

Date. About 760BC. ^{Argued 2 Kg 15:1} Uzziah (791-740) ^{2 Kg 26:20} and Jeroboam (Is 793-753). ^{2 Kg 14:23} 2 Kg 14-15. May have known as a boy Elisha, Joel, Jonah. Contemporary with Hosea and Isa. ^{6:1}

Times. Uzziah defeated enemies of Jud and strengthened walls of Jerus. ^{2 Kg 26:9, 15, 16, 19} Country prosperous. But under influence of Jeroboam who encouraged idolatry. ^{2 Kg 15:9} Social life char by adultery, robbery, murder. Wealthy were unjust. Amos prop to northern kgdom but aroused antagonism and ret'd to Judah where wrote.

Prophet. Tekoa, 12 m s Jerus. Sycamore is wild fig (7:15). ¹⁴⁻ Had direct call from God. Writing is in fine literary style so no untutored rustic.

Outline--prophecies, 1-2; sermons, 3-6; visions 7-9.

II PROPHECIES, 1:1-2:16.

Introduction, 1:1-2. Author, occupation, times, theme, 2. ^{no record of} Roar (like lion as leaps (shepherd background)).

Too late to save. Habitations of shepherds=pastures.

Top of Carmel=most fertile land. Everything affected.

A. Against Damascus, 1:3-5/

1. Reason for judgment, 3. a. Repeated rebellion (+transg). b. Hope removed (I will not intervene). c. Cruelty.

2. Results of judgment, 4-5.

- a. Burn Hazeal's palace. Predicted by Elisha 2 Kg 8:7f and ruled at time of Amos.
- b. Break defenses of city. Bar is what locked gates. As far away as Aven (4 hrs from Damascus).
- c. Enslave people. Kir was original home Amos 9:7 and were exiled there eventually, 2 kg 16:9.

B. Against Philistia, 1:6-8.

1. Reason, 6. Gaza impt trade route city. Site of selling many Is into slavery in Edom.
2. Results, 7-8. Complete destruction (cities, 7; people, 8).

C. Against Tyre, 1:9-10.

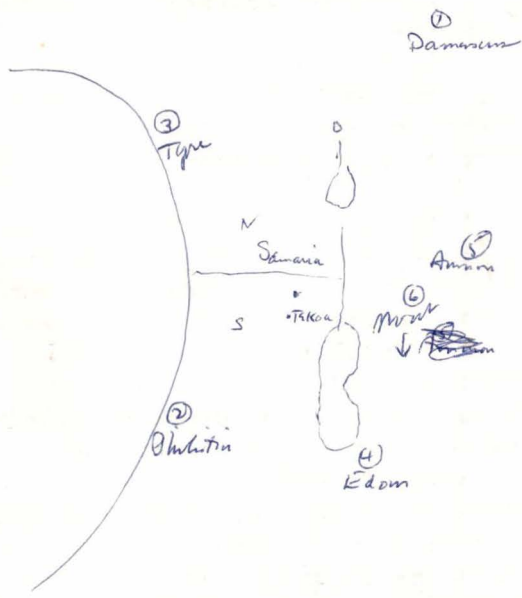
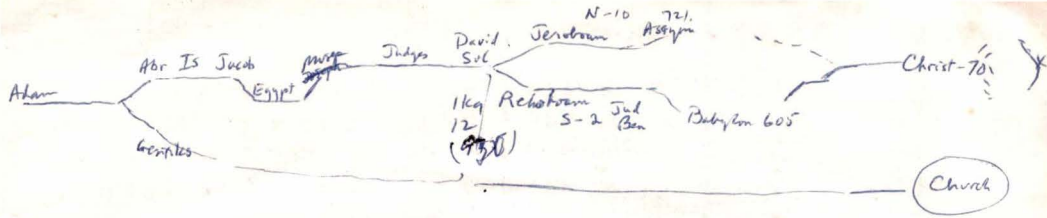
1. Reason, 9. Trade city Isa 23:1-3. Traffic in slaves. Broke covenant, 1 Kg 5:12; 9:13 "Brother".
2. Result 10. Destruction.

