



Come Follow Me 2022
Amos; Obadiah



Old Testament Seminary Manual

Amos was a shepherd who lived in a city called Tekoa, which was about 12 miles south of Jerusalem (see Bible Dictionary, “Amos”). The Lord called him to prophesy to the Northern Kingdom of Israel—a calling he did not expect but which he obediently fulfilled (see Amos 7:14–15). Amos preached during the reign of Uzziah in Judah and of Jeroboam II in Israel in the eighth century B.C. (see Amos 1:1; Bible Chronology). Amos may have been a fellow laborer with the prophet Hosea in the kingdom of Israel.

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600 BC

500 BC

200 years

NORTHERN KINGDOM
(ISRAEL)

ASSYRIA

BABYLON

Daniel

Ezekiel

Jeroboam

Jehu

Elijah

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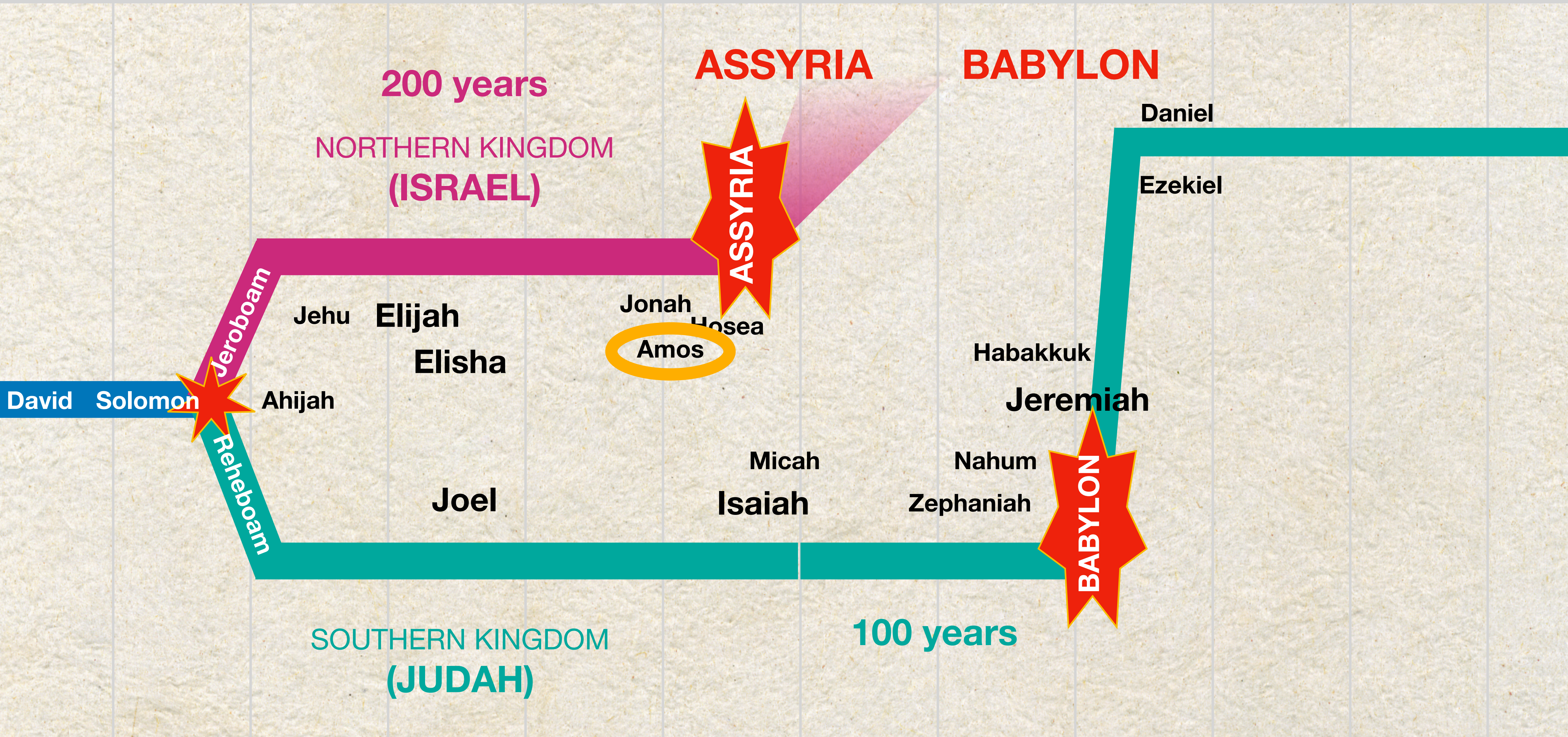
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“In this period Israel attained a height of territorial expansion and national prosperity never again reached. At the same time, this prosperity led to gross inequities between urban elite and the poor. Through manipulation of debt and credit, wealthy landowners amassed capital and estates at the expense of small farmers. The smallest debt served as the thin edge of a wedge that lenders could use to separate farmers from their patrimonial lands and to deprive them of personal property.

