

*Prophet Amos 1865 by
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Amos

8:11 I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of Hearing the words of the LORD.

Amos 1–2 Country Prophet

When Silence Like a Cancer Grows

Amos 3–6 God's Power Is the *Insurance of the Galaxies*

Amos 7–9:10 Seek God

Amos 9:11–15 Hope in God



Alternate Title

God Judges Abusers of the POOR



No one wants to be poor

A Proud Christian may CLAIM

Morals over Money

**Yet, if your morals would BREAK
you to homelessness ... ?**

**Jesus said, "Greater Love hath
no one than this: that he
lay down his life for his friends."**

**We HOPE God gives such
strength in such a Dire Hour**

Alternate Title #2

God Loves the POOR



Amos ... Three Major Divisions

1 – 2 Prophecies x Nations

3 – 9:10 End of Israel > in 2 sections

3–6 SIX Prophecies/Oracles for Israel

3, 4, 5:1–17 “Hear the Word of Lord” x3

5:18–27 “Woe to You ... Day of the Lord”

6:1–7 “Woe to You Zion & Samaria”

6:8–14 “Sovereign Lord ... against Israel”

7–9:10 Mostly Visions Israel’s Destruction
with a dab of narrative history

9:11–15 Promised Restoration





AMOS

| 1-2 | . 3-6 . | 7-9:10 | 9:11-15 |

Introduction

A
shepherd's
vision

CHAPTER
1:1-2

Oracles against the Nations

Damascus

Gaza

Tyre

Edom

Ammon

Moab

Judah

Israel

CHAPTERS
1:3-2:16

Sermons against Nation of Israel

Hear this word . .
sons of Israel (3:1)
. . . you cows of
Bashan (4:1) . .
house of Israel
(5:1)

CHAPTERS
3-6

Visions of Judgment

Locusts

Fire

Plumb line

Ripe fruit

The LORD by
the altar

CHAPTERS
7:1-9:10

Promises of Hope

"In that day I will
raise up the fallen
booth of David. . .
I will also plant
them on their land."
(9:11,15)

CHAPTER
9:11-15

Theme

Israel's coming judgment for treating others with injustice

Key Verses

3:1-2; 4:12; 5:15, 24

Christ in Amos

Jesus Christ, who has all authority to judge, is also the One who restores His people.

3 – 9:10 End of Israel

3–6 SIX Prophecies/Oracles for Israel

7–9:10 FIVE Visions Israel's Destruction

with a dab of narrative history

7:1-3 Swarm of Locusts

7:4-6 Consuming Fire

7:7-17 Plumb Line

8:1-14 Basket of Ripe Fruit

9:1-10 Lord by the Altar

God Relented

**God Did
Not Relent**

3-6 Amos “Hear Word of the Lord” “Woe to You”

7-9:10 Amos “What Sovereign Lord SHOWED Me”



7-9:10 FIVE Visions Israel's Destruction

with a dab of narrative history

7:1-3 Lord showed me ... Locusts

Swarm strips land ... Amos "forgive"

Lord relents ...

7:4-6 Lord showed ... Consuming Fire

Fire dries up the great deep ... Amos "Stop"

Lord relents ...

7:7-17 This is what he showed me:

The Lord was standing

by a wall that had been built true to plumb



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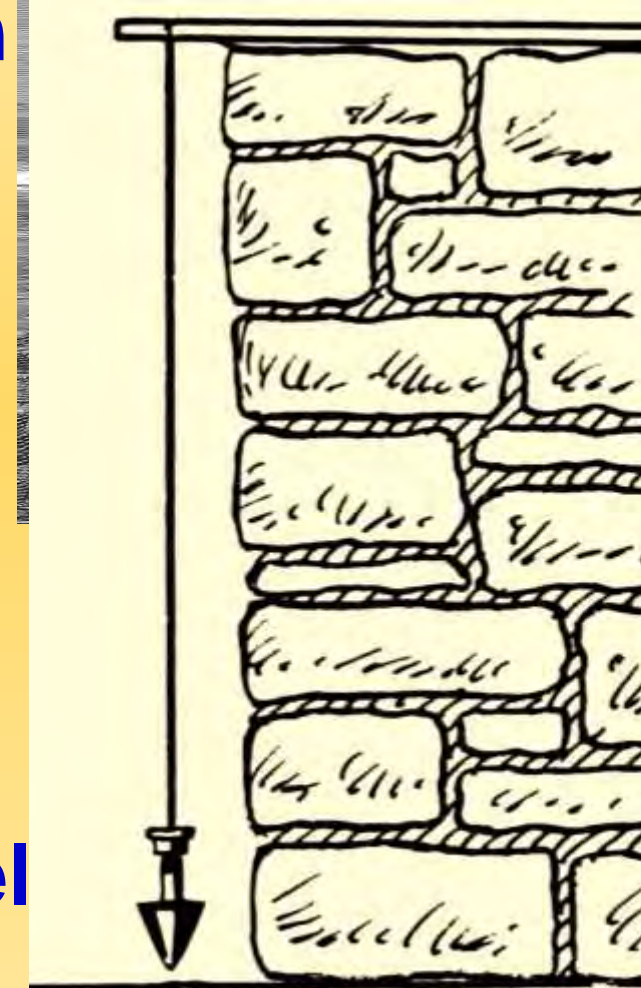
**Lord was standing by a wall that had been
built true to plumb with a**

