

# THE BOOK OF AMOS

ANCIENT MESSAGE FOR A MODERN WORLD

AMOS 6:1-8



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# THE PROPHET AMOS

- He was a shepherd in Tekoah (1:1)
- He was not a prophet by vocation (7:14-15)
  - There were schools of prophets (2 Kings 2:3, 5)
- “The LORD *took me* from tending flocks and gave me this commission,” (Amos 7:15)
- “rather, men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (1 Peter 1:20,21)



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## Timeline of Amos

Jeroboam II  
becomes king of  
Israel

793

Amos begins  
prophetic  
ministry

755

Micah begins  
prophetic  
ministry

753

Sargon II of Assyria  
conquers Israel

742

740

722

Uzziah becomes  
king of Judah

Hosea begins  
prophetic  
Ministry

Isaiah begins  
prophetic  
Ministry



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*Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7 NKJV)*

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# THE THEME OF AMOS

1. The Nations Around Israel are Wicked (1:3-2:5)
  2. Israel has Fellowshiped Their Wickedness (2:6-6:14)
  3. The LORD will Judge His People (7:1-9:10)
  4. The LORD will Restore His People (9:11-15)
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# THE OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF AMOS

## **I. INTRODUCTION TO AMOS.....1:1-2**

## **II. JUDGMENT OF EIGHT NATIONS .....1:3-2:5**

- A. Judgment on Damascus .....1:3-5
- B. Judgment on Gaza .....1:6-8
- C. Judgment on Tyre .....1:9-10
- D. Judgment on Edom .....1:11-12
- E. Judgment on Ammon .....1:13-15
- F. Judgment on Moab .....2:1-3
- G. Judgment on Judah .....2:4-5
- H. Judgment on Israel.....2:6-16

## **III. JUDGMENT OF ISRAEL .....3:1-6:14**

- A. First Sermon: Israel's Present .....3:1-15
- B. Second Sermon: Israel's Past .....4:1-13
- C. Third Sermon: Israel's Future.....5:1-6:14

## **IV. FIVE VISIONS OF JUDGMENT .....7:1-9:10**

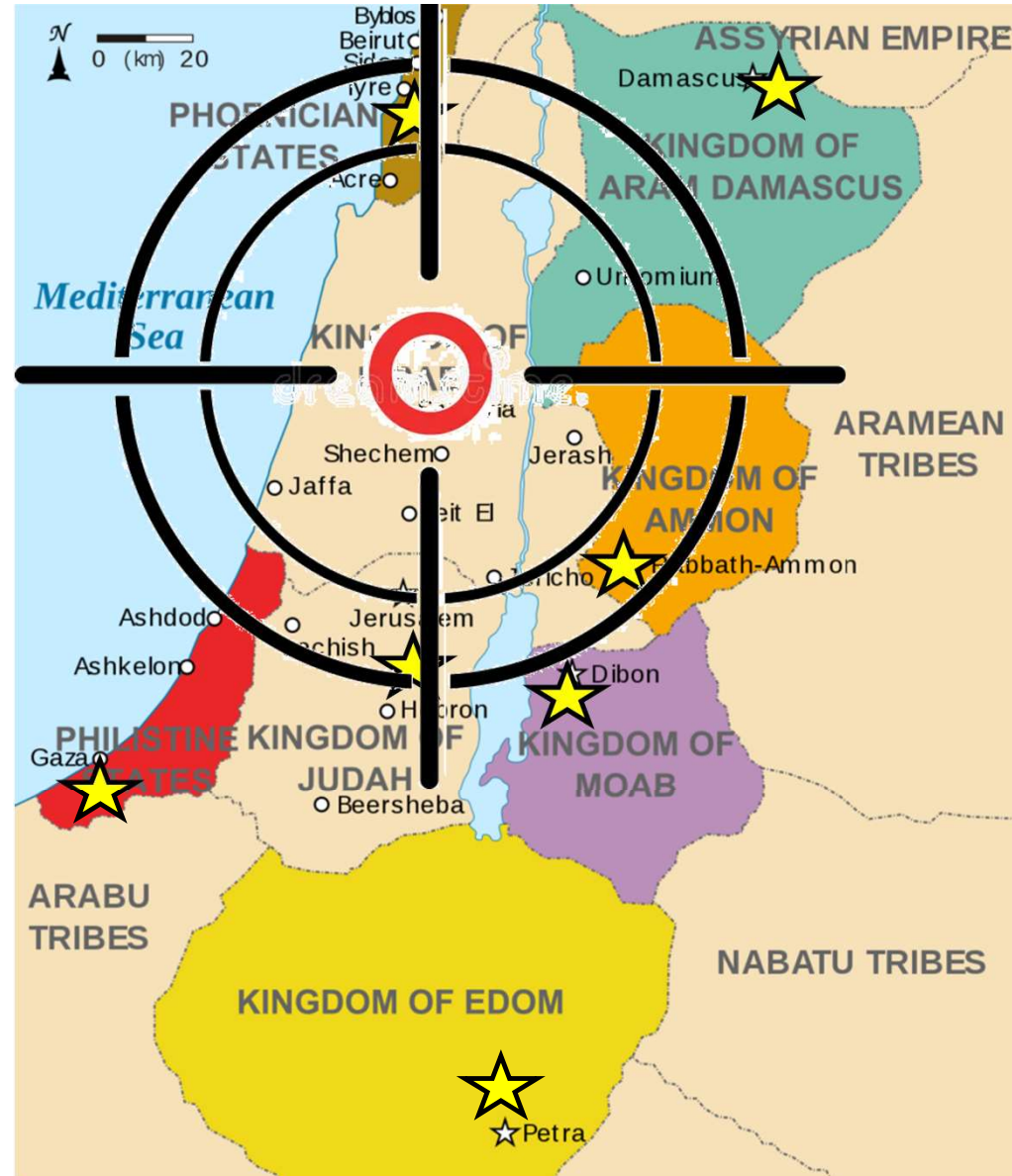
- A. Vision of the Locusts.....7:1-3
- B. Vision of the Fire..... 7:4-6
- C. Vision of the Plumb Line .....7:7-9
- D. Vision of the Summer Fruit ..... 8:1-14
- E. Vision of the Stricken Doorposts .....9:1-10

