

AMOS

A 5 Day Bible Study



Read Amos 1:1

King Solomon was the third and final king of the united kingdom of Israel, after which time the nation was divided. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin composed the southern kingdom of Judah with its capital city of Jerusalem, and the other ten tribes made up the northern kingdom of Israel with its capital city of Samaria.

1. What details are shared about this prophet, his target audience, his place and time?
(also see Amos 7:14-15)
2. From 2 Chronicles 26:1-23, summarize the life of King Uzziah of Judah.
3. From 2 Kings 14:23-27, record facts you learn about Jeroboam and his reign.
4. List several principles you learn from the lives of these two kings.

Imagine a shepherd being asked to deliver a tough message in the cultural context above. What has God asked you to do for which you could feel unqualified, and what is your response?

Read Amos 1:1-3:2

1. How was the Lord's voice characterized in 1:2, and what implications does this have? (also see Amos 3:8)
2. What repeated phrases do you find in 1:3-2:3, and what do you learn about the nations surrounding Israel and Judah? Identify each place mentioned on the map.
3. What do you observe about God's judgment on his own people of Judah and Israel in 2:4-8 & 13-16? (also see Col 3:25) Name categories of sins of which they were guilty.
4. Why should the behavior of God's people have been different from the surrounding nations? (2:9-11, 3:1-2, also see Rom 9:4-5)
5. From this passage, what can you infer about God's response to sin?

What has God given you in your generation to be spiritually successful?

Read Amos 3:3-5:17

1. What is the point of Amos' questions in 3:3-6, and what characteristics does verse 7 reveal about God?
2. What specific warnings did Amos prophecy against Israel (3:11, 5:1-3 & 27, 6:14), and what analogy did Amos the shepherd use to describe the devastation the "lion" would wreak? (3:12)
3. What was Amos' warning to wealthy Israelites, and what warning can you extrapolate for people today? (3:15, 4:1-3, 5:11-12, 6:4-7, 8:4 & 6)
4. Look for the repeated phrase in Amos 4:6-12. What is the purpose of what God allows or withholds, and what were the dire consequences when the warnings were ignored? (v. 12)
5. Despite their many transgressions, what plea does the Lord make in 5:4, 6, 14-15, and what does this teach you about his heart toward his people?

Read Isaiah 55:6-7. In practical terms, what does it mean for you to seek God?

Read Amos 5:18-7:17

1. In your own words, explain the day of the Lord as Amos described it in 5:18-20.
2. From 5:21-24, how did God feel about their religious displays, and why did he feel that way? (see 6:8)

How do you guard against mere religiosity in your spiritual walk?

3. Amos experienced multiple visions from the Lord. Record the first two visions (7:1-6) and the exchange between Amos and the Lord after each one.
4. How did the plumb line describe God's standard for his people?
5. Describe the interaction between Amos and Amaziah the priest. What personal characteristics did Amos demonstrate?

Read Amos 6:1. Is there an area where the ease of life has caused you to become complacent? Ask God what he would have you do about that.

Read Amos 8-9

1. From the visions in 8:1-8 and 9:1-10, what stands out to you about the judgment to come?
2. What specific event was prophesied in 8:9-10? (see Lk 23:44-46) How was this future event related to the current state of Israel at the time of Amos' writing?
3. Explain the "famine" that was to come (8:11-14). How would this type of famine affect people both then and now?
4. Despite Israel's failure to heed the dire warnings of Amos' message, record the message of hope that concluded his prophecy.

What do these glorious promises reveal about God?

As you consider the message of Amos, what personal applications will you take away?

