

INTRODUCTION:

1) TODAY WE WILL BE LOOKING AT ISRAEL'S EARLY PROPHETS

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) JONAH: THE FLEEING PROPHET
- 2) AMOS: THE PROPHECYING SHEPHERD
- 3) HOSEA: THE PROPHET AND THE PROSTITUTE

FIGURE 1)

Divided (Assyrian) Kingdom		Babylonian Kingdom		Persian Kingdom
Prophets to/ from Israel: Jonah, Amos, and Hosea	Prophets to Judah: Joel, Isaiah, and Micah	Pre-exile Prophets: Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, and Jeremiah	Prophets in Exile: Ezekiel and Daniel	Post-exile Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

PART 1 – JONAH: THE FLEEING PROPHET:

Q 1) WHAT TWO NATIONS DID JONAH PREACH TO?

Q 2) WHO WROTE JONAH?

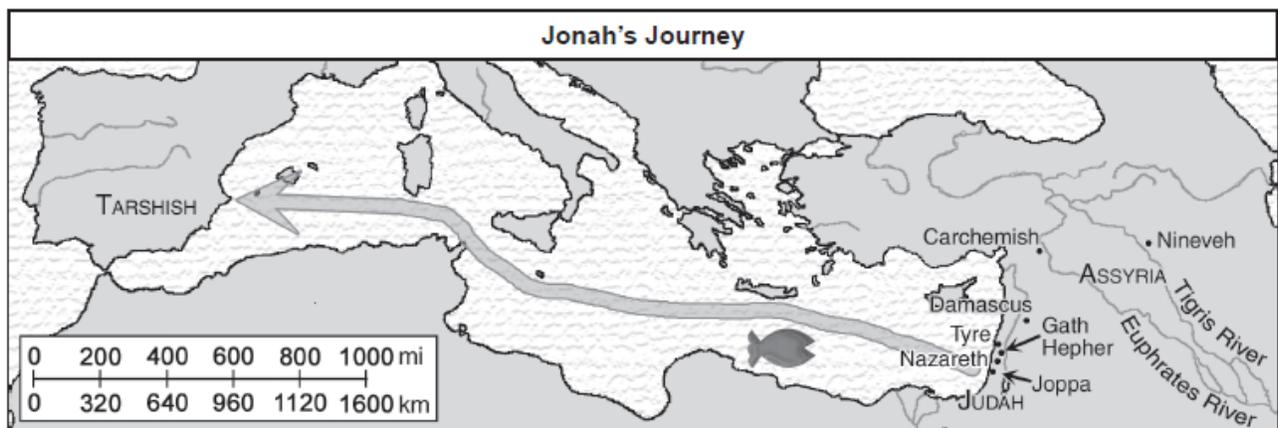
Q 3) WHEN WAS JONAH WRITTEN?

Q 4) WHAT IS THE REAL ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO THE BOOK OF JONAH?

OUTLINE OF JONAH...

- I. Jonah's Response to God's First Call, 1–2
 - A. Jonah's call (1:1–2)
 - B. Jonah's disobedience (1:3)
 - C. Results of Jonah's disobedience (1:4–17)
 - D. Jonah's prayer and deliverance (2:1–10)
- II. Jonah's Response to God's Second Call, 3–4
 - A. Jonah's call (3:1–2)
 - B. Jonah's obedience (3:3–4)
 - C. Results of Jonah's obedience (3:5–10)
 - D. Jonah's lesson (4:1–11)

FIGURE 2)



Q 5) WHAT MAJOR THEOLOGICAL ISSUE DOES THE BOOK OF JONAH RAISE?

PART 2 – AMOS: THE PROPHESYING SHEPHERD:

Q 6) WHO WROTE AMOS?

Q 7) WHEN WAS AMOS WRITTEN?

Q 8) WHAT IS THE THEME OF AMOS?

OUTLINE OF AMOS...

- I. Judgments on Eight Nations, 1:1–2:16
 - A. Damascus (Aram or Syria) (1:3–5)
 - B. Gaza (Philistia) (1:6–8)
 - C. Tyre (Phoenicia) (1:9–10)
 - D. Edom (1:11–12)
 - E. Ammon (1:13–15)
 - F. Moab (2:1–3)
 - G. Judah (2:4–5)
 - H. Israel (2:6–16)
- II. Three Principles of Judgment on Israel, 3–6
 - A. Privilege brings responsibility (3)
 - B. God's discipline should lead to repentance (4)
 - C. God is with those who seek good and against those who seek evil (5–6)
- III. Five Visions of Judgment on Israel, 7:1–9:10
 - A. Locusts (not sent) (7:1–3)
 - B. Fire (not sent) (7:4–6)
 - C. Plumb line (7:7–9) (Judgment of Amaziah the priest) (7:10–17)
 - D. Basket of ripe fruit (8:1–14)
 - E. The Lord by the altar (9:1–10)
- IV. Future Restoration of Israel, 9:11–15

PART 3 – HOSEA: THE PROPHET AND THE PROSTITUTE:

Q 9) WHO WROTE HOSEA AND WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN?

Q 10) WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF HOSEA?

OUTLINE OF HOSEA...

- I. Hosea's Family and God's Family, 1–3
- II. God Takes Israel to Court, 4–5
- III. Hosea's Invitation Tarnished by Reality, 6:1–11:11
- IV. God's Final Arguments against Israel, 11:12–13:16
- V. The Possibility of Restoration, 14

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Read Jonah, Amos, or Hosea. Read each outline section in one setting. If you choose to use an Audio Bible, that is fine too.

