

Series: AMOS - Sin Brings Judgment

Title: Introduction to the Book of Amos

Author: AMOS as is with each of the minor prophets.

Purpose: Pronounce Judgment on Israel, Northern Kingdom

Key People: Amos, Amaziah, Jeroboam II

Key Places: Bethel, Samaria

To Whom Written: Israel, N. Kingdom, & God's People

Date Written: 760-750 BC Jeroboam II & Uzziah

Social/Economic Times: The wealthy people of Israel were enjoying peace & prosperity. They were quite complacent & were oppressing the poor, even selling them into slavery. Soon, however, Israel would be conquered by Assyria, and the rich would themselves be made slaves.

Key Verse: (Amos 5:24)

Special Features: Striking metaphors from his experience:

- An overloaded wagon (2:13),
- A roaring lion (3:8),
- A torn lamb (3:12),
- Fat cows (4:1),
- A basket of fruit (8:1, 2).

I. Amos, The Man

- A. Native of Tekoa: (Vs 1:1) 12 miles south of Jerusalem.
- B. Herdsman: (Ch 1:1) Shepherd, Leader of flocks.
- C. Tender of Sycamore Trees. (Ch 7:14)
- D. His Name Means~Burden Bearer
- E. His Calling. (Ch 7:15)
 - 1. The LORD Took me.
 - a. *Not a prophet, Common farmer. He was faithful*
 - 2. The LORD Said. "Go, Prophesy"

II. Amos, His Character:

- A. Boldness. (Ch 7:17)
 - 1. Thou Shalt die.
 - 2. Thou Shall go into captivity.
- B. Fearless. (Ch 3:1-8)
 - 1. Against the whole family. (Ch 3:1)
 - 2. Who can BUT prophesy. (Ch3:8)
 - 3. He feared God so much; he feared no one else at all.
- C. Frank. (Ch 1:1-2:16)
 - 1. Mixed no words.
 - 2. Spoke judgment against ALL nations.
 - 3. Not only for what he said, but how he said it.
- D. Humble. (Ch 7:14)
- E. Obedient Heart: (Ch 7:15)
- F. Pleading Soul:
 - 1. Seek good. (Ch 5:14)
 - 2. Love good. (Ch 5:15)
- G. Intercessory Spirit. (Ch 7:1-6)
- H. A Good Soldier of God: (2 Tim 2:3)
 - 1. He was uncompromising.
 - 2. He names almost every sin conceivable,
 - 3. He declares the Word of God,
- I. Possessed a Silent Communion with God.

III. Amos, His Continual Hope that God Would Bless

- A. Remain faithful to his covenant with God: (Ch 3:2)
- B. Nation purified: (Ch 9:9)
- C. That some individuals would repent: (Ch 5:4, 6, 14)
- D. A Remnant Survives: (Ch 5:3, 15)
 - 1. Their Nation Will Rise Again: (Ch 9:11)
 - 2. Their Nation Will Rule All Nations: (Ch 9:12)
 - 3. Their Nation Will Prosper Again: (Ch 9:13)
 - 4. Dwell Under the blessings of God. (Ch 9:15)