C. Against Edom, 1:11-12.

1. Reason. Continual enmity ag Is. Gen 25:25; Num 20:17; 2 Chron 21:8-10; 2 Kg 8:20.
2. Result, 12. Fire to Teman=Edom (Jer 49:7). Bozrah, impt city.

D. Against Ammon, 1:13-15. Descendants of Lot, Gen 19:38.

1. Reason, 13. [2 Kg 8:12; 10:32] 2. Result, 14-5. cf Jer 49:1



- E. Against Moab, 2;1-3
1. Reason, 1. Moab son of Lot by elder daughter Gen 19:37. Burned bones into fine powder. Maybe 2 Kg 3.
 2. Result, 2-3. Kirioth? capital of Moab, Isa 15:1-.
- F. Against Judah, 2:4-5. 1. Reason, not kept law. Their lies=false dieties. *MtC Judah's prosperity. 1500 yrs away.*
2. Result, 4. Same punishment as nations around. No exemption or lightening bec Gds's people.
- G. Against Israel, 2:6-16. 1. Reasons, 6-7. 8
- a. Sold into slavery for debts. Lev 25:39; 2 Kg 4:1. Shows oppression of rich to sell for debt=shoes.
 - b. Oppress poor to dust, 7.
 - c. Immoral, 7. Maid=temple girl. This is wrong and that father-son do it shows bad relationship there.
 - d. Hypocritical, 8. Hard-heartedness re poor is compensated by a little church-going! *4/22/26.*
2. Reminders, 9-12.
- a. Amorites destroyed. Mighty, Josh 24:18; Jud 6:10.
 - b. Punishment and mercy of 40 years, 10.
 - c. Chose Nazarites, Numb 6. Special privilege corrupted by giving them wine.
 - d. Gave prophets. Corrupted by saying Shut up.
3. Results, 13-16.
- a. Heavy judgment 13. I will press you as a cart presses that is full.
 - b. Universal judgment 14-16. Warriors, 14, archers and runners, 15, horsemen, courageous, 16.

II. SERMONS, 3:1-6:14.

- Proximity 1-4
Proximity 4-8
Publicizing 9-10
Proceedure 11-15
Instrument 11
Completion 12-15*
- A. Doom of Israel, 3:1-15.
1. Extent, 1. N & S bec all who came out of Egypt.
 2. Righteousness of it, 2-3/ 3.
 - a. Special relationship, 2. Known.
 - b. Special privileges not taken. Walk tog in an aptmt, 3.
 3. Nearness of it, 4-6

*Address, 1
Basis, 2-3
Proximity 4-6
Warning 7-8
Publicizing 9
Reason 10
Appt 11
Sister 12-15*

God's prey in hand like lion roaring, 4.
Trap is set, 5. Gin=engine of trap.
Alarm has sounded, 6.
 4. Warning concn it, 7-8. Thru prophets.
 5. Spectators to it, 9. Mts are Ebal and Gerizim.
 6. Reasons for it, 10. Is lost moral distinctions.
 7. Certainty of it, 11-15.

Who? 11-enemy=Kg of Assy. How thorough? 12-remnant will escape. Altars destroyed, 14; winter and summer homes too, 15.

Principles of God's Judgment

1. Righteous 1-~~3~~, 10
 - a. Had privileges, 2
 - b. Sinned, 3 or proof in home, 10.
2. Fore warned 4-8
 - Thru word, 7.
 - Right up to last, 8.
3. Humiliating, 9 - 2Co 5:10. 1Co 3 "fire"
4. Thru means often, 11.
5. Thorough 12-15.
- (6. In mercy 12, remnant.)

B. Depravity of Israel, 4:1-13 2nd sermon

1. Characteristics of depravity, 1-11

a. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Animalistic, 1. Cows of Bashan.

E of Jordan. Herds were strong and well-nourished, cf. bulls of Bashan, Ps 22:12. Women of Samaria lived an animal existence in their luxury.

b. Insatiable, 1-3. Always want more, 1. Rob poor to get it, 1. Badger husbands to provide it, 1.