Plumb Line in his hand.

**8 And the Lord asked me,
“What do you see, Amos?”**

“A Plumb Line,” I replied.

**Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a
Plumb Line among my people Israel**



7:7-17 **Plumb Line**

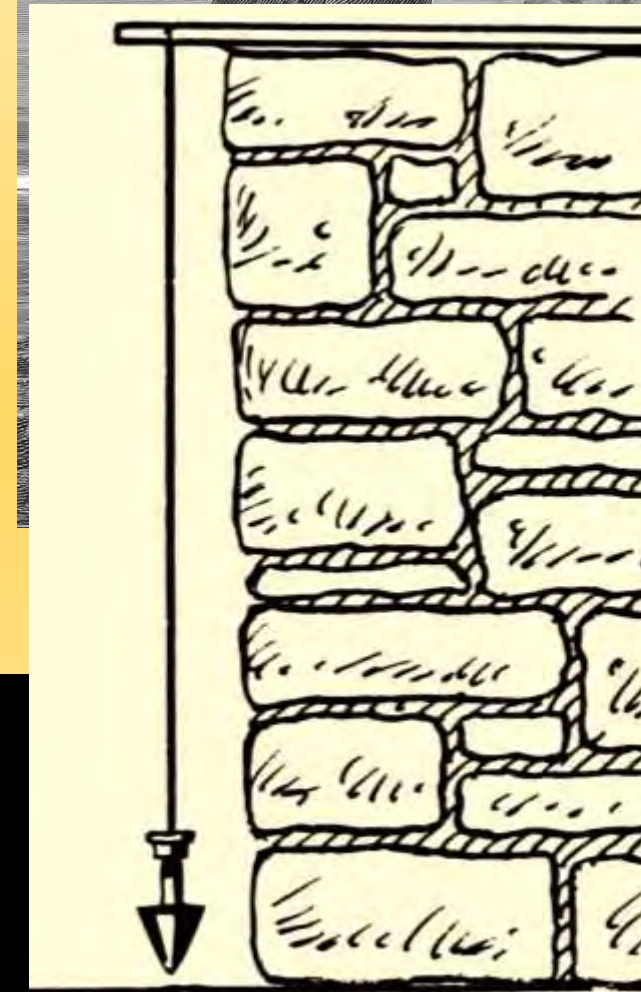
Lord said, “Look, I am setting a Plumb Line
among my people Israel;

I will spare them no longer.

9 “High places of Isaac will be destroyed
& the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;
with my sword I will rise
against the house of Jeroboam.”

A Plumb Line ...

to measure ... TRUENESS



7:10-17 Amaziah ... Priest in Bethel

12 Amaziah said to Amos,

“Get out, you seer! Go back to ... Judah.

Earn your bread there and
do your prophesying there.

13 Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel,
because this is the **KING's sanctuary** &
the temple of the kingdom.”



NOTICE:
KING's
Sanctuary
NOT GOD'S

When you're not wanted ...

For doing what GOD told you to do ...

7:10-17 Amaziah ... Priest in Bethel

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.



Ever been the presence of a SNOB ... like Amaziah

Amaziah WAS better ... than SHEEP HERDER Amos

Amaziah WAS better ... than FIG SQUEEZER Amos

Amos is NOT intimidated ... NOT by Piglet Amaziah

7:10-17 Amaziah ... Priest in Bethel

Amos looks in the Amaziah's beady EYES

**15 But the Lord took me from tending
the flock and said to me,
'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'**

