

21.19 Isaiah; Amos; Hosea (Isaiah 6:1–13; Amos 1–9; Hosea 1–4)

✓ “*Check*” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows.

[. . .] Brackets indicate a remark to the teacher that will not be read aloud, and they show answers to questions.

Visuals and Tools:

- Pictures and other visuals found at the end of this lesson. Check “Activities” and “Handwork” found below for additional materials. Please give credit to the sources of pictures.

Bible Time Tips to Teach:

- *prophet*: one who speaks God’s Word
- *train of a robe*: the extension of a garment that flows behind a person as they walk
- *to exile*: to take the people of a country away from their homeland to another country against their will. This is what nations did when they conquered another country; we say they are in exile.

Scripture: (ESV)

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” 9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” 11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

Introduction/Review:

In Israel [locate] God had promised King Jehu his descendants would reign unto the fourth generation because, mostly at the town of Jezreel, he had destroyed Ahab’s family. Although Jehu had obeyed God in the destruction of Ahab’s relatives, he had done it savagely.

We’ve been talking about Judah’s kings in recent lessons. One king of Judah [locate] was Amaziah, who worshiped the idols of the Edomites whom he had conquered. Imagine worshiping idols whose people you had defeated! Amaziah deserved punishment for his idolatry, and it came when Israel overcame Judah in battle and broke down part of Jerusalem’s wall.

On the other hand, Amaziah’s son, Uzziah, served the Lord quite well until he got proud and tried to do what? [Offer incense at the altar of incense in the Temple.] What happened to Uzziah? [He got leprosy.] Later, he died.

Story:

Three prophets—Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea—preached to Judah and Israel during this period of history. All three have books of the Bible with their names.

Isaiah, prophet to Judah

Through Isaiah, a prophet in Judah [locate again], God wrote a long Bible book (66 chapters). You can find his book, Isaiah, close to the middle of your Bible.

In the sixth chapter of this book, Isaiah tells about something that happened to him in the same year that King Uzziah died. Listen to his description of the vision he saw, for he tells us what God is like [display chart found below]:

“I saw the Lord (this was Jesus—John 12:41) seated on a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the angels; each had six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, and with two wings they covered their feet, and with two wings they were flying.

“And they were calling one to another, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

“At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the Temple was filled with smoke.

“‘Woe is me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among people of unclean lips; and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty!’

“Then one of the angels flew to me and cleansed me, saying: ‘Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.’

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

Isaiah was willing to do whatever God asked him to do, but God’s instructions are strange to our ears. Isaiah was to “say to this people, ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Isaiah, you shall make the heart of this people hard, and their ears dull, and you shall shut their eyes; Otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

Who would want to preach or teach and have no one heed what was being taught? But this is what God said would happen.

Even though the people would not listen or understand, Isaiah’s message would be of hard judgment, not a sermon of peace and blessing and repentance. ✓It was overwhelming to Isaiah.

“How long, O Lord?” Isaiah asked.

The Lord answered: “Until cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are abandoned, and the fields are totally ruined, until the LORD has sent everyone far away, and the land is utterly forsaken. A tenth will remain in it, like a tree stump remains when a tree is cut down. The holy seed is its stump.”

God was telling Isaiah to preach a coming judgment of God on Judah; they would go into exile. Yet, some, “the holy seed,” would be spared. We will learn about this in a later lesson.

Amos, prophet to Israel

The nation of Israel [locate again] was getting into deeper and deeper trouble. ✓They were getting poorer and poorer and weaker and weaker because they had forsaken the Lord. God had warned and continued to warn Israel through His prophets. One prophet God used to caution Israel at this time was Amos.

Amos was a shepherd from Tekoa [locate], a town five miles south of Bethlehem. The time and scope of his preaching was “concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake” (Amos 1:1). (We will learn about King Jeroboam

in our next lesson.) Even though his hometown was in Judah, Amos preached against [locate these places] Syria, Edom, Ammon, and Israel—mostly Israel. He told them of their sins and warned them that God would punish them by exiling them.