God's judgment is sure, 2-3. With hooks like animals they were. ^{c. ~~fishhooks~~ ~~bec~~ ~~too~~ ~~many~~ ~~women~~ ~~and~~ ~~no~~ ~~other~~ ~~hooks~~ ~~left~~.} ^{d. ~~Downing~~ ~~3~~} ^{e. ~~Universal~~ ~~2~~} ^{f. ~~place~~} v.3 cast forth into Harmon=^{f. ~~place~~} place of exile.

e. Religious, 4-5. Irony. Bethel and Gilgal centers of worship. Bring yearly sacrifice (1 Sam 1:3,7,21) every day and 3rd yr tithe every 3 days (Deut 14:28;25:12). Leavened cakes with thank offering, Lev 7:14. Free-will off, Deut 12:6. This liketh you=this pleases you.

f. Calloused, 6-11. Of warnings of past judgments.

(1) Famine, 6. Cleanness of teeth=nothing to eat.

(2) Drought, 7-8. Note God sends and withholds rain.

(3) Blasting and mildew, 9. Blasting=effects of scorching.

(4) Penitence and sword, 10. Epidemics. Like awful ones poured out on Egypt.

(5) Earthquake, 11. ? Overthrow may mean this. Better to say calamity. Each of these reminders ends with same sad refrain--not returned to me.

2. Consequences of depravity, 12-13. Judgment

a. The sentence, 12a. Judgment predicted but not described

b. The plea, 12b. Prepare so won't be judged. Call to repentance and every warning of judgment is this.

c. The Judge, 13. Yetzer mts and bara wind, ^{knows} musing or meditation of heart, ^{At - K...} makes morning dark with storm clouds and walks on high places=clouds. Jeh of hosts=^{At - K...} majesty.

C. Dirge over Israel, 5:1-6:14. 3rd sermon.

Dirge, 1. Not spontaneous but a composition.

1. The Ruin of Israel, 5:1-17

a. Present state of Is. 2a. Virgin=unconquered so far.

b. Future state, 2b-3. Forsaken, 2. Decimated, 3 by 9/10ths

c. Escape for Is, 4-9. Seek Lord. Not false worship at Bethel and Gilgal, 5. Otherwise fire in Is and none of idols of Bethel can put it out. Joseph stands for Is (N kgdm). As ancestor of Ephraim, most powerful tribe. God described in 9-10. Creator, 9. Judge 10. 7 stars=Pleiades. Causes morning to follow night, and night morning. Brings rain. 10=that causeth devastation to falsh forth. so that devastation comes on the fortress.

d. Indictment, 10-13. (1) Hate honest judges. Gate where elders sat, Ruth 4:1-2. (2) Rob poor. Exactions of wheat as tribute. Won't be able to enjoy ill-gotten wealth. (3) Sake bribes, 12. Lit ransom for a life meaning that rich murderer might get off. Poor doesn't get justice. Result: 13-Wise will keep silence since may get into trouble. At that time Amos describing, not future.

e. Exhortation, 14-15. Seek, 14 =be anxious about. Est. justice, 15. Prove your repentance.

f. Judgment on Israel, 16-17. Wailing everywhere and by everybody (husbandman and professional mourners Jer 9:17, usually women. Even in vineyards which were usually places of mirth, Isa 16:10.

2. The Rebuke of Religious people, 5:18-27

a. Their desire, 18. Day of Lord thinking it would bring deliverance.

b. Their delusion, 18-20. Didn't understand that Day of L would bring judgment. (1) Darkness=disaster.

(2) Peril, 19. Flee from lion and meet bear. Go into house to escape and get bitten by snake.

c. Their desecration (of true worship), 21-26. Deception. Not smell=take no delight in. Fat beasts=fatlings, 2 Sam 6:13. Songs and music accompanying worship, 8:10.

From me, 23=from upon me as if these hypocrisies were a great burden to God.

What God wants is in 24.

