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I. The Background of Hosea

- A. The marriage: God entered into a COVENANT relationship with Israel at Mount Sinai.
1. God had given the people LIGHT through the law, His promises, and His presence.
 2. God had given the people his LOVE through His provision and His protection.
- B. The adultery: The people wanted to enjoy their SIN and so went “a-whoring.”

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II. The Manifestation of Spiritual Adultery During the Final Years of Israel

- A. Jeroboam II (793-753 BC) brought PROSPERITY to Israel.
- B. Zechariah (753 BC) reigned six months and was MURDERED by Shallum.
- C. Shallum (752 BC) reigned one month and was MURDERED by Menahem.

- D. Menahem (752-742 BC) reigned ten years.
1. He ripped open the PREGNANT women of Tipsah.
 2. He died of natural causes.
- E. Pekahiah (742-740 BC) reigned two years and was MURDERED by Pekah.
- F. Pekah (752-732 BC) reigned twenty years and was MURDERED by Hoshea.

G. Hoshea (732-723 BC) reigned NINE years.

1. Assyria BESIEGED Samaria, the capital of Israel, for the last three years of Hoshea's reign.
2. Israel was DEFEATED by Assyria (722 BC).
3. Assyria SCATTERED the Israelites who survived.

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III. The Marriage of Hosea

- A. God commanded Hosea to take a wife who was a HARLOT.
- B. Three children came from the marriage:
 1. Jezreel: God will bring JUDGMENT in the valley of Jezreel, which means “God sows.”
 2. Lo-ruhamah: “She is not loved” because God would no longer show COMPASSION on Israel.

3. Lo-ammi: “Not my PEOPLE” as the Lord would no longer regard Israel as His people.

C. Gomer became a HARLOT.

D. She ended up in SLAVERY.

E. Hosea REDEEMED his wife and bought her back from slavery.

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IV. The Message of Hosea

A. God deeply LOVES his people.

B. The people had sinned against God.

1. They were UNFAITHFUL.

2. They were THIEVES.

3. They were MURDERERS.

4. Their LEADERS enjoyed the sins of the people.

5. They were DECEPTIVE.
6. They made foreign ALLIANCES.
7. They were UNGRATEFUL.

C. God would bring about judgment.

1. He would raise up ASSYRIA.

2. Israel would be DESTROYED.

3. Survivors would be SCATTERED.

4. They would no longer have God's
PRESENCE.

5. They would not enjoy the LAND God had
given them.

D. God will GATHER His people in the future.

1. They will once again LIVE IN the land.

2. He will be their HUSBAND/God.

3. He will shower them with BLESSINGS.

4. There will never again be a DIVORCE.

Joel

The Book of Judah's Locust Invasion

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I. Historic Invasion: The Day of the Locusts (Joel 1)

- A. Judah's situation: The people were dealing with devastation from a plague of LOCUSTS.
- B. Joe's solution: Judah was to see the plague as a WARNING and PRAY.

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II. Future Invasions: The Day of the Lord (Joel 2-3)

- A. The invasion would be like an enormous, powerful ARMY.
- B. The call to REPENTANCE (to turn back to God) was repeated.
- C. Joel announced that God will RELENT when the people RETURN.
- D. THE HOLY SPIRIT will be poured out on all mankind.

E. Joel looked far into the future and described “THE DAY OF THE LORD” and its effect upon Israel and her enemies.

1. ALL who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.
2. He encouraged Israel with a vision and PROSPERITY.
3. God will have a REMNANT delivered, and they will be saved.

4. Jerusalem will once again be the HOLY city it was meant to be.
5. God will deal with Israel's enemies who will be gathered to the Valley of Jehoshaphat for the battle of ARMAGEDDON.

Amos

The Book of
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I. The Placement of Amos in History

- A. The book of Amos is set in a time of PROSPERITY for both kingdoms: Israel and Judah.
- B. The southern kingdom of Judah, under the godly King Uzziah, was SUCCESSFUL and fortified.
- C. The northern kingdom of Israel, under the capable but evil King Jeroboam II, was economically and militarily SOUND.

D. During this time, ASSYRIA, Babylonia, Syria, and Egypt were relatively weak nations.

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II. The Prophet Amos

- A. Amos was a HERDSMAN and a tender of the sycamore fruit; he was not trained as a PROPHET or priest.
- B. Amos was from Tekoa in the southern kingdom of JUDAH.
- C. Amos delivered God's message to the people of Bethel in the northern kingdom of ISRAEL.

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III. The Pronouncements of Judgment (Amos 1-2)

- A. Amos gave eight PROPHECIES of judgment for the eight Palestinian nations.
- B. Amos began with the judgment for the surrounding nations: Syria, Philistia, Phoenicia, Ammon, Moab, and Judah. Then he spiraled in to focus on the judgment of ISRAEL.

- C. Amos began each pronouncement with, “For three TRANSGRESSIONS and for four...” to represent the SIN of the people, which had reached its full measure.
- D. Amos focused on their SOCIAL crimes and used FIRE as the symbol of God’s judgment.

