

The Minor Prophets are...

Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Joel, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi

## The Major Prophets are... Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel



Jonah, Amos and Hosea prophesied in the Northern Kingdom to Israel.

Joel, Isaiah and Micah prophesied to the Southern Kingdom to Judah

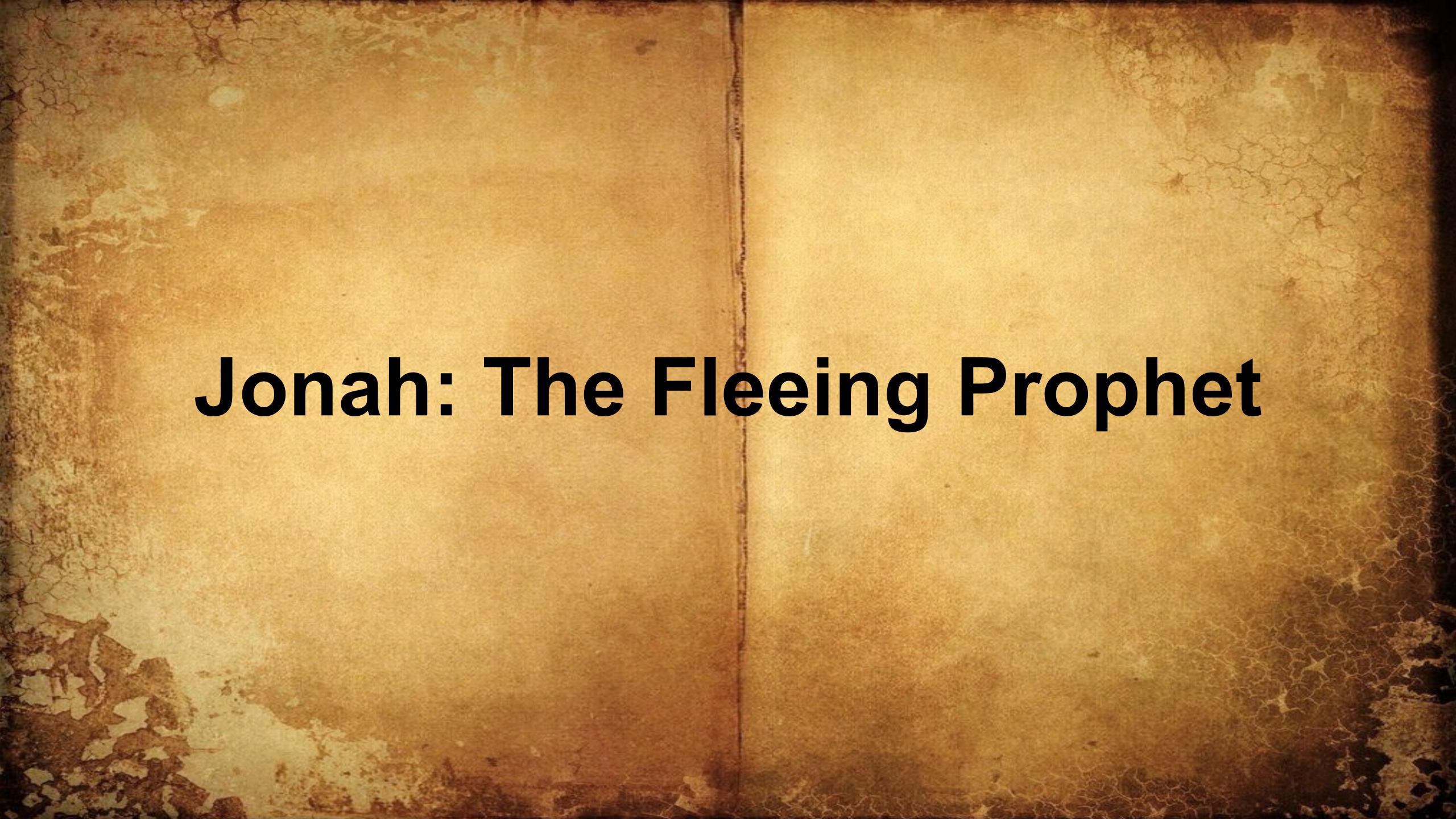
The following prophesied during the Babylonian Kingdom....

Pre-exile Prophets were Nahum, Zephaniah, Habbakuk, Obadiah and Jeremiah, Lamentations.

The Exile Prophets were Ezekiel and Daniel.