25 is ques expecting negative answer. i.e. they did not offer sacrifices during 40 years and yet it was a period in which God showed His love and care, 2:9.

Punctilious following of law is not what is required but heart attitude and in 40 yrs their heart was toward false gods, 26.

d. Their doom, 27. Captivity.

3. The Reprimand of the Nation, 6:1-14

a. Announcement, 1-3. Recklessly at ease and unaware. esp rulers or upper class, 2--men of mark of 1st of natns. Be warned, 2. Calneh unidentified. Hamath 150mi n Dan.

Don't think judgment far away.
Call a. Summary of the reprimand.

b. Particulars, 4-6.

(1) Luxury, 4. Divans inlaid with ivory in frames. Lambs of special delicacy (not usual word for lambs).

(2) Idleness, 5. Chant=improvise idly. (4) Indulgent

(3) Insatiable, 6a. Bowls instead of cups. Anoint with oils of choicest kind=chief bintments.

(5) Insensitive, 6b.

c. Punishment, 7-14

(1) Certainty, 7-8. Idle will go first and Lord sworn.

(2) Consequences, 9-10. 10 left in 1 palace, yet 9 of them will die (v10) from penitence that follows, and when uncle comes to bury survivor will say, don't mention Lord's name lest fresh judgment falls. He that burneth-Heb didn't usually burn dead, may refer to spices burned, 2Chron16:14 or cremation bec of pestilence, 1 Sam 31:12.

Homes smashed, 11.

(3) Consistency of judgment, 12-13. Natural laws tell you that horses don't run on rocks or oxen plow sea and people don't oppress others. Since you do, judgment is inevitable and consistent since broke natl law.

(4) Coverage of it, 14. Assyrians will capture. Afflict=oppress from Hamath to wady of Arabah which Jeroboam II had conquered, 2 Kg 14:25. From Orontes valley to S boundary of Moab.

III. VISIONS, 7:1-9:15 (except history in 7:10-17)

A. The Locusts, 7:1-3. Same plague as 4:9-here withdrawn.

1. Prepared, 1a. Locusts=larva stage.

2. Timed, 1b. After mowing of crops for king to destroy private crops of people.

3. Limited extent, 2a. About to eat everything. Not all destroyed.

4. Purposeful, 2b. To get people to confess.

5. Ended, 3. Anthropopathic. Trans. relented.

B. The Fire, 7:4-6.

1. Object of it, 4. Contend=arraigned against Is.

2. Severity of it, 4. Consumed the sources of water and was burying a part of the land.

3. End of it, 5-6. After repentance.

C. The Plumb Line, 4:7-9.

1. Place of vision, 7. Beside (lit) wall.

2. Point, 8. Not pass by=not pardon again. Sure punishment.

3. Punishment, 9. High places. Isa 15:2; 16:12 where worship Isaac=Israel. Sanctuaries=high places.

Historical parenthesis, 7:10-17. Ecclesiastical oppositn

1. The Request, 10-13.

a. To Jeroboam II, 10-11. By priest. Content-lies.

Amos had not conspired, 10. Had not said J's death

10. Had prophesied 10b. 5:5,27; 6:7.

b. To Amos, 12-13. Jeroboam apparently took no notice
So went directly to Amos. Go home and prophesy.
Get out of capital. King's chapel like nat'l cathedral.

2. The Retort, 14-17. I am commissioned to prophesy.

a. The Commission, 14-15. Not bec of family background
but divine change of course of life. Sycamore-fig-mulberry.

b. The Content, 16-17. In answer to your request not
to prophesy as Is, God says-consequences of 17.

D. The Basket of Ripe Fruit, 8:1-14.

1. The Illustration of Judgment, 1-3.

Summer fruit=fully ripe. Not passby-not defer judgment.

2. The Indictment for Judgment, 4-7/Result, 3-many slain.

a. Rob poor, 4. to fail-to cease by taking advantage.

b. Cheat, 5. New moon at 1st of month was popular
holiday, 2 Kg 4:23 and marked by rel services, Isa 1:1

13. Trade was suspended and made merchants impatient.

c. Slavery, 6. Lev. 25:39. Refuse of wheat-fallings,
i.e. what fell thru sieve, thin, unfilled.

