

# A LOOK AT THE BOOK AMOS

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## AUTHOR

Amos was an unlikely candidate for prophet.

His family background was not significant.

- 7:14 -Not a prophet
- Not a "son of a prophet"
- He was a farmer

His work was that of a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs.  
He came from Tekoa, ten miles south of Jerusalem (1:1)

He, a citizen of Judah, was called by God to take a message of judgment to Israel.

- 7:15 -He never asked for this job! God called him.

## DATE

Amos was a contemporary of Uzziah (767-39 B.C.) and Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.).  
These two kings ruled simultaneously from 767 to 753 B.C.

## BACKGROUND

Israel was having military success and becoming prosperous.  
At the same time, it was characterized by immorality and idolatry.

The message is given about thirty years before the destruction of Israel.  
Their course toward destruction was firmly set.

The political/socio-economic decline was about to begin.

The spiritual decline had already begun.

- 2:6-7; 8:4-6 -Injustice abounds
- 2:12 -They reject what Go has established
- 5:12 -Bribes
- 5:25-26 -Idolatry

## PURPOSE AND THEME

Amos attempts to warn the northern kingdom that judgment is coming soon.

His purpose is to call them to repentance in order to prevent their fall.

## ORGANIZATION

The book begins with a description of the judgment about to fall on the surrounding pagan nations 1-2

Each nation surrounding Israel is dealt with, slowly closing in and including Israel at the end.

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### THE JUST JUDGMENT OF GOD – A WARNING FOR ISRAEL

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