One time, a priest, Amaziah, who served the false worship of the golden calf at Bethel [locate], went to the king of Israel in order to get Amos in trouble. Part of what he said was a lie: “Amos is conspiring against you in Israel. The land cannot bear his words.” The rest of the priest’s tattling was true, for Amos had actually said, “Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.”

Amaziah, the false priest, didn’t like Amos’s talking this way about exile. When the king did nothing about his complaint, Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out of here! Go back to the land of Judah. Prophesy there. Don’t prophesy anymore here in Bethel because this is the king’s chapel and the temple of the nation of Israel.”

Amos humbly but boldly answered, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. I was a cattle herder and a shepherd and a farmer. The Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ Now, hear what God has to say to you. Since you say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,’ your family—your wife and children—will be ruined, and Israel will certainly go into exile, out of their native land.”

At another time Amos picked a basket of “summer fruit” (figs) and prophesied that God, like the farmer who harvests food from plants in the fall, would “pick” Israel. As the plant dies in the winter, Israel would no longer exist.

Even though Amos prophesied these very sad things about Israel, he also promised that God would bless in the last days before He comes again. He said, “I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them” (Amos 9:13–15).

Hosea, prophet to Israel

Another prophet God used near this time was Hosea. Hosea’s life was an illustration of God’s love for His people even when they are unfaithful to Him. Hosea’s wife was unfaithful to him just as Israel had been unfaithful to God. God illustrated His punishment coming on Israel in the names of Hosea’s children [show chart found below]:

(1) Jezreel. Hosea’s son was called Jezreel because at the city Jezreel [locate] God would soon punish the house of Jehu for his slaughter of Ahab’s family.

(2) Lo-Ruhamah. This girl’s name means “not loved,” for God said, “I will no longer show love to the house of Israel.”

(3) Lo-Ammi. This boy’s name means “not a people,” for God said, “Israel, you are not my people, and I am not your God.” Hosea was saying God would soon blot “out the name of Israel.

So, all of Hosea’s adult life was an illustration of God’s relationship with Israel—their unfaithfulness to Him and His punishment for their rejection.

The end of the nation was near. Although God continued to warn Israel through prophets and through punishment, they would not repent. It was time for stronger exile to come to the nation of Israel.

Lessons from this lesson:

- We see Jesus:
He is the One Isaiah saw in the Temple (John 12:41).

Activities:

- Play dough: a throne; a robe with a train; angels with six wings; sheep; figs

- Snack: Angel hair pasta with marinara or alfredo sauce or Fig Newton® cookies
- Find meanings of students' names and discuss lessons to take from those meanings.
- Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy." A copy of this song may be found at [Holy-Holy-Holy-Full-Score.pdf \(michaelkravchuk.com\)](http://Holy-Holy-Holy-Full-Score.pdf(michaelkravchuk.com)).
- Sing "Here Am I, Lord, Send Me" from the Patch the Pirate series (Majesty Music). This song may be heard at Here Am I, Lord - Bing video. Lyrics are at [HERE AM I, LORD | Digital Songs & Hymns \(digitalsongsandhymns.com\)](http://HERE AM I, LORD | Digital Songs & Hymns(digitalsongsandhymns.com)).
- Discuss earthquakes, for ✓ according to Josephus in *The Eerdman's Bible Dictionary*, 1996, p. 51, the earthquake of Amos 1:1 happened when Uzziah tried to offer incense (see also Zechariah 14:5).

"In an earthquake, huge masses of rock move beneath the Earth's surface and cause the ground to shake. Earthquakes occur constantly around the world. Often they are too small for people to feel at all. Sometimes, however, earthquakes cause great losses of life and property."