The following prophesied during the Persian Kingdom. The post-exile prophets were Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

# 1. ISRAEL'S EARLY PROPHETS (Jonah, Amos, Hosea)



The author of this small book is uncertain but Hebrew tradition names Jonah himself as the author. The date of the book is approximately 760 BC

## Of the sixteen prophets we'll talk about only Jonah and Hosea were born and raised in Israel

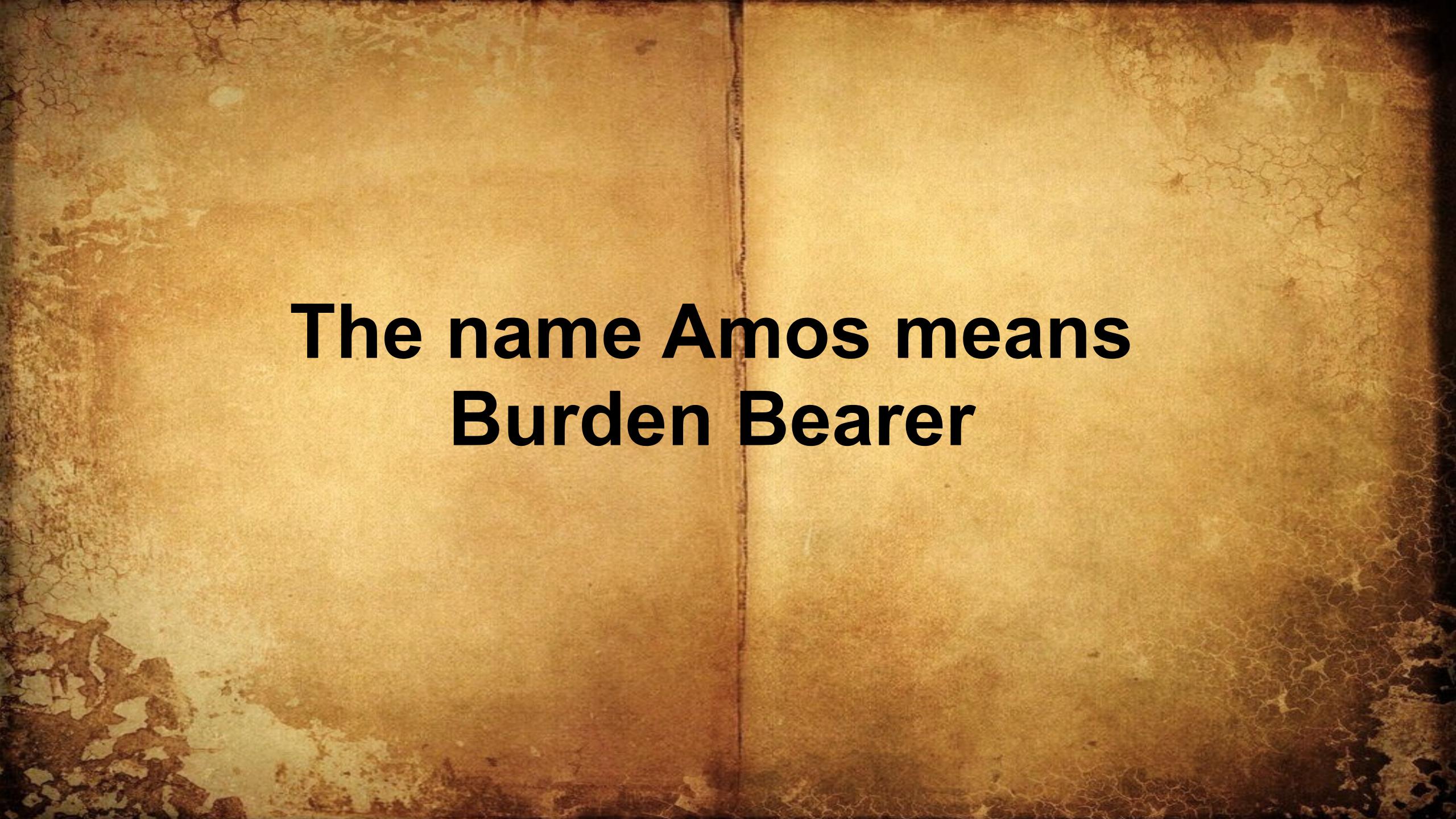
#### Ninevah was 500 miles from Jonah's home. It's ruins are still present near the town of Mosul, Iraq.

## One of the questions raised in this book is "Does God Change His Mind?"

## Jonah is the first book in the Bible that addresses reaching those outside of Israel with the good news

"Do we feel compassion only for those who are like us? Do we feel compassion for ALL people?"

### Amos: The Prophesying Shepherd Amos authored this book around 760-755 BC



The main theme of this book is found in Amos 5:24 "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream."