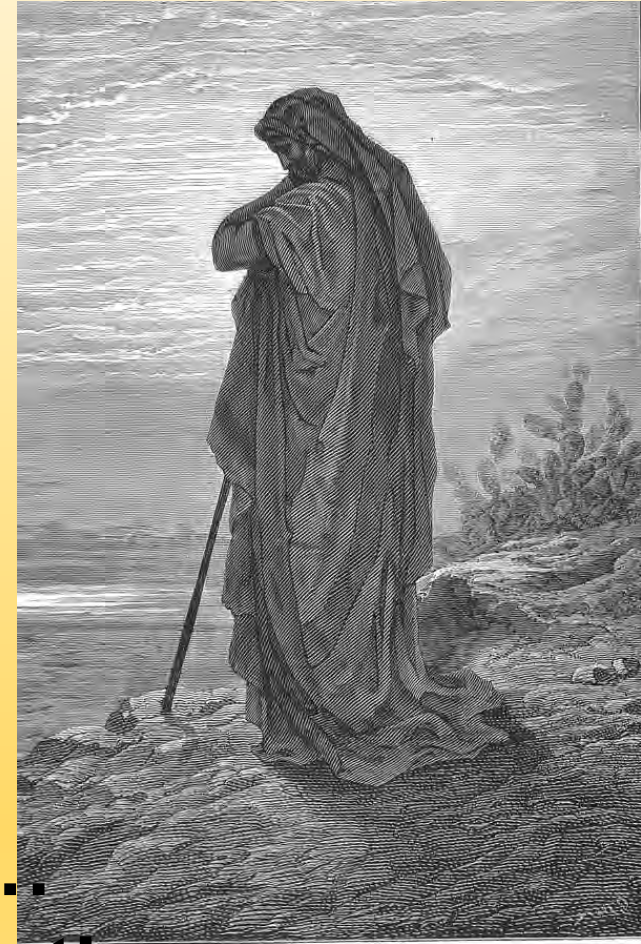
Amaziah does not get it ...

Normally ... people are AFRAID of him ...

Amaziah quivers just a bit ... not a lot ... then

Amos ... lets loose ...

16 Now then, hear the word of the Lord.



Amos is enters the ***DANGER ZONE***

Highway to the Danger Zone ... right into the Danger Zone

You'll never say
hello to you

Until you get it on the
RED line overload

You'll never know
what you can do

Until you get it up as
high as you can go



**Really now ... remember our 3 months thru
1 & 2 Kings ... murder, mass murder, mayhem**

Amos ... lets loose ...

REALLY ... think about this ...

We've sooo little ... YET recall Amos 1-2

The MANY nations he visited

All surrounding Israel ... ALL Pagan ...

Israel worshipping Pagan gods too ...

1 & 2 Kings ... Murder, Mass Murder, Mayhem



Amos 1 outlined ...

Judgments for **Three**
even **Four Sins** for each
Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, & the
Territories of Edom & Ammon

Amos gave ONE *peculiar* SIN
SO MUCH left out ...

Amos only 9 chapters ... yet look
There may be a
DOZEN messages



1 & 2 Kings ... Murder, Mass Murder, Mayhem
Amos—**BRAVELY** enters DANGER ZONE



RECALL our precious 3 months thru
1 & 2 Kings ... Murder, Mass Murder, Mayhem
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16 Now then, hear the word of the Lord.
YOU SAY,
“ ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,
and stop preaching against the
descendants of Isaac.’



TELLS the Chief Priest of BETHEL ... King's Priest
Israel-Ten Tribes'-Bought-**Owned** Priest ...

Amos 7:18 ... lets loose ...

17 Therefore this is what the Lord says:

Your wife will become a

prostitute in the city,

Your sons & daughters will fall by the sword.

Your land will be measured & divided up,

You yourself will die in a pagan country.

And Israel will surely go into exile,

away from their native land.



722 B.C. Israel is exiled to Assyria
Samaria has NO CLUE ...



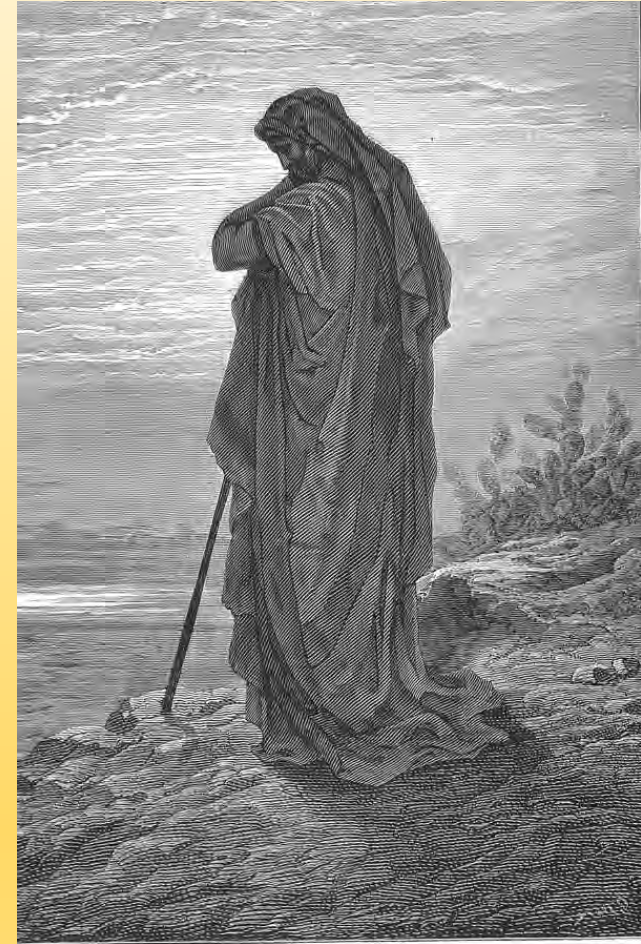
**Amos 8 ... likely, Amos is NOT speaking
REMEMBER ... Amos LIKELY wrote these
after he said them ... after visiting ...**

