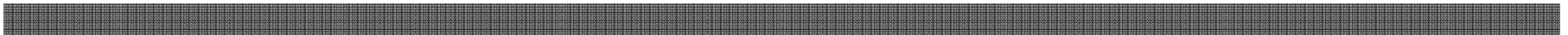




Amos Part 1: Introducing the Outsider Prophet



Amos 1:1

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

Time of Amos

755 BC

➤ *David 1000 BC, Monarchy divided in 930 BC*

➤ *Elijah and Elisha in 800's BC*

Israel and Judah are separate

Jeroboam II of Israel and Uzziah of Judah

First book of prophecy

Amos a “Minor” Prophet

Minor prophets are called minor just
because they are smaller

It's not fair to these important books

The Vibe in the Time of Amos

Peaceful and prosperous

Expanded territory

Upper class had gotten very wealthy

The poor were getting poorer

Resources were poured into extravagant
worship in beautiful buildings

Amos 1:1-2

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash 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 wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

What do we do with a book like Amos?

1. Very specific message for specific people
2. A prophet wakes people up

What do we do with a book like Amos?

There is a “dominant version” of reality

The prophet offers a “sub-version” of reality, a critique of the “dominant version”

About that Amos character

He was a shepherd from Tekoa



The places in Israel and Judah mentioned in the book of

Amos 7:10-17

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

Amos 7:10-17

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Amos 7:10-17

¹⁶ “Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.
You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’

¹⁷ Therefore thus says the LORD:

‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by
the sword,
and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from
its land.’”

About that Amos character

A simple man who worked with his hands

He is not in the official group of prophets

He just does what God tells him to do

About that Amos character

Amos must have an encounter with the true God, Yahweh

Parallels between the man & the message

There is a dominant version of reality that must be subverted, so God calls a shepherd and sycamore worker from the South to subvert the system that was in place