The book begins by Amos pronouncing judgment on 8 Nations. The first six were Israel's enemies Damascus, Philistia, Phoenicia, Edom, Ammon and Moab

## But then the tables turn and he pronounces the severest judgment of all against ISRAEL

### The three main reasons for judgment were...

1. Privilege Brings Responsibility

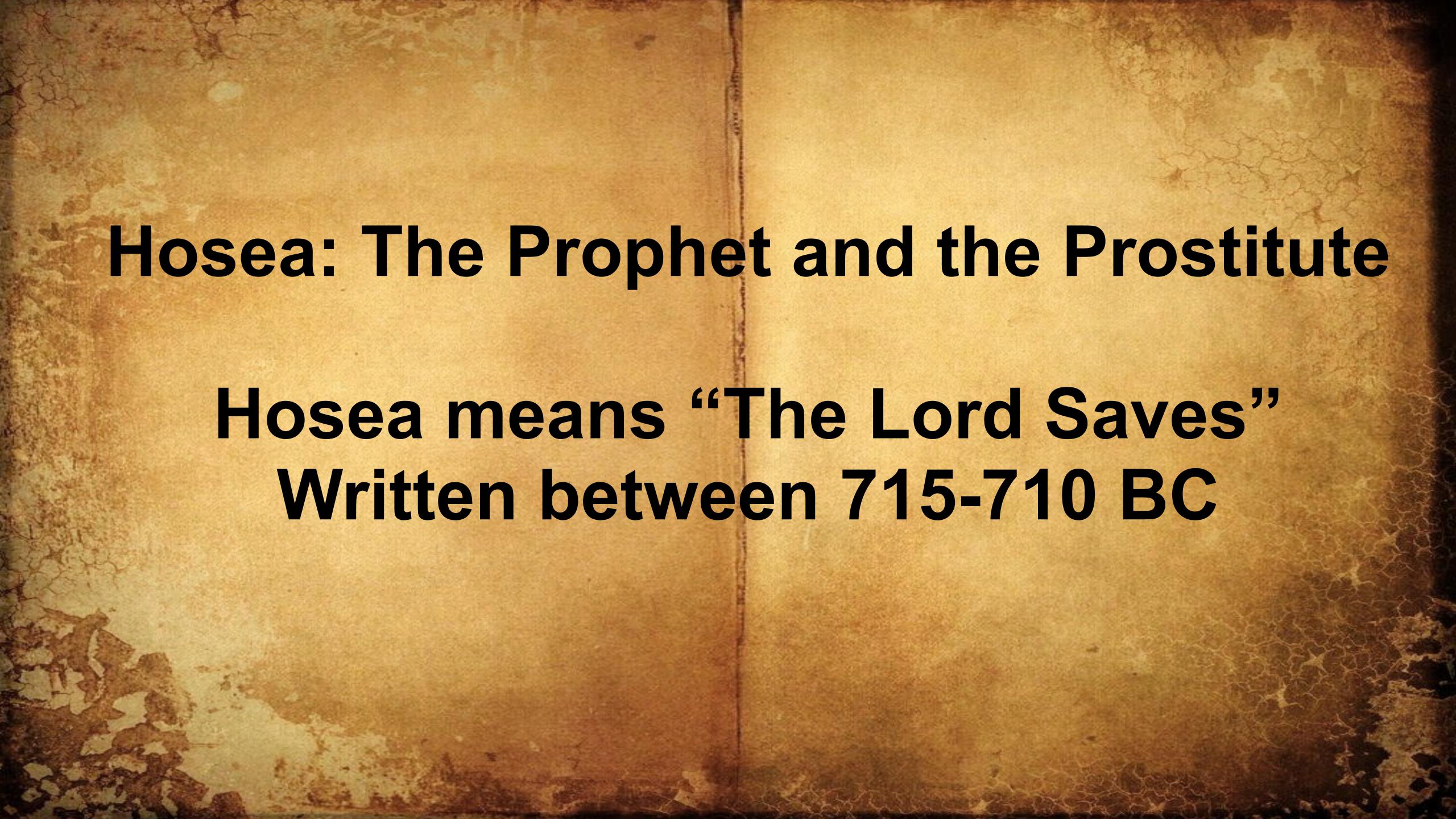
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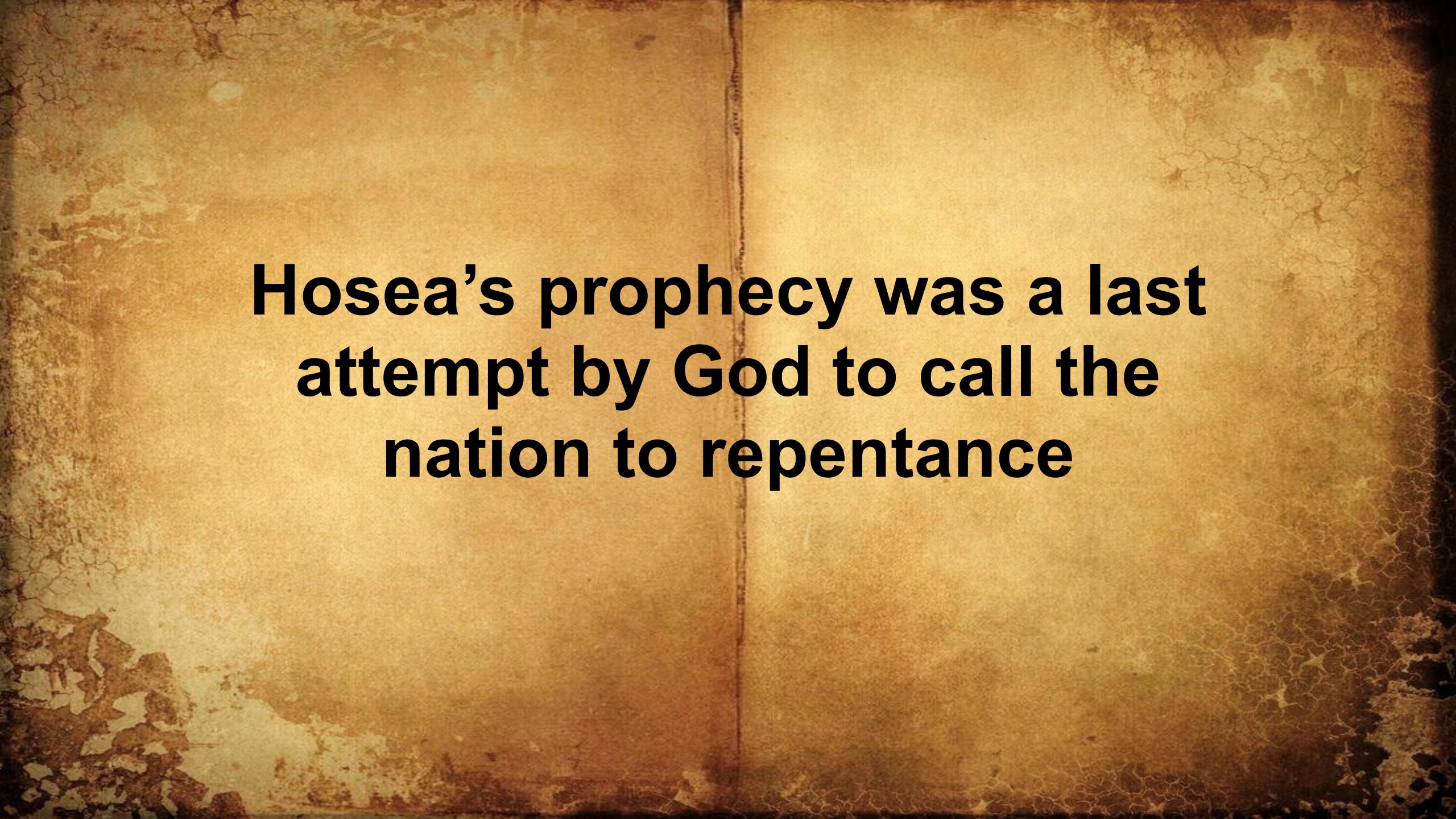
### 2. The Purpose of Discipline is to lead to Repentance