**Amos 8 ... 1 Sovereign LORD showed me:
a basket of ripe fruit....**

**2 “The time is ripe for my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer.**

**3 “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD,
“the songs in the temple will turn to wailing.**

Amos lists a several judgments ...



Amos 8 ... Judgements ... Offenses ...

3 many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”

**4 Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,**

5 ... boosting the price ...

6 buying ... needy for a pair of sandals

7 The LORD has sworn by himself ...

“I will never forget anything they have done.

**9 “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD,
“I will make the sun go down at noon ...**



Amos 8 ... Judgements ... Offenses ...

10 I will turn your religious festivals into mourning ... singing into weeping....

**11 I will send a famine through the land—
not a famine of food or a thirst for water,
but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.**

12 People will stagger from sea to sea ...

13 “lovely women & strong men will faint of thirst.

**14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria ...
they will fall, never to rise again.**



Amos 9:1-10 ... Lord at the Altar

1 I saw the Lord standing by the altar ...

Lord said:

“Strike the tops of the pillars ...

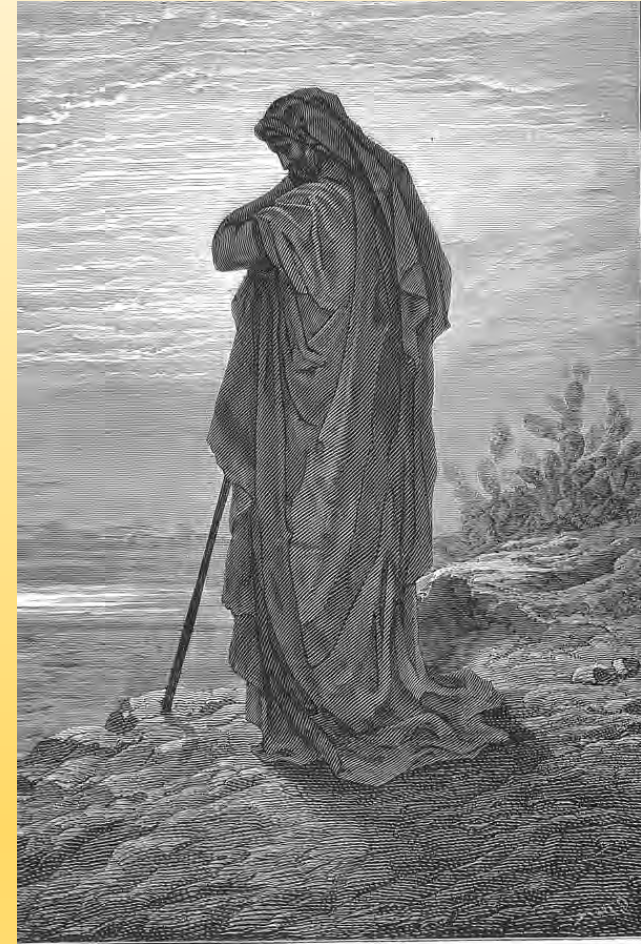
Bring them down on the heads ...

Not one will get away, none will escape.

2-4 great violence ...

“I will keep my eye on them for harm & not for good.”

**5 Lord ... touches the earth and it melts,
and all who live in it mourn....**



Amos 9:1-10 ... Lord at the Altar

**6 Lord builds his lofty palace in the heavens
and sets its foundation on the earth;
he calls for the waters of the sea ...**

the LORD is his name.

7 recalls delivery from Egypt ...

**8 eyes of the LORD are on sinful kingdom.
I will destroy it from the face of the earth....**

9 ... I will shake the people of Israel ...

10 All sinners ... will die by the sword



7–9:10 FIVE Visions Israel's Destruction

7:1-3 Swarm of Locusts – Lord backs off

7:4-6 Consuming Fire – Lord backs off

7:7-17 Plumb Line – Lord Destroys

Amos slams Amaziah

8:1-14 Basket of Ripe Fruit – Lord Destroys

9:1-10 Lord by the Altar – Lord Destroys

Israel/Samaria's destiny is DEATH ...

