

BROKEN WALLS

The Messages of the Minor Prophets

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The Book of Amos





FOR OCTOBER 4: **READ AMOS (LEER AMÓS)**

What is the timeframe?

¿Cuál es el calendario?

Who is the original audience?

¿Quién es el público original?

How would you divide the book?

¿Cómo dividiría el libro?

SETTING OF AMOS

Kings of Israel

Jeroboam	930-910	1 Kings 12.19ff	20yrs
Nadab	910-909	1 Kings 15.25ff	2yrs (15.25)
Baasha	909-886	1 Kings 15.33f	24yrs (15.34)
Elah	886-885	1 Kings 16.8ff	2yrs (16.8)
Zimri	885	1 Kings 16.15ff	7days (16.15)
Omri	885-874	1 Kings 16.21ff	12yrs
Ahab	874-853	1 Kings 16.29ff	22yrs (16.29)
Ahaziah	853-852	1 Kings 22.51ff	2yrs (22.51)
Jehoram	852-841	2 Kings 3.1ff	12yrs (2Ki
Jehu	841-814	2 Kings 9.1ff	28yrs (10.36)
Jehoahaz	814-798	2 Kings 13.1ff	17yrs (13.1)
Jehoash	798-782	2 Kings 13.10ff	16yrs (13.10)
Jeroboam	782-753	2 Kings 14.23ff	41yrs (14.23)

Kings of Judah

Rehoboam	930-913	1 Kings 14.17-21	17yrs (14.21)
Abijam	913-911	1 Kings 15.1ff	3yrs (15.2)
Asa	911-870	1 Kings 15.9ff	41yrs (15.10)
Jehoshaphat	870-848	1 Kings 22.41ff	25yrs (22.42)
Jehoram	848-841	2 Kings 8.16ff	8yrs (8.16-17)**
Ahaziah	841	2 Kings 9.25ff	1yr (8.26)
Ataliah (Queen)	841-835	2 Kings 11.1ff	6yrs (2 Chron 22.12)
Joash	835-796	2 Kings 12.1ff	40yrs (2 Ki
Amaziah	796-767	2 Kings 14.1ff	29yrs (14.2)
Azariah (Uzziah)	767-740	2 Kings 15.1ff	52yrs (15.2)**

→ Amos is prophesying during the reigns of Jeroboam

General timeframe

Eclipse occurred

Most likely proph

Amos is prophesy

He was from Teko

How would you describe

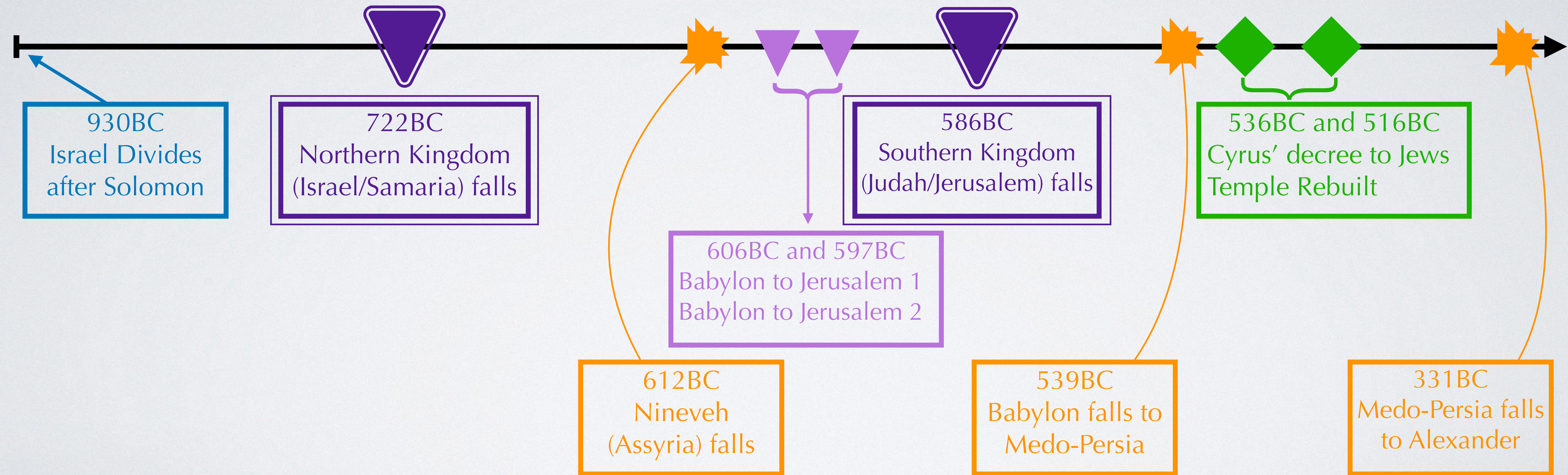
Israel will fall in 722BC

The last 6 kings of Israel reign approximately for the same amount of time as Jeroboam 2 — 41 years.



