

The Minor Prophets “The Twelve”

Hosea	Nahum
Joel	Habakkuk
Amos	Zephaniah
Obadiah	Haggai
Jonah	Zechariah
Micah	Malachi

Prophetic Ministry: 850 – 430 B.C.

Amos

- **Date:** 760 B.C. (w/ Hosea)
- **Setting:**
 - (1) Economic Prosperity
 - (2) Spiritual Apostasy
- **Audience:** Israel (northern kingdom)
- **Author:** Amos, a business man from Judah (not a prophet)

Amos

Message: “Prepare to Meet Your God”

- **Announces the impending judgment of God upon Israel**
 - **Fulfillment**—God will raise up a nation to destroy and remove His people (Assyria)
 - **Unique**—begins with the announcement of judgment on Israel’s enemies (1:3-2:5)



Israel’s Sin

Spiritual Condition:

- They had forsaken the Lord; their hearts were far from Him (4:6-11)

Manifestations:

- (1) Social Injustice—oppression of the poor
- (2) Detestable Worship

Detestable Worship

1. God’s estimation

- He hates this worship (Amos 5:21-23); it is sin (Amos 4:4-5)

2. The Issue

- Not correct form or content, but hypocrisy

3. The Solution

- Seek the Lord, not merely external forms