What does this say to us today?

Lord does NOT like injustice ... to the POOR

Lord LIKES helping the POOR



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Amos 9:11-15 – NEXT WEEK

... I will restore David's fallen shelter—

Israel Gone ... DAVID's Remnant to be Restored

What can we say about FIVE VISIONS

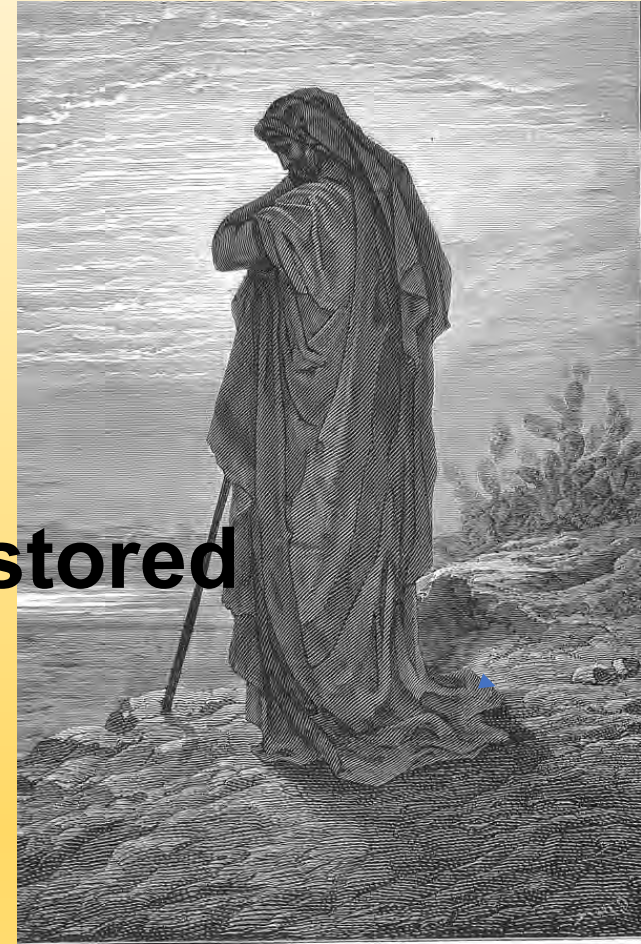
1 Locusts 2 Fire ... 3 Plumb Line

Amos slams Amaziah

4 Basket of Ripe Fruit ... 5 Lord by the Altar

Did you see what was ABSENT in Amos 1-9?

Remember what was UBIQUITOUS in 1 & 2 Kings?



1 & 2 Kings = IDOLATRY was MAIN Evil

God **HATES** when his people worship **ROCKS**

Amos = Abusing the POOR

God **HATES** when his people abuse the **POOR**

In case you missed it ...

In case it passed you by ...

In case it seemed too elusive for you ...



Amos was Poor

Just a Shepherd & Fig Squeezer

**One of God's HATREDS carries over into N.T.
God's Love ... Concern ... Care ... for the**

Weak ~ Poor ~ Widow ~ Orphan

**Jesus was POOR ... Disciples too ...
Remember the Good Samaritan too ...**

James 1:27

**Pure religion and undefiled
before God & the Father is this, to visit
the fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**



***Widow's Mite* by James Tissot 1836-1902**



**I suspect Jesus was
the **ONLY** one who
noticed her that day**

Luke 6:20-21

**20 Jesus lifted up his eyes
on his disciples, and said,
Blessed be ye poor:
for yours is the Kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are ye that hunger now:
for ye shall be filled.**



Matthew 25:40

And the King shall answer ...

Verily I say unto you,

**Inasmuch as ye have done it unto
one of the least of these my brethren,**

ye have done it unto me.