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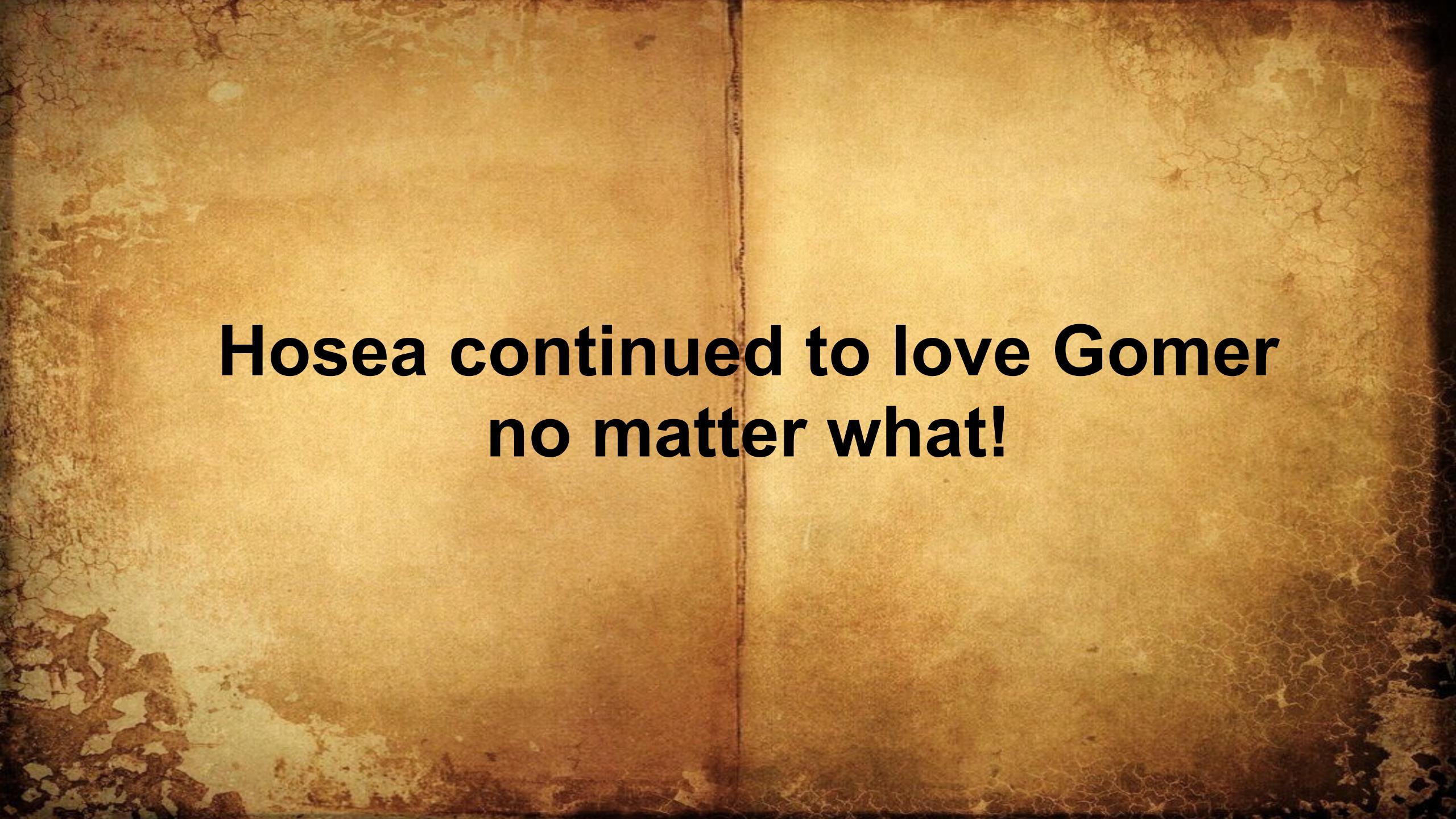
3. God is "with" those who seek good and against those who seek evil!