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“Into this scene stepped Amos, himself a farmer and herder from Tekoa... Amos denounced the society of the Northern Kingdom, Israel, in vivid language, bitterly describing the decadent opulence, immorality, and smug piety of the elite who “trample the head of the poor into the dust of the Earth” (2:7). Amos’s program, in contrast, called for “Justice” and “righteousness” (5:7, 24; 6:12), terms that connote social equity and a concern for the disadvantaged (Isaiah 5:7; Micah 6:8). Amos also condemned impure religion, which for him and the other prophets meant worship of deities other than the Lord.”

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“The traditional arrangement of the Book of the Twelve in the Masoretic Text and in English translations, is based not solely on chronology but often on specific verbal similarities or catchwords that link the end of one book to the beginning of the next. Amos is linked to the preceding Book of Joel by identical phrases (Joel 3:16 and Amos 1:2) and to the following book of Obadiah by a similar subject (Edom in Amos 9:12 and Obadia 1).”



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AMOS 1-2

14 Multitudes, ^amultitudes in the valley of decision: for the ^bday of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The ^asun and the moon shall be ^bdarkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The ^aLORD also shall ^broar out of ^cZion, and ^autter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall ^eshake: but the LORD *will* be the ^fhope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God ^adwelling in Zion, my holy ^bmountain: then shall ^cJerusalem be holy, and there shall no ^astrangers pass through her any more.

18 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the ^amountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a ^bfountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 ^aEgypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in ^aZion.

AMOS

CHAPTER 1

Amos shows the Lord's judgments upon Syria, the Philistines, Tyre, Edom, and Ammon.

THE words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of ^aUzziah king of Judah, and in the days of ^bJeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the ^cearthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will ^aroar

from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the ^bhabitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ^athreshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 But I will send a fire into the house of ^aHazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

14a Zech. 14:2 (2-5); Rev. 16:16.

b Obad. 1:15.

15a TG Last Days; World, End of.

b 2 Ne. 23:10.

16a TG Jesus Christ, Second Coming.

b Jer. 25:30.

c TG Zion.

d D&C 133:21.

17a TG Millennium.

b Joel 2:1;

Zech. 8:3.

c TG Jerusalem.

d Zech. 14:21.

TG Stranger.

18a TG Earth, Renewal of.

b Ezek. 47:1;

Zech. 14:8;

Rev. 22:1.

19a Isa. 19:16 (11-25).

Zech. 2:10 (10-12); Rev. 22:3 (3-4).

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1 1a Hosea 1:1.

b Amos 7:10.

c Zech. 14:5.

2a Isa. 31:4;

Jer. 25:30.

b OR pastures.

3a 2 Kgs. 13:7.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from ^aAshdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the ^bPhilistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^aTyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the ^bbrotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of ^aTyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^aEdom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But I will send a fire upon ^aTeman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

8a Amos 3:9.

b Isa. 14:31 (29-32):

b TG Brotherhood and Sisterhood

Ezek. 21:20; 25:5 (4-5).

