

EZEKIEL 47-48; HOSEA 1-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 45: Ezek 47-48; Hosea 1-14*
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Ezekiel Chapters 47-48. What did Ezekiel see coming out of the temple at the end of his tour of restoring the temple of God in verses one and two in chap. 47?

What happened to the stream of water as it got farther away from the temple in 47:3-7?

What good effects did the river in Ezekiel's vision have along its route in Ezek 47:7-12?

What were God's instructions for the division of the land among the tribes in Ezek 47:13-21?

How did God instruct His people to regard aliens who had settled among them for legal purposes in Ezek 47:22-23?

How specific were God's instructions about which tribe was to receive which piece of land, according to Ezek 48:1-7 23-29?

What purposes did God set aside the "special gift" of land at the center of the country for in Ezek 48:8-22?

What different groups were specifically provided for within the special sector of land in Ezek 48:8-22?

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How were the gates of the city of Jerusalem to be named in Ezek 48:30-34?

How did the name of the city reflect its reason for being in Ezek 48:35? What lessons do you learn from these two chapters?

2. Read Hosea Chapters 1-3. Who was Hosea, according to Hos 1:1? When did the Lord speak to the prophet Hosea in this verse?

What did the Lord instruct Hosea to do in Hos 1:2, Hos 2:1? What was the symbolism of Hosea's family, according to these verses of this book?

How did Hosea feel about Gomer, according to Hos 2:2-13?

What did God say to Israel through Hosea's words in Hos 2:2-13?

What did the Lord plan to do to win Israel back to himself in Hos 2:14-15?

What name would renewed Israel, acknowledge her Lord by in Hos 2:16?

What would God prohibit in Hos 2:17?

What would accompany Israel's return to the land in Hosea 2:18?

What would mark the new relationship between the Lord and Israel, according to Hos 2:19-23?

What commands did the Lord give Hosea in Hos 3:1?

How did Hosea respond to the Lord in Hos 3:2-3?

What did Gomer's lengthy probation portray in Hos 3:4?

What would happen after Israel's period of isolation in Hos 3:5?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

3. Read Hosea Chapters 4-7. What charge did God bring against Israel in Hos 4:1-2?

What would result from Israel's sin, according Hos 4:3?

How were the priests implicated in God's indictment, according to Hos 4:4-11?

How had God's people sinned, according to Hos 4:11-14?

What warning did God give Judah in Hos 4:15?

What had hindered God from shepherding Israel, according to Hos 4:16-19?

Who was God's pronouncement of guilt addressed to in Hos 5:1-5?

What would God withdraw because of Israel's unfaithfulness in Hos 5:6-7?

Why would the sound of battle be heard among God's people in Hos 5:8-9?

What was God's charge against Judah, according to Hos 5:10?

How had the process of judgment against Israel already started in Hos 5:11-14?

What was the ultimate purpose of the Lord's judgment on His people in Hos 5:15?

How would a penitent Israel respond to the Lord, according to Hos 6:1-3?

What was the Lord's answer to Israel, according to Hos 6:4-11?

What did God want from His people in Hos 6:6?

What were Israel's crimes against the Lord, according to Hos 6:11, Hos 7:16?

What had happened to Israel's kings in Hos 7:6-7?

Who had Israel turned to for help in these verses of Hos 7:8-11?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

4. Read Hosea Chapters 8-12. How did God's people show that they had forgotten Him in verses one through fourteen of chapter 8?

How was Israel's hostility punished, according to verses one through nine of chapter 8?

What were the consequences of Israel's idolatry, according to Hos 9:10-17?

What was at the heart of affluent Israel's religion, according to Hos 10:1-8?

How severe was God's judgment against His people in verses nine through fifteen of chapter 10?

Why did God hold out the possibility of repentance and blessing in Hos 10:12?

How did God express His love for Israel in Hos 11:1-4?

Why did the nation not deserve mercy, according to Hos 11:5-7?

How did God show that He was torn between love and justice in Hos 11:8-11?

