

# Amos

## History/Context

Who is Amos?

- A prophet from Judah.
- A prophet to Israel.
- Lived during the reign of Jeroboam in Israel.

Israel at this Time

- Israel was thriving economically.
- With economic prosperity came oppression of the poor and idol worship.

## Literary Structure

Warnings against the nations (Amos 1&2)

- The surrounding nations are judged for war crimes.
- God's judgement and kingship is not exclusive to Israel but extends to all nations.

Judgement Speeches against Israel (Amos 3-6)

- Amos's judgement speeches took the form of prophetic lawsuit.
- Two broad categories of sin: Social and political injustice and Religious sins
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Vision Reports

1. Locust Plague
2. Dire/Drought
3. Plumb Line
  - a. The plumb line symbolizes God's measure of righteousness.
  - b. A city built with walls that are not plumb cannot expect to remain standing. Similarly, sinful people cannot expect to remain in right standing before God.
  - c. Jesus made a way to restore a right relationship with God.
  - d. We can be declared righteous and return to right standing with God through Jesus.
4. Fruit Basket
5. Israel's Destruction

Amos ends with a promise of Salvation.

- God is just and merciful in his judgement.
- God's mercy extends to all who place faith in Christ.