The book ends on a positive with God reminding them of two things. First, His promise to David to restore Israel. Second, a future of agricultural bounty (9:12)...





Scholars believe that she was a prostitute before they married and then reverted to that lifestyle after she married Hosea. This book is an allegory of Israel's relationship with God.





2. Joel: The Prophet of Pentecost

The name Joel means "The Lord is God." Most scholars favor a date of 835 BC for this book.

The theme of the book is "The Day of the Lord." That phrase refers to the day when judgment will fall and people will have to give account to God for how they lived.

#### There are Four Reasons for Joel's prophecies...

1. To explain to Judah why these calamities or judgments were being experienced (locusts, drought and famine)

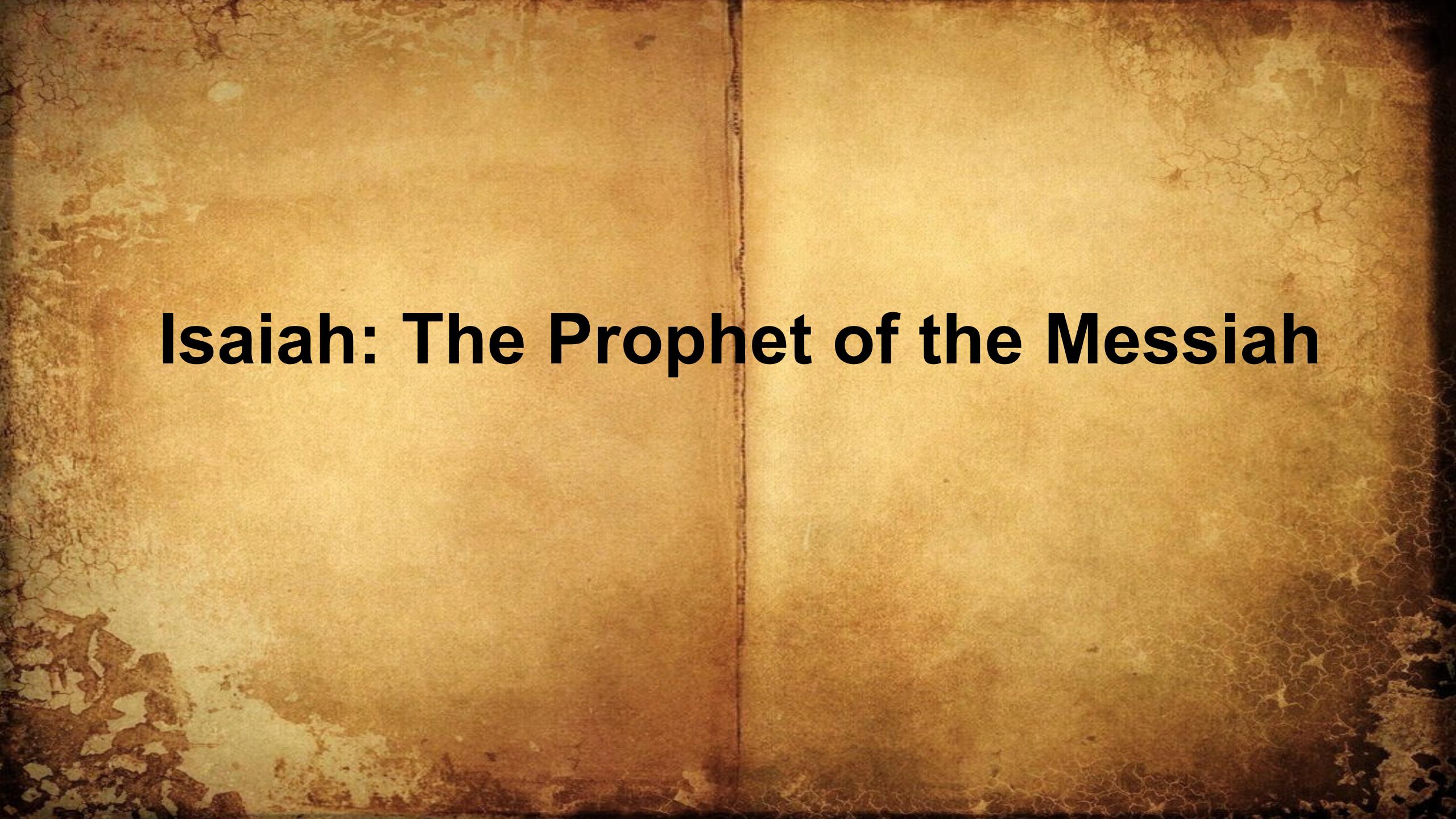
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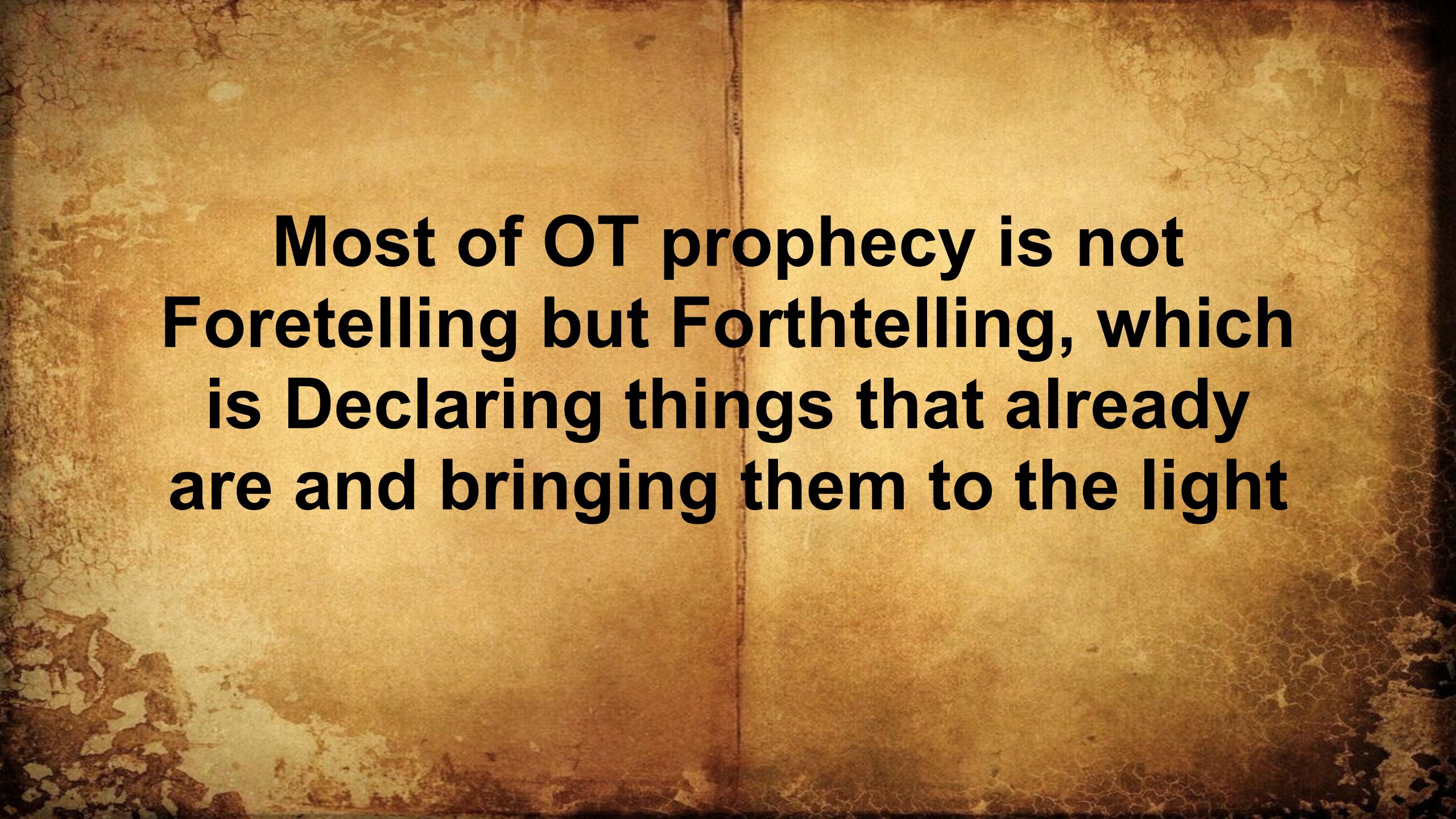
2. To warn them of the greater danger ahead, which was the army that was getting ready to march on them

