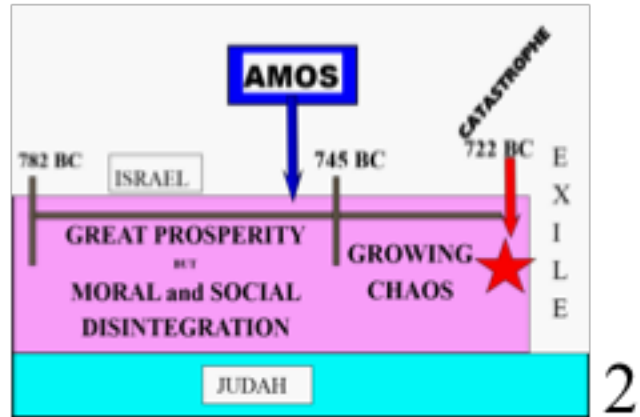
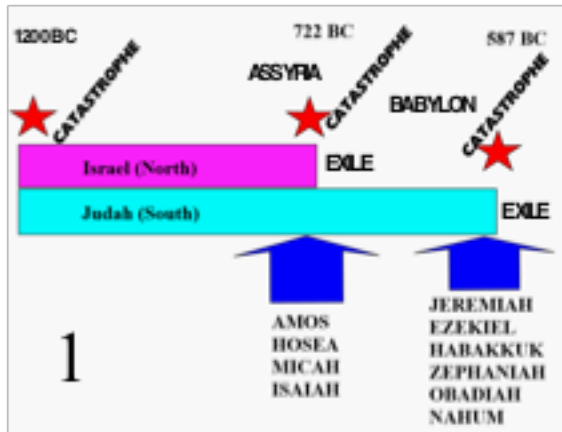


AMOS - Handout



- ### NATIONAL SINS
- Greed;** love of money; dishonesty and corruption neglect and oppression of the poor; injustice.
"They sell the righteous for silver" 2:6
"You oppress the righteous and take bribes" 5:12
 - Unbridled Sex** - promiscuity; prostitution.
"Father and son use the same girl" 2:7
 - Violence,** against others.
"You force the poor to give you grain" 5:11
 - An inordinate love of pleasure.**
"You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions". 6:5-6
 - Empty Religion/ False Religion (Idolatry)**
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"Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: there is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgement of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery, and bloodshed; they break all bounds. Because of this the land mourns" Hosea 4:1-4

"The merchant uses dishonest scales; he loves to defraud" Hosea 12:7

"Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Micah 3:9

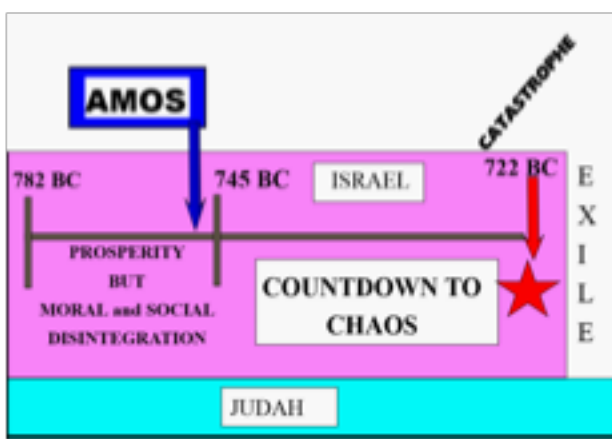
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1 This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the late crops were coming up. 2 When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" 3 So the Lord relented. "This will not happen," the Lord said.

4 This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: The Sovereign Lord was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. 5 Then I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" 6 So the Lord relented. "This will not happen either," the Sovereign Lord said.

7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 9 "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

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