

Part Two: Amos

Jeroboam and the Prophets

Jeroboam II Reigns

- Longest reigning king of Israel: 41 years
- God gave him peace and prosperity
 - Restored borders to nearly those of Solomon
 - Gained control of the capital of Syria
- He was a wicked king
- God sent many prophets

2 Kings 14:23-29

The Prophecy of Amos

- Introduction (1:1-2)

Amos 1:1–2 (ESV)

1 The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. **2** And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”

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- Promises of Restoration (9:11-15)

Amos 1:3–5 (ESV)

3 Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. 4 So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad. 5 I will break the gate-bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir,” says the LORD.

2 Kings 10:32–33 (ESV)

32 In those days the LORD began to cut off parts of Israel. Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel: **33** from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, that is, Gilead and Bashan.

The Eight Fires of Judgment



2 Kings 14:28 (NASB95)

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he fought and how he recovered for Israel, Damascus and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

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The Eight Judgments



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Amos 2:4–5 (ESV)

4 Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked. 5 So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”

The Eight Fires of Judgment



Amos 2:13–16 (ESV)

13 “Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down. **14** Flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not retain his strength, nor shall the mighty save his life; **15** he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life; **16** and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day,” declares the LORD.

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Amos 3:11–12 (ESV)

11 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “An adversary shall surround the land and bring down your defenses from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered.” **12** Thus says the LORD: “As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.



Amos 4:1–3 (ESV)

1 “Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, ‘Bring, that we may drink!’ **2** The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. **3** And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon,” declares the LORD.

God Tried Everything – Amos 4

- Famine
- No rain
- Inconsistent rain
- Blight and mildew
- Locusts
- Pestilence
- Sword
- Near total annihilation

“... yet you did not return to me...”

“Therefore... Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

Amos 5:18–20 (ESV)

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, **19** as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. **20** Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

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Amos 8:4–6 (ESV)

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, 5 saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, 6 that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

Five Visions of Judgment

- Locusts eating up all the grass
- Fire eating up the land
- The plumb line of the LORD
- Basket of summer fruit
- The LORD in the idol temple

Amos 9:1 (ESV)

1 I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said: "Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake, and shatter them on the heads of all the people; and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword; not one of them shall flee away; not one of them shall escape.

Amos 9:2–4 (ESV)

2 “If they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down. 3 If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I will search them out and take them; and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them. 4 And if they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them; and I will fix my eyes upon them for evil and not for good.”

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11 “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, **12** that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this.

Amos 9:11–15 (ESV)

13 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. **14** I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. **15** I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

Applications

- Being surrounded by wickedness does not mean you are righteous
- God will try just about anything to get us to repent
- God's justice and mercy are evident
- God is always interested in restoration and reconciliation
- Prepare to meet your God!