



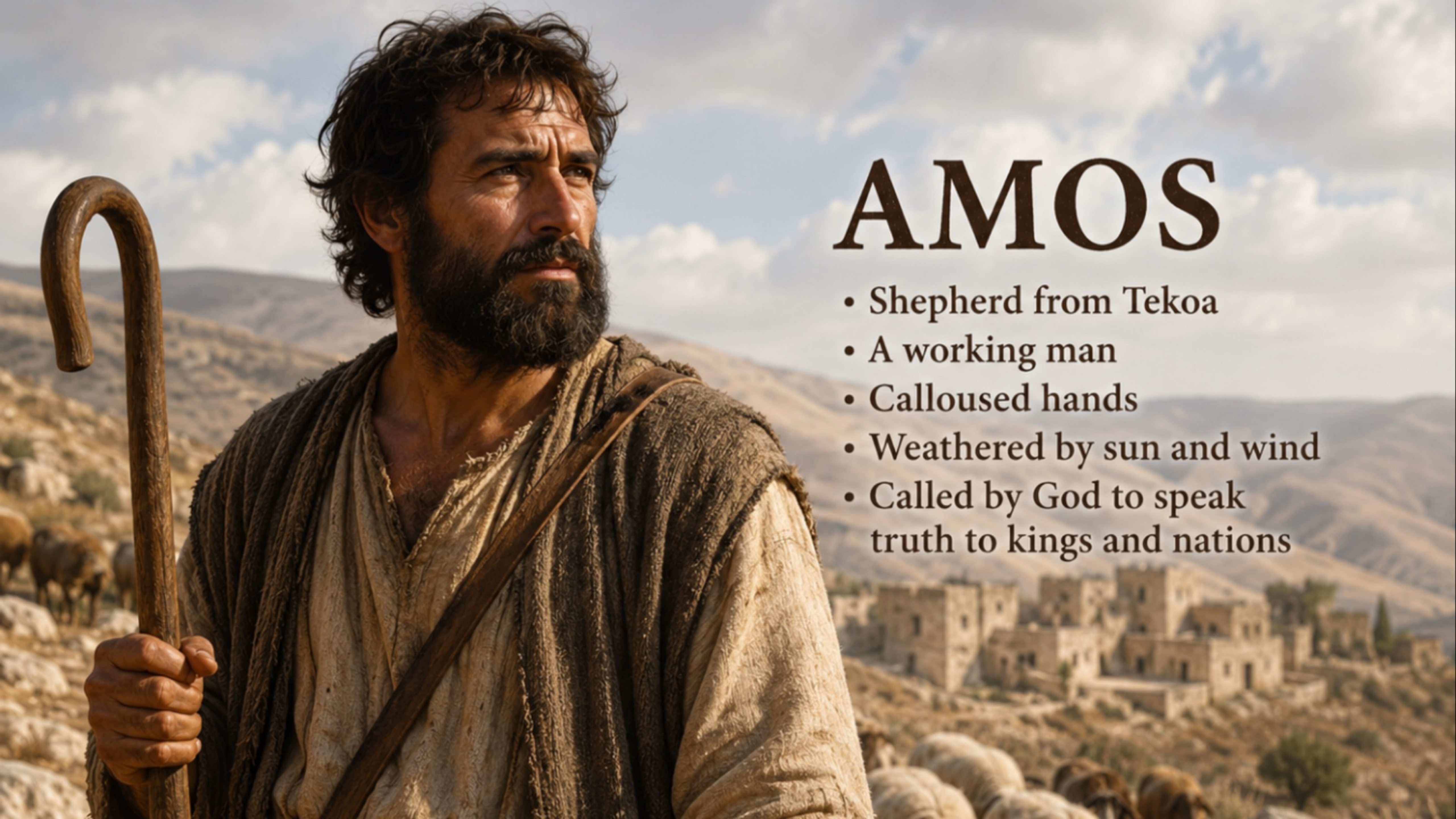
WHEN GOD ROARS

AMOS 1

The Unlikely Prophet: God Chooses the Ordinary

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”

AMOS 1:1-2



AMOS

- Shepherd from Tekoa
- A working man
- Calloused hands
- Weathered by sun and wind
- Called by God to speak truth to kings and nations

The Pattern of Judgment: For Three Transgressions, and For Four

**For three transgressions...and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,**

AMOS 1:3

**God's justice is never impulsive.
It is measured, warranted and exact.**



**Amos teaches us that God takes
seriously every act of cruelty
against His image-bearers.**

AMOS 1:1–15

The Nations Judged

MAP OF REFERENCE POINTS

1 **DAMASCUS** (Syria)

Capital of Syria.
Judged for brutal crushing of Gilead.

2 **GAZA** (Philistia)

Philistine city on the Mediterranean coast.
Judged for selling whole populations into slavery.

3 **TYRE** (Phoenicia)

Great coastal city.
Judged for breaking the covenant of brotherhood by delivering a people to Edom.

4 **EDOM**

Descendants of Esau, southeast of Israel.
Judged for relentless hatred and violence against his brother.

5 **AMMON**

East of the Jordan River.
Judged for ripping open pregnant women in Gilead to enlarge their border.

★ **ISRAEL**

Northern Kingdom
(Capital: Samaria)

★ **JUDAH**

Southern Kingdom
(Capital: Jerusalem)



When Covenant is Broken: The Weight of Betrayal

**For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will
not revoke the punishment, because he pursued his
brother with the sword and cast off all pity,**

AMOS 1:11

**Unresolved anger that is nurtured and justified becomes
something far more dangerous than the original offense.**



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For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.

AMOS 1:13

There is no sin against the innocent, no matter how politically justified or personally rationalized, that escapes the notice of the God who knits every life together in the womb.

The Justice of God and the Grace of the Gospel



The original audience probably loved this sermon. Every judgment fell on somebody else. Damascus. Gaza. Tyre. Edom. Ammon. With every oracle they likely nodded their heads and whispered, “Preach it, Amos.” But the lion was not finished roaring. The circle of judgment was quietly tightening. Before this prophecy is complete, God’s spotlight will move from the surrounding nations to God’s own covenant people. It is easy to condemn the sins of others. It is much harder to stand before a holy God and examine our own hearts. Yet that is where grace begins. We live in a world still marked by trafficking, brutality, broken covenants, hatred, and violence against the innocent. We are called to be a prophetic presence—not self-righteous, not politically captive, but rooted in the justice and mercy of the God who both roars and redeems. His Son came. His Son died. His Son rose. And He is coming again.