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IV. The Promptings of Judgment (Amos 3-6)

- A. Amos gave three SERMONS that each began with, “Hear this word...” of judgment, which were DESERVED.
- B. In the first address, Amos declared Israel’s past, present, and future INIQUITIES.
- C. In the second address, Amos warned the people of minor judgments to cause REPENTANCE.

D. In the third address, Amos told Israel her fate was sealed and severe judgment was DECREED.

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V. The Pictures of Judgment (Amos 7-9:10)

- A. Amos saw five VISIONS that showed the way God will judge Israel's calloused, idolatrous heart.
- B. Amos interceded on behalf of Israel, so that the judgment of LOCUSTS and of FIRE were restrained.
- C. Amos explained that the PLUMB LINE and ROTTING fruit were Israel's determined and imminent judgment.

D. Amos saw the most awesome vision of GOD standing beside the false altar of Bethel.

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VI. The Promises After the Judgment (Amos 9:11-15)

- A. Amos gave five PROMISES from God for the people's consolation.
- B. God will reinstate the DAVIDIC line.
- C. God will renew the LAND.
- D. God will restore the PEOPLE.

Obadiah

The Book of
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I. The History of Israel and Edom

- A. Jacob and Esau were brothers who had CONFLICT from the womb.
- B. These two brothers became two nations: ISRAEL and EDOM.
- C. Edom refused Israel's passage through their land during the EXODUS.
- D. The enmity between these brother nations was long lasting (over 1,000 years) and furious.

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II. The Destruction of Edom: Day of Doom

- A. Pride will DECEIVE our heart: Edom felt secure apart from God.
- B. Pride comes before a FALL.
 1. GOD would bring Edom down.
 2. God would use Edom's ALLIES to destroy her.
- C. Pride will cause CONFLICT in relationships.

1. Edom was VIOLENT against her brother.
2. Edom stood ALOOOF and didn't help her brother.
3. Edom ENJOYED her brother's pain.
4. Edom LOOTED Judah's wealth.
5. Edom KILLED those fleeing or imprisoned survivors.

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III. The Deliverance of Israel: Day of Hope

- A. There would be the Lord's day of RETRIBUTION. Edom would be destroyed.
- B. There would be the Lord's day of DELIVERANCE. Israel would possess Edom's land.
- C. There would be the day the kingdom will be the LORD's. Jesus will reign forever and ever.

Jonah

The Book of Nineveh's
Destruction Delayed

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I. The Disobedience of Jonah (Jonah 1)

- A. God commanded Jonah to go to NINEVEH and cry against its wickedness.
- B. Jonah refused and got on a ship to TARSHISH.
- C. God sent a storm to DISCIPLINE Jonah.
- D. Jonah was thrown overboard and the storm CEASED.
- E. A large FISH swallowed Jonah and he stayed in the stomach of the fish three days.

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II. The Distress of Jonah (Jonah 2)

- A. Jonah recognized God is ALL-PRESENT.
- B. Jonah recognized God is ALL-POWERFUL.
- C. Jonah recognized that he NEEDED GOD.
- D. Jonah recognized God's COMPASSION.
- E. Jonah recognized that SALVATION is from the Lord.

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III. The Declaration of Jonah (Jonah 3)

- A. God commanded Jonah to warn Nineveh of coming DESTRUCTION.
- B. Jonah OBEYED and prophesied to Nineveh.
- C. Nineveh REPENTED and turned from their wicked ways.
- D. God RELENTED concerning calamity.
- E. The destruction of Nineveh was AVOIDED.

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IV. The Displeasure of Jonah (Jonah 4)

- A. Jonah COMPLAINED about God's compassion.
- B. Jonah CONCLUDED life was not worth living.
- C. The Lord SHELTERED Jonah from the elements.
- D. The Lord REMOVED the shelter.
- E. The Lord REPRIMANDED Jonah.

Micah

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- I. God's Message to the People: Destruction
and Deliverance (Micah 1-2)

- A. God's word came to Micah, prophet of the COMMON people.
- B. Micah described the coming destruction because of their SIN.
- C. The REASONS God would send judgment were enumerated.
- D. Micah predicted a still-future DELIVERANCE for Israel.

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II. God's Message to the Powerful: Horror and Hope (Micah 3-5)

- A. Those RESPONSIBLE for Israel's condition were singled out.
- B. Micah gave HOPE as he described the coming millennial kingdom.
- C. The Babylonian CAPTIVITY and deliverance from it were foretold.
- D. Micah announced the promised KING's first coming.

E. The prophecy of the King's SECOND coming was revealed.

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III. God's Message to the Prosecuted: Punishment and Pardon (Micah 6-7)

- A. God's CHARGES against Israel were stated as He reviewed their past.
- B. Israel responded to God's indictment by offering SACRIFICES.
- C. God's second accusation explained what He would do because of what they had DONE.
- D. Micah listed Israel's sinful PRACTICES but exclaimed he would wait on the Lord.
- E. Micah prophesied Israel's still-future BLESSINGS.