

The Book of AMOS

Amos **1:1 & 7:14-15** Poor, shepherd, gatherer of sycamore fruit
A prophet from Judah to Israel, “country come to town”
From Tekoa. Ten miles South of Jerusalem, a few miles South of Bethlehem
One of David’s mighty men was from there. 2 Sam 23:26
Amos was the first to announce the end of Israel “the 10 lost tribes of Israel”

Name means: Burden or Burden Bearer

Date: 760 – 750 BC 25-40 years before the Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria
During the reign of Uzziah, King of Judah and Jeroboam II, King of Israel
A contemporary with: Hosea, a prophet to Israel, the Northern Kingdom
Isaiah, a prophet in Jerusalem with message to Judah and Israel
Jonah, a prophet to Assyrian capital of Nineveh.
Micah, a prophet to Judah, the Southern Kingdom

Theme: 1:2 The Lord roars from Zion, pastures morn and Mt. Carmel withers

A Key Verse: 6:1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and trust in Mt. Samaria.

OVERVIEW OF AMOS

1:1 – 2:3 God’s Judgement on Other Nations in every direction

1:3-5	NE	Damascus, Syria	Cruelty, inhumane torture
1:6-8	SW	Philistia - Gaza	Sold captives as slaves
1:9-10	NW	Tyre, Phoenicia	Sold captives as slaves “a whole people”
1:11-12	SE	Teman, Edom	Revengeful spirit no brotherly love
1:13-15	E	Rabbah, Ammon	Violent crimes – ripped open women to kill babies
2:1-3	S	Moab	Injustice and desecrating the remains of a king

2:4-6:14 God’s Judgement on Judah 2:4-5, and Israel 2:6-16

2:6 Sell the righteous for silver, sell the poor for a pair of sandals
2:7 Immorality- Man and his son use the same girl
 The “new morality” today isn’t new at all
2:8 Clothes taken as collateral and kept and confiscated wine
2:9-10 God said “Yet I destroyed your enemies the strong Amorites, and delivered you from
 Egypt, And led you 40 years in the wilderness.
2:12 You told the prophets not to prophesy

3:1-15 Hear this word that the Lord has spoken - To Israel and Judah

3:1 The whole family, Israel and Judah
3:3 Can two walk together, unless they agree? “You don’t even listen”
3:8 You told the prophets not to prophesy.
3:12 The destruction of Israel. Like only pieces of a lamb taken from a lion.
3:15 The ivory palace in Samaria will perish

4:1-13 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan Talking to the women

Bashan (Golan Heights) good pasture for cows “fat cows of Bashan”

- 4:1 You say to your husbands, oppress the poor and bring us more.
“Bring us more wine”
- 4:2 You will be led away captive with fishhooks in your lips “a way of controlling slaves”
- 4:4 Come to Bethel and transgress, your worship multiplies your transgressions
- 4:12 I will do this to you. Prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

5:1-27 Hear this word, O house of Israel A Lament for Israel

- 5: 3 Nine out of ten will be killed or carried away captive
- 5:4 Seek me and live
- 5:5 Do not seek an empty worship experience in Bethel “the house of God”
- 5:11 You oppress the poor and build houses you won’t be living in
You planted vineyards, but won’t drink the wine from them.
- 5:12 Afflicting the just and taking bribes
- 5:19 Like a man who ran from a lion and a bear met him,
Then he went into the house and leaned on the wall and a serpent bit him.
- 5:21 God said, “ I hate your feast days and sacred assemblies.”
- 5:22 I will not accept your burnt offerings. Because of your sin.
- 5:23 Your worship songs are just noise.
- 5:27 I will send you into captivity, says the Lord, whose name is the God of Hosts.

6:1-14 Warning to Judah and Israel, Zion and Samaria

- 6:1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria
- 6:3-8 Your lifestyle of luxury, gourmet meals, music, drinking and the most expensive perfume (at the expense of persecuting the poor) has brought judgement and destruction.
- 6:14 All the expansion of Israel from North to Hamath and South to the Red Sea will face affliction.

We don’t, and they didn’t mind hearing of God’s judgement on other people. To satisfy ourselves we sometimes; sell others, betray others, hurt others, forget others or ignore others.

Money Talks!!! What you do with your money tells people what kind of person you are.

Chapters 7 - 9 Visions of the Future

- 7:1-3 Vision of the Locusts
- 7:4-6 Vision of the Fire
- 7:7-9 Vision of the Plumbline
- 7:10-17 Amaziah, the kings personal priest. Tells Amos not to prophesy. God’s curse on Amaziah.
- 8:1-10 The Vision of the Summer Fruit Corruption and Judgement
- 8:11-12 A famine. Not of bread and water, but of hearing the Word. Will look but not find it.
- 9:1-10 The destruction of Israel
- 9:11-15 Israel will be restored

No one else may read the Bible, but we can.

No one else may obey the warnings of the Bible, but we can.