2 1a Isa. 16:13.

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of ^aRabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

The Lord will pour out judgments upon Moab, Judah, and Israel for their unrighteousness.

THUS saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^aMoab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ^adespised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they ^asold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and

a man and his father unto the *same* maid, to my holy name:

8 And they lay *themselves* upon clothes laid to plead every altar, and they drink of the condemned *in* their god.

9 ¶ Yet ^adestroyed I them before them, whose height as the height of the cedars, strong as the oaks; yet I delivered his fruit from above, and from beneath.

10 Also I ^abrought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you years through the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorites.

11 And I raised up of you prophets, and of your young men for ^aNazarites. *Is it not even* ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not. Behold, I am present unto you, as a cart is pressed of sheaves.

14 Therefore the ^aflight shall be from the ^bswift, and shall not strengthen themselves: neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

15 Neither shall he who handleth the bow; and the swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that is strong deliver himself.

16 And *he that is* courageous the mighty shall flee away in that day, saith the LORD.

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Exodus 22:25

25 ¶ If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

Deuteronomy 24:17

17 ¶ Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

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Nazarites

The Nazarites were consecrated individuals who made covenants with God including abstaining from wine (Num. 6:2; Judg. 13:5). Israelites encouraging Nazarites to drink wine would be similar to Church members today encouraging fellow Church members to break their covenants.

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CHAPTER 3

The Lord reveals His secrets unto His servants the prophets—Because Israel rejects the prophets and follows evil, the nation is overwhelmed by an adversary.

HEAR this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I ^abrought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You ^aonly have I ^bknown of all the families of the earth: therefore I will ^cpunish you for all your iniquities.

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13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,

14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of ^aBeth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and ^bfall to the ground.

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CHAPTER 4

The Lord withholds rain, sends famine and pestilence, and destroys gardens and vineyards as judgments upon His people, yet they do not return unto the Lord.

HEAR this word, ye ^akine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of ^bSamaria, which oppress the ^cpoor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his ^aholiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take

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8 So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

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c TG Accountability.
3a TG Unity.
5a IE bait, or lure.

6a Isa. 45:7; Alma 5:40; Moro. 7:12.

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c Dan. 2:19.
d 2 Sam. 24:11; Isa. 42:9; Mosiah 8:16 (16–18); Alma 13:26.

