

*Prophet Amos 1865 by
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9-25-22

Amos

**9:15 I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,”
*says the LORD your God.***

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 God Loves the Poor

Amos 9:11–15 Hope in God



Alternate Title

Amos'
Last
Words

Amos 9:11–15 Promised Restoration

11 “In that day,

**I will restore David’s fallen shelter—
I will repair its broken walls
and restore its ruins—
and will rebuild it as it used to be**

In the context of Amos 1–9:10

Kinda reminds me of a song ...



**Moon river, wider than a Nile
I'm crossing you in style *some day*
Oh, dream maker, you heart breaker
Wherever you're goin', I'm goin' your way**

Amos is given a dream & hope for peace

**11 “In that day,
I will restore David’s fallen shelter—
I will repair its broken walls
and restore its ruins—
and will rebuild it as it used to be**

House of David - Your Dreams Will Come True



Only there's a big problem with

Moon River



ONLY Amos could Hope ... like that

You see this ... You know this too

This last HOPE ... God gave to **AMOS**

He wrote it down for us ...

First chapters of Amos ... Israel *ignored*

No Indication Israel cared for **ANYTHING from Amos**

For oppressing the POOR ... they were doomed

But Israel Did **NOT Listen**



Amos ... Three Major Divisions

1–2 Prophecies x Nations

Country Prophet Amos

When Silence Like a Cancer Grows

3–9:10 End of Israel > 2 sections

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

SIX Prophecies/Oracles for Israel

7–9:10 **God Loves the Poor**

Visions of Israel's Destruction

9:11–15 Promised Restoration



**Let's
Review**

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When Silence Like a Cancer Grows

Judgments for **3-4 Sins** for each
Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, & the

Territories of Edom & Ammon

Amos gave ONE *peculiar* SIN

SO MUCH left out ...

Amos is 9 chapters ... yet ... look

There may be a

DOZEN messages



Judgments for **Three**, even
Four Sins each to territories of
Moab, Judah, then to
Israel

Moab – burned to ashes
the bones of Edom's king

Judah – rejected law of the Lord

Israel – *the list is long ...*

NO ONE LISTENED



Sound of Silence by Disturbed

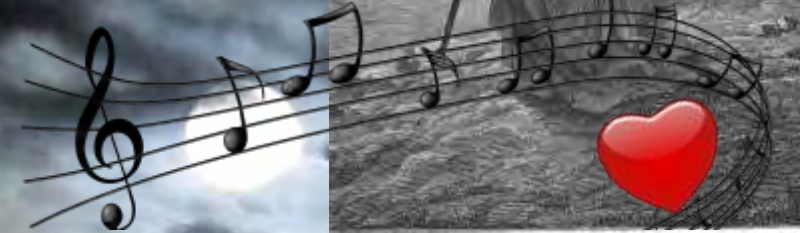
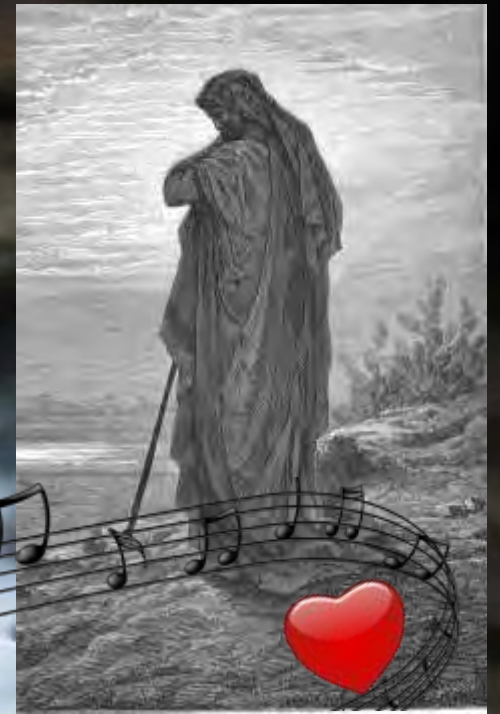
And in the naked light, **I SAW**
Ten thousand people, maybe more

People talking without speaking
People hearing **without listening**

People writing songs
that voices never shared

and NO ONE DARED

Disturb the Sound of Silence



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 3 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

Chapter 4 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

Chapter 5:1–17 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

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

Chapter 6:1–7 “WOE to You Zion & Samaria”

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

^^^ **SIX** Prophecies / Stories / Oracles ^^^ or ... or ... or
“Words & Woes of the Lord”



Destruction of Israel

Chapter 3 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

2 You *only* have I chosen from families of earth ...

**12 As a shepherd rescues from the lion’s mouth
only two leg bones or a piece of an ear,
so will the Israelites living in Samaria be rescued,**

