

The Book Of Amos

DATE & AUTHOR

Date: 793-739 B.C

Author: Amos

Herdsmen and fig farmer from Tekoa
(in Judah) (1:1-2, 7:14-15)

THEME

God is the universal Judge and is enacting His justice against all nations including His chosen people Israel. Amos is sent to the northern kingdom of Israel to speak out against idolatry, selfishness, and meaningless religiosity.

KEY VERSES

3:1-2 (God punishes Israel)
5:15 (Hate evil, love good)
9:11 (Restoration of God's people)

God's judgement against the nations
Amos 1:3-2:16

Damascus

Gaza

Tyre

Edom

Ammonites

Moab

Judah (southern kingdom)

Israel (northern kingdom)

God's judgement against Israel
Amos 3:1 - 6:14

People abandoned God

Seek the Lord and live

Meaningless sacrifices condemned

Trusting in comfort and excess condemned

Pride and arrogance condemned

God will send a nation against Israel (Assyrian empire 722 BCE)

Visions of judgment
Amos 7:1-9:10

Locusts
7:1-3

Fire
7:4-6

Plumb line
7:7-9

Ripe fruit
8:1-14

The Lord at the altar
9:1-10

Promise of hope
Amos 9:11-15

The booth (tent) of David is raised up.
"Jesus is coming"

God's people are rebuilt and restored.

God promises his people hope and security in Him forever.

Historical Notes

Jeroboam II - King of Israel - Bad king
(2 Kings 14:24)

Uzziah - King of Judah - Good king
(2 Chron. 26:4)

Amaziah - Priest of Bethel - Bad priest

Israel is enjoying a time of prosperity that has not been seen since the time of King Solomon. The people are overly comfortable. (Amos 6:1)

The city of Bethel is one of two sites of institutionalized idol worship in Israel. (1 Kings 12:25-33, Amos 3:14, Amos 5:4)

Amos and his message from God are largely unwanted and disliked by the current culture. (Amos 7:12-13)

