"PERHAPS THEY WILL LISTEN" PROPHECY AND THE ART OF PERSUASION

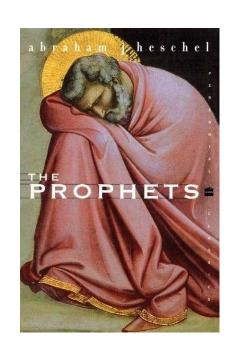
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R. ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, THE PROPHETS (1ST ED 1962)

"The prophet's use of emotional and imaginative language, concrete in diction, rhythmical in movement, artistic in form, marks his style as poetic...Far from reflecting a state of inner harmony or poise, its style is charged with agitation, anguish, and a spirit of nonacceptance. The prophet's concern is not with nature but with history, and history is devoid of poise... [The prophet] does more than translate reality into a poetic key: he is a preacher whose purpose is not self-expression of 'the purgation of emotions,' but communication. His images must not shine, they must burn."



WORDS FOR PROPHET IN BIBLICAL HEBREW

Navi נביא Literally 'speaker'

Hozeh arm Literally 'seer' Ro'eh רואה Literally 'seer'

Prophet: from Greek *prophētēs* = *pro [before]* + *phesein [to tell]*



GENESIS 20

(3) But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "You are to die because of the woman that you have taken, for she is a married woman." (4) Now Abimelech had not approached her. He said, "O Lord, will You slay people even though innocent? (5) He himself said to me, 'She is my sister'! And she also said, 'He is my brother.' When I did this, my heart was blameless and my hands were clean." (6) And God said to him in the dream, "I knew that you did this with a blameless heart, and so I kept you from sinning against Me. That was why I did not let you touch her. (7) Therefore, restore the man's wife—since he is a prophet (navi), he will intercede for you-to save your life. If you fail to restore her, know that you shall die, you and all that are yours."...(17) **Abraham then prayed to God**, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his slave girls, so that they bore children; (18) for the LORD had closed fast every womb of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

ג) וַיַּבְא אֱלֹהֵים אֵל־אֲבִימֵלֵךְ בַּחַלְוֹם הַלַּיִלָה וַיִּאמֵר לוֹ הִנְּךָ מֵת עַל־הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר־לָקַלְחְתָּ וְהָוֹא בְּעֻלַת בָּעַל: ד) וַאֵבִימֵלֶךְ לְא קַרַב אֵלֶיהָ וַיֹּאמַר אֲדנָי ָהַגְוֹי גַּם־צַדָּיִק תַּהֶרְג: ה) הֱלֹא הְוּא אָמַר־לִי אֲחְתִי הוא וְהִיא־גַם־הַוא אָמְרָה אָחֵי הַוּא בְּתַם־לְבָבֵי וּבְנִקְיָן כַּפַּי עָשָׁיתִי זְאת: ו) וַיּאמֶר אֵלָיו הָאֱלהֹים בַּחֵלֹם גַּם אַנֹכִי יָדַעָּתִּי כִּי בִתָם־לְבָבִךְ עָשִּיתָ זֹּאת וָאֶחְשֹׂךְ גַּם־אָנֹכֶי אְוֹתְדָּ מֵחֲטוֹ־לִי עַל־כֵּן לֹא־נִתַתִּידְ לְנְגְּעַ אֵלֶיהָ: ז) וְעַתָּה הָשֵׁב אֲשֶׁת־הָאִישׁ **כִּי־נְבֵיא** הוא ויִתְפַּלָל בָּעַדְהָ וָחְיָה וְאִם־אֵינְהְ מֵשִׁיב דְּע כִּי־מִוֹת תָמוֹת אַתָּה וְכַל־אֲשֵׁר־לָךְ: יז) **וַיִּתְפַּלַל אַבְרַהַם אֵל־הַאֵלהַים** וַיִּרְפָּא אֵלהִים אֵת־אַבִּימֵלֶךְ ֿוָאֵת־אָשָׁתֶּוֹ וָאַמָּהֹתָיו וַיֵּלֶדוּ: יח) כִּי־עָצִר עָצַר יְהֹנֶה בְּעַד כָּל־רֶחֶם לְבִית אֲבִימֶלֶךְ עַל־דְבַר שָׁרָה אַשֵּׁת אַבְרָהָם:

EXODUS 7

(1) The LORD replied to Moses, "See, I place you in the role of God to Pharaoh, with your brother Aaron as your prophet. (2) You shall repeat all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh to let the Israelites depart from his land.

