

## Old Testament Survey : A M O S

**Author:** Amos (Name means "Burden-bearer")

He was born in Tekoa - about 12 miles south of Jerusalem. An area of rolling hills, olives, figs, and trees. He is not of priestly descent. He was as shepherd and fig grower.

**Date:** 764-753 (1:1 - the overlap of Uzziah & Jeroboam's reigns. The earthquake was in 760 B.C. and recorded in 2 Chron. 26:16f and in Antiquities 9:10:4 (Josephus). A solar eclipse occurred June 15, 763 B.C. which may have been on the minds of the people).

**Contemporaries:** Jonah & Hosea

**Theme:** Judgment of Israel - Religion and everyday life are inseparable; God holds His people accountable to His law both in letter and in spirit.

### **Outline:**

- I. Eight prophecies against nations. 1-2
- II. Three Sermons on Israel's sin. 3-6
- III. Five Visions of judgment. 7-9:10
- IV. Five promises of restoration of Israel. 9:11-15

### **Key Chapters & Verses**

- 7 Amos warns through visions: locusts, fire, plumbline.
- 9:8 Destroy sinful kingdom, but not totally
- 9:13-15 Future hope of restoration of Israel

Context: 2 Kings 14:23-15:7. Contemporary with Hosea

### **Detailed Outline**

- I. Eight prophecies against nations. Chapters 1-2
  - A. Introduction (1:1-2)
  - B. Judgment Against Syria (1:3-5)
  - C. Judgment Against Philistia (1:6-8)
  - D. Judgment Against Phoenicia (1:9-10)

E. Judgment Against Edom (1:11,12)

F. Judgment Against Ammon (1:13-15)

G. Judgment Against Moab (2:1-3)

H. Judgment Against Judah (2:4-5)

I. Judgment Against Israel (2:6-16)

II. Three Sermons on Israel's sin. Chapters 3-6

A. First Sermon: Israel's Present (Chapter 3)

1. Judgment is Deserved (3:1-10)

2. Judgment is Described (3:11-15)

B. Second Sermon: Israel's Past (Chapter 4)

1. Judgment is Deserved (4:1-5)

2. Judgment is Demonstrated (4:6-11)

3. Judgment is Described (4:12-13)

C. Third Sermon: Israel's Future (Chapters 5-6)

1. Judgment is Deserved (5:1-15))

- 2. Judgment is Described (5:16-6:14)
  - a. The First Woe of Judgment (5:16-27)

- b. The Second Woe of Judgment (6:1-14)

### III. Five Visions of judgment. (7:1-9:10)

- A. Vision of the Locusts (7:1-3)

- B. Vision of the Fire (7:4-6)

- C. Vision of the Plumb Line (7:7-9)

- D. Historical Interlude - Opposition by Amaziah (7:10-17)

- E. Vision of the Summer Fruit (8:1-14)

- F. Vision of the Stricken Doorposts (9:1-10)

### IV. Five promises of restoration of Israel. (9:11-15)