Concl, 7. God is indignant.

3. The Intensity of Judgment, 8-14.

a. In general, 8. Convulsive like swelling Nile.

b. In heavens, 9. Day of Lord.

c. In sorrow, 10.

d. In famine, 11, ¹to hear words they had long ignored

e. In physical famine, 13-

f. In punishment, 14 for swearing by false gods.

E. The Judgment of the Lord, 9:1-15

1. The Setting, 1. Altar of burnt-perhaps at shrine at Bethel.

2. The Smiting, 2 1b. Columns smitten so roof falls.

3. The Searching, 2-4. In sheol, in heaven, at Carmel,
bottom of ocean, in exile.

4. The Judge, 5-6. Power, 5. His palace, 6. Power, 6.

5. The Supposed Exemption, 7-10. Some said that God
wouldn't do this bec chosen nation. 7-God has done things
for other nations. 8-judgment not permanent. 9-not
on faithful remnant. 10-but surely on those who think
that belonging to chosen people will exempt them.

6. The Future Blessing, 11-15
 - a. Time, 11. That day.
 - b. Promise, 11-2. Dynasty of David, tho humbled for a time will be reinstated.
 - c. Extent, 12. Includes Israel's enemies.
 - d. Accompaniments, 13-14. Plenty, 13. One harvest will be followed immediately by paánting. Prosperity, 14.
 - e. Eternality, 15. In the land given, Gen 15.

PIOUS FRAUDS IN OUR CHURCHES

Intro. Nothing worse than fraudulent anything esp religion =sham, fake. Remember Laodecia. Not new, as old as Gen³. But particular burden of prophets, and want to turn to one of these old but contemporary denunciations of fraudulent piety. c. 760B.C. Generatn before Assy capt. Times good, 2 Kg 14:25. God's viewpoint-times bad bec fraud

I. FRAUD OF NORMALCY, 5:10-15.

A. The Condition, 10 to 12.

1. Some still trying to give justice. ¹⁰ Gate, Ruth 4:102.
2. Some living normally, 11. Fine houses, lush crops.
3. But many hating justice, 10; being oppressed, 11; buying or bribing way to happiness while poor doesn't get his due, 12.

B. The ~~curse~~ ^{CURSE} of Normalcy, 13. Dumb silence of wise. Know it won't do much good and may get into trouble so keep still. Amos got into trouble with king and church, 7:10. X got in trouble with both. Insensitivity to wrongs and inactivity to righting is curse.

C. The Cure, 14-15. Activity, 14-seek. Attitude, 15. Both lacking today. People don't hate and afraid to rock the boat by speaking out.

D. Consequence, 16-17. Amateurs and profs wailing bec judgment

II. The FRAUD OF PROPHECY, 5:18-20.

A. Stated, 18. Desire day of Lord. Only took part of truth like Joel 2:28-9, 32. Pious platitude brot out at right time in conversation. Won't it be nice when Lord comes. Said with sigh too! Lk 14:15. *heard in land*

B. Corrected, 19-20. For unfaithful ones coming like running from lion and seeing bear or snake in house. Whole story is that coming brings judgment as well as blessing. And that knowledge of future ought to affect present. Get right now.

III. FRAUD OF ACTIVITY, 5:21-23.

A. The Picture, 21-23. Still observing feast days, lit. pilgrimages when went to sanctuary, unleavened bread, weeks, booths. Ex 23:14, 17; 34:23; Deut 16:16.

Assemblies, any rel gathering esp last days of above feasts. Burnt, meal, peace off. All going on with choirs, 23 & orches.

B. The Problem, 21. God hates, rejects and takes no delight in-not small, Lev 25:31. No heart rtness and outward just, 2

C. The Prognosis, 27-judgment.

Concl. Genuiness is on God's terms and acc to His word, 3:3. Happiness flows from this.