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What did God say in chastising His prodigal people in Hos 11:12-13?

What lessons from history did God mention in Hos 12:3-6?

What lessons from history did God mention in Hos 12:12-13?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

5. Read Hosea Chapters 13-14. What fierce doom did Israel face, according to Hos 13:1-16?

What did God say in chastising His prodigal people in Hos 13:16?

How could Israel avoid the fire of judgment in Hos 14:1-3?

What was the promise of restoration, according to Hos 14:4-6?

How would the Lord protect and prosper His people in Hos 14:7-8?

What was Hosea's concluding word of wisdom in Hos 14:9?
What final challenge did Hosea leave the people, according to this verse? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

JOEL 1-3; AMOS 1-9; OBADIAH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading plan for Week 46: Joel 1-3; Amos 1-9; Obad*
- b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Joel Chapters 1-3. Who was Joel, according to verse one of this book? (Joel 1:1)

What was the prophet's opening appeal in verses two through four of chap. 1?

What was the nature of Joel's call to mourn, according to Joel 1:5-13?

What specific instructions were to be given to all the people in Joel 1:14?

Why was the locust plague meaningful, according to Joel 1:15-20?

What was significant about the coming Day of the Lord, according to the first eleven verses of chap. 2? (Joel 2:1-11)

What was the nation's only hope against utter destruction in Joel 2:12-14?

Why were the people told to congregate in Joel 2:15-17?

What did God promise to do immediately, in response to real repentance in Joel 2:18-27?

What future deliverance would God provide in Joel 2:28-32?

What part of the book of Acts does the apostle Peter quote the prophecy of Joel? (Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:16-21)?

How would God judge the nations, according to Joel 3:1-16?

How would Israel respond to God's incredible display of power in Joel 3:17?

What would mark Israel's ultimate restoration in Joel 3:18-21?
What lessons do you learn from this book?

2. Read Amos Chapters 1-2. When did Amos, the shepherd, reveal his visions in verse one of chap. 1?

What was the theme of Amos's message, according to Amos 1:2?

What was the pronouncement of doom against Damascus in Amos 1:3-5?

What would become of the Philistines because of their enslavement of entire communities in Amos 1:6-8?

How would Tyre be punished for her sins, according to verses Amos 1:9-10?

What was the judgment against Edom in Amos 1:11-12?

How would God deal with the terrible cruelty of Ammon in Amos 1:13-15?

How would God deal with Moab, according to Amos 2:1-3?

What was the ruling against Judah in Amos 2:4-5?

How had Israel sinned, according to Amos 2:6-8?

How would God deal with Israel's sins in Amos 2:6-16?

How had God dealt with His people in the past in Amos 2:9-12?

Who would be affected by God's severe punishment, according to Amos 2:13-16? What are the lessons you learn from these chapters?

3. Read Amos Chapters 3-6. Why did God speak out against Israel in Amos 3:1-2?

Why was Israel's punishment inevitable, according to Amos 3:3-8?

What were the injustices of Israel in Amos 3:9-10?

What catastrophes did Amos unfold in Amos 3:11-15?

Why did Amos speak against Samaria's upper-class women in Amos 4:1-3?

How were the Israelites guilty of religious hypocrisy, according to Amos 4:4-5?

What was Israel's persistent attitude toward God in Amos 4:6-13?

What lament did Amos summon the people to hear in Amos 5:1-3, Amos 5:16-20?

How was repentance possible, according to Amos 5:4-6, Amos 5:14-15, Amos 5:23-24?

What were the Israelites accused of in Amos 5:7, Amos 5:10-13, Amos 5:21-22?

What was Amos's portrayal of God in Amos 5:8-9?

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What did Amos say to those who enjoyed affluence and comfortable living in Amos 6:1-7?

