

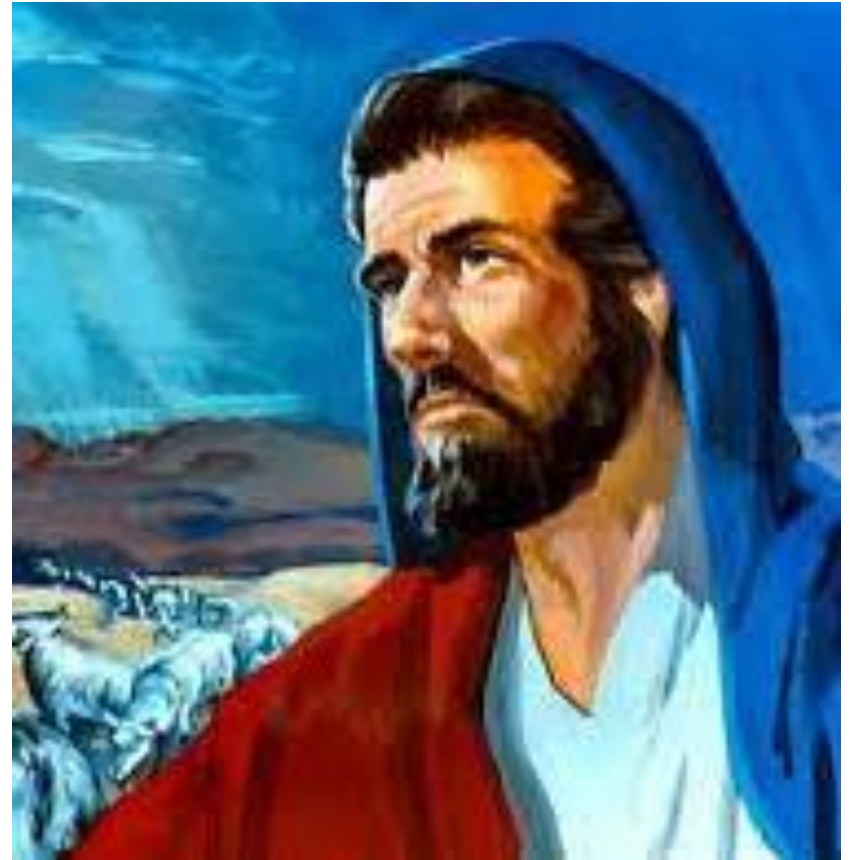
AMOS



Prophetic Books Series

Introduction...

- borne; a burden, one of the twelve minor prophets. He was a native of Tekota, the modern Tekua, a town about 12 miles south-east of Bethlehem.
- He was a man of humble birth, neither a "prophet nor a prophet's son," but "an herdman and a dresser of sycamore trees," R.V



Introduction...

- . He prophesied in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and was contemporary with Isaiah and Hosea ([Amo 1:1](#); [7:14,15](#); [Zec 14:5](#)), who survived him a few years.
- Under Jeroboam II. the kingdom of Israel rose to the zenith of its prosperity; but that was followed by the prevalence of luxury and vice and idolatry.
- At this period Amos was called from his obscurity to remind the people of the law of God's retributive justice, and to call them to repentance.



Introduction...

- The Book of Amos consists of three parts:
- (1.) The nations around are summoned to judgment because of their sins ([Amo 1:1-2:3](#)). He quotes [Joe 3:16](#).
- (2.) The spiritual condition of Judah, and especially of Israel, is described ([Amo 2:4-6:14](#)).
- (3.) In [Amo 7:1-9:10](#) are recorded five prophetic visions



Chapter 1

- **Judgments on Israel's Neighbors**
- **1** The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.
- **2** And he said:
- “The LORD roars from Zion,
And utters His voice from Jerusalem;
The pastures of the shepherds mourn,
And the top of Carmel withers.”



Damascus...

- ³ Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they have threshed Gilead with
implements of iron.
⁴ But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeal,
Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.
⁵ I will also break the *gate* bar of Damascus,
And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of
Aven,
And the one who [\[a\]](#) holds the scepter from [\[b\]](#) Beth
Eden.
The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,”
Says the LORD.



Gaza...

- ⁶ Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because they took captive the whole captivity To deliver *them* up to Edom.
⁷ But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces.
⁸ I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn My hand against Ekron, And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,” Says the Lord God.



Tyre...

- ⁹ Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they delivered up the whole
captivity to Edom,
And did not remember the covenant of
brotherhood.
¹⁰ But I will send a fire upon the wall of
Tyre,
Which shall devour its palaces.”



Edom...

- ¹¹ Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because he pursued his brother with the sword, And cast off all pity; His anger tore perpetually, And he kept his wrath forever.
¹² But I will send a fire upon Teman, Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.”



Ammon...

- ¹³ Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, That they might enlarge their territory.
¹⁴ But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces, Amid shouting in the day of battle, And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
¹⁵ Their king shall go into captivity, He and his princes together,” Says the LORD.



Moab...

- **2** Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.
² But I will send a fire upon Moab, And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; Moab shall die with tumult, With shouting *and* trumpet sound.
³ And I will cut off the judge from its midst, And slay all its princes with him,” Says the LORD.



Judah...

- **Judgment on Judah**

- ⁴ Thus says the LORD:

- “For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because they have despised the law of the LORD, And have not kept His commandments.

Their lies lead them astray,
Lies which their fathers followed.

⁵ But I will send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.”



ISRAEL!

- Thus says the LORD:
- “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they sell the righteous for silver,
And the poor for a pair of sandals.
7 They ^[a]pant after the dust of the earth *which is* on the head of the poor,
And pervert the way of the humble.
A man and his father go in to the *same* girl,
To defile My holy name.
8 They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge,
And drink the wine of ^[b]the condemned *in* the house of their god.
- 9 “Yet *it was* I *who* destroyed the Amorite before them,
Whose height *was* like the height of the cedars,
And he *was as* strong as the oaks;
Yet I destroyed his fruit above
And his roots beneath.
10 Also *it was* I *who* brought you up from the land of Egypt,
And led you forty years through the wilderness,
To possess the land of the Amorite.



Chapter 3-6 – Three Oracles

- **Authority of the Prophet's Message**
- Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:
- ²“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”
- ³ Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?
⁴ Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?
Will a young lion ^{4a} cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?
⁵ Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no ^{5a} trap for it?
Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?
⁶ If a ^{6a} trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?
If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done *it*?



Chapter 5 – Funeral Song...

- **A Lament for Israel**
- Hear this word which I take up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel:
- ² The virgin of Israel has fallen;
She will rise no more.
She lies forsaken on her land;
There is no one to raise her up.
- ³ For thus says the Lord GOD:
- “The city that goes out by a thousand
Shall have a hundred left,
And that which goes out by a hundred
Shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”





Chapters 7-9 – Five Visions..

- The Locusts
- The Fire
- The Plumbline
- The Summer fruits
- The LORD standing by the Altar

Restoration...



- “On that day I will raise up
The [\[i\]](#)tabernacle of David, which
has fallen down,
And [\[i\]](#)repair its damages;
I will raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the days of
old;
- ¹² That they may possess the
remnant of Edom, [\[k\]](#)
And all the Gentiles who are
called by My name,”
Says the LORD who does this
thing.

Restoration...



- “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD,
“When the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
The mountains shall drip with sweet wine,
And all the hills shall flow *with it*.”

Restoration...



- I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*;
- They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.
- ¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.



LESSONS...