Matthew 18:6

**But whoso shall offend one of these
little ones which believe in me,**

**it were better for him
that a millstone
were hanged about
his neck, and**

that he were drowned in the

depth of the sea



William Wordsworth (1770–1850) great English poet

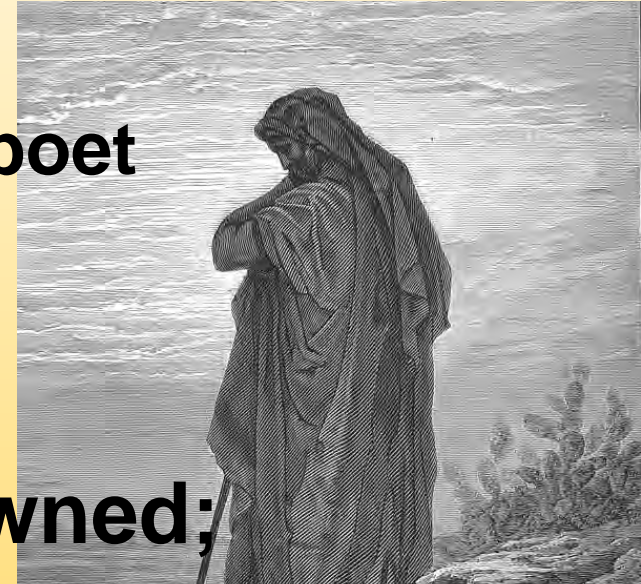
Alice Fell, Or Poverty

**THE post-boy drove with fierce career,
For threatening clouds the moon had drowned;**

**When, as we hurried on, my ear
Was smitten with a startling sound.**

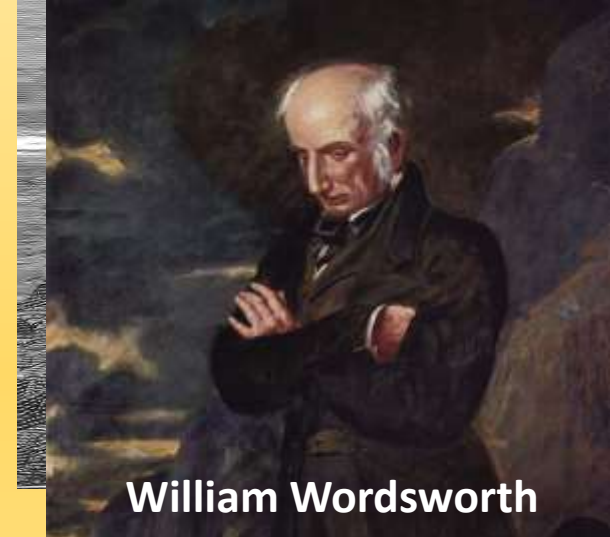
**As if the wind blew many ways,
I heard the sound,—and more and more:**

**It seemed to follow with the chaise,
And still I heard it as before.**



William Wordsworth (1770–1850) ~ **Alice Fell, Or Poverty**

**At length I to the boy called out;
He stopped his horses at the word,
But neither cry, nor voice, nor shout,
Nor aught else like it, could be heard.
The boy then smacked his whip, and fast
The horses scampered through the rain;
But, hearing soon upon the blast
The cry, I bade him halt again.**



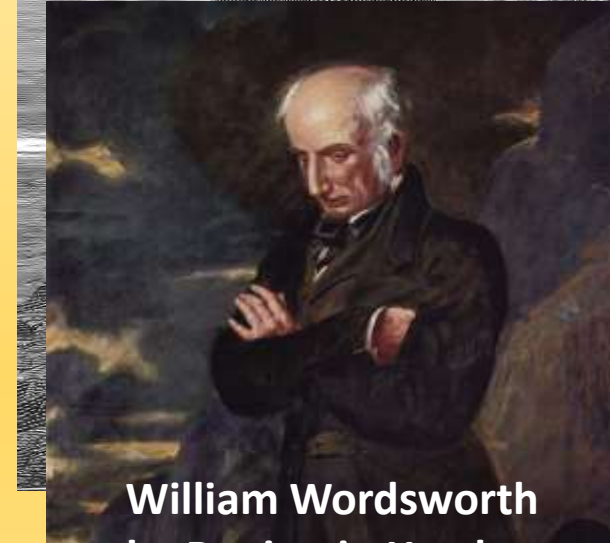
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Forthwith alighting on the ground,
“**Whence comes,**” said I, “**this piteous moan?**”

And there a little Girl I found,
Sitting behind the chaise, alone.

“**My cloak!**” no other word she spake,
But loud and bitterly she wept,

As if her innocent heart would break;
And down from off her seat
she leapt.



William Wordsworth



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“What ails you, child?”

—she sobbed “Look here!”

I saw it in the wheel entangled,

A weather-beaten rag as e'er

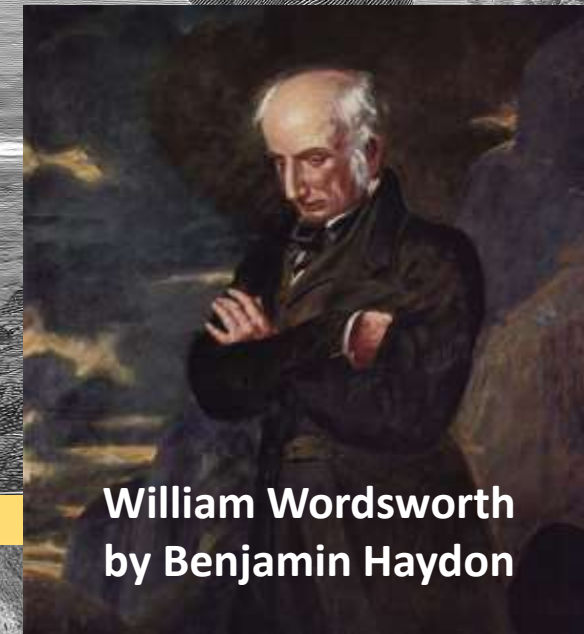
From any garden scare-crow dangled.

