

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 108--Amos 1:1-2:16

Introduction: Amos has been called the prophet of justice. Because of the prosperity of Jeroboam II's kingdom as well as the introduction of calf worship by Jeroboam I many years before, the hearts of the Israelites had been turned away from God. God called Amos from his work of shepherding to call His wayward sheep in Israel back to Him.

Lesson aim: To show why God's judgment was pronounced against the nations of Amos' day.

Introduction to the prophecy--Amos 1:1-2

1. What was Amos's occupation? From what city was he?
2. In whose reign did Amos prophesy? Before what catastrophic event?
3. What message expresses the theme of Amos's prophecy? (v. 2)

Prophecies concerning various nations--Amos 1:3-2:16

1. Read the prophecy concerning Damascus (1:3-5). For what sin were the Syrians to be punished? What would their punishment be?
2. Read the prophecy concerning Philistia (1:6-8). For what sin were the Phillistines to be punished? What did God say he would do to them?
3. Read the prophecy concerning Tyre (1:9-10). For what two sins did God say Tyre would be punished? How would it be destroyed?
4. Read the prophecy concerning Edom (1:11-12). What were Edom's sins? What did God say he would send upon them?
5. Read the prophecy concerning Ammon (1:13-15). What horrible crime did the Ammonites commit? What did God promise to do to them for this?

6. Read the prophecy concerning Moab (2:1-3). What did the Moabites do to the king of Edom? What did God say would happen to them?
7. Read the prophecy concerning Judah (2:4-5). What were the sins of the southern kingdom of Judah? What did God say he would do to them for their sins?
8. Read the prophecy concerning Israel (2:6-16). Make a list of the sins with which Amos charges the northern kingdom of Israel.
9. What had God done for the Israelites? (v. 9-10)
10. Who had He raised up to give them spiritual guidance? (v. 11-) What was Israel's response to them?
11. How did God feel about the Israelites? (v. 13) Would the Israelites be able to get away from God on the day of their punishment? (v. 14-16)
12. Thought question: What is the main idea of these prophecies concerning the nations?