א) וַיְּאמֶר יְהֹוָה ׁאֶל־מֹשֶׂה רְאֵה נְתַתִּיִּךְ אֱלֹהֵים לְפַרְעָׁה וְאַהֲלָן אָחֵיךְ יִהְיֵה נְבִיאֶךְ: ב) אַתְּה תְדַבֵּר אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲצַוָּךָ וְאַהֲלִן אָחִיּךּ יְדַבְּר אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וְשִׁלַּח אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאַרְצְוֹ:

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Advising the king

Criticizing the king



PROPHETS AS MIRACLE WORKERS



Brenda Wright, "The Double Portion," 2012



"LATTER PROPHETS" – נביאים אחרונים A.K.A. CLASSICAL / LITERARY / WRITING PROPHETS

| Isaiah | Jeremiah | Ezekiel | Hosea | Amos |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Joel | Obadiah | Jonah | Micah | Nahum |
| Habakkuk | Zephaniah | Haggai | Zechariah | Malachi |



1 KINGS 12:33-13:4

(12:33) On the fifteenth day of the eighth month the month in which he had contrived of his own mind to establish a festival for the Israelites— Jeroboam ascended the altar that he had made in Bethel. As he ascended the altar to present an offering, (13:1) an agent of God arrived at Bethel from Judah at the command of GOD. While Jeroboam was standing on the altar to present the offering, (2) he—the agent of God—at the command of GOD, cried out against the altar: "O altar, altar! Thus said GOD: A son shall be born to the House of David, Josiah by name; and he shall slaughter upon you the priests of the shrines who bring offerings upon you. And human bones shall be burned upon you." (3) He gave a portent on that day, saying, "Here is the portent that GOD has decreed: This altar shall break apart, and the ashes on it shall be spilled." (4) When the king heard what the agent of God had proclaimed against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his arm above the altar and cried, "Seize him!" But the arm that he stretched out against him became rigid, and he could not draw it back.

יב:לג) וַיַּעַל עָל־הַמִּזְבָּחַ I אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה בְּבֶית־אֵל בַּחֲמִשְׁה עָשֶׂר יוֹם בַּחָבִשׁ הַשְּׁמִינִּי בַּחֹדֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּדָא (מלבד) [מִלְּבֵּוֹ] וַיַּעַשׁ יוֹם בַּחְדָשׁ הַשְּׁמִינִּי בַּחֹדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־בָּדָא (מלבד) [מִלְּבִּוֹ וַיִּעַשׁ חָגֹ לְבְנִי יִשְׁרָאֵל וַיִּעַל עַל־הַמִּזְבֶּחַ לְהַבְּעִם אֲלֹהִים בָּא מִיהוּדֶה בִּדְבַר יְהֹוֶה אֶל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּדְבַר יְהֹוָה עַמִד עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְהַבְּעִיר: ב) וַיִּקְרָא עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בִּדְבַר יְהֹוָה יִמֹּר־בֵּן נוֹלֶד לְבִית־דָּוִד עִּמִי מִזְבֵּחַ מִּזְבֵּחַ עָּלֶיךּ אֶת־כִּהְנֵי הַבָּמוֹת הַמִּקְטִרְים עָלֶיךְ יִאֹנְה הִנָּה הַמִּזְבֵּחַ יִשְׁרְפִּוּ עָלֶיך: ג) וְנָתַוֹ בַּיּוֹם הַהְוּא מוֹפֵת וְעַצְיִה יִשְּׁרְבִּוֹ בְּלִיוֹב הַמִּוֹבְתַ נְּמְּלִיוֹ דְשָׁרְתִּ בְּנִית הַמָּוֹ בְּבִּר יְהֹנֶה הִנָּה הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּבָּר יְהֹנֶה הִנָּה הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּבָּר יְהֹנָה הִנָּה הַמִּזְבֵּחְ נִישְׁרָע וְנִשְׁבַּּךְ הַבְּיִבְי יְהֹנֶה הִנְּה הַמִּזְבֵּחְ בִּיְלִיוֹ בִיּעְלִיוּ: ד) וַיְהִי כְשָׁמֹע הַמָּלֶּך בְּמִיבְשׁ אַת־דְּבַר הַבְּשָׁן אֲשֶׁר־עָלָיו: ד) וַיְהִי כְּעָל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בְּבְית־אֵל וַיִּשְׁלָה יִבְלִים אֲשֶּׁר הַבְּשָׁן אֲשֶׁר עָלִיו: ד) וַיְהִי בְּשְׁע לֵּבְית בִּשְׁב בְּשֹׁר הִפְּשֻׂהוֹ בִּשְׁר הִבְּשְׁן אֲשֶׁר עָלִיוּ בְעְלִיו: ד) וַיְהִי בְּשְׁ עֵל־הַמְיב בְּשֹּבוֹ בִּבְשְׁה בִּשְׁר הִבְּשְׁר יִדְוֹ מַעַל הַמְּיִבְה אֵלִיך הַמְּעָל הַמִּיבְה אֵלִין וְלָּא יָלַל לַהְשִׁיבָה אֵלִיו:

1 KINGS 18:4

When Jezebel was killing off the prophets of GOD, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and provided them with food and drink.

וְיְהִי בְּהַכְרִית אִיזֶּבֶל אֵת נְבִיאֵי יְהֹוָה וַיִּקַּח עֹבַדְיָּהוּ מֵאָה נְבִיאִים וַיַּחְבִּיאֵם חֲמִשִּׁים אִישׁ בַּמְעָרָה וְכִלְכְּלֶם לָחֶם וָמִיִם:

1 KINGS 22:7-8

(7) Then Jehoshaphat asked, "Isn't there another prophet of GOD here through whom we can inquire?" (8) And the king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is one more through whom we can inquire of GOD; but I hate him, because he never prophesies anything good for me, but only misfortune—Micaiah son of Imlah." But King Jehoshaphat said, "Don't say that, Your Majesty."