How did Amos describe the complete devastation of Israel in Amos 6:8-14? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

4. Read Amos Chapters 7-9. What three visions did the Lord reveal to Amos in Amos 7:1-9

What were the meanings of the visions, to Amos in verses one through nine? (Amos 7:1-9)

Why did Amos appeal to the Lord, according to these verses of this book? (Amos 7:1-9)

How did Amaziah oppose Amos in Amos 7:10-13

How did Amos defend his call to prophecy in Amos 7:14-15

What word did the Lord have for the priest in Amos 7:16-17

What was the horror of Amos's fourth vision, according to Amos 8:1-3?

Why would there be unprecedented mourning in the land, according to Amos 8:4-10?

What would characterize God's silence toward Israel in Amos 8:11-14?

What did Amos see in his fifth and final vision in Amos 9:1-10?

How did Amos describe the restoration after judgment in Amos 9:11-15? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

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5. Read the book of Obadiah. What message did the Lord give Obadiah in verse one of this book?

What would happen to Edom's pride, according to Obad 1:2-4?

How would Edom's wealth be destroyed in Obad 1:5-7?

What would become of Edom's people in Obad 1:8-9?

What bad attitudes did Edom have in Obad 1:10-12?

Why did God condemn Edom, according to Obad 1:10-14?

How had Edom shown aggressiveness in Obad 1:13-14?

How would God judge all rebellious nations in Obad 1:15-16?

How would Israel be delivered, according to Obad 1:17-21?

What would be restored to God's people in Obad 1:19-20?

What would the Lord establish in Obad 1:21?

JONAH; MICAH; NAHUM; HABAKKUK 1

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading for Week 47: Jon; Mic; Nah; Hab 1*
- b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read the book of Jonah Chapters 1-2. What did God tell Jonah to do in Jon 1:1-2?

How did Jonah respond to God in Jon 1:3?

What happened at sea to the ship, according to Jon 1:4-5?

What was Jonah's condition as the storm raged in Jon 1:5-6?

What did the sailors do with Jonah in Jon 1:7?

How did Jonah respond to the sailors' barrage of questions in Jon 1:8-9?

What made the men terrified at Jonah in Jon 1:10?

How did the sailors appeal to Jonah, according to Jon 1:11?

Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea in Jon 1:12?

What happened following Jonah's penitent admission in Jon 1:13-16?

What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah in Jon 1:17?

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How did Jonah respond to God's rescue, once he was inside the fish in Jon 2:1-9?

What was Jonah's attitude toward God, according to Jon 2:7-9?

How did God finally deliver Jonah from the fish in Jon 2:10?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

2. Read Jonah Chapters 3-4. What did God command Jonah to do in Jon 3:1-2?

How did Jonah respond to God's instructions in Jon 3:3?

What did Jonah tell the Ninevites in Jon 3:4?

How did the people respond to Jonah's message in Jon 3:5?

What did the king do in Jon 3:6?

What did the king decree, according to Jon 3:7-9?

What action did God take in Jon 3:10?

How did Jonah respond to God's goodness to the Ninevites in Jon 4:1?

What was the attitude of Jonah's prayer, according to verses Jon 4:2-3?

What did God say to Jonah in Jon 4:4?

What did the distraught prophet do in Jon 4:5?

How did God deal with Jonah, according to Jon 4:6-11?

What did God want Jonah to understand, according to Jon 4:9-11? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

3. Read Micah Chapters 1-3. Who received the word of the Lord in Mic 1:1? When did Micah prophecy, according to this verse?

What was the message for Samaria and Judah in Mic 1:2-7?

What was Micah's lament, according to Mic 1:8-9?

What did the prophet say to those who lived along the route of the invading army in Mic 1:10-16?

What were the sins of the people, according to Mic 2:1-5?

How would the Lord punish Judah, according to Mic 2:3-5?

What were the sins of the false prophets in Mic 2:6-11?

What did Micah predict for the nation in Mic 2:12-13?

Who would lead God's people, according to Mic 2:13?

How did the unjust leaders treat the people in Mic 3:1-3?

How would the Lord deal with the leaders, according to Mic 3:4?

What was the judgment on the false prophets, according to Mic 3:5-7?

