

Amos

1. Titles:

- A. Amos = burden bearer, or bearing a load
- B. The Book of Judgment
- C. The Book of Punishment

2. Author:

Written by Amos, the prophet of Punishment, who ministered to the House of Israel.

3. Date:

- A. Amos' ministry covered a period of about 10 years (765-755 B.C.), during the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel.
- B. Written between 765 and 755 B.C.

4. Key Words:

- A. Israel - 30
- B. Captive (ity) - 13
- C. Transgress (ion, ions) - 12
- D. Punish (ment) - 9

Key Phrases:

- A. "I will not turn away the punishment thereof" - 8
- B. "yet have ye not returned unto me" - 5

5. Key Verses: 4:11, 12

6. Purpose:

- A. To pronounce punishment upon The Gentile nations for their transgressions.
- B. To pronounce punishment upon Israel, the chosen nation, for their transgressions.
- C. To proclaim promises of restoration in Messianic times.

7. Message:

- A. God is sovereign over all nations and holds them accountable for their treatment of other races and nations.
- B. National sin brings national punishment.

8. Outline:

- I. Eight Burdens On Gentile Nations and Israel Ch. 1-2
(Announcement/Sentence/Sins)
- II. Three Discourses Against Israel Ch. 3-6
(Judgment Deserved/Judgment Decreed)
- III. Five Visions Concerning Israel Ch. 7-9
(Judgment Restrained/Judgment Determined/Judgment Executed)

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9. Summary:

Amos was a herdsman and was not educated in the schools of the prophets, neither was he of the priestly or kingly lines. Nevertheless he was chosen to be a prophet of Divine justice, upholding the righteousness of the law, and declaring judgments upon the sinful nations. His ministry deals particularly with the relationships between nations, denouncing their sins of inhumanity. Amos also gives the notable prophecy of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David and the Gentiles coming into blessing under Messiah's times (Acts 15:15-18).

10. Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as our "Burden-Bearer", not only bearing our sins (Isaiah 53:12), but also the burden of the Word of the Lord (John 1:1,2). He is the final Judge and Punisher of all nations (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) and he is the Builder of the church (Matthew 16:18,19), the spiritual Tabernacle of David.