Most earthquakes take place in two major belts—areas in a circle-like boundary. The largest earthquake belt "circles the Pacific Ocean. . . . It is known as the ring of fire [see map below]. . . . A second, less-active belt is between Europe and North Africa in the Mediterranean region and includes portions of Asia" (earthquake - Kids | Britannica Kids | Homework Help). God is in control of all nature.
- Review questions: (Game: Print and cut out the "Handwork" angel found below. A student who answers a question correctly may fold one wing of the angel over either the face or feet or wiggle one wing to "fly.")
 1. Which of the three prophets—Isaiah, Amos, or Hosea—was a prophet to Judah? [Isaiah.]
 2. What did Isaiah see in the year King Uzziah died? [A vision of the Lord in the Temple.]
 3. Which of the three prophets had been a shepherd? [Amos.]
 4. Why didn't Amaziah, the false priest, like Amos's preaching? [Because he said Israel would be exiled.]
 5. Which of the three prophets gave his children names that illustrated the coming judgment from God? [Hosea.]
 6. (2 points) Tell the name of one of Hosea's children and how that name prophesied judgment. [*Jezreel* would be where Jehu's family would die; *Lo-Ruhamah*, "not loved," showed God would no longer show love to the house of Israel; *Lo-Ammi*, "not a people," meant God would disown Israel.]

Memory Verses:

- Psalm 139:1–18, 23, 24 (NKJV)

(A very nice song book with black-and-white visuals [I water colored mine] and a CD is available as a learning tool at [Psalm 139 - NKJV \(thywordcreations.com\)](http://Psalm 139 - NKJV (thywordcreations.com)). Learning this psalm may take six months or more. Some teachers think saying/singing the whole psalm every week is a good way to learn it. However, this Psalm 139 song book breaks the passage after verse 13; therefore, a suggestion is to work on verses 1–13 for thirteen weeks and then the rest of the psalm for an additional eight weeks or more. Take one or two lessons to say/sing the whole psalm.)

¹O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.
²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
⁵You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
⁶*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.

⁹*If* I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me;

¹²Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

¹⁷How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸*If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. . . .

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

- Alternative verse: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122:1).

Handwork:


- Print the line drawing of a seraph at the end of this lesson. Students will color the picture and cut it out. They will fold the wings to show two covering the face, two covering the feet, and two flying..

prophet

train of a robe

to exile

Kings of Judah

Rehoboam		
Abijah		
Asa	*	
Jehoshaphat	*	
Jehoram		
Ahaziah		
Athaliah		
Joash	-	
Amaziah	-	
Uzziah		

Key: Frowning face: bad king/queen—led people to idolatry
Happy face: good king—led people to worship the Lord
Blah face: started out good but became evil, leading the people to idolatry