ז) וַיּאמֶר יְהְוּשָׁפָּט הַאֵּין פָּה נָבֶיא לִיהֹוָה עִוֹד וְנִדְרְשָׁה מֵאֹתְוֹ: ח) וַיִּאמֶר מֶלֶּךְ־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוֹשָפָט עוֹד אִישׁ־אֶחָד לִדְרֹשׁ אֶת־יְהֹוָה מֵאֹתוֹ וַ**אֲנִי שְׁנֵאתִיו כִּי** לֹ**א־יִתְנַבֵּא עָלִי טוֹב כִּי אִם־רָע** מִיכֶיְהוּ בֶּן־יִמְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר יְהְוֹשָׁפָט אַל־יֹאמֵר הַמֶּלֶךְ כֵּן:

JEREMIAH 26:1-6

(1) At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from GOD: (2) "Thus said GOD: Stand in the court of the House of GOD, and speak to [the inhabitants of all the towns of Judah, who are coming to worship in the House of GOD, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not omit anything. (3) Perhaps they will listen and turn back, each from their own evil way, that I may renounce the punishment I am planning to bring upon them for their wicked acts. (4) "Say to them: Thus said GOD: If you do not obey Me, abiding by the Teaching that I have set before you, (5) heeding the words of My servants the prophets whom I have been sending to you persistently—but you have not heeded—(6) then I will make this House like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of earth."

א) בְּרֵאשִׁית מַמְלְכֶוּת יְהוֹיָקִים בֶּן־יֹאשִׁיָהוּ מֶלֶךְ יִהוּדָה הָיָה הַדָּבֶר הַזֵּה מֵאֵת יִהֹוָה לֵאמְר: ב) כְּה אָמֵר יִהֹוָה עַמֹד בּחַצֵר בִּית־יִהֹוָה וְדְבַּרְתָּ עַל־כַּל־עָרֵי יִהוּדָה הַבָּאִים לְהִשְׁתַּחַוֹת בֵּית־יִהוָה אָת כַּל־הַדְּבַּרִים אַשֵּׁר צִוִּיתִיךְ לְדַבֵּר אַלִיהֵם אַל־תְגָרֵע דָבָר: ג) אולַי יִשְׁמְעוֹ וְיַשֶּׁבוּ אִישׁ מְדַרְכָּוֹ הָרָעָה וְנְחַמְתֵּי אֱל־הָרָעָה אֲשֵׂר אַנֹכִי חֹשֵב לַעֲשִׂוֹת לָהֶם מִפְּנֵי רָעַ מַעַלְלֵיהָם: ד) וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלִיהֶם כָּה אַמַר יִהֹוָה אִם־לִא תִשִּׁמְעוּ אֵלַי לַלֶּכֶת בְּתוֹרַתִּי אַשֵר נָתַתִּי לְפָנִיכֶם: ה) לְשִׁמֹעַ עַל־דְּבְרֵי עַבַדֵי הַנְבָאִים אַשֵּר אַנכִי שׁלֶחַ אַלִיכָם וְהַשִּׁכֶּם וְשָׁלְחַ וְלָא שָׁמַעִתֶּם: וֹ) וְנָתַתֵּי אֵת־הַבַּיִת הַזֵּה כִּשׁלְה ַוְאֶת־הָעִיר (הזאתה) [הַזֹּאת] אֶתֵּן לִקְלָלָה לְכַל גּוֹיֶ :הַאַרַץ

JEREMIAH 26:8-15

8) And when Jeremiah finished speaking all that GOD had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, shouting, "You shall die! (9) How dare you prophesy in the name of GOD that this House shall become like Shiloh and this city be made desolate, without inhabitants?" And all the people crowded about Jeremiah in the House of GOD. (10) When the officials of Judah heard about this, they went up from the king's palace to the House of GOD and held a session at the entrance of the New Gate of the House of GOD.

(11) The priests and prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the death penalty, for he has prophesied against this city, as you yourselves have heard." (12) Jeremiah said to the officials and to all the people, "It was GOD who sent me to prophesy against this House and this city all the words you heard. (13) Therefore mend your ways and your acts, and heed the ETERNAL your God, that GOD may renounce the punishment that has been decreed for you. (14) As for me, I am in your hands: do to me what seems good and right to you. (15) But know that if you put me to death, you and this city and its inhabitants will be guilty of shedding an innocent's blood. For in truth GOD has sent me to you, to speak all these words to you."

