

Prophets of God's Judgment: Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk

THE OLD TESTAMENT * Week 34 * Opening Collect: Advent 2, BCP 211

- I. The Prophets: 1000 B.C. through 420 B.C. "Shape up, or ship out!"
 - A. 300 years of warnings for Israel
 - B. 400 years of warnings for Judah
 - C. 70 years of exile in Babylon
 - D. 200 more years of warnings before 400 years of silence.
 - E. Jesus!

- II. (In chronological order) **Obadiah** against Edom, descendants of Esau. 845 B.C. ...
OR 586 B.C. after fall of Jerusalem
 - A. Obadiah 1:3 –
 - B. (Matthew 5:7; 6:12,14-15)

- III. **Amos** against northern kingdom of Israel
 - A. 760-750 B.C.
 - B. Amos 7:7-8 -- "Plumb line."
 - C. "True religion" = James 1:27.
 1. Amos 2:7 –
 2. Amos 5:12-15 –
 3. Amos 5:21-24 –
 - D. Amos 8:11-12 –
Matthew 5:6

- IV. **Micah** against Israel and southern kingdom of Judah. 742-687 B.C. Contemporary with Isaiah in Judah and Hosea in Israel.
 - A. Micah 3:1-4, 11-12 –
 - B. Micah 6:1-8 –

- C. The Messiah!
 - 1. Micah 4:1-5 –
 - 2. Micah 5:2-5a –

V. **Nahum** against Assyria

- A. 654-612B.C.
- B. Pay back!
- C. Nahum 3:1-7, 18-19 – “City of Blood,” Everyone glad they are dead.

VI. **Habakkuk** against Judah. 612-589B.C. Contemporary of Jeremiah in Judah and Ezekiel in Babylon

- A. Be careful what you ask for!
 - 1. Habakkuk 1:2-4 –
 - 2. Habakkuk 1:5-11 –
 - 3. Habakkuk 1:12-13 –
 - 4. Habakkuk 2:1 –
 - 5. Habakkuk 2:4 –

(Romans 1:17;

Galatians 3:11;

Hebrews 10:38)
- B. Bad news for date-rapers. Habakkuk 2:15
- C. Praise God, anyway! Habakkuk 3:17-19

Closing Collect: Advent 3, BCP 212

**Preparation for next week: Read 2 Kings 24-25,
2 Chronicles 36, Jeremiah 1-29**

So far we’ve read: Genesis - 2 Kings; 2 Chronicles 26-36; Job-Isaiah, Hosea- Zephaniah