Chapter 4 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

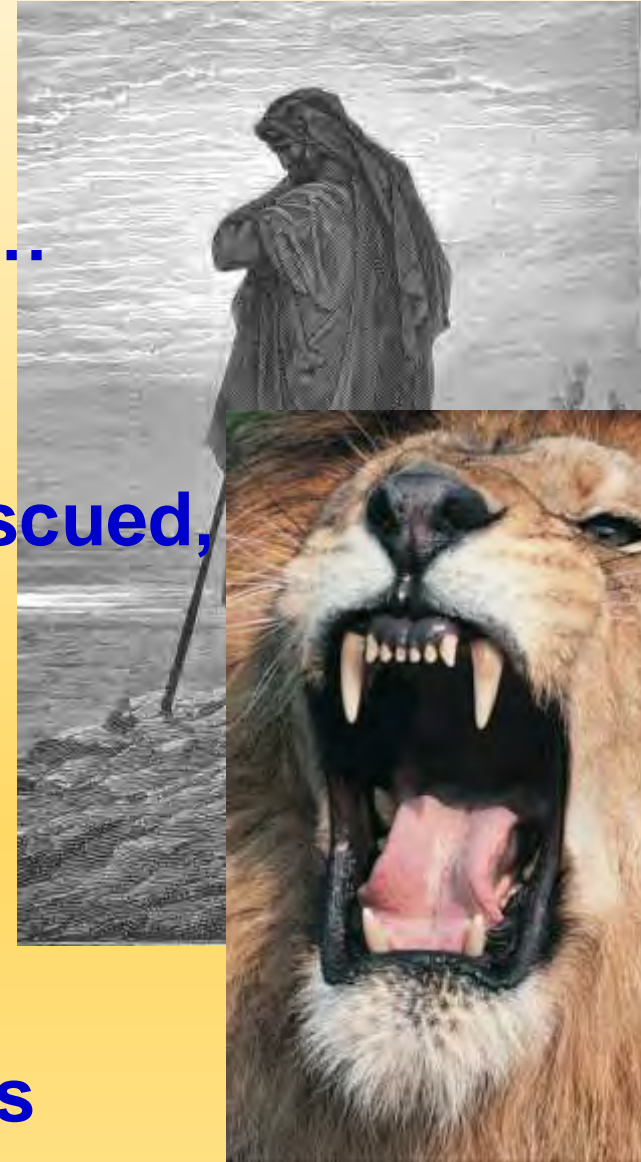


**1 Cows of Bashan ... women oppress poor ...
taken away with hooks ...**

Chapter 5:1–17 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

**7 There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.**

8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion ...





Alternate Title



**God's Power
is the
Insurance of
the Galaxies**

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Continue 5:1–17 “**HEAR the Word of Lord**”

10 There are those who hate justice in the court
and detest the one who tells the truth.

11 Levy straw tax on the poor ...



Reminds me of an old song

Go ahead and hate your neighbor
Go ahead and cheat a friend
Do it in the name of *HEAVEN*
You can justify it in the end



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Visions Israel's Destruction

Amos ...

Called from Shepherding ... in Judah

Called from caring for Fig Trees ... in Judah

To casting Judgment upon nations 1-2

To casting Judgment upon Israel ... now visions



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"



7:10-17 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

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

Amos—**BRAVELY** enters DANGER ZONE



DANGER ZONE 5 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?



**Amos is
talking to
MURDERS**

Lord does NOT like injustice ... to the POOR

Lord LIKES helping the POOR

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 Main Evil

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

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Amos ... alone, rejected ... shepherd ...

Israel LIVING in the Lap of Luxury ...

Israel ... *no indication* they HEARD a word

Israel ... *no indication* they CARED

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.

So ... we gather ... Amos has finished his duty

Amos is back home to his little place ... writes ALL

Only Amos can sing *Moon River* ... all alone ... SOLO



They say the song *Moon River* is NOT
about two lovers in the night ... rather

“Metaphor of yearning for ... adventurous life
swept along by currents to somewhere new”

Two drifters, off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end
Waitin' 'round the bend ... My huckleberry friend

Amos SURVIVED the murdering mayhem of Pagans
Imagine Amos ... back home in desolate Tekoa



From Tekoa looking at the **Herodian**
Herod built a fortress with
a lavish palace inside



Maybe Amos lived **HERE**

Tekoa

Imagine Amos ... refreshed ... glad
He finished his task ... for the Lord
Now at home in Tekoa ... at last ...
Perhaps it took a year ... to travel ...

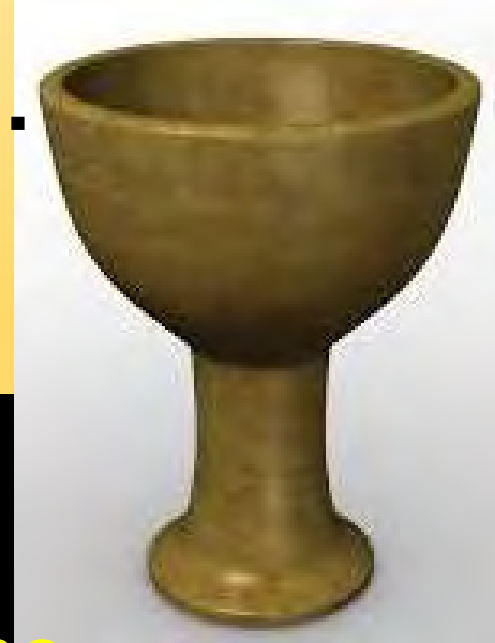
Amos finishes chap 1 to 9:10 ...
even survived Piglet Amaziah

Lord reveals to Amos the

Rest of the Story

He asked his wife for a glass of wine

Fresh Figs from HIS garden ... *nibbles* ... **THEN**



9:11–15 ... God inspires Amos' epilogue

***11 "In that day,
I will restore David's fallen shelter—
I will repair its broken walls
and restore its ruins—
and will rebuild it as it used to be,
12 so that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations that bear my name,"
declares the LORD, who will do these things.***

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Amos 9:11–15

**13 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the reaper will be overtaken
by the plowman and the
planter by the one treading grapes.**

**New wine will drip from the mountains
and flow from all the hills,**

14 and I will bring my people Israel back from exile.

They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them.



Amos 9:11–15

- 14 They will plant vineyards and
drink their wine;
they will make gardens and
eat their fruit.**
- 15 I will plant Israel in their own land,
never again to be uprooted
from the land I have given them,”
*says the LORD your God.***



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