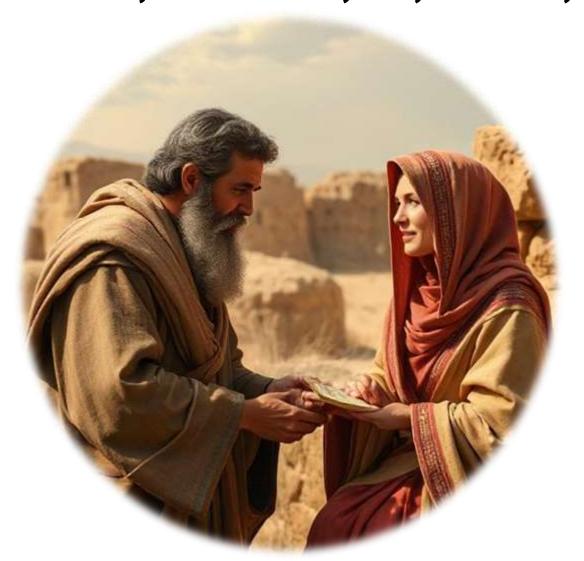
Reconciliation Hosea 1:2-3; 2:19-20,23; 3:1-5; 14:1-4



Elijah performs miracles and prophesies to Israel (1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 2)

Assyria besieges and conquers Israel, deporting the people (2 Kings 17)

Jonah prophesies to Israel and Nineveh (2 Kings 14; Jonah 1-4)

Today's Lesson
Hosea prophesies to
Israel and Judah
(Hosea 1-14)

Elijah performs miracles and prophesies to Israel (2 Kings 2-13)

Israel's kings persist in doing evil in the Lord's sight (2 Kings 14-17)



12 Minor Prophets



Key Concept God in His grace reconciles with His sinful people.