What was the judgment on Jerusalem, according to Mic 3:9-12?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

4. Read Micah Chapters 4-7. How did Micah describe the characteristics of the kingdom in the first eight verses of chapter 4?

What did the prophet predict would happen to Israel in Mic 4:9-10?

Who would go against God's people, according to Mic 4:11-13?

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What happened to the ruler of Israel in Mic 5:1?

What were the ruler's origins, according to Mic 5:2?

What was the work of Israel's ruler in Mic 5:3-15?

What was God's indictment against Israel in Mic 6:1-5?

How did Israel propose to make up for its sins in Mic 6:6-8?

What did God desire from His people, according to Mic 6:8?

What were some of the sins in which Israel was involved, in Mic 6:9-12?

What was God compelled to do, since Israel did not meet God's requirements in Mic 6:9-16?

What was the nature of God's punishment, according to Mic 6:13-16?

What was Micah's lament, according to Mic 7:1-6?

Where did Micah's hope and confidence lie, according to Mic 7:7-13?

What was Micah's prayer in Mic 7:14?

What did the Lord promise to show to His people in Mic 7:15-17?

In conclusion, what did Micah affirm about God, in Mic 7:18-20?
What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

5. Read the book of Nahum. Who was the author of the oracle in verse one of this book? (Nah 1:1)

How did Nahum describe the ways of the Lord in verses two through eight of chapter 1?

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What would Nineveh receive from the Lord, according to Nah 1:2-6?

What had Nineveh done against the Lord, according to Nah 1:9-11?

How would Judah's affliction end, according to Nah 1:12-15?

How was Nineveh attacked, according to Nah 2:1-6?

How did Nahum characterize Nineveh's immediate future in Nah 2:7-13?

Why did God judge the city Nineveh, according to Nah 3:1-7?

How had Nineveh treated Thebes in Nah 3:8-11?

Why were Nineveh's defense efforts useless, according to verses twelve through nineteen? (Nahum 3:12-19)

What was the ultimate destiny of Nineveh in Nah 3:19?

How would the people respond to Nineveh's destruction in Nah 3:19? What lessons do you learn from the book of Nahum?

6. Read Habakkuk Chapters 1-3. What did Habakkuk receive in verse one of chapter 1?

What was the prophet distressed about in Hab 1:2-4?

How did God answer Habakkuk's complaint, according to Hab 1:5-11?

Why was the prophet perplexed and bewildered in Hab 1:12-17?

What did the prophet do in anticipation of God's response in Hab 2:1?

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What did God tell Habakkuk to do in Hab 2:2?

What was God's answer, according to Hab 2:3-20?

Who were the "woes" addressed to in Hab 2:6-9, Hab 2:12-15?

What did Habakkuk ask God for in Hab 3:1-2?

How did Habakkuk describe the person of God in his prayer in Hab 3:1-3?

What did the prophet say about God's power in Hab 3:4-7?

How did Habakkuk describe God's actions, according to Hab 3:8-15?

How did Habakkuk react to his awesome encounter with God in Hab 3:16?

What note of faith did the prophet conclude his song of praise on, in Hab 3:17-19? What lessons do you learn from the book of Habakkuk?

HABAKKUK 2-3; ZEPHANIAH; HAGGAI; ZECHARIAH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading for Week 48: Hab 2-3; Zeph; Hag; Zech*
b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read the book of Zephaniah. Who was Zephaniah, according to verse one of chapter 1?

What was prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem in verses two through eighteen of chapter 1?

Who were the objects of judgment in Zeph 1:4-13?

What was the description of judgment, according to Zeph 1:14-18?

What did the prophet summon the people to do in Zeph 2:1-3?

What proof is there in this book that Nahum's prophecy against Nineveh had not yet been fulfilled in Zeph 2:13?

What were the judgments on neighboring nations in Zeph 2:4-15?

What did Zephaniah say about Jerusalem's doom, in Zeph 3:1-7?

What universal judgment did the prophet foretell in Zeph 3:8?

