



AMOS

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Judgments on surrounding nations Amos 1-3

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“Amos, whose name occurs nowhere else in the OT outside of his prophecy, was born in the Southern Kingdom of Judah in Tekoa. He was not the son of a prophet (see 7:14-15) nor a prophet from his birth (cp.Jer.1:5), but a herdsman, a sheep-tender, and a cultivator of sycamore trees.” “He was a contemporary of Hosea and, although born in Judah, was sent by God to prophesy to the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, its religious center. **While Hosea emphasizes the love of God in the midst of His judgments, Amos sets forth the majesty and uncompromising righteousness of God against sinners.** His prophetic messages and visions are (with the exception of the last) of a threatening nature. They are directed against the low moral condition of the people and especially against their apostasy from the Lord to worship idols.” “The days of Uzziah in Judah and Jeroboam II in Israel were marked by great prosperity, in fact the most prosperous for the Northern Kingdom.” “The moral declension and degradation of the people were appalling.” “Amos foretold chastisement from the Lord (1:2) but did not name the foreign invader—Assyria—to be the scourge of the Lord. Though verse 1 of this prophecy mentions Uzziah, it is clear that the object of the prophecy is Israel in particular.” CLF

Monday—prayerfully read and ask for enlightenment in Amos 1.

1-4. List the different nations (or their cities/capitals) being judged in this chapter; how many are there? _____

5. Give the pattern (formula) the prophet (Amos) uses for each of his pronouncements against the nations. _____

6. Take a scriptural thought with you for the day!

Tuesday—prayerfully review Amos 1.

1. What was Amos' occupation when he was called to be a prophet (1:1)? _____

2. What will the LORD do from Zion and Jerusalem, and what shall the habitations of the shepherds and the top of Carmel do (1:2)? _____

3-5. List the sins committed against Israel by each of the following nations.
Syria (1:3-5): _____
Philistia (1:6-8): _____
Tyrus (1:9-10): _____
Edom (1:11-12): _____

Ammon (1:13-15): _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (1:2?), and take it with you for the day!

Wednesday—prayerfully read Amos 2.

1-3. List the sins of each of the following nations.

Moab (2:1-3): _____

Judah (2:4-5): _____

Israel (2:6-16): _____

4. Why do you suppose so many more verses are given to describe the sins of Israel over Judah (and the other nations) (2:4-16)? _____

5. How can you encourage yourself in this passage in your pursuit of God?! _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (2:12?), and take it with you for the day!

Thursday—prayerfully read Amos 2.

1-3. What punishments will come on each of these nations?

Moab (2:1-3): _____

Judah (2:4-5): _____

Israel (2:14-16): _____

4. What point can be made in putting 2:11 beside 2:12? _____

5. Give a practical application of this passage. _____

6. Memorize a portion of scripture that helps you admire Him (v.11?), and take “it” with you for the day!

Friday—prayerfully consider Amos 3:1-8.

1. Who specifically was called to hear this message (3:1)?

2. What special privilege did the children of Israel have (3:2)?

3. How many rhetorical questions (questions with obvious answers) are asked in 3:3-8? _____

4. What do these questions have in common (besides being rhetorical)? This answer will take some time and thought!

5. Amos perhaps is offering a defense for his preaching—what is it (3:7-8)? _____

6. Memorize Amos 3:3, and take it with you for the day!

Saturday—prayerfully read Amos 3:9-15.

1. Which group of Israelites does it seem are being addressed in 3:9-10 (actually in all the verses in this section)? _____

2. Who shall bring down their strength (and palaces) (3:11)?

3. What body parts are taken out of the mouth of the lion (3:12)?

4. Where was Amos (?) told to testify (3:13)? _____

5. List the four houses to be smitten (3:15). _____

6. In your “pursuit of God” (meaning developing a better relationship with Him), what characteristic of Him could you consider and meditate on today taken from this passage?!

Sunday—prayerfully review Amos 1-3.

Judgments on surrounding nations Amos 4-6

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Monday—prayerfully read and ask for enlightenment in Amos 4 (and other portions in your daily reading plan)!

1. What do the kine of Bashan (apparently the wives of the rich men) say to their masters (husbands) (4:1)? _____

2. What has the LORD used as His “standard” for swearing (4:2)?

3. Consider the meaning of 4:3 of the KJV version in light of the Amplified enlargement (following); do you have a better “amplification”?! _____

“And you shall go out through the breaches [made in the city’s wall], every [woman] straight before her, and you shall be cast forth into Harmon [an unknown place of exile], says the Lord.”
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4. What is Amos' sarcasm in 4:4-5? _____

5. What did the LORD do to help them return to Him (4:6)?

6. Take a scriptural thought with you for the day! _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read again Amos 4.

1. Contrast between 4:6 and 4:7 how widespread God's chastening of the Israelites was. _____

2. How did the Israelites respond to the LORD's chastening (4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11)? _____
- 3-5. List the chastisements the LORD brought upon Israel (4:6-11). _____

6. List attributes of God (the "omni-'s") you see in 4:13, and take these thoughts of Him with you for the day! _____

Wednesday—prayerfully read Amos 5:1-13.

1. How do all three of Amos' sermons begin "in common" (3:1; 4:1; 5:1)? _____
2. What fraction of the cities would the LORD leave in Israel (5:3)? _____

3. What recourse did the Israelites have (to avoid further decimation) (5:4, 6, 8)?! _____

4. Describe some of God’s immensity (5:8). _____

5. Who is hated, and what is a possible (not absolute—see Pro.26:4-5) consequence of this (5:10, 13)?! _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (5:10?), and take it with you for the day!

