

# INTRODUCTION TO Amos

**READ ALONG**

07/06-08 Amos 1-9

**WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?**

- 27. DANIEL
- 28. HOSEA
- 29. JOEL
- 30. **AMOS**
- 31. OBADIAH
- 32. JONAH
- 33. MICAH

**KEY VERSES**

**Amos 3:2-3**, "I have known only you out of all the clans of the earth; therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities. Can two walk together without agreeing to meet?"

**Amos 5:4**, "For the Lord says to the house of Israel: Seek me and live!"

**Amos 5:14-15**, "Pursue good and not evil so that you may live, and the Lord, the God of Armies, will be with you as you have claimed. Hate evil and love good; establish justice at the city gate. Perhaps the Lord, the God of Armies, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."

**Amos 7:14-15**, "So Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was not a prophet or the son of a prophet; rather, I was a herdsman, and I took care of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**Amos 8:11**, "Look, the days are coming—this is the declaration of the Lord God—when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

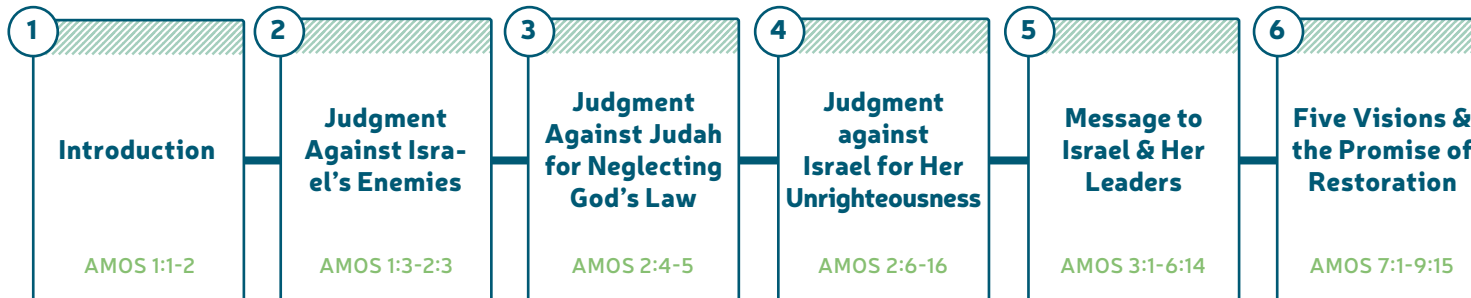
**Amos 9:11-15**, "In that day I will restore the fallen shelter of David: I will repair its gaps, restore its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name—this is the declaration of the Lord; he will do this. Look, the days are coming—this is the Lord's declaration—when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one who treads grapes, the sower of seed. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel. They will rebuild and occupy ruined cities, plant vineyards and drink their wine, make gardens and eat their produce. I will plant them on their land, and they will never again be uprooted from the land I have given them. The Lord your God has spoken."

**KEY THEME**

God will judge the sins of His elect. God wants His chosen people to repent. God calls who He wills for His purposes. God is Sovereign and will restore the nation of Israel.

**BASIC STRUCTURE**

9 CHAPTERS



**BOOK BASICS**



**DATE**  
792-740 BC



**TYPE**  
Prophecy



**AUTHOR**  
Amos

Amos is from Tekoa in the Southern Kingdom, approximately 6 miles south of Bethlehem (1:1). He was a shepherd who also took care of sycamore figs (7:14). Amos was called by God to prophecy judgment against three groups of people: 1) the surrounding nations for their sins against humanity, 2) the Southern Kingdom for neglecting God's laws, and 3) the Northern Kingdom for their moral and spiritual decay. The poor were being abused for legal economic exploitation (slavery accepted). All 12 tribes of Israel were very religious but none of their "religious" practices were acceptable to God.