How would the nations be renewed, according to Zeph 3:9-10?

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What future blessings for God's people did Zephaniah describe in Zeph 3:11-20?

How would God remove sorrow from His people in Zeph 3:18-20? What lessons do you learn from the book of Zephaniah?

2. Read the book of Haggai. What points did Haggai cover in the introduction to the book in Hag 1:1?

What excuse did the people make for not rebuilding the temple in Hag 1:2?

Why did the Lord rebuke the people of Judah in Hag 1:3-6?

What did the Lord challenge the people to do, according to Hag 1:7-8?

What had led to the people's impoverishment in Hag 1:9-11?

How did the people react to the prophetic message, according to Hag 1:12-15?

What did Haggai say when he announced his second prophetic message in Hag 2:1-2?

How did the Lord promise to help His people in Hag 2:3-5?

What was God's assurance concerning the temple, according to Hag 2:6-9?

How was Haggai's third message that he introduced in Hag 2:10?

What contrast was made between God's punishment up to that point and His future blessing in Hag 2:11-19?

How did the prophet introduce his final message in Hag 2:20?

What did God command Haggai to tell Zerubbabel in Hag 2:21-22?

What final promise did God make, according to Hag 2:23? What lessons do you learn from this book?

3. Read Zechariah Chapters 1-4. When did the Lord speak to the prophet Zechariah, according to verse one of chapter 1?

What word from the Lord did Zechariah bring to Israel in his call to repentance in Zech 1:1-6?

What did the horsemen report in the first vision, according to Zech 1:7-11?

What was the Lord's response in the first vision in Zech 1:14-17?

How did the Lord explain the vision of the four horns and four craftsmen in Zech 1:18-21?

How did the Lord respond in Zechariah's night vision of the surveyor in Zech 2:1-13?

What did God show the prophet in the vision of Joshua the high priest in Zech 3:1-10?

What was the explanation given concerning the golden lamp stand and the two olive trees in Zech 4:1-14? What do you learn from these chapters?

4. Read Zechariah Chapters 5-8. How did God explain the significance of the flying scroll, according to Zech 5:1-4?

What was described in the vision of the woman in the measuring basket in Zech 5:5-11?

How did Zechariah describe the vision of the four chariots in Zech 6:1-8?

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What was Joshua's role in the symbolic crowning, according to Zech 6:9-13?

What important points were mentioned in the prophetic message in Zech 6:14-15?

What question was raised by the Bethelites in Zech 7:1-3?

What message of rebuke followed the question about fasting in Zech 7:4-7?

What was the nature of the second message from the Lord in Zech 7:8-14?

How did God describe Jerusalem, in his message of restoration in Zech 8:1-8?

What did God say to the people who heard His words in Zech 8:9-13?

How did God affirm His promise of blessing in Zech 8:14-17?

What message of rejoicing did Zechariah bring to God's people in Zech 8:18-23? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?

5. Read Zechariah Chapters 9-14. What were the judgments on nations surrounding Israel, according to Zech 9:1-8?

What further prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ is there in Zech 9:9?

How did Zechariah describe the coming and role of the Messiah in Zech 9:9-13?

How would Israel be empowered over her enemies, according to Zech 9:14-17?

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How would the Messiah bless His people in Zech 10:1-12?

Why was there such sadness across the land, according to Zech 11:1-3?

What role did the prophet play in the life of Israel in Zech 11:4-14?

How did Israel reject the Shepherd-Messiah in Zech 11:4-14?

What were the consequences of rejecting the true Shepherd, in Zech 11:15-17?

How did the prophet describe Israel's physical deliverance in Zech 12:1-9?

How would Israel's spiritual deliverance be accomplished, according to Zech 12:10?

How would Israel's spiritual deliverance be accomplished in Zech 13:6?

What would become of God's people in Zech 13:7-9?

What would be Jerusalem's destiny, according to Zech 14:1-3?

What would characterize the coming and reign of the Lord in Zech 14:4-21? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?