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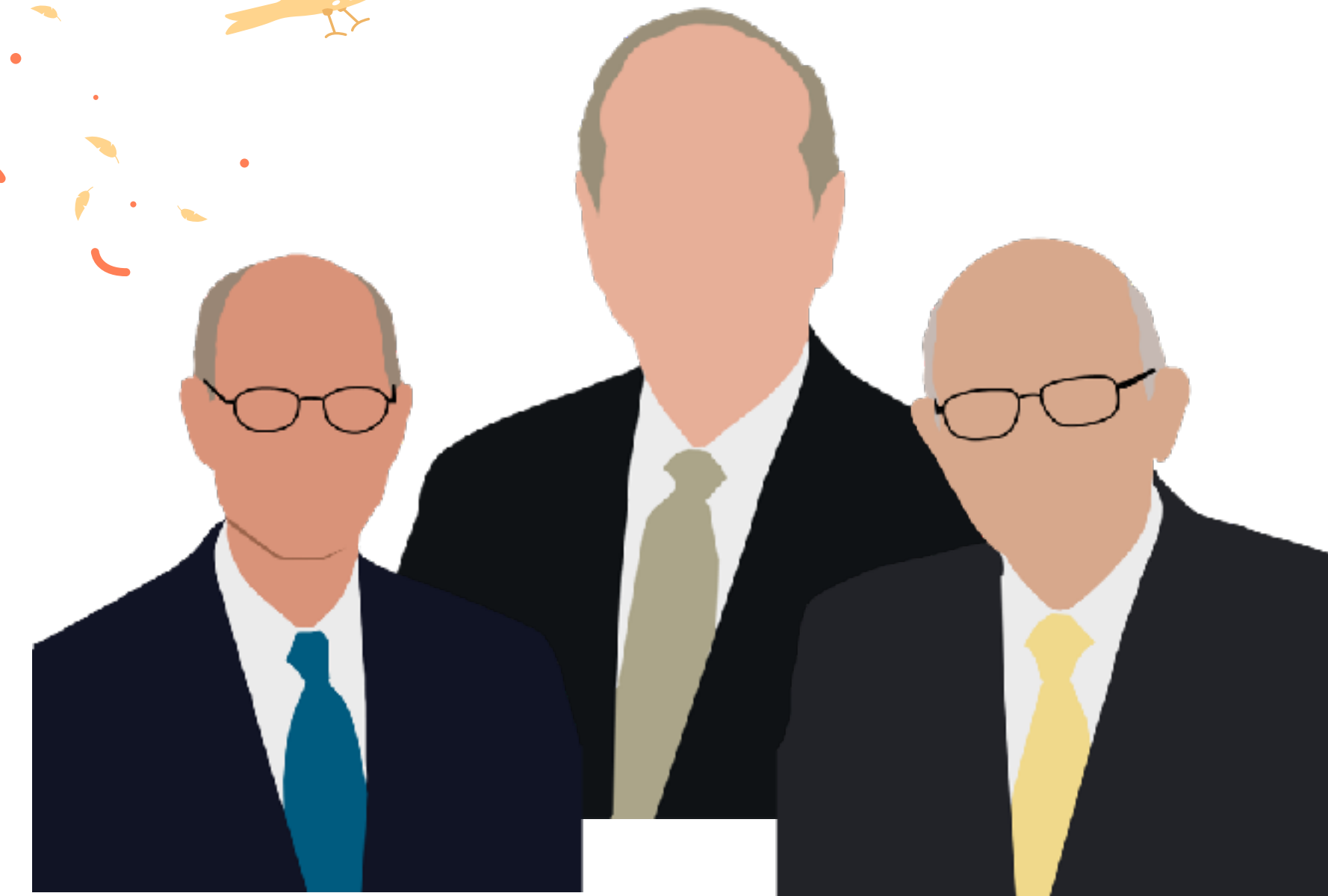
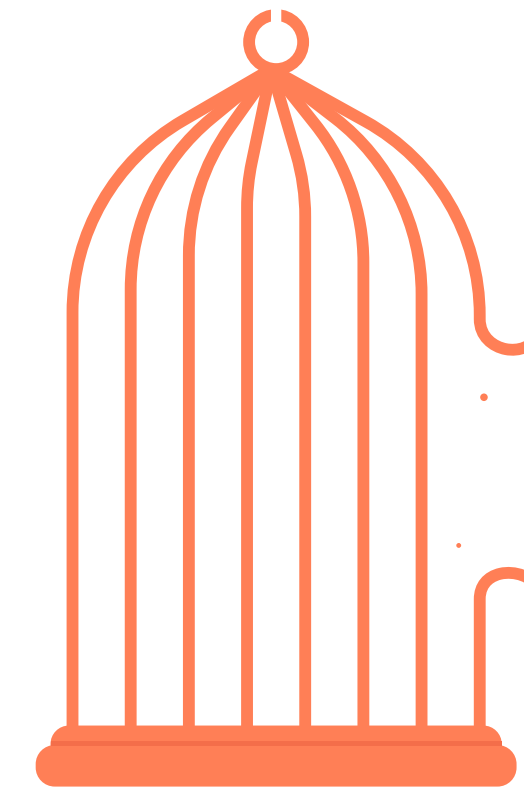
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The people of Israel are exhorted to seek the Lord and do good so that they may live—Their sacrifices to false gods are abhorrent.

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.

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5 But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into

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6 ^aSeek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Beth-el.

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

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

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b Gen. 19:24.
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10 ¶ Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to ^aJeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.