## **V. FIVE PROMISES OF RESTORATION ...9:11-15**



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# THE JUDGMENT OF SEVEN NATIONS





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## JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL (2:6-6:14)

- Human trafficking – 2:6
  - They oppress the poor – 2:7
  - They commit abominable sexual immorality – 2:7
  - They commit idolatry – 2:8
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# JUDGEMENT AGAINST ISRAEL (2:6-6:14)

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# FIVE VISIONS OF JUDGMENT (7:1-9:10)

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- B. Visions of the Fire .....7:4-6
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**"See, I am setting  
a plumb line in  
the midst of  
my people  
Israel..." Amos 7:8**

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# THE DAY OF THE LORD IN AMOS

“Woe to those who wish for *the day of the LORD!* Why do you want *the LORD’s day of judgment* to come? It will bring darkness, not light. Disaster will be inescapable, as if a man ran from a lion only to meet a bear, then escaped into a house, leaned his hand against the wall, and was bitten by a poisonous snake. Don’t you realize *the LORD’s day of judgment* will bring darkness, not light – gloomy blackness, not bright light?”

(Amos 5:18-20 NET)

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Woe to those who live in ease in Zion, to those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. They think of themselves as the elite class of the best nation. The family of Israel looks to them for leadership. They say to the people: "Journey over to Calneh and look at it! Then go from there to Hamath-Rabbah! Then go down to Gath of the Philistines! Are they superior to our two kingdoms? Is their territory larger than yours?" You refuse to believe a day of disaster will come, but you establish a reign of violence. They lie around on beds decorated with ivory, and sprawl out on their couches. They eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the middle of the pen. They sing to the tune of stringed instruments; like David they invent musical instruments. They drink wine from sacrificial bowls, and pour the very best oils on themselves. Yet they are not concerned over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore they will now be the first to go into exile, and the religious banquets where they sprawl on couches will end.

(Amo 6:1-7 NET)



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## THE FIVE PROMISES OF THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL (9:11-15)

1. I will raise up the tabernacle of David which has fallen down (9:11)
2. The plowman shall overtake the reaper (9:13)
3. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel (9:14)
4. They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them (9:14)
5. I will plant them in their land (9:15)





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## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- We too are compassed by the wicked  
1 Peter 5:8
  - We must not have fellowship with darkness, but instead rebuke it!  
Ephesians 5:11
  - The LORD will judge his people, therefore repent – Hebrews 10:28-31
  - The LORD knows how to rescue His people – 2 Peter 2:4-9
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