



THE BOOK OF

AMOS

...a verse by verse study

The History of the Kings Judah

Rehoboam 17y

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

Isaiah (Uzziah) Azariah 52y
Hosea
Amos

Micah
Hosea
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y
(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

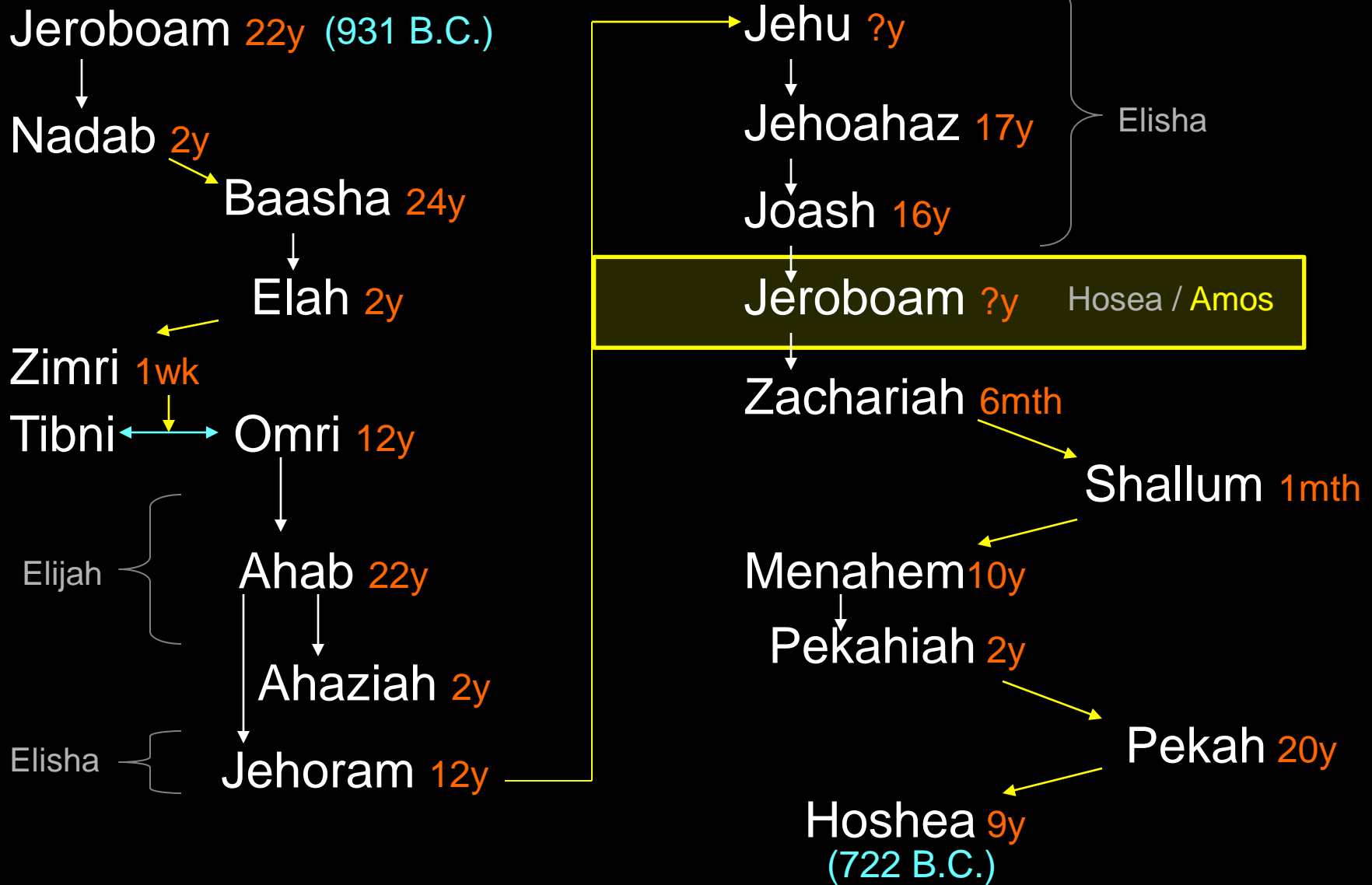
Jeremiah

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

The History of the Kings of Israel



The Call of Amos

- His mission:
 - Go to Bethel, the religious center of the north, and proclaim the doom of the nation.
 - Viz. Israel will be destroyed; nothing can avert it.
- Amos' predictions came true within 30 years.

Background of the Times

- Bethel was a small town 10 miles north of Jerusalem.
- It was a chief national religious shrine where Jeroboam had placed a golden calf.
- It was especially sacred because Jacob had his dream about the ladder into heaven there. (Ref I Kings 12:28-31).