A plumbline is used to obtain exactness and accuracy in construction work. Here it seems to symbolize that God's strict justice will prevail in judging Israel for her evil ways. All wickedness will be sought out, measured (judged), and destroyed.

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11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou ^aseer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's ^achapel, and it is the king's court.

14 ¶ Then answered Amos, and

said to Amaziah, I *was* no ^aprophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the ^aLORD said unto me, ^bGo, ^cprophesy unto my people Israel.

16 ¶ Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and ^aIsrael shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

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Amos described himself as a “herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees” (7:14). The latter tree is not the same as a North American “sycamore,” but a type of wild fig tree. These wild figs were gathered by poor people. The small fruit of this tree was inferior to that from the domesticated fig tree. By “dressing” or gashing the small fruit of this tree, Amos and his cohorts hastened their ripening. This single, vivid detail about Amos’s background in 7:14 speaks volumes about the prophet’s ethics and harsh tone. It explains his solidarity with the poor who literally scratched out a living in rural Judah and Ephraim, desperate for any harvest, however sparse and bitter... Amos rebuked far more often than he comforted. This arborist with his knife understood that pruning was required for revitalization and new growth. Amos lashed out at the elites prosperity gained at the expense of the poor, upsetting their “baskets of summer fruit” (8:1-2).

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CHAPTER 8

Amos prophesies the downfall of Israel—There will be a famine of hearing the word of the Lord.

THUS hath the Lord GOD said unto me: and behold I have gathered the summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what sayest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The ^aend is come upon the people of Israel; I will not again visit by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be many bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.*

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that say, We will not see war, nor will we be afflicted; for we will have quietness for ever: we will not see war, nor will we be afflicted; for we will have quietness for ever: we will not see war, nor will we be afflicted; for we will have quietness for ever:

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the ^asabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ^bephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the ^cbalances by deceit?

6 That we may ^abuy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the ^aexcellency of Jacob, Surely I will never ^bforget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one ^amourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up ^bas a flood; and it shall be drowned, ^cas by the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the ^asun to go down at noon, and I will ^bdarken the ^cearth in the clear day:

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CHAPTER 9

Israel will be sifted among all nations—In the last days, the people of Israel will be gathered again into their own land, and it will become productive.

I SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will ^aslay the last of them with the sword: he that ^bfleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into ^ahell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they ^ahide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight

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10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor ^aprevent us.

11 ¶ In that day will I raise up the ^atabernacle of David that is fallen

The harvest of summer fruit symbolized the ripening of Israel. Just as summer fruit must be eaten when picked or it will spoil, Israel was ripe for picking and spoiling by enemies.

12 And I will build it, and will set it upon the sword: and I will lay it upon the sword: and I will lay it upon the sword:

14a JS—H 1:23 (22–23).
15a TG Called of God.
b TG Priesthood, Keys of.
c TG Prophecy;

Ezek. 45:10.
c Prov. 11:1.
6a Amos 2:6.
7a Amos 6:8.

10a TG Mourning.
b Isa. 3:24 (16–26).
c Jer. 6:26;
Zech. 12:10.

14a TG Swearing.
b 1 Kgs. 12:29 (28–30).
9 1a 3 Ne. 16:9.
b Prov. 28:1;
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b D&C 5:33.
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11a Acts 15:16 (15–17).
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12a Obad. 1:17;
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The Restoration of Israel

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A man's sun can be said to set at noon if he is taken by death during the prime of his life. A nation's sun figuratively sets at noon when the country is destroyed in the midst of prosperity. But Amos' dual prophecy is also a reminder that before the Second Coming of the Lord, the sun will be darkened and refuse to give her light. Indeed, it will be a sign for the wicked of the latter days that their sun is about to set at noon. (See Keil and Delitzsch, *Commentary*, 10:1:317.)