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DEUTERONOMY 18:20

But any prophet who presumes to speak in My name an oracle that I did not command to be uttered, or who speaks in the name of other gods that prophet shall die. אַך הַנָּבִיא אֲשֶׁר יָזִיד לְדַבֵּר דָּבָר בִּשְׁמִּי אַת אֲשֶׁר לְא־צִּוִּיתִיו לְדַבֵּר וַאֲשֶׁר יְדַבֵּר בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהַים אֲחֵרֵים וּמֵת הַנָּבִיא הַהְוּא:

JEREMIAH 26:8-15

8) And when Jeremiah finished speaking all that GOD had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, shouting, "You shall die! (9) How dare you prophesy in the name of GOD that this House shall become like Shiloh and this city be made desolate, without inhabitants?" And all the people crowded about Jeremiah in the House of GOD. (10) When the officials of Judah heard about this, they went up from the king's palace to the House of GOD and held a session at the entrance of the New Gate of the House of GOD.

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JEREMIAH 1

- (4) The word of GOD came to me:
- (5) Before I created you in the womb, I selected you;

Before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet concerning the nations.

(6) I replied:

Ah, my sovereign GOD!

I don't know how to speak,

For I am still a boy.

(7) And GOD said to me:

Do not say, "I am still a boy,"

But go wherever I send you

And speak whatever I command you.

(8) Have no fear of them,

For I am with you to deliver you —declares GOD.

ד) וַיְתִּי דְבַר־יְהֹנֶה אֵלַי לֵאמְר:

ה) בְּטֶּרֶם (אצורך) [אֶצְרְךְּ] בַבֶּטֶׁן ֹיְדַעְתּּיִּךְ וּבְטֶרֶם תִּצָא מֵרֶחֶם הִקְדַּשְׁתִּיִּךְ נָבִיא לַגּוֹיָם נִתַתִּיִּר:

ו) וָאֹמַר אֲהָהּ אֲדֹנֵי יֶהֹוֹה הִנֶּה לְאֹ־יָדַעְתִּי דַּבֵּר כִּי־נַעַר אַנְכִי:

ז) וַיְּאמֶר יְהֹוָה ֹאֵלֵי אַל־תּאמֻר נְעַר אָנְכִי כִּי עַל־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲשְׁלָחֲד ֹתֵלֵדְ וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲצַוְּדָ תִּדַבָּר:

ת) אַל־תִּירָא מִפְּנֵיהֶם כִּי־אִתְּדְּ אֲנֶי לְהַצִּלֶּךְ נְאָם־יְהֹוָה:

JEREMIAH 20

- 7) You enticed me, O ETERNAL One, and I was enticed;
- You overpowered me and You prevailed. I have become a constant laughingstock, Everyone jeers at me.
- 8) For every time I speak, I must cry out, Must shout, "Lawlessness and rapine!" For the word of GOD causes me Constant disgrace and contempt.
- 9) I thought, "I will not mention it, No more will I speak in God's name"— But [the divine word] was like a raging fire in my heart,

Shut up in my bones;

I could not hold it in, I was helpless.

- ז) פִּתִּיתַנִי יְהֹנָה ׁנָאֶפָּת חֲזַקְתַּנִי וַתּוּכֵל הָיִיתִי לִשְׁחוֹק ׁכָּל־הַיֹּוֹם כֵּלְה לֹעָג לְי:
 - ח) כִּי־מִדֵּי אֲדַבֵּר אֶזְעָׂק חָמָס וָשֹׁד אֶקְרָא כִּי־הָיָּה דְבַר־יְהֹוָה לֶי לְחֶרְפֵּה וּלְקָלֶס כַּל־הַיִּוֹם:
- ט) וְאָמַרְתִּי לְאֹ־אֶזְכְּנֶנוּ וְלְאֹ־אֲדַבִּר עוֹד בִּשְׁמֹוֹ וְהָיָה בְלִבִּי כְּאֲשׁ בֹּעֶרֶת עָצֵר בְּעַצְמֹתָי וְנִלְאַיתִי כָּלְכֵל וְלְאׁ אוּכָל:



JEREMIAH 30:1-3

- 1) The word that came to Jeremiah from GOD:
- 2) Thus said the ETERNAL, the God of Israel: Write down in a scroll all the words that I have spoken to you.
- 3) For days are coming—declares GOD—when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah, said GOD; and I will bring them back to the land that I gave their ancestors, and they shall possess it.

- א) הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר הָיָה אֶל־יִרְמְיָּהוּ מֵאָת יְהֹנֶה לַאמִר:
- ב) כְּה־אָמֵּך יְהֹנָה אֱלֹהַי יִשְּׂרָאֵל לֵאמִר כְּתָב־לְדְּ אֵת כָּל־הַדְּבָרָים אֲשֶׁר־דִּבַּרְתִּי אֵלֶידְ אֵל־סָפֵר:
- ג) כִּי הָנֵּה יָמִים בָּאִים נְאֵם־יְהֹוָה וְשַׁבְתִּי אֶת־שְׁבֹּוּת עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיהוּדָה אָמַר יְהֹוָה וַהֲשִׁבֹתִים אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נָתַתִּי לַאֲבוֹתָם וְיֵרֶשִׁוּהַ:

JEREMIAH 30:5-7

- 5) Thus said GOD: We have heard cries of panic, Terror without relief.
- 6) Ask and see:
 Surely males do not bear young!
 Why then do I see every man
 With his hands on his loins
 Like a woman in labor?
 Why have all faces turned pale?
 7) Ah, that day is awesome;
 There is none like it!
 It is a time of trouble for Jacob,

But he shall be delivered from it.

