

AMOS

God's calling

MAJOR

LESSONS

FROM

THE MINOR

PROPHETS

AMOS 1:1

¹The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—the vision he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

AMOS'S

DISLOCATING

CALL...

6 But they will not find him,
he has withdrawn from them.
7 They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with
their fields.

8 Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramoth,
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
calling to mind the day of
desolation,
among the tribes of Israel.

9 I make known what is sure
10 The princes of Judah have become
like those who move the landmark,
upon them I will pour out
my wrath like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
12 But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king,
But he is not able to cure you
or heal your wound.

14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, even I, will tear and go away,
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

9 Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples,
Ephraim is a cake not turned.
10 Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not,
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not.
11 The pride of Israel testifies to his face,
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,
nor seek him, for all this.

12 Ephraim is like a dove,
silly and without sense,
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.
13 As they go, I will spread over them my net,
I will bring them down like birds of the
heavens,
I will discipline them according to the reproach
made to their congregation.

14 Woe to them, for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them, for they have rebelled
against me!
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.

15 They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wall upon their beds,
for grain and wine they gash themselves,
they rebel against me.

16 Although I trained and strengthened their
arms,
yet they devise evil against me.
17 They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow,
their princes shall fall by the sword.

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AMOS 1:2

² He said: “The Lord roars from Zion and thunders from Jerusalem;

THE LORD'S ROAR...

against social injustice

AMOS 5:12,13

¹² For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ ...for the times are evil.

AMOS 5:21-24

²¹ “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise

of your songs! I will not listen to the music of
your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

THE LORD'S ROAR...

against spiritual apathy

AMOS 6:1 (NASB)

**¹Woe to those who are at ease in Zion And
to those who feel secure in the mountain of
Samaria,**

AMOS 6:3-6 (MSG)

³⁻⁶ Woe to you who are rushing headlong to disaster! Catastrophe is just around the corner! Woe to those who live in luxury and expect everyone else to serve them! Woe to those who live only for today, indifferent to the fate of others! Woe to the playboys, the playgirls,

who think life is a party held just for them!
Woe to those addicted to feeling good—life
without pain! those obsessed with looking
good—life without wrinkles! They could not
care less about their country going to ruin.

THE PRICE TAG ON GOD'S CALLING...

- After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD,
his going down to Shechem,
he will come down as the dew,
like the dew that goes early away.
- Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my
mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings.
- But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,
there they dealt faithlessly with me
- Gilad is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.
- As robbers lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together;
they murder on the way to Shechem,
they commit villainy.

- but they will not find him,
he has withdrawn from them.
- They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD,
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with
their fields.
- Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramah,
Sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
we follow you, O Benjamin!
- Ephraim shall become a desolation,
because he has despised my word,
he has despised my voice,
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- The princes of Judah have become
like a flock without a shepherd,
they have wandered like sheep,
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they have wandered like sheep.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
- But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
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- When Ephraim saw his sickness,
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- For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
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I, even I, will tear and go away;
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- The pride of Israel testifies to his face,
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AMOS 7:10

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

AMOS 7:12,13

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

¹³ Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

“The man whose little sermon is ‘repent’ sets himself against his age, and will for the time being be battered mercilessly by the age whose moral tone he challenges. There is but one end for such a man—‘off with his head!’ You had better not try to preach repentance until you have pledged your head to heaven.”

JOSEPH PARKER

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR THOSE GOD CALLS...

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on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
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he will come down to us,
as the dew that falls on the olive tree,
and as the shower that falls on the wheat.
- What shall I do to you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do to you, O Judah?
Your love is like the dew that goes early away,
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- Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
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For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
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AMOS 7:14,15

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ **But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’**

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR

THOSE GOD CALLS...

He takes us from...

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR

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