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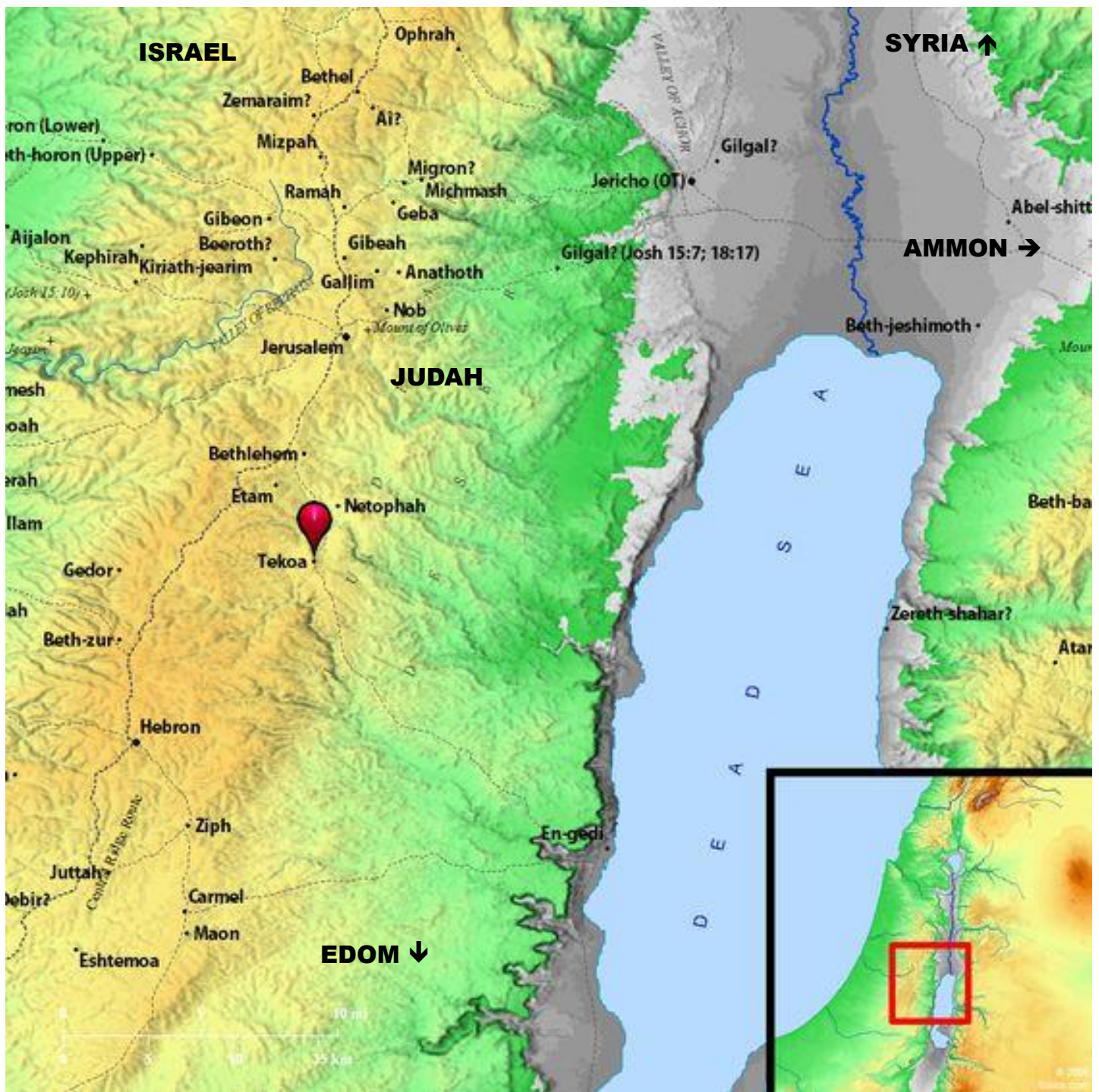
Isaiah's Vision in Isaiah 6

the Lord	Jesus (John 12:41)
sitting on a throne	He is King of kings and Lord of lords.
high and lifted up	exalted above all creatures
The train of his robe filled the temple.	divinely perfect
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts”	totally set apart from man in rank
“The whole earth is full of his glory!”	This will happen. He is fully in charge even now.
The threshold foundations shook.	The consciences of people will shake at His word.
Lord, the King Almighty	Almighty is just that—all mighty





Image: Amos the sheepbreeder (st-takla.org) الراعي عاموس صورة (st-takla.org)



