Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) held symbolic meaning as Jehu murdered the sons of Ahab in this valley.
- God promised to restore Jezreel during end times (1:10-11).
- **Armageddon** will take place in the valley of Jezreel (Revelation 16:12-16).



<http://johnsnotes.com/archives/images/Map1.jpg>

- God promised Jerusalem's deliverance from Assyria. However, the deliverance would not occur by Jerusalem's own strength.
- When Sennacherib destroyed Israel, God prevented him from destroying Jerusalem.



<http://www.fsmitha.com/h1/mideast2.htm>

- Gomer, Hosea's wife, pursued other lovers and remained unsatisfied.
- Gomer eventually returned to Hosea.
- Gomer's return foreshadowed Israel's ultimate return to God during the Millennium (2:7-8; 3:1-5).
- Not only will God restore Israel to their land during the Millennium, He will also cause the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky to have peaceful relations with Israel (2:18; see Isaiah 11:6-9).
- Hosea redeemed his wife for fifteen shekels of silver. 30 shekels of silver represented the price of a slave. Half was paid in money and half in grain (Matthew 26:14-16; Exodus 21:32).

Chapters 4-14-Hosea Prophecies Against Israel

- Hosea told the people of Israel that lack of knowledge would cause their downfall. (4:6).
- God ordained the Church (today's Christians) as God's messenger before Christ's second coming.
- God warned Judah to stay away from Israel (4:15-17).



<https://historum.com/t/when-did-hebrews-become-and-ethinc-group-or-rahter-what-marked-the-moment-they-became-one.187415/page-15>

- It must sadden God when one's heart turns so hard they refuse to repent option (4:3-4).

- Sin blinded Israel's eyes as it sought help from Assyria (5:13).
- Assyria ultimately destroyed Israel.



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Above picture: Clay tablet. The Akkadian cuneiform inscription lists certain rations and mentions the name of Jeconiah (Jehoiachin), King of Judah, and the Babylonian captivity. From Babylon, Iraq. Reign of Nebuchadnezzar II, circa 580 BCE. Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin

- Jesus quoted Hosea 6:6 when talking to the Pharisees (Matt. 9:13).
- Hosea prophesied Assyria's take-over (8:1, 8-11; 9:3).
- God reminded Israel of its harlotry years before entering the Promised Land (9:10).
- God never forgot Israel's betrayal when they asked for a king (9:15).

- Matthew uses 11:1 to make an analogy between Israel and Jesus (Matthew 2:15).
- Hosea prophesied Israel's ultimate restoration (11:9-11).

Chapter 14-Hosea Prophecies Israel's Future Restoration

- **Blessings** will come to Israel during the Millennium (14:4-8)

Summary

- Hosea 14:9 gives a summary of Hosea's prophecies.
- They who seek God will find Him and receive God's blessings.
- Those who turn from God will ultimately stumble.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson Six

1. Although Hosea and Amos prophesied to Israel, the people failed to repent.
 - A. Discuss some reasons why the people of Israel refused to repent.
 - B. Why did God have Hosea and Amos preach if their preaching proved fruitless.
 - C. Why does evil persist in our society despite the Gospel message?

2. God told Hosea to take a prostitute for a wife.
 - A. Do you think the people of Israel took Hosea's preaching seriously since he took a prostitute for a wife?
 - B. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. How might these verses apply to Hosea's marriage?
 - C. Can you think of some unusual ways in which God uses people to spread the gospel?

3. God did not allow King Sennacherib to capture Jerusalem after he captured Israel in 722 B.C.
 - A. Why did God keep King Sennacherib from capturing Jerusalem?
 - B. Why doesn't God immediately punish evil doers?
 - C. Have you ever felt God treated you unjustly by not avenging a wrong? Explain. Can you think of a reason why God acted as He did?