Reason for Writing

- 1. To announce coming judgment upon Israel because of their idolatry and sin.
- 2. To make plain to the people of Israel what the demands of God's service truly are.
- 3. To remind Israel that God cares for all nations and exercises sovereignty over them.
- 4. To show that all nations are expected to respect such basic rules of human conduct as integrity, honesty, purity, and fairness.
- 5. To show that cruel, inhumane treatment of one's neighbor will negate all worship, no matter how elaborate.
- 6. To remind Israel of Jehovah's faithfulness to his covenant and law and their accountability to a practical observance thereof.

- John Waddey

Amos' Message

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- The symbols of approaching judgment
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Chapter 4

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth,
The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.

Amos 4:12-13



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Chapter 5

Amos Chapter 5

- 5 times in this chapter we will see God's grace, calling Israel to seek Him
- ...that He might relent concerning the coming judgment
- God is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish
- ...but, if we forsake God, there is nothing but a fearful expectation of judgment

¹ Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

² The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

³ For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

Amos 5:1-3

- The chapter opens with God's lamentation over His land & people

The Heart of God

²³ Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

Ezekiel 18:23

The Heart of God

¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:18

- God did not create man to condemn him

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Amos 5:1-3

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

Leviticus 26:3-5

⁶ And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

⁷ And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

⁸ And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Leviticus 26:6-8

⁹ For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

¹⁰ And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

¹¹ And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

¹² And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Leviticus 26:9-12

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 *I also will do this unto you;...*

Leviticus 26:14-16

- The spiritual law of sowing & reaping

The Law of Sowing & Reaping

- 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:7-8

Amazing Grace

⁴ For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: ①

⁵ But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought.

⁶ Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; ②
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

Amos 5:4-6

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

Amos 5:7-9

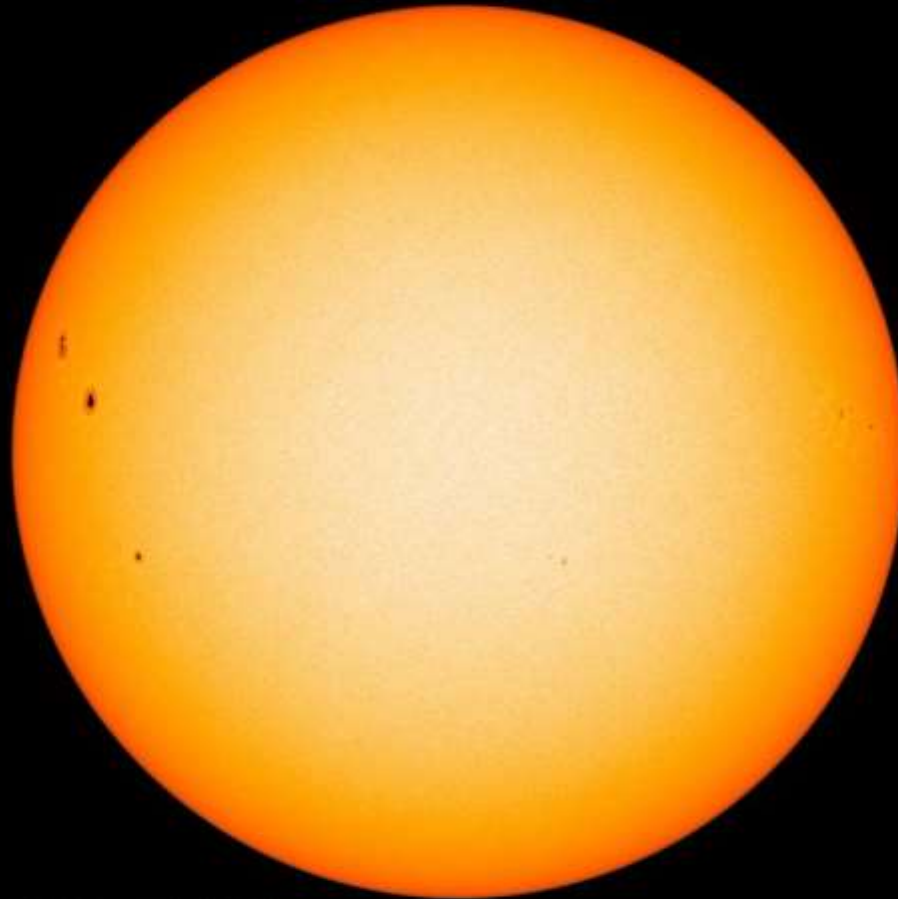
- ‘Seven stars’: Constellation: Pleiades
- Orion & Pleiades are gravitationally held together!

Earth shown
for size comparison



 **Met Office** Sun/Earth size comparison

Sun



Diameter = 1,390,000 km

Earth



Diameter = 12,742 km

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Planet Earth would fit 109 times across the diameter of the sun



10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

Amos 5:10-11

¹² For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

¹³ Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ **4** Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

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¹⁵ Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:10-11

16 Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the Lord.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.

Amos 5:16-18

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him;
or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the
wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not
light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Amos 5:19-20

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Amos 5:21-24

25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.

Amos 5:21-24



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To be continued...