- ה) כִּי־כֹה אָמֵר יְהֹוָה קוֹל חֲרָדָה שָׁמֵעִנוּ פַּחַד וִאֵין שָׁלְוֹם:
- ו) שַׁאֲלוּ־נָא וּרְאֹוּ אִם־יֹלֶד זָכֶר מַדּׂוּעֵׂ רָאִיתִי כָל־גֶּבֶר יָדָיו עַל־חֲלָצִיוֹ כַּיִּוֹלֵדְה וְגָהֶפְכָוּ כָל־פָּגִים לְיֵרָקוֹן:
 - ז) הֹוֹי כִּי גָדְוֹל הַיָּוֹם הַהַוּא מֵאַיִן כָּמִהוּ וְעֵת־צָּרָה הִיא ֹלְיַעֲקֹב וּמִמֶּנָה יִנְשֵׁעֵ:

JEREMIAH 30:8-9

8) In that day—declares GOD of Hosts—

I will break the yoke from off your neck

and I will rip off your bonds. Strangers shall no longer make slaves of them;

9) instead, they shall serve the ETERNAL their God and David, the king whom I will raise up for them.

ח) וְהָיָהْ בַיּוֹם הַהוּא נְאֵם l יְהֹוָה צְבָאוֹת אֶשְׁבִּר עֵלוֹ מֵעַל צַוָּארֶךְ וּמוֹסְרוֹתֶיךּ אֲנַתֵּק וְלֹא־יַעַבְדוּ־בְוֹ עִוֹד זָרִים:

ט) וְעֲבְדֹּוּ אֵת יְהֹוֶה אֱלְהֵיהֶם וְאֵת[ׁ] דָּוָד מַלְכָּם אֲשֵׁר אָקִים לָהֶם:

JEREMIAH 31

- 8) I will bring them in from the northland, Gather them from the ends of the earth—The blind and the lame among them, Those with child and those in labor—In a vast throng they shall return here.
- 9) They shall come with weeping, And with compassion will I guide them. I will lead them to streams of water, By a level road where they will not stumble.

For I am ever a Father to Israel, Ephraim is My first-born. ח) הְנְנִי מֵבִּיא אוֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ צְפּוֹן וְקבַּצְתִּים מִיַּיְרְכְּתִי־אָּרֶץ בָּם עוַר וּפִּסֵּח הָרָה וְיֹלֶדֶת יַחְדֵּו קָהָל נְּדָוֹל יָשׁוּבוּ הַנָּה: ט) בִּבְכִי יָבֹאוּ וְבְתַחְנוּנִים אוֹבִילֵם אוֹלִיכֵם אֶל־נַחֲלֵי מַיִם בְּדֶרֶךְ יָשָׂר לְא יִכָּשְׁלַוּ בֵּה כִּי־הָיִיתִי לְיִשְׂרָאֵל לְאָב וְאֶפְרַיִם בְּלָרִי הְוּא:

JEREMIAH 13

- (1) Thus GOD said to me: "Go buy yourself a loincloth of linen, and put it around your loins, but do not dip it into water." (2) So I bought the loincloth in accordance with GOD's command, and put it about my loins.
- (3) And the word of GOD came to me a second time:
- (4) "Take the loincloth that you bought, which is about your loins, and go at once to Perath and cover it up there in a cleft of the rock." (5) I went and buried it at Perath, as GOD had commanded me.
- (6) Then, after a long time, GOD said to me, "Go at once to Perath and take there the loincloth that I commanded you to bury there." (7) So I went to Perath and dug up the loincloth from the place where I had buried it; and found the loincloth ruined; it was not good for anything.
- (8) The word of GOD came to me: (9) Thus said GOD: Even so will I ruin the overweening pride of Judah and Jerusalem. (10) This wicked people who refuse to heed My bidding, who follow the willfulness of their own hearts, who follow other gods and serve them and worship them, shall become like that loincloth, which is not good for anything. (11) For as a loincloth clings close to a man's loins, so I brought close to Me the whole House of Israel and the whole House of Judah—declares GOD—that they might be My people, for fame, and praise, and splendor. But they would not obey...

