
Amos

Foundations of the Faith

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Amos

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Focus	<i>The Judgment of Israel</i>
Key Word	<i>Judgment</i>
Key Verses	<i>Amos 3:1-2; Amos 8:11-12</i>
Key Chapter	<i>Amos 9</i>
Location	<i>Northern Kingdom of Israel</i>
Time	<i>c. 7 years (760 B.C. - 753 B.C.)</i>
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Eight Judgments of Surrounding Nations (1:3 – 2:3)	
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Amos is a minister to the northern kingdom, but comes from the southern kingdom, about 12 miles south of Jerusalem from the rural area of Tekoa. Amos was a shepherd, who supplemented his income by taking care of "sycamore trees" (wild figs) and lived in the middle of the eighth century B.C., during the reign of Uzziah, King of Judah (767 - 739 B.C.) and Jeroboam II, King of Israel (782 – 753 B.C.), the reign of the two kings overlapped from 767 to 753 B.C.

It is generally believed that Amos prophesied about 760 B.C. Amos places a historical marker to his prophecy, noting that God sent him to deliver his message "two years before the earthquake," which Zechariah referenced 200 years later. Additionally, astronomical calculations indicate a solar eclipse occurred in Israel on June 15, 763 B.C., which Amos seems to reference in his message. **Amos 1:1, 8:9; Zechariah 14:5**

Amos 1:1: The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

Amos 8:9: "It will come about in that day," declares the Lord GOD, "that I will make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight."

Zechariah 14:5: You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

Amos ministered during the time of Obediah, Joel, and Jonah (immediately preceding Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah) when Uzziah reigned in Judah and successfully defeated the enemies of Judah and strengthened the walls of Jerusalem. The country was prosperous under his leadership, and for a time the influence of Amos was spiritually constructive; ultimately, his pride was his undoing. **2 Kings 14:16-15:7; 2 Chronicles 26:16-23**

At the same time, Israel was enjoying a time of political security as the struggle with Syria had ended with victory for Israel; Jeroboam had "restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain." As the people of Israel, seeing their economic and political success, and God's deliverance from their previous enemies (equating deliverance with approval of their actions and attitudes), found in comprehensible that the LORD would judge them for their lifestyle. Thus, Amos' message fell on deaf ears. **2 Kings 14:25**

Adultery, robbery, and murder characterized the nation of Israel's social life and were reflective of the pride and carelessness of the ruling classes. The luxury of the wealthy was built upon injustice and oppression of the poor. **Amos 2:6-8; 3:15; 4:1; 5:7-12; 6:3-6; 8:4-6; Hosea 4:1-2,11-13; 6:8-10; 12:7-8**

Amos 2:6-8: Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they sell the righteous for money And the needy for a pair of sandals. 7 "These who pant after the very dust of the earth on the head of the helpless Also turn aside the way of the humble; and a man and his father resort to the same girl in order to profane My holy name. 8 "On garments taken as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.

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Amos 3:15: "I will also smite the winter house together with the summer house; the houses of ivory will also perish and the great houses will come to an end," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:1: Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, "Bring now, that we may drink!"

Amos 5:7: For those who turn justice into wormwood and cast righteousness down to the earth."

Amos 6:3-6: Do you put off the day of calamity, and would you bring near the seat of violence? 4 Those who recline on beds of ivory and sprawl on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, 5 who improvise to the sound of the harp, and like David have composed songs for themselves, 6 who drink wine from sacrificial bowls while they anoint themselves with the finest of oils, yet they have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph.

Amos 8:4-6: Hear this, you who trample the needy, to do away with the humble of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain, and the sabbath, that we may open the wheat market, to make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, and to cheat with dishonest scales, 6 so as to buy the helpless for money and the needy for a pair of sandals, and that we may sell the refuse of the wheat?"

Hosea 4:1-2: Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, For the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.

Hosea 4:11-13: Harlotry, wine and new wine take away the understanding. 12 My people consult their wooden idol, and their diviner's wand informs them; for a spirit of harlotry has led them astray, and they have played the harlot, departing from their God. 13 They offer sacrifices on the tops of the mountains and burn incense on the hills, under oak, poplar and terebinth, because their shade is pleasant. Therefore, your daughters play the harlot and your brides commit adultery.

Hosea 6:8-10: Gilead is a city of wrongdoers, Tracked with bloody footprints. 9 And as raiders wait for a man, so a band of priests murder on the way to Shechem; surely they have committed crime. 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim's harlotry is there; Israel has defiled itself.

Hosea 12:7-8: A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, He loves to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich, I have found wealth for myself; In all my labors they will find in me No iniquity, which would be sin."

The call of God came directly to Amos from God; Amos' message is a direct revelation from God. Israel did not accept/receive Amos' message – they rejected him and his message. After the rejection of his message, Amos returned to his home and recorded the Lord's message. ***Numbers 22:10-12; Amos 7:10-15; Jonah 3:1-2; Matthew 13:54-57***

Numbers 22:10-12: And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent word to me, 11'Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the land; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I may be able to fight against them, and drive them out.' " 12 And God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed."

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Amos 7:10-15: Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words. 11 "For thus Amos says, "Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile." 12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah and there eat bread and there do your prophesying! 13 "But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence." 14 Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. 15 "But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, "Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

Jonah 3:1-2: Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

Matthew 13:54-57: And coming to His home town He began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they became astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom, and these miraculous powers? 55 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and in his own household."

The clearest picture of Christ in Amos is found at the end of the book. Amos' message is a message of rebuke and forthcoming judgment, which is a type/picture of Christ, Who, Himself, has all authority to judge, but He will also restore His people. *Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 14:14-16; Psalms 2:7-9; 1 Corinthians 15:22-27; Revelation 11:15*

Amos 9:11-15: "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name," declares the LORD who does this. 13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved. 14 "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. 15 "I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Zechariah 9:14-16: Then the LORD will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; and the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, and will march in the storm winds of the south. 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them. And they will devour and trample on the sling stones; and they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; and they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, drenched like the corners of the altar. 16 And the LORD their God will save them in that day as the flock of His people; for they are as the stones of a crown, sparkling in His land.

Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Psalms 2:7-9: 'I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'

1 Corinthians 15:22-27: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him."

Revelation 11:15: Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

Message to Ephesus: Revelation 2:4-5: "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 "Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place -- unless you repent.

Message to Smyrna: Revelation 2:11: nothing

Message to Pergamum: Revelation 2:14-16: "But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. 15 "So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 "Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

Message to Thyatira: Revelation 2:20-23: "But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 "I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 22 "Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 "And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

Message to Sardis: Revelation 3:2-3: "Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. 3 "So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

Message to Philadelphia Revelation 3:13: nothing

Message to Laodicea Revelation 3:15-16: "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.