There, twisted between nave and spoke,

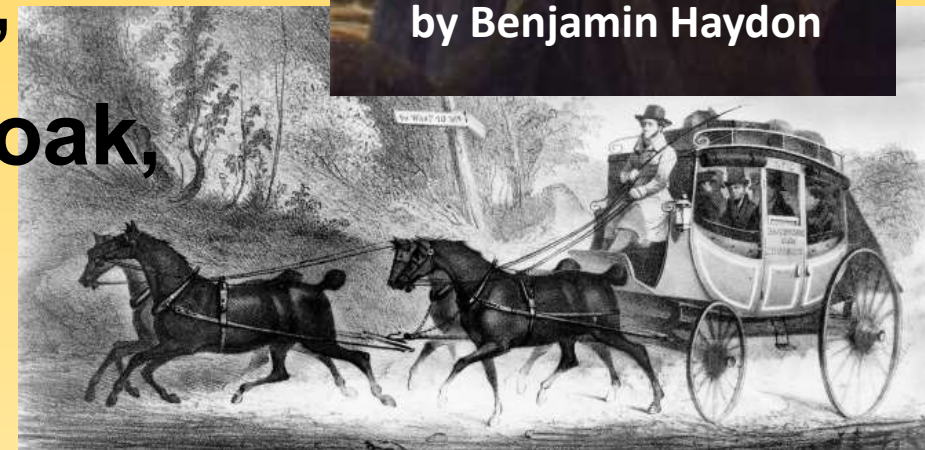
It hung, nor could at once be freed;

But our joint pains unloosed the cloak,

A miserable RAG *indeed!*



William Wordsworth
by Benjamin Haydon

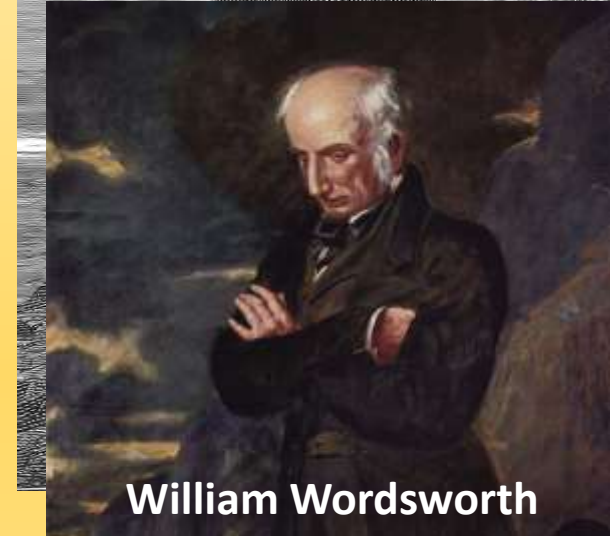


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**“And whither are you going, child,
To-night alone these lonesome ways?”**

**“To Durham,” answered she, half wild—
“Then come with me into the chaise.”**

**Insensible to all relief
Sat the poor girl, and forth did send
Sob after sob, as if her grief
Could never, never have an end.**

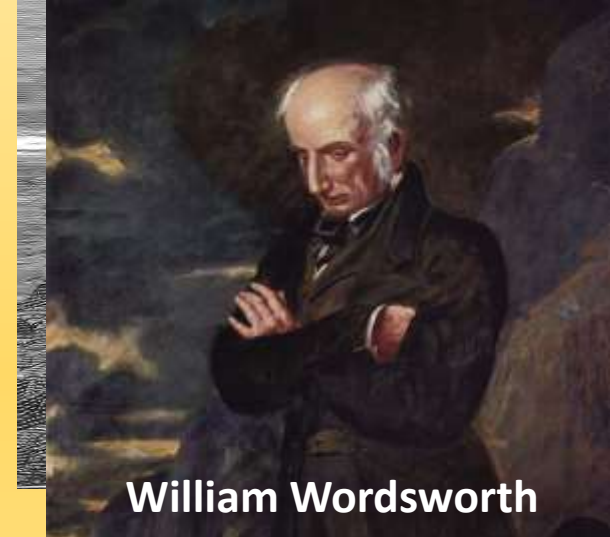


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“My child, in Durham do you dwell?”
She checked herself in her distress,
And said, “My name is Alice Fell;
I'm fatherless and motherless.”