## There are Four Reasons for Joel's prophecies... 3. To call the people to Repentance

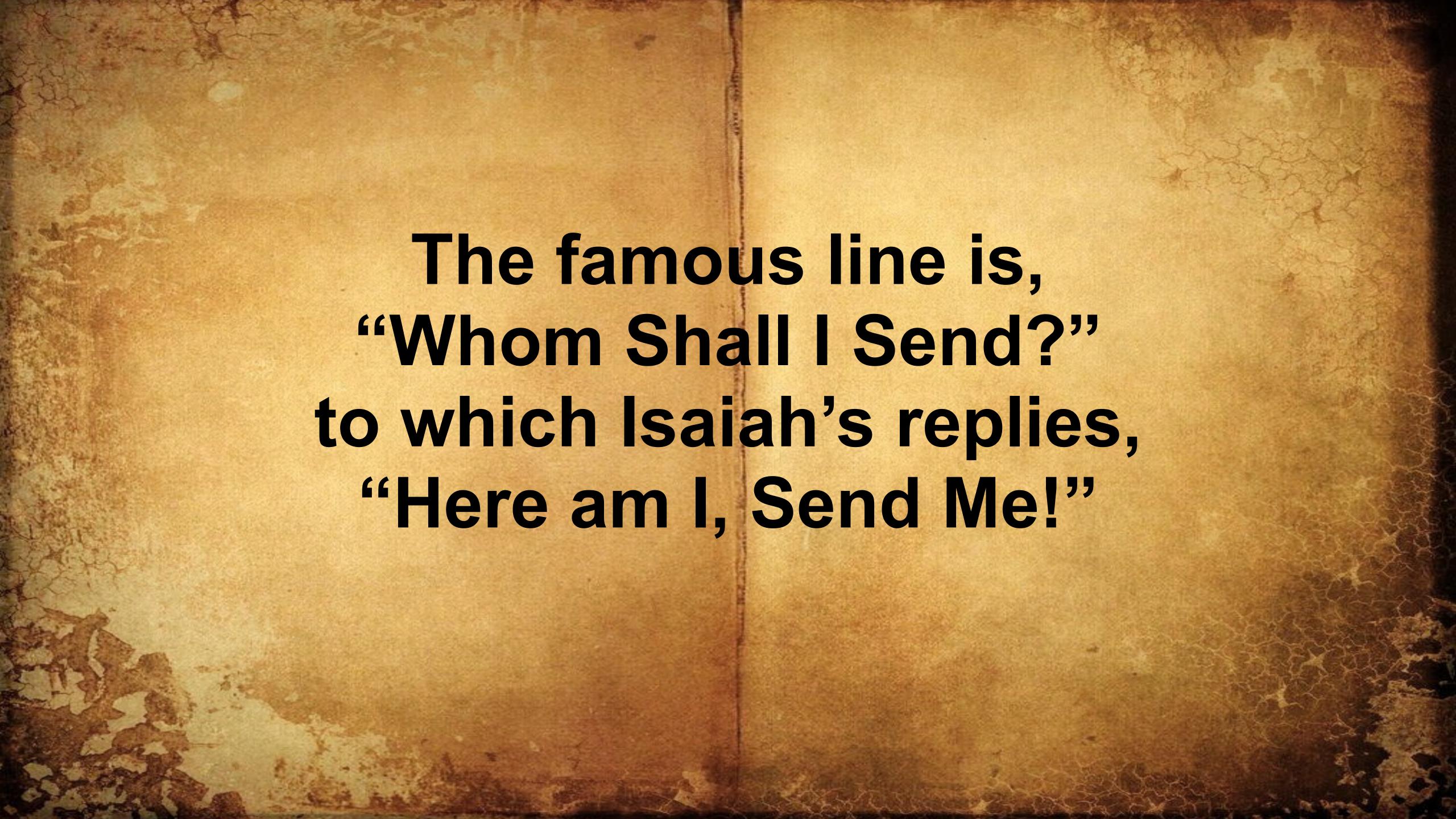


4. To declare a future "Day of the Lord" that would bring blessing and judgment





Isaiah likely wrote this book around 700 BC. Isaiah served in Judah's Royal Court as a Prophet and was very educated. His name means "The Lord is Salvation."