א) כֹּה־אָמַּר יְהֹּוָה אֵלַי הָלוֹךְ וְקָנֶיתָ לְּךּ אֵזְוֹר פִּשְׁתִּים וְשַּׁמְתַּוֹ עַל־מַתְנֵיךְ וּבַמַּיִם לָא תְבִאֶהוּ: ב) וָאֶקְנָה אֶת־הָאֵזוֹר כִּדְבַר יִהֹוָה וַאָשָׂם עַל־מַתִנִי:

ג) וַיְהְיִ דְבַר־יְהֹוָה אֵלֶי שֵׁנִית לֵאמְר: ד) קַּח אֶת־הָאֵזֶוֹר אֲשֶׁר קָנִיתְ אֲשֶׁר צִלְּתִּ בְּשְׁכֵּיתְ לֵּאְיֹר: ד) קַּח אֶת־הָאֵזֶוֹר אֲשֶׁר קָנְיתְ אֲשֶׁר צִּעָּר נְעִלְּנְהוּ שָׁם בִּנְקִיקְ הַפְּלֵע: ה) וָאֵלֵּךְ וָאֶטְמְנֶהוּ בִּפְּרָת כַּאֲשֶׁר צִיָּה יְהֹוֶה אוֹתִי: ו) וַיְאֵלֶך יָמִים רַבִּים וַיּאמֶר יְהֹוָה אֵלֵי קוּם לָךְ פְּרָתָה וְקַח מְשֶׁם אֶת־הָאֵזוֹר אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיְּךּ לְטִמְנוֹ־שָׁם: ז) וָאֵלֶךְ פְּרָתָה וָאַחְפֹּר וָאֶקַח אֶשֶׁר יִאֲמֶר בִּוֹית מְן־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־טְמֵנְהְּיֵו שֻׁמָּה וְהָנֶּה נְשִׁלְח לַכְּלֹנ:

ח) וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהֹוֶה אֵלִי לֵאמְר: ט) כָּה אָמַר יְהֹוֶה כָּכָה אַשְׁחִיׁת אֶת־גְּאְוֹן יְהוּדָה וְאֶת־גְּאוֹן יְרוּשָׁלַֻם הָרָב: י) הָעָם הַּזֶּה הָרָע הָמֵּאֲנִים וֹ לִשְׁמִוֹע אֶת־דְּבָרַי הַהְּלְכִים בּשְׁרְרִוּת לְבָּם וַיֵּלְכוּ אָחֲרִי אֱלֹהֵים אֲחֵרִים לְעְבְדָם וּלְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לָהֶם וִיהִי פָּאַזְוֹר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר לְא־יִצְלַח לַכְּל: יא) כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר יִדְבַּק הָאֵזוֹר אֶל־מַתְנִי־אִישׁ כֵּן הִדְבַּקְתִּי אֵלֵי אֶת־כָּל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־כָּל־בֵּית יְהוּדָה נְאֻם־יְהֹוֹה לְהְיָוֹת לִי לְעָם וּלְשֵׁם וְלְתִהָּלֵה וּלְתִפְאֵרֵת וְלֹא שַׁמֵעוּ:

THE ORACLE AGAINST ARAM AMOS 1:3-5

3) Thus said GOD:

For three transgressions of Damascus, For four, I will not revoke the decree:

Because they threshed Gilead

With threshing boards of iron.

4) I will send down fire upon the palace of Hazael,

And it shall devour the fortresses of Ben-hadad.

5) I will break the gate bars of Damascus,
And wipe out the inhabitants from the Vale of Aven
And the sceptered ruler of Beth-eden;
And the people of Aram shall be exiled to Kir
—said GOD.

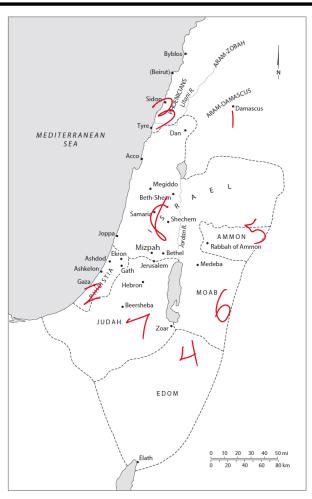
ג) <mark>כְּה אָמַר יְהֹוֶּה עֵל־שְׁלשָׁה ׁפִּשְׁעִי</mark> דַּמֶּשֶׁק <mark>וְעַל־אַרְבָּעָה לְא אֲשִׁיבֻנּוּ</mark> <mark>עַל־</mark>דּוּשֵׁם בַּחֲרָצִוֹת הַבַּרְזֶל אֶת־הַגִּּלְעָד:

ד) <mark>וְשִׁלַּחְתִּי אֵשׁ</mark> בְּבִית חֲזָאֵל וְאָ<mark>כְלֶה</mark> אַרְמִנְוֹת בֵּּן־הֵדָד:

ה) וְשָׁבַרְתִּי בְּרִיחַ דַּפֶּשֶׁק וְהִכְרַתִּי יוֹשֵׁב מִבִּקְעַת־אָּטֶן וְתוֹמֵךְ שֵׁבֶט מִבְּיִת עֶדֶן וְגָלְוּ עַם־אֵרֶם קִירָה אָמֵר יִהֹוָה:



ORACLES AGAINST THE NATIONS



Israel, Judah, and Neighboring Lands. Map by Bill Nelson.

- 1. Damascus (Aram)
- 2. Gaza (Philistia)
- 3. Tyre
- 4. Edom
- 5. Ammon
- 6. Moab
- 7. Judah
- 8. Israel



THE ORACLE AGAINST ISRAEL AMOS 2:6-16

6) Thus said GOD:

For three transgressions of Israel, For four, I will not revoke the decree...

