

SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: AMOS

Amos The Man

The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. (1:1)

Who: Sheepbreeder (cf. 7:14,15 => farmer) *We see the sovereignty of God here in His choice of a sheepbreeder and a farmer to be His messenger, instead of a son of the prophet from the school of the prophets.*

When: *During the reign of Jeroboam II (contemporary of Jonah)*

Where: Israel (north). He was from Tekoa (Judah, south), yet he was called to go to minister in Israel in the north. In fact, **7:12-13** tells us that his pulpit is in Bethel. Again, we see the sovereignty of God, not only in choosing whom He wills, but calling His servants to minister in where He wills.

To Whom: *People of Israel*

3:15, 5:11, 6:4-6 → rich
4:4, 5:21-23, 8:10 → religious
2:6-7, 5:12, 8:5 → repulsive
4:6-11 → recalcitrant

Amos The Book

Amos 1:2-3:8	The Roar of the Lion
Amos 3:9-6:14	The Encircling Foe
Amos 7:1-9:15	The Sovereign Yahweh

Amos The Message

- (a) *Privilege brings peril. When more is given, more will be required.*
- (b) *The past cannot replace the present. Your walk with God must be in the present tense.*
- (c) *Crimes and sins cannot be separated. Behind our crimes is our sins, our rebellion against God.*

Theme: **4:12** *Prepare to meet your God!*