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12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall ^arun to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

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The prophecy recorded in Amos 8:11–12 has been fulfilled during several different periods in history (see verse 11, footnote a). One important fulfillment of this prophecy is the Great Apostasy, when “the world was left without divine revelation through living prophets” (Doctrinal Mastery Core Document [2018], 4.6).

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Although the reigns of Jeroboam the second and Uzziah were relatively peaceful and prosperous in Israel and Judah, the region experienced calamitous upheaval shortly thereafter when Tiglath-pileser III assumed the throne in Assyria (745-727 BC). He began the period of Assyria's greatest expansion in the west, including conquering the smaller kingdoms of Syria-Palestine. His successors, Shalmaneser V (727-722 BC) and Sargon II (722-705 BC), invaded the Northern Kingdom and conquered Samaria in 722. Within a few decades of Amos's prophetic activity, the Northern Kingdom saw devastation and destruction which made his foreboding words all the more sobering.



Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

“We have observed a restless spirit of searching today among the people of Europe. Why? Because there is a gnawing hunger in the human heart that, if not fed by the truths of the gospel, leaves life empty and devoid of peace. The hodgepodge of economic ‘isms’ advocated by so-called wise men of the world has solved few, if any, problems, and has brought no real joy. Such empty nostrums have led mankind to seek worldly goods and symbols of material power, blinding humanity to the truth that only the righteous life firmly established in the daily living of God’s commandments brings true happiness. Anything less leaves the heart unfed, with a yearning inner hunger—a hunger which it is our mission to identify and define and of which we should make the people aware. I have seen in Europe the fulfillment of the words of Amos, that there would be ‘a famine in the land, not a famine of bread ... but of hearing the words of the Lord.’ (Amos 8:11.)” (In Conference Report, Oct. 1975, pp. 154–55.)

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From His dwelling place, the Lord will smite the wicked. There is none to escape, hide where they may. Only the Second Coming of the Lord fulfills such a description, for when the Lord comes in His glory, the rewards of justice will be met. No mountain is high enough, no sea so deep that the unrepentant sinner can hide from the judgments of a just God.

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OBADIAH

Obadiah prophesies the downfall of Edom—Saviors will stand upon Mount Zion.

THE vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning ^aEdom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 ¶ The ^apride of thine ^bheart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

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9 And thy mighty *men*, O ^aTeman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be ^bcut off by slaughter.

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11 ¶ In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

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14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And their captivity shall be as though they had never been captive: I have heard thy groans, saith the LORD.

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Obediah 1

A scroll of aged, yellowish parchment is unrolled, showing the text 'Obediah 1' written in a dark red, cursive script. The scroll is held by two wooden handles with metal rings, and the edges of the parchment are slightly frayed.

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Obadiah 1:1 states that this book records a vision the Lord gave to a prophet named Obadiah. Though a number of individuals named Obadiah are mentioned in 1 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah, these are references to other persons. Apart from the fact that Obadiah was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom of Judah, we do not know anything about his background or ministry. Fittingly, the name Obadiah means “servant of the Lord” (see Bible Dictionary, “Obadiah”). Obadiah’s prophecy dates to soon after one of the captures of Jerusalem, probably the conquest by the Babylonians in approximately 586 B.C. (see Bible Dictionary, “Obadiah”).

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Obadiah is the shortest book in the Hebrew Bible, containing only 21 verses, by modern organizers.

The first portion refers to the people of Edom. The land of Edom (also known as Idumea) was southeast of the kingdom of Judah and was inhabited by the descendants of Esau, the son of Isaac and twin brother of Jacob (or Israel; see Genesis 25:21–34; 36:1). Despite their close kinship, mutual hatred had existed for generations between the Edomites and the Israelites. (See Bible Dictionary, “Edom.”)

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Edom's Violence Against Jacob

neither shouldest thou have ^arejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity;

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 For the ^aday of the LORD *is* near upon all the ^bheathen: as thou hast ^cdone, it shall be done unto thee: thy ^dreward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ye have ^adrunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 ¶ But upon mount ^aZion shall be ^bdeliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall ^cpossess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a ^afire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of ^bEsau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

19 And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the ^aPhilistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And ^asaviours shall come up on ^bmount Zion to ^cjudge the mount of Esau; and the ^dkingdom shall be the LORD's.