#### The three purposes of Isaiah were...

1. To warn Judah and other nations that God was going to judge their sins

#### The three purposes of Isaiah were...

2. To prophecy that a remnant of Jews would return to the land after the captivity

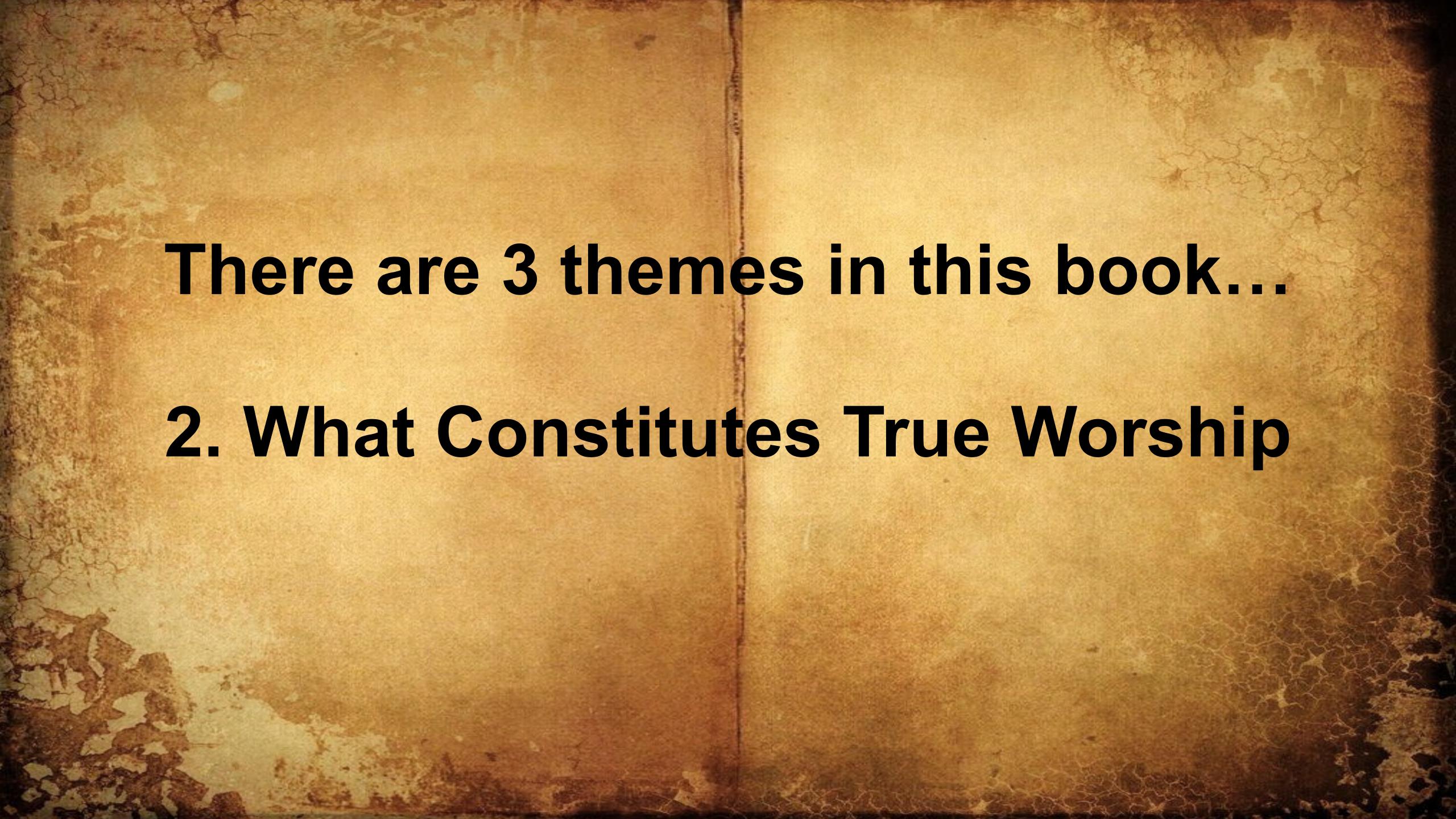
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3. To prophesy that God was sending a Messiah to be the Savior of all nations

#### Micah: Prophet of Judgment and Mercy

Micah ministered sometime between 750 and 686 BC. He ministered at the same time as Isaiah and Hosea. Like Amos, Micah was a country prophet from a town called Gath.

# There are 3 themes in this book... 1. Social Justice



# There are 3 themes in this book... 3. A False Sense of Security

A key verse from Micah is Micah 6:8, "He has shown you O man what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."