



# Amos

## Background

- Amos was a shepherd and farm worker from a country village in Judah (1:1; 7:14-15) called to take God's message to the spiritual center of the Northern Kingdom.
- He prophesied during the reigns of King Uzziah of Judah and Jeroboam II of Israel. His book was written sometime around 762 BC.
- He was contemporaries with Isaiah and Hosea. Isaiah's background was refinement and culture, Amos' was rough and rugged country living. If Hosea was the prophet of the broken heart, Amos was the prophet of the pointed finger.

## Roadmap

### 1. The Prophecies of Amos (1:1-2:16)

- A. Against the nations (1:3-2:3)
- B. Against Judah and Israel (2:4-16)

### 2. The Sermons of Amos (3:1-6:14)

- A. "Privileged, Yet Punished" (3)
- B. "Prepare to Meet God" (4)
- C. "A Funeral Dirge for Israel" (5:1-17)
- D. "Rebuke for the Religious" (5:18-27)
- E. "At Ease in Zion" 6:1-14

### 3. The Visions of Amos (7:1-9:15)

- A. Visions of Ruin (7:1-9:10)
- B. A Vision of Restoration (9:11-15)

## Landmark

The theme of Amos is "Straight Truth for Crooked People." . God measured His people against the plumb line of His Word. They were "out of plumb" and would be torn down (7:7-9). .

## Must See

"Amos' name and mission - that of *burden-bearer* - foreshadowed Christ's mission and work on the cross. Amos carried the weight of a difficult message - a prophecy of judgment on Israel and her enemies - but that message ended with God's promise to rebuild David's dynasty and restore His people to the land He promised would be theirs. In a similar way, Jesus came to bear our burdens - the crushing weight of sin - with the ultimate goal of restoration." Skip Heitzig, *The Bible From 30,000 Feet*

## Takeaway

1. There is always a place for a dedicated messenger.
2. God delights in calling unlikely, ordinary people.
3. Before God judges, He warns.