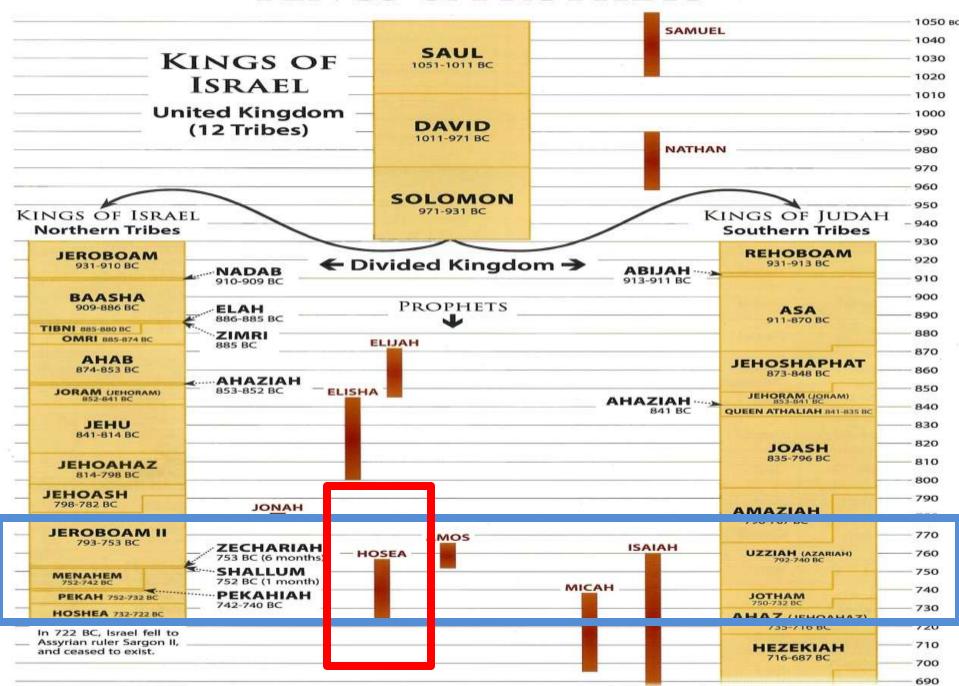


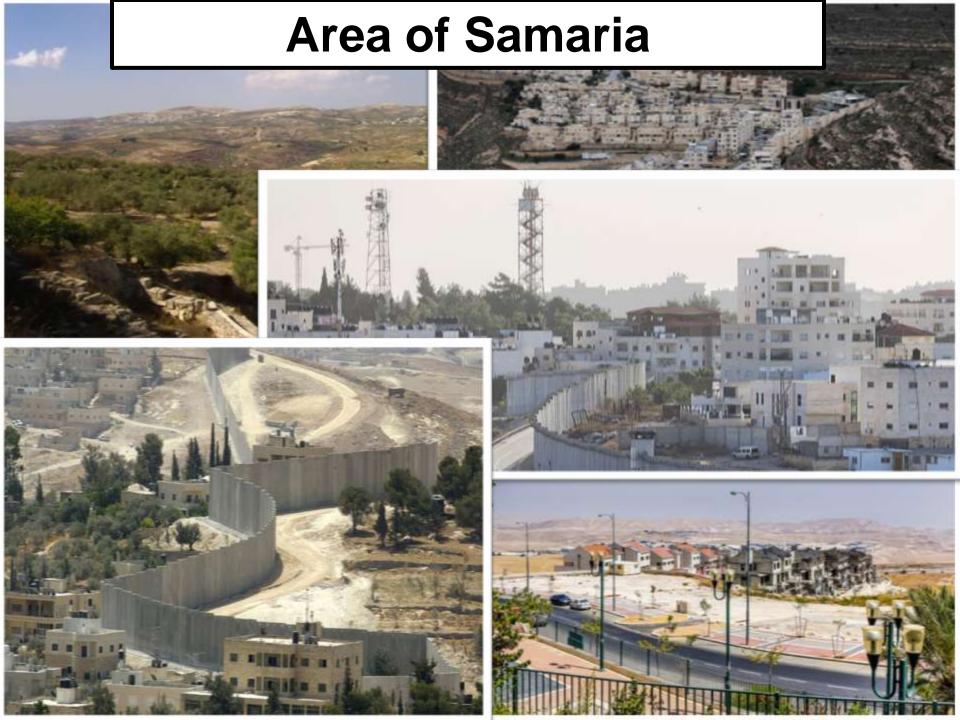
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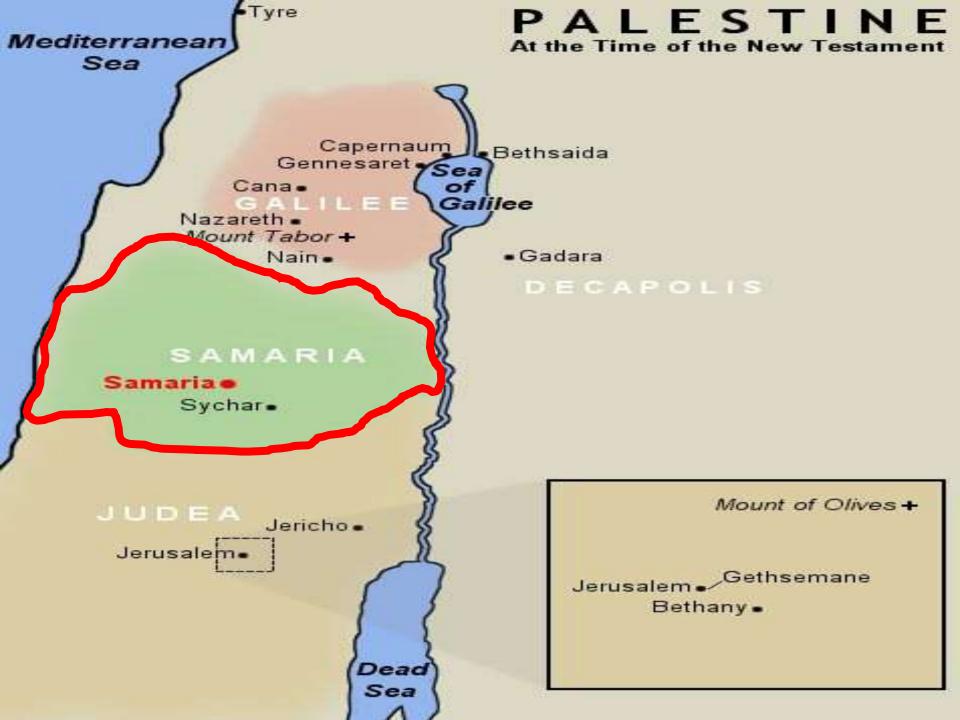
Biblical prophets were God's servants especially called to be his witnesses. God sent prophets to his people during times of crisis. Old Testament prophets were intermediaries between God and his people. They brought the word of God to people. As Scripture says, "Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

PROPHET	PROPHESIED	DATE (BC)*	HOME/LOCATION
Samuel	To Israel	1060-1020	Ramah
Elijah	To Israel	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	845-800	Abel Meholah
Jonah	To Nineveh	781	Gath-hepher
Amos	To Israel	765-754	Tekoa
Isaiah	To Judah	760-673	Jerusalem
Hosea	To Israel	758–725	Israel
Micah	To Judah	738–698	Moresheth-gath
Nahum	Concerning Nineveh	658-615	Elkosh
Jeremiah	To Judah	650-582	Anathoth

KINGS & PROPHETS







•How is the ancient area of Samaria referred to now in modern Israel? The region is referred to as the West Bank

- •What is the meaning of Hosea in Hebrew? salvation
- •Why is the northern kingdom often referred to as Ephraim?

It was considered the most powerful tribe of the northern kingdom and most prominent symbol for the whole kingdom

- How does the book of Hosea compare Ephraim to Israel?
- As a trained heifer used to tread out grain (the people are skilled in pursuing their own interest but, they don't use that same energy for God). (Hosea 10:11)
- •What sin was God punishing Jehu for as Hosea was to name his first son Jezreel? Bloodshed at Jezreel, Worshipping the golden calves, violence

- •Name some other significant uses of marriage trouble as a metaphor for God's love in the Bible?
- Jeremiah 3:14 Israel's adultery
- Ezekiel 16:8 Two unfaithful sisters
- Isaiah 54:5 Your husband is your maker
- Malachi references the covenant of marriage and Israel's unfaithfulness
- New Testament Church (Bride of Christ) Eph 5:25-27; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2-9

- How did God use Hosea's family to illustrate Israel's unfaithfulness as an allegory?
- 1) Hosea is playing the loving character of God
- 2) Israel is the prostitute (Gomer)
- 3) Israel / Gomer commits spiritual / actual adultery against God / Hosea
- 4) God / Hosea buys back Israel / Gomer symbolizing persistent love / restoration, compassion and mercy