



THE MINOR *Prophets*





The Really Truly Famous Amos

AMOS 1:1-2a

This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. He received this message in visions two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam II, the son of Jehoash, was king of Israel. 2 This is what he saw and heard





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Jeroboam becomes king over ten tribes in the north and keeps the name Israel.

Rehoboam keeps two tribes in the south and renames the kingdom Judah.





AMOS 2:6-8

This is what the Lord says: “The people of Israel have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They sell honorable people for silver and poor people for a pair of sandals. They trample helpless people in the dust and shove the oppressed out of the way. Both father and son sleep with the same woman, corrupting my holy name. At their religious festivals, they lounge in clothing their debtors put up as security. In the house of their gods, they drink wine bought with unjust fines.





SO WHAT DID GOD WANT FOR THEM?

AMOS 5:4-6a

Now this is what the Lord says to the family of Israel:
“Come back to me and live! Don’t worship at the pagan altars at Bethel; don’t go to the shrines at Gilgal or Beersheba. For the people of Gilgal will be dragged off into exile, and the people of Bethel will be reduced to nothing.” Come back to the Lord and live!”





AMOS 5:21-24

“I hate all your show and pretense— the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies. I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. I won’t even notice all your choice peace offerings. Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.





Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa...





AMOS 7:14

But Amos replied, “I’m not a professional prophet, and I was never trained to be one. I’m just a shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees. 15 But the Lord called me away from my flock and told me, ‘Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.’”





Can God use me?

Yes, He can and He will, because God specializes in using the humble and ordinary (think 'fishermen') to share His Word and bring glory to His Name.

1 PETER 5:5

Amos was a farmer and he spoke God's Word to his nation.
Remember, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