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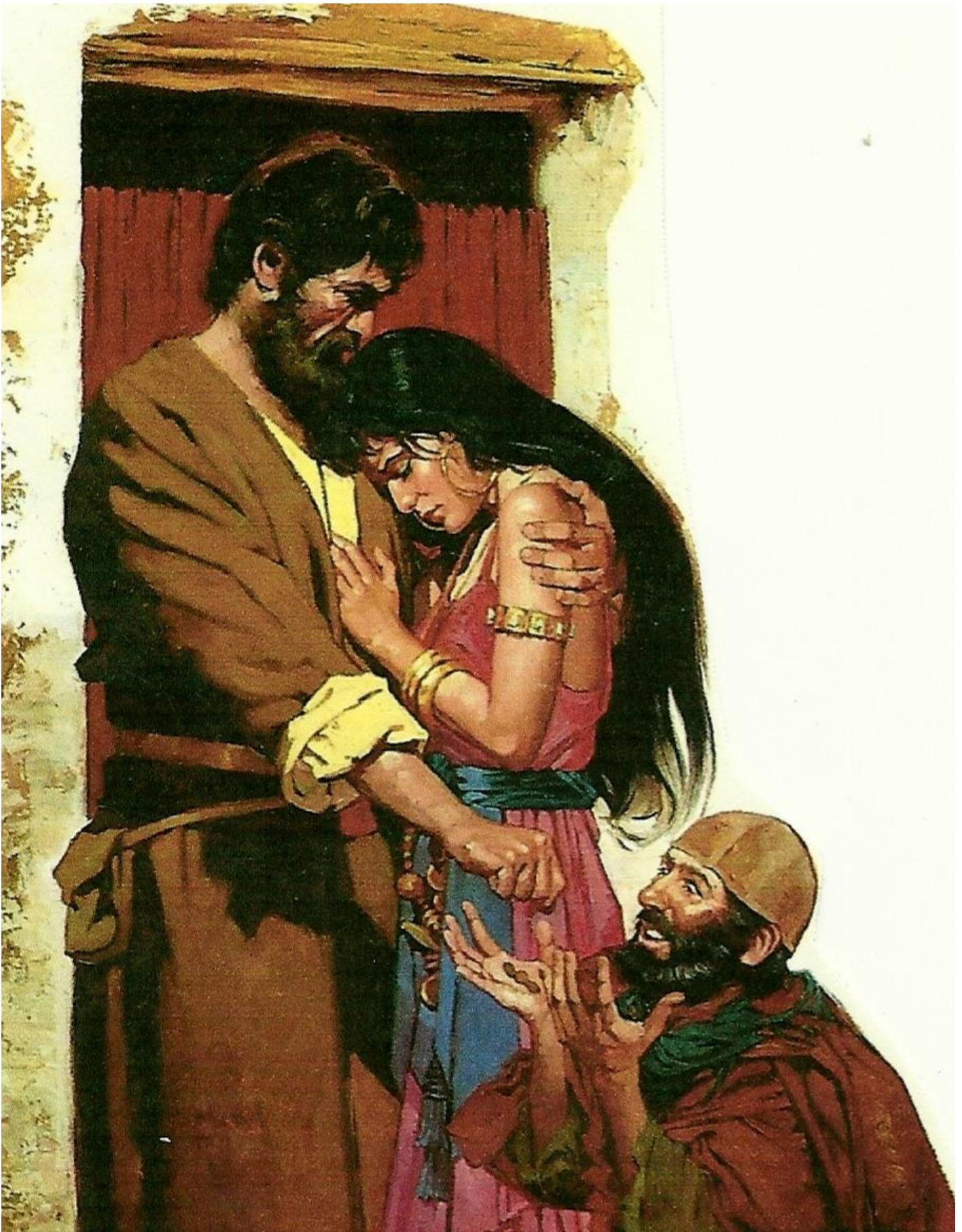


Image: Amos speaks to Amaziah the priest [الكاهن امصيا يكلم عاموس صورة \(st-takla.org\)](http://st-takla.org)



Image: Amaziah the priest sends to Jeroboam the king of Israel أمصيا الكاهن يرسل إلى يريعام ملك اسرائيل (st-takla.org)





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Hosea's Children, a Picture of Israel

Jezreel	(a city)	God would soon punish the house of Jehu at Jezreel.
Lo-Ruhamah	“not loved”	“I will no longer show love to the house of Israel.”
Lo-Ammi	“not a people”	“Israel, you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

Big Ideas in HOSEA

God's relationship with his people is compared to marriage

God loves his people despite their unfaithfulness

Idolatry among God's people is like prostitution

The Israelites' continuous refusal to acknowledge God will result in their exile

After exile, when the Israelites repent, God will restore them to the land



Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - www.thequickviewbible.com



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"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 6:2, 3