Minor Prophets Timeline

Amos |



DIVIDING THE BOOK OF AMOS

➔ **Why is it helpful to see the divisions in a book?**

- ⦿ Divisions help us realize natural breaks in the text
- ⦿ Divisions help us note when topics are shifting
- ⦿ Aren't we better off when we read as the book was intended?

➔ **What natural divisions are present in Amos?**

- ⦿ “For three transgressions... and for four” (1-2)
- ⦿ “Hear this word” (3.1; 4.1; 5.1)
- ⦿ “Thus the Lord God showed me” (7.1,4,7; 8.1)





DIVIDING AMOS

“THE LION ROARS FROM ZION AND FROM
JERUSALEM HE UTTERS HIS VOICE; AND THE
SHEPHERDS’ PASTURE GROUNDS MOURN,
AND THE SUMMIT OF CARMEL DRIES UP.”
(1.2)

“DOES A LION ROAR IN THE FOREST WHEN
HE HAS NO PREY... A LION HAS ROARED!
WHO WILL NOT FEAR?”
(3.4,8)

Minor Prophets Study: The Book of Amos

Wednesdays – Fall 2023

University Oaks Church of Christ

Nearly every source sees 3 major sections: (1) 1-2; (2) 3-6; (3) 7-9.10; HOPE 9.11-15

Eight Burdens (1-2)
Three Sermons (3-6)
Five Visions (7-9)
Baxter, Explore the Book

God's Judgment on Nations (1.3-2.16)
Hear this Word (3.1-6.14)
Proclamation against Israel (3.1-15)
Why Punishment Comes (4.1-13)
Words of Lamentation (5.1-17)
Woe Oracles (5.18-6.14)
Three Visions (7.1-9.10)

Future Messianic Hope (9.11-15)
Gibson, Truth: Minor Prophets I

Judgment is Coming (1-2)
Israel Condemned bc of Sin (3-6)
Cause of God's Judgment (7-9.10)
Bright Hope (9.11-15)
Harkrider, Minor Prophets

Pronouncements of Judgment (1-2)
Provocations for Judgment (3-6)
Pictures of Judgment (7-9.10)
Promise after Judgment (9.11-15)
Wilkinson and Boa, Talk thru the Bible

Approaching Judgment (1-2)
Israel's Crimes and Condemnation (3-6)
Five Visions-Mercy and Destruction (7-9.10)
Bright Future Promise (9.11-15)
Hailey, Commentary on the Minor Prophets

SIGNIFICANT TERMS

→ Burden/Oracle

- ◎ These two words are not found in Amos in KJV/NKJV/NASB
- ◎ An “oracle” is a divinely-inspired message to be shared by a prophet
 - *Used frequently in Isaiah (13.1; 15.1; 17.1; 19.1; 21.1)*
- ◎ The name “Amos” means “Burden-bearer”





“By comparing these places, it will be found that the term [burden - TS] is applied to those oracles or prophetic declarations which contain sentiments especially weighty and solemn; which are employed chiefly in denouncing wrath and calamity; and which, therefore, are represented as weighing down, or oppressing the mind and heart of the prophet.”

Albert Barnes on Isaiah 13.1

AMOS OUTLINE:

Introduction of the Lion (1.2)

Judgments on the Nations (1.3-2.4)

Judgment on Israel (2.6-16)

Three Sermons to Israel(3-6)

The Lion Roars (3.1-15)

Why Judgment Comes (4.1-13)

“Seek Me and Live” (5.1-6.14)

Five Visions about Israel’s Judgment (7.1-9.10)

Hope Abides (9.11-15)



FOR OCTOBER 11: READ AMOS 1-2



Why use the phrase “for three sins and for four”?
¿Por qué utilizar la expresión "por tres pecados y por cuatro"?

Why spend so much space addressing other nations?
¿Por qué dedicar tanto espacio a otras naciones?

**Identify the reasons for judgment on Syria, Philistia,
Phoenicia, Edom, Ammon, Moab, and Judah.**
Identifica las razones del juicio sobre Siria, Filistea, Fenicia, Edom,
Amón, Moab y Judá.

Para el 11 de Octubre:
Leer Amos 1-2