Thursday—prayerfully read Amos 5:14-27.

1. What four commands were given Israel to do (for repentance) (5:14-15)? _____

2. Apparently if this turning (see previous question) does not occur, what awaits them (5:16-17)? _____

3. In what four places would wailing be found (5:16-17)? _____

4. Why “woe” on those who were desiring the day of the LORD (5:18-20)? _____

5. Why do you suppose the LORD told them that He hated their feast days (5:21-26)? _____

6. Memorize a portion of scripture that helps you admire Him (v.24?), and take “it” with you for the day! (Don’t miss v.27’s announcing specifically) what was ahead of them!

Friday—prayerfully read Amos 6.

1. What group of people does it seem Amos is addressing here (6:1, 4-6)? _____

2. What two wrongs were being confronted in 6:3 (do you suppose)? _____

3. How many “rich” characteristics did Amos enumerate (6:4-6)? _____

4. What do you suppose is the “affliction of Joseph” over which the Israelites were not grieved (6:6)? _____

5. What personal application can you make from this passage (6:1-7)? _____

6. Memorize Amos 6:1 (“a” at least), and take it with you for the day!

Saturday—prayerfully read again Amos 6.

1. What “city” is being referred to in 6:8 (probably not Jerusalem, because Amos is confronting the north)? _____

2. What percentage of the men will die when the LORD brings this judgment (6:9)? _____

3. What should the “fruit of righteousness” have been (do you suppose) (6:12)? _____

4. What were the people rejoicing in (6:13)? _____

5. What was to be their (soon?) chastisement (6:14)? _____

6. In your “pursuit of God” (meaning developing a better relationship with Him), what characteristic of Him could you consider and meditate on today taken from this passage?!

Sunday—prayerfully review Amos 4-6.

Memorize a portion of **scripture**, and take “it” with you for the day!

Five visions and restoration (9:11-15)!
Amos 7-9

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Monday—prayerfully read and ask for enlightenment in Amos 7:1-9.

1. What common clause does Amos use to introduce four of his five visions (7:1, 4, 7; 8:1; 9:1)? _____

2. What was the first vision (7:1-2)? _____

3. What was the second vision (7:4)? _____

4. What prayer did Amos pray after seeing these first two visions, and how did the Lord respond (7:2-3, 5-6)? _____

5. What was the third vision (7:7)? _____

6. What did Amos pray after this third vision (7:7-9)? _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read again Amos 7:10-17.

1. Who was the priest of Bethel, and what two accusations did he make against Amos (7:10)? _____

2. What four (or five) things did the false priest of Bethel tell Amos (7:12-13)? _____

3. What was Amos doing when the LORD called him, and what did the LORD say to him (7:15)? _____

4. In response to Amaziah’s rebuke, how many bad things did Amos say would happen, and what did he emphasize would happen to Israel (7:17)? _____

5. Give something you can apply to your life from this section (7:10-17). _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (7:15?), and take it with you for the day!

Wednesday—prayerfully read Amos 8:1-7.

1. What was the fifth vision (8:1)? _____
2. What did the LORD say He would not do any more regarding Israel, and what will the songs in the temple be in that day (8:2-3)? _____
3. What three evil things were the Israelites doing (8:4-6)? (I will help with the second of the three! The second evil thing was their wanting “the new moon” and the Sabbath to be gone apparently because they were “boring” compared to their other pursuits.) _____

4. What was the first thing (4:2) and now the second thing the LORD swore by in Amos (8:7)? _____

5. Give something this section tells us about our God (8:1-7).

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (8:7?), and take it with you for the day!

Thursday—prayerfully read Amos 8:8-14.

1. What shall the land do, and its people (for the sin within it) (8:8)? _____

2. How many negative things will the LORD bring to pass in “that day,” and which two strike you as being most undesirable (8:9-10)? _____

3. What “worst” famine will the LORD send (8:11-12)?

4. What two things did the sinners of Samaria claim (8:14)?

5. Give something this section tells us about our God (8:8-14).

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (8:11), and take it with you for the day!

Friday—prayerfully read Amos 9:1-10.

1. What group of people does it seem Amos is addressing here who are trying to flee (but are unsuccessful) (9:1-4)?

2. How many places did these people attempt to flee to (9:2-4)? Please list them. _____
3. Give two of Amos' descriptions of God in 9:6. _____
4. What does He call His "children of Israel" in 9:8, and what does He say is upon them? _____
5. Where will He sift the house of Israel, and what was the timing of when this would happen (9:9)? _____
6. Memorize a portion of scripture that helps you admire Him (9:5-6?), and take "it" with you for the day

Saturday—prayerfully read again Amos 9:11-15.

1. When did the LORD say that He would raise up the tabernacle of David, and rebuild it (9:11)? _____
2. Who do you suppose is the "they" of 9:12, and whom will they possess besides the remnant of Edom (9:12)? _____
3. What area is specified as to blessing for the people of Israel (9:13)? _____

4. What did God promise to do for His people of Israel so that they could rebuild the cities and plant crops (9:14)? _____

5. What new (additional) promise does God give His people through Amos in 9:15? _____

6. In your “pursuit of God” (meaning developing a better relationship with Him), what characteristic of Him could you consider and meditate on today taken from this passage?!

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Memorize a portion of **scripture**, and take “it” with you for the day!