

Bible Study – Outline

Amos

God's Judgment

<u>Time Period</u>	Events between 760-750BC During the reign of Jeroboam II
<u>Audience</u>	The people of Israel – Northern Kingdom
<u>Location</u>	Samaria

Major Theme(s)

- Judgment
- All are equal in God's sight
- God will not compromise with our sin or our hypocrisy.
- God is patient, merciful and loving and wants the best for us

Key People

Amos

A shepherd

Contemporary of Isaiah and Hosea

Amaziah – A priest

Jeroboam II – King of Israel

Amos

THE EIGHT JUDGMENTS	1 -2
Against Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, and Israel	
THE THREE MESSAGES OF JUDGMENT	3-6
The judgment against Israel is just	3
The past sins of Israel	4
The future of Israel	5-6
FIVE VISIONS OF JUDGMENT	7-9
Locusts, fire, and the plumb line	7
The summer fruit	8
The shaken pillars	9:1-10
Five promises of restoration	9:11-15

Key Scriptures

The sins of the nations (Chaps. 1 and 2)

Damascus	People's cruelty
Gaza	Slave trade
Tyre	For breaking agreements
Edom	People's forgiveness and hatred of Israel
Ammon	Greed
Moab	Hatred of Israel
Judah	They had despised God's law.
Israel	Corruption and injustice

Amos 3:1-2	"You only have I chosen...." see Luke 12:48, I Peter 4:17
Amos 3:7	God reveals to His prophets first
Amos 4:1-11	"yet, you have not returned to me"
Amos 4:12	"prepare to meet your God.."
Amos 5:24	"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."
Amos 5:4,6	"Seek me and live"
Amos 5:11-15	Deal justly with all Seek good, not evil
Amos 7:10-11	Amos is raising a conspiracy
Amos 7:14	".... but I was a shepherd"
Amos 8:11	Famine of hearing the word
Amos 9:11-12	"In that day...." see reference in Acts 15:16-18
Amos 9:13-14	"I will bring my people back...."

Discussion Questions

1. Amos was a shepherd. Why did God choose a shepherd as His prophet?
2. Why was God harder on Israel than on any of the other nations?
(Amos 3:1-2)
3. Amos 3:15 describes different types of houses. What is the symbolism?
4. A show of being religious is described in Amos 4:1-5. Does this apply in our age?
5. What are the 5 acts of discipline that God has used to awaken Israel and to stop their downward direction? Amos 4
6. Amos 5:21-24 (Compare with Jer. 7:22-23 and Matt. 23:23-24)
7. Amos 8:1 what kind of famine is being described here? How can this happen?

Resources Used

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