“And I to Durham, Sir, belong.”
Again, as if the thought would choke
Her very heart, her grief grew strong;
And all was for her tattered cloak!

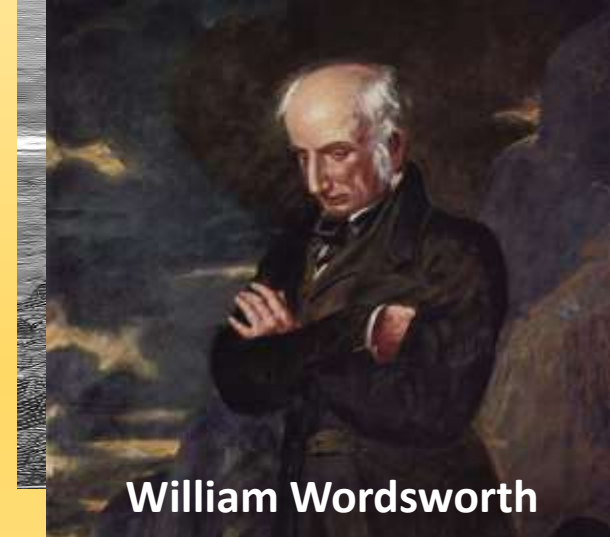


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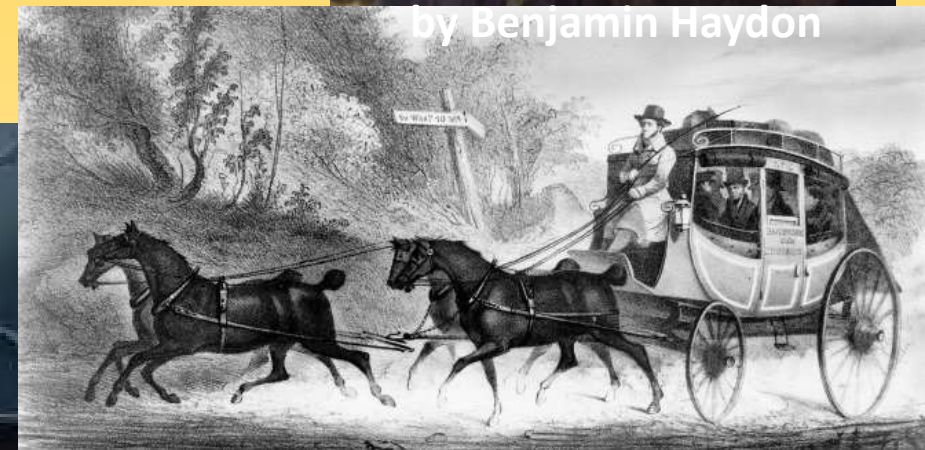
**The chaise drove on; our journey's end
Was nigh; and, sitting by my side,
As if she had lost her only friend
She wept, nor would be pacified.**

**Up to the tavern-door we post;
Of Alice and her grief I told;
And I gave money to the host,
To buy a new cloak for the old.**



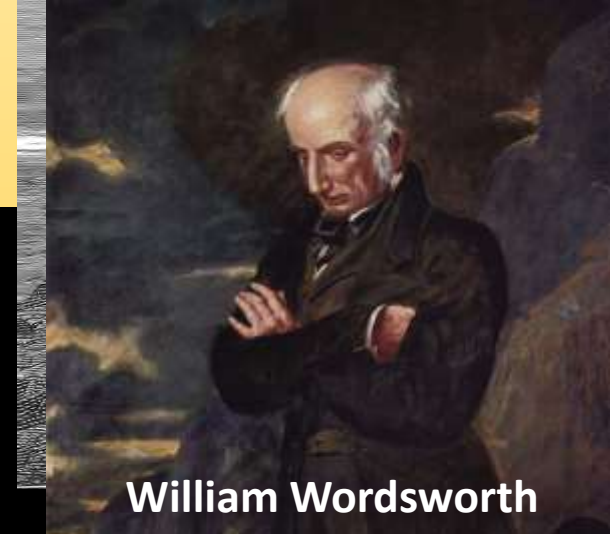
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THE OLD ENGLISH PUB



**“And let it be of duffil grey,
As warm a cloak as man can sell!”
Proud creature was she the next day,
The little orphan, Alice Fell!**

**Amos ... what is the Good Samaritan?
If there is a lesson from Amos ...
God will hold us ALL accountable
Look ... here ... there ...
Little Orphan, Alice Fell**



William Wordsworth