9) Yet I

Destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose stature was like the cedar's And who was stout as the oak, Destroying his boughs above And his trunk below!

10) And I

Brought you up from the land of Egypt And led you through the wilderness forty years, To possess the land of the Amorite! 11) And I raised up prophets from among your sons

And nazirites from among your young men. Is that not so, O people of Israel? -says GOD.

12) But you made the nazirites drink wine And ordered the prophets not to prophesy. ו) כָּה אָמַר יְהֹוָה עַל־שְׁלשָה בּשְעַי יִשְׂרָאֵל ועל־אַרבַעה לא אַשיבנו...

ָט) וְאָנֹכִי הִשְׁמַדְתִּי אֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי מִפְּנֵיהֶם אֲשֶׁר ּכְגַבַהּ אֲרָזִים ֹנָבְהוֹ וְחָסָן הוָא כָּאַלוֹנָים וָאַשְׁמִיד פַּרִיוֹ מִמַּעַל וְשַׁרָשָׁיו מִתָּחַת:

י) וְאָנֹכֶי הָעֱלֶיתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֱרֵץ מִצְרָיִם וָאוֹלֵךְ ָאֶתְכֶם בַּמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה לְרֻשֶׁת אֶת־אֶרֶץ ַרָּאֱמֹרִי:

יא) וָאָקִים מִבְּנִיכֶם לְנְבִיאִים וּמִבַּחוּרֵיכֶם לְנְזִרִים ַהַאַף אֶין־זָאת בְּנֶי יִשְׂרָאֵל נְאָם־יְהֹוָה:

יב) וַתַּשְׁקוּ אֶת־הַנְּזִרָים יָיִן וְעַל־הַנְּבִיאִים צִוּיתֶם לֵאמר לְא תִנְבְאְו:



AMOS 3:3-8

3) Can two walk together Without having met? 4) Does a lion roar in the forest When it has no prey? Does a great beast let out a cry from its den Without having made a capture? 5) Does a bird drop on the ground—in a trap— With no snare there? Does a trap spring up from the ground Unless it has caught something? 6) When a ram's horn is sounded in a town, Do the people not take alarm? Can misfortune come to a town If GOD has not caused it? 7) Indeed, my Sovereign GOD does nothing Without having revealed the purpose To God's servants the prophets. 8) A lion has roared, Who can but fear? My Sovereign GOD has spoken,

- ג) הֲיֵלְכָוּ שְׁנַיִם יַחְדָּו בִּלְתִּי אִם־נוֹעָדוּ:
- ד) הָיִשְׁאַג אַרְיֵה בַּיַּעַר וְטֶרָף אַין לֵוֹ הַיִּתֵּן כְּפִיר קוֹלוֹ מִמִּעֹנַתוֹ בִּלְתִּי אָם־לַכַד:
 - ה) הַתִּפְּל צִפּוֹר עַל־פַּח הָאָׂרֶץ וּמוֹקֵשׁ אַין לָהּ הַיָּצֶלֶה־פַּח מִן־הָאֲדָמָה וְלָכִוֹד לָא יִלְכְּוֹד:
 - ו) אִם־יִתְּקַע שׁוֹפָר בְּעִיר וְעָם לְא יֶחֱרָדוּ אִם־תִּהְיֵה רָעָה בְּעִיר וַיהֹוָה לְא עָשָׁה:
- ז) כִּי לְא יַעֲשֶׂה אֲדֹנִי יֱהֹוֶה דָּבֶר כִּי אִם־גָּלָה סוֹדׂוֹ אֵל־עַבָדָיו הַנִּבִיאִים:
- ח) אַרְיֶה שָׁאָג מִי לָא יִירָא אֲדֹנֵי יֱהֹוִה דָּבֶּּר מִי לָא יִנָּבֵא:

Who can but prophesy?

AMOS 7:1-9 (VISIONS 1-3)

- 1) This is what my Sovereign GOD showed me: [A plague of] locusts was created at the time when the late-sown crops were beginning to sprout—the late-sown crops after the king's reaping. 2) When it had finished devouring the herbage in the land, I said, "O my Sovereign, ETERNAL One, pray forgive. How will Jacob survive? He is so small." 3) GOD relented concerning this. "It shall not come to pass," said GOD.
- 4) This is what my Sovereign GOD showed me: Lo, my Sovereign GOD was summoning to contend by fire that consumed the Great Deep and was consuming the fields. 5) I said, "Oh, my Sovereign, ETERNAL One, refrain! How will Jacob survive? He is so small." 6) GOD relented concerning this. "That shall not come to pass, either," said my Sovereign GOD.
- 7) This is what I was shown: [God] was standing on a wall checked with a plumb line while holding a plumb line. 8) And GOD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. And my Sovereign declared, "I am going to apply a plumb line to My people Israel; I will pardon them no more. 9) The shrines of Isaac shall be laid waste, and the sanctuaries of Israel reduced to ruins; and I will turn upon the House of Jeroboam with the sword."

