

Amos – 9 Chapters

Title:

Amos- after its author.

Author:

Written by Amos. Amos was a farmer from Tekoa in Judah (the Southern Kingdom) who prophecies to Israel (the Northern Kingdom).

Occasion and Purpose:

The increased prosperity of the Northern Kingdom brought increasing decadence and idolatry. The rich and powerful were taking advantage of the poor and weak. This is a symptom of the deeper issue of idolatry. Amos calls Israel to repentance and warns of judgment.

Themes:

1. Social Justice
2. No Ritual without Reality

Summary:

Warnings to Israel that her future contained only judgment unless she repented of her sins. Amos speaks out against spiritual sins and sins of social injustice and oppression.

Organization:

Against the Nations	Intro. – 1:1-2		1:1-2:5
	Against Damascus – 1:3-5		
	Against Gaza – 1:6-8		
	Against Tyre – 1:9-10		
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	Word to the people of Israel – 3:1-15		
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	Word to the house of Israel – 5:1-17		
	Woe to those who wait for the Day of the Lord – 5:18-27		
	Woe to those who are complacent – 6:1-14		
	5 images of Judgment	Locust – 7:1-3	
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Message: Judgment on Israel – 8:5-14			
Shaking Temple – 9:1-4			
Future Hope	God’s sovereignty – 9:5-7		9:5-15
	Sinners will be punished – 9:8-10		
	Restoration of exiled Israel – 9:11-15		

Key Verses:

5:21-24; 8:4-12; 9:11