

# The Book of Amos: Prepare to Meet Your God

**5:24**

*Judgment is coming upon the sinfulness of Israel because of God's holiness; don't squander God's blessings selfishly.*

**760-55 B.C.**

*Amos' purpose in writing was to pronounce God's judgment on Israel's sin. Through a series of messages and visions Amos exposed the social & degeneration of Israel, warning them of the impending judgment God was about to deliver; the Northern Kingdom seemed invincible but was rotting spiritually. The Israelites needed to prepare to meet their God, who was coming to judge the nation.*

## **Prologue 1:1-2**

Introduction (1:1-2)

Theme (1:2)

## **8 Prophecies of Judgment against Nations: 1:3-2:16**

Judgment on Damascus  
(1:3-5)

Judgment on Philistia  
(1:6-8)

Judgment on Phoenicia  
(1:9-10)

Judgment on Edom  
(1:11-12)

Judgment on Ammon  
(1:13-15)

Judgment on Moab  
(2:1-3)

Judgment on Judah  
(2:4-5)

Judgment on Israel  
(2:6-16)

## **5 Messages of Judgment against Israel: Chapters 3-6**

1st Message  
on Sins against God and  
Man  
(chapter 3)

2nd Message  
on Women, Worship,  
and Stubbornness  
(chapter 4)

3rd Message on Injustice  
(5:1-17)

4th Message on  
Unacceptable Worship  
(5:18-27)

5th Message on  
Complacency & Pride  
(chapter 6)

## **5 Visions of Judgment against Israel: Chapters 7-9**

Vision of Swarming  
Locusts (7:1-3)

Vision of Devouring Fire  
(7:4-6)

Vision of the Plumb Line  
(7:7-9)

An intervening incident  
(7:10-17):

Vision of the Basket of  
Ripe Fruit  
(chapter 8)

Vision of God's Coming  
& Israel's Future  
Restoration  
(chapter 9)

*Amos's primary audience was Israel (1:1-2:6), the 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom. He addressed specific messages of judgment to the women of Samaria (4:1) & the Israelites (4:5). He also prophesied against Jeroboam's family (7:9) & against Amaziah, the priest at Bethel (7:14-17). Amos also delivered God's message of judgment against surrounding nations. However, while Amos' messages were spoken against these nations, he spoke these words to the people of Israel. Amos spoke against the Southern Kingdom of Judah (2:4-5). He delivered a message of woe to those who were complacent in Zion. At the end Amos gives a message of hope... God will someday restore the Davidic Monarchy.*