

Amos

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AMOS

BOOK OF FIERY JUDGMENT

The "Just-A" Prophet

9 ch. / 146 vs / 4,126 words

Just-A Farmer
- shepherd

A Jew but
he prophesied to
Israel (not from
Jerusalem)

AUTHOR

- Amos -- His name means "**burden-bearer**." (1:1)
- **He was not trained in the school of the prophets, but was a herdsman of Tekoa**, a wilderness region west of the Dead Sea. (7:14-15)
- He prophesied in Israel, but was a native of Judah.

DATE

- This book was written ca. 765-755 B.C.
- Amos preached when Israel was at the zenith of her power (6:1). His ministry was just before that of Hosea.

THEME

"JUDGMENT FOR ABUSED PRIVILEGE"

- I. The **Privilege** of the People
 - *With great privilege comes great responsibility. Israel was privileged above all others (3:1-2).
- II. The **Promise** of Judgment
 - *Because Israel rejected God's Word sent through His prophets, God would send the fire of His judgment! (2:11-12; 4:2, 12; 5:21-27)
 - *This is pictured clearly in the vision of the plumbline. Israel did not meet God's divine standard (7:7-9).
- III. The **Prospect** of Restoration
 - *In the future kingdom, Christ will restore Israel "as in the days of old." (9:11-15)

OUTLINE

- I. Eight "Burdens" (ch. 1-2)
- II. Three Sermons (ch. 3-6)
- III. Five "Visions" (ch. 7-9)

KEY VERSE

"Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Amos 4:12

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The phrase "**thus saith the LORD**" occurs 40 times in this book. Amos spoke with authority, the authority of the Word of God.
- One narrative passage in the book shows us a great deal about Amos (7:10-17).
 1. His **Call** -- "the LORD took me"
 2. His **Courage** -- "hear thou the word of the LORD"
 3. His **Conviction** - "thus saith the LORD..."

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

- Amos himself pictures Christ.
 - *He was of lowly birth. He depended wholly on God's Word. He was charged with treason. He suffered reproach from religious leaders.