JONAH

CHAPTER 1

Jonah is sent to call Nineveh to repentance—He flees on a ship, is cast into the sea, and is swallowed by a great fish.

NOW the word of the LORD came unto ^aJonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and ^acry against it; for their ^bwickedness is come up before me.

14a Zeph. 2:7;
3 Ne. 16:16 (11–20)

TG Promised Lands.
c 3 Ne. 20:29

Hel. 4:12 (12–13);
D&C 101:42

12a Prov. 17:5.
15a Joel 3:14 (11–21).
b TG Heathen.
c Ezek. 35:15.
d TG Reward.
16a Jer. 25:28 (15–33).

2 Ne. 15:24; 20:17;
3 Ne. 20:16.
b Isa. 34:5;
Jer. 49:17 (7–22);
Ezek. 25:14 (12–14);
Amos 9:12

Saints;
Salvation for the Dead.
b D&C 76:66.
c D&C 64:37 (31–38).
d Ps. 22:28;
2 Ne. 33:12 (11–12)



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The world famous ruins of Petra, in modern Jordan, are remarkable. A whole city was carved out of rock cliffs. It could be entered only through a narrow gorge. From the high cliffs, the Edomites could protect themselves from invading enemies with great success. Petra, or Mount Seir, was in the land of Edom, and many scholars think it was the capital of Idumea. Though many of the ruins now visible at Petra date from a later period, they still give dramatic impact to Obadiah's words.

17 ¶ But upon mount ^aZion shall be ^bdeliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall ^cpossess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a ^afire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of ^bEsau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

19 And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the ^aPhilistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad,

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In Obadiah's record, the wickedness and destruction of Edom could symbolize the latter-day wickedness and destruction of the world (see D&C 1:36).

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Obadiah's prophecy concerning Mount Zion has multiple meanings. The word deliverance in Obadiah 1:17 implies escape from danger and destruction. One fulfillment of this prophecy occurred when a remnant of Israel returned from captivity, rebuilt Jerusalem and the temple, and covenanted once more to serve and obey God (see Ezra 1–6; Nehemiah 10). Anciently the restoration of Israel served as a type and shadow of the great latter-day gathering of Israel and the deliverance that would come to God's children through the Restoration of the gospel, which included the ordinances and covenants of the temple.

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Geographically, Mount Zion refers to the hill or mount upon which King Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem. However, the term can also refer more generally to the city of Jerusalem or to the entire land of Israel. Modern revelation also applies the term to the New Jerusalem, which will be built in America in the latter-days (see D&C 84:2; Articles of Faith 1:10), and also to the celestial kingdom of God (see D&C 76:66).

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21 And ^asaviours shall come up on ^bmount Zion to ^cjudge the mount of Esau; and the ^dkingdom shall be the LORD's.

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The word savior can refer to one who saves, rescues, or delivers. Jesus Christ is the Savior because He saves and delivers us from sin and death, which we cannot do for ourselves.



Joseph Smith

“But how are they to become saviors on Mount Zion? By building their temples, erecting their baptismal fonts, and going forth and receiving all the ordinances, baptisms, confirmations, washings, anointings, ordinations and sealing powers upon their heads, in behalf of all their progenitors who are dead, and redeem them that they may come forth in the first resurrection and be exalted to thrones of glory with them” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 473).



President Gordon B. Hinckley

“[In the temple] we literally become saviors on Mount Zion. What does this mean? Just as our Redeemer gave His life as a vicarious sacrifice for all men, and in so doing became our Savior, even so we, in a small measure, when we engage in proxy work in the temple, become as saviors to those on the other side who have no means of advancing unless something is done in their behalf by those on earth”

(“Closing Remarks,” Oct. 2004 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2004, 105).