

The Minor Prophets

Amos

1. Preached during Jeroboam II
 - a. Syria dominant power
2. Amos is from the Southern Kingdom and is sent to prophesy to the North
 - a. Amos 7:14 – Amos was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs
 - b. From Tekoah – Amos 1:1
3. Amos 1:2 *“The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”*
4. *For three transgressions of ... and for four...*
 - a. Amos 1:5 - Syria cruel and I will repay, I will break the bar of Damascus
 - b. Amos 1:6-8 - Repay Gaza for carrying people into captivity
 - c. Amos 1:9 – Send fire against the wall of Tyre for delivering a whole people to Edom
 - d. Amos 1:11-12 – against Edom because he pursued his brother with the sword...and kept his wrath forever
 - e. Amos 1:13-15 – Ammonites who ripped open pregnant women in Gilead to enlarge their borders
 - f. Amos 2:1-3 – Against Moab because he burned up the bones of Edom
5. Amos 2:4-5 – Against **Judah** (!)
 - a. Have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his statutes
 - b. Their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked
6. Amos 2:6-15 – Against Israel
 - a. 2:6 – sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
 - b. 2:7 – my name is profaned
 - c. 2:9 – I destroyed the Amorites
 - d. 2:10 – I brought you out of Egypt
 - e. 2:11 – I sent prophets
 - f. 2:13 – I will press you down and the mighty will perish
 - g. 2:16 – The mighty will flee naked
7. Utter shock and silence as judgment against Judah and Israel
8. Amos 3
 - a. 3:1 – Here this word that the Lord has spoken against you
 - b. 3:2 – You only have I known – so I will punish you for all your iniquities
 - i. Judgment against both nations
 - ii. Treats people as one (Judah and Israel)
 - iii. Covenant – You only have I known of all the families of the earth
 - c. 3:7 – Surely the Lord does nothing without revealing his secret to his prophets
 - d. 3:9 – Proclaim in Ashdod..assemble on mounts of Samaria
 - e. 3:10 – They do not know how to do right...who store up violence and robbery
 - f. 3:14 – that on the **day** I punish Israel for his transgression
 - g. 3: 15 – I will strike the winter house and the summer house and house of ivory will perish (Prosperity will be swept away)
9. Amos 4
 - a. 4:2 – They shall take you away with fish hooks

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- b. 4:4-5 – come to Bethel and transgress
 - i. They sacrifice every day and tithe twice a day
 - ii. Even worship is transgression
 - iii. Not a matter of zeal and sincerity (...for so you love to do...)
 - c. 4:6 – I withheld bread and you did not return (Covenantal)
 - d. 4:7-8 - I withheld rain and you did not return (Covenantal)
 - e. 4:9 – I struck your crops and you did not return (Covenantal)
 - f. 4:10 – I sent pestilence and you did not return
 - g. 4:11 – I overthrew you and you did not return
10. Amos 5
- a. 5:4 – Seek me and live but do not seek Bethel...
 - b. 5:6 – Seek the Lord and live lest he break out like fire
 - c. 5:8 – He who made the Pleiades and Orion (creation)
 - i. Covenant witnesses in the elements of creation
 - d. 5:10 – they hate the one who reproves in the gate and abhor him who speaks the truth (just Judges and Prophets)
 - e. 5:11 – you’ve built houses but you won’t live in them
 - f. 5:12 - You afflict the righteous and take bribes and oppress the poor
 - g. 5:18 – Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
 - i. It is darkness and not light
 - ii. It is judgment and not redemption for those who do not seek the Lord
 - h. 5:21-22 – I hate your feasts and assemblies
 - i. I don’t want to hear your praises
 - i. 5:25-27
 - i. You brought me sacrifices
 - 1. But also set up idols
 - 2. I will send you into exile beyond Damascus (Assyria)
11. Amos 6
- a. 6:2 – You’re no better than the Philistines
 - b. 6:4-6 – woe to you who live in luxury but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph
12. Amos 7-8: Four Visions
- a. Vision 1: Chapter 7:1-3 – vision of the locusts (like Joel)
 - i. Amos prays and Lord relents
 - ii. Nobody else intercedes, he intercedes alone
 - b. Vision 2: Chapter 7:4-6 – Judgment of fire (Amos intercedes)
 - c. Vision 3: Chapter 7:7-9 – Plumb line (but even Amos cannot intercede)
 - i. Chapter 7:10ff – Amaziah the priest tells him to go away
 - ii. Chapter 7:14 – I was no prophet but a herdsman and a sycamore tree tender but the Lord called him
 - iii. Chapter 7:17ff – Amaziah’s wife will be a prostitute
 - d. Vision 4: Chapter 8 – Basket of bitter summer fruit
 - i. Children of Israel are soft and useless

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- ii. All they're interested in is making a profit to take advantage of the poor
 - iii. Your feasts will turn into mourning
 - iv. 8:11 – I'll send a famine on the land of hearing the Lord
 - v. 8:12 – People will wander from sea to sea to seek the word of the Lord but will not find it
13. Amos 9 – The Lord will destroy Israel but there is hope for the future
- a. 9:8 – I will not utterly destroy
 - b. 9:9 – all those who deny judgment will die by the sword
 - c. Amos 9:11-15 - 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. 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.*
 - d. 9:11-12 – In that **day** I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches (Acts 15:16-18)
 - i. James at the Jerusalem Council: Acts 15:14-18 - 14 *Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 " 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things 18 known from of old.'*
 - ii. Restoration of the tabernacle of David will mean an ingathering of the Nations!
14. The Lord tears down but also gives hope that he will build back up