

Amos The LORD Roars from Zion



Amos: The Man and His Message (1:1-2)

Amos was a sheep-breeder from Tekoa in the southern kingdom of Judah who prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah (783-742 BC) and Jereboam II (786-746 BC) bringing a dramatic message of judgment to the northern kingdom.



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762 B.C.

Judgment on the Nations (1:3-2:5)

"I will not turn back my wrath. I will send fire." (1:4, 7, 10, 12, 14, 2:2, 5)

- Oracle against Damascus (Arameans) for brutality (1:3-5)
- Oracle against Gaza (Philistines) for enslavement (1:6-8)
- Oracle against Tyre (Phoenicians) for betrayal (1:9-10)
- Oracle against Edom (descendants of Esau) for lack of compassion (1:11-12)
- Oracle against the Ammonites (descendants of Lot) for violent greed (1:13-15)
- Oracle against Moab (descendants of Lot) for desecration (2:1-3)
- Oracle against Judah for disobedience and idolatry (2:4-5)



Judgment on Israel (2:6-16)

"I will not turn back my wrath. I will crush you." (2:13)

- Oracle against Israel
- Injustice • Sexual Perversion • Idolatry (2:6-9)
- Paraphrase: The faithfulness of the LORD (2:10-11)
- Judgment is inescapable (2:12-16)



The Word of the Lord to Israel (3:1-5:17)

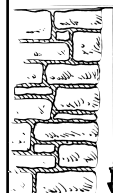
"Hear this word...." (3:1; 4:1; 5:1)

- The LORD will judge Israel by a foreign invasion and barely preserve her (3:1-15)
- The LORD will judge Israel for persistent sins of injustice and ritualism (4:1-13)
- The LORD laments the sins and judgment of Israel calling for repentance (5:1-17)

Woes to Israel (5:18-6:14)

"Woe to you...." (5:18; 6:1)

- False Hope: The Day of the LORD will be judgment, not blessing (5:18-27)
- False Security: The LORD will send Israel into exile for their pride (6:1-14)



Visions of Divine Retribution (7:1-9:10)

"This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me...." (7:1, 4, 7; 8:1)

- Vision of the locust - God relented (7:1-3)
- Vision of the fire - God relented (7:4-6)
- Vision of the tin wall (plumb line) - Israel is vulnerable (guilty) (7:7-9)
- Paraphrase: Amaziah the Priest attacks Amos the Prophet • Amaziah's accusation (7:10-13) • Amos' response (7:10-17) (7:14-17)
- Vision of the ripe fruit - God will not relent (8:1-3)
- Paraphrase: Judgments and a famine of the Word of the LORD (8:4-14)
- Vision of the Lord by the Altar - Judgment is certain (9:1-10)



The Lion Roars (1:2; 3:4; 3:8; 5:19)

Salvation Oracle: God will restore the nation (9:11-15)

- Restoration of the Davidic Kingdom and Dynasty. (9:11-12)
- Restoration to the Promised Land with security and prosperity (9:13-15)

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Divine Justice

Future
Restoration

Amos, a sheep-breeder and fig farmer from the southern kingdom of Judah, related messages of judgment against the northern kingdom of Israel, showing that idolatry, injustices of the wealthy, and ritualism in worship infuriated the LORD and demonstrated that they were not living according to the covenant in order to call them to repent and encourage the righteous remnant (both north and south) that the Lord will restore them.