א) כָּה הִרְאַנִּי אֲדֹנַי יֱהֹוֹה וְהִנֵּה ׁיוֹצֵר גֹּבֵׂי בִּתְחַלֶּת עְלְוֹת הַלֶּקֶשׁ וְהִנֵּה־לֶּקֶשׁ אַחַר גִּזַּי הַמֶּלֶךְ: ב) וְהָיָה אִם־כִּלָּה לָאֱכוֹל אֶת־עַשֶּׁב הָאָבֶץ וָאמַר אֲדֹנֵי יֱהֹוָה סְלָח־נָא מִי יָקוּם יַצְקֹב כִּי קָטָן הְוּא: ג) נִתַם יְהֹוֶה עַל־זִׁאת לָא תִּהְיֶה אָמֵר יְהֹוָה:

ד) כָּה הִרְאַנִּי אֲדֹנַי יֱהֹוֹה וְהִנֵּה קֹרֵא לָרָב בָּאֵשׁ אֲדֹנַי יֱהֹנֶה וַתֹּאכַל אֶת־תְּחַוֹם רַבָּה וְאָכְלֶה אֶת־הַחֶלֶק: ה) וָאֹמַר אֲדֹנֵי יֱהֹוִה חֲדַל־נָא מִי יָקוּם יַעֲקָב כִּי קָטֹן הְוּא: ו) נִחַם יְהֹנָה עַל־זָאת גַּם־הִיא לָא תְהְיֶה אָמַר אֲדֹנַי יֱהֹוְה:

ז) כַּה הִרְאַׂנִי וְהִנְּה אֲדֹנֵי נִצֶּב עַל־חוֹמַת אֲנֶךּ וּבְיָדֻוֹ אֲנֶךּ: ח) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהֹוָה אֵלַי מָה־אַתָּה רֹאֶה עָמוֹס וָאֹמַר אֲנֶךּ וַיִּאמֶר אֲדֹנִי הִנְנִי שָׁם אֲנָךּ בְּקֶרֶב עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא־אוֹסִיף עוֹד עֲבִוֹר לְוֹ: ט) וְנָשַׁמוּ בָּמוֹת יִשְׂחָק וּמִקְדְּשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל יֶחֶרֶבוּ וְקַמְתִּי עַל־בִּית יִרְבָעָם בָּחָרֶב:



AMOS 7:10-17

- 10) Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent this message to King Jeroboam of Israel: "Amos is conspiring against you within the House of Israel. The country cannot endure the things he is saying. 11) For Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall be exiled from its soil."
- 12) Amaziah also said to Amos, "Seer, off with you to the land of Judah! Earn your living there, and do your prophesying there. 13) But don't ever prophesy again at Bethel; for it is a king's sanctuary and a royal palace."
- 14) Amos answered Amaziah: "I am not a prophet, and I am not a prophet's disciple. I am a cattle breeder and a tender of sycamore figs. 15) But GOD took me away from following the flock, and GOD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.' 16) And so, hear the word of GOD. You say I must not prophesy about the House of Israel or preach about the House of Isaac; 17) but this, I swear, is what GOD said: Your wife shall play the whore in the town, your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided up with a measuring line. And you yourself shall die on impure soil; for Israel shall be exiled from its soil."

י) וַיִּשְׁלַח אֲמַצְיָה ׁכֹּהָן בֶּית־אֵל אֶל־יָרָבְעֵם מֶלֶּדְיִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר קָשַׁר עָלֶיךּ עָמֹוֹס בְּקֶרֶב ׁבִּית יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא־תוּכַל הָאָרֶץ לְהָכֶיל אֶת־כָּל־דְּבָרִיו: יא) כִּי־כֹה אָמַר עָמׂוֹס בַּחֶרֶב יָמִוּת יָרָבְעֶם וְיִשְׁרָאֵל נָּלָה יִנְלֶה מֵעַל אַדְמָתְוֹ: יב) וַיִּאמֶר אֲמַצְיָה אֶל־עָמׂוֹס חֹזֶה לֵךְ בְּרַח־לְךָּ אֶל־אָרֶץ יְהוּדָה וָאֱכָל־שָׁם לֶחֶם וְשָׁם תִּנָבָא: יג) וּבִית־אֵל לֹא־תוֹסִיף עוֹד לְהִנָּבֵא כִּי מִקְדַּשׁ־מֶלֶדְ הוֹוּא וּבִית מַמְלָכֶה הְוֹּא:

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BETHEL



Israel, Judah, and Neighboring Lands. Map by Bill Nelson.



AMOS 7:10-17

- 10) Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent this message to King Jeroboam of Israel: "Amos is conspiring against you within the House of Israel. The country cannot endure the things he is saying. 11) For Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall be exiled from its soil."
- 12) Amaziah also said to Amos, "Seer, off with you to the land of Judah! Earn your living there, and do your prophesying there. 13) But don't ever prophesy again at Bethel; for it is a king's sanctuary and a royal palace."
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