

THE BOOK OF AMOS

“FINAL EXAM”

Who was Amos?

___ A Trained Prophet

___ A Herdsman/Shepherd

___ A Famous Cookie

___ A Dresser of Figs

___ A Country Preacher

“Amos is, in my words, “The Country Preacher Who Came to Town.” I want us to get acquainted with him personally, because to get acquainted with Amos is to love him and to understand his prophecy better. We will find that he was born in Judah, the southern kingdom. It was most unusual for a man to have come from such a country, out-of-the-way place with a message of judgment against all of the surrounding nations. Amos had a global view of life and of God’s program for the entire world—not only for the present but also for the future. All this makes this man a most remarkable prophet.”

J. Vernon McGee

To Whom Did Amos Direct His Message?

— Israel

___ America

— Surrounding Nations

___ Judah

___ Anyone Who Would Listen

**Once we settle the question about the context,
this important question remains:**

What message is there in Amos for ME?

APPLYING THE PROPHETS TODAY

- **Can we count on God being the same today as during the Old Testament prophetic period?**
- **"Filter" the prophets through the finished work of Christ (New Covenant)**
- **Learn about the character of God**

NT Justification for using OT (including Prophetic) Material

- **2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."**
- **I Corinthians 10:1 "These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come."**
- **Romans 15:4 "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."**

Which of These Verses are in Amos?

___ “For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”

___ “prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

___ “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

___ “I was no prophet, nor the son of a prophet.”

___ “the days are coming, declares the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.”

What are Key Messages in Amos?

- **God keeps track of horrible injustice in our world**
- **God is the sovereign authority and judge**
- **God is always true to His word**
- **God's favor is not necessarily at work when "things are going great"**
- **The God of our "reckless imaginings" is not always the God who is**
- **God has a plan and purpose for Israel and for all the nations**

My Personal Response to our Study of Amos

___ I am so glad it's over (DON'T you dare check this one!)

___ Rather surprisingly, it was a great study!

___ I learned at least one thing from our study:
