

Minor Prophets, Major Truths: Amos

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Amos was a fig farmer from Judah

- ministering to the Northern Kingdom from (760-750 BC)

Amos 1:1–2 (NLT):

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. ² 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.

- God roars from Jerusalem, not from Israel's false altars.
- A lion's roar marks territory, strikes fear, or calls the pride.
- God is warning: Your prosperity is about to wither.

Amos 2:4-5 (NLT):

The people of Judah have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They have rejected the instruction of the LORD, refusing to obey his decrees. They have been led astray by the same lies that deceived their ancestors. ⁵ So I will send down fire on Judah, and all the fortresses of Jerusalem will be destroyed.”

Amos 2:6-9 (NLT)

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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ “But as my people watched, I destroyed the Amorites, though they were as tall as cedars and as strong as oaks. I destroyed the fruit on their branches and dug out their roots.

God is roaring over their injustice, sexual immorality, idolatry, and complacency.

- Relationship with God doesn't make us immune to the consequence of sin but actually a higher level of moral responsibility...
- Because they were God's people with His revealed law and covenant, they had a greater level of accountability

Amos 3:8 (NLT):

The lion has roared— so who isn't frightened? The Sovereign LORD has spoken— so who can refuse to proclaim his message?

1. GOD ROARS AGAINST FALSE WORSHIP (Ch. 3–5)

Amos 3:10 (NLT):

“My people have forgotten how to do right,” says the LORD. “Their fortresses are filled with wealth taken by theft and violence.

Amos 5:21-24 (ESV):

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

- Worship without obedience or justice is just noise.
 - Real worship requires obedience and righteousness
- Is my worship pleasing to God?**

2. GOD ROARS AGAINST COMPLACENCY**Amos 4:1 (NLT):**

Listen to me, you fat cows living in Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy, and who are always calling to your husbands, "Bring us another drink!"

Amos 6:1 (ESV):

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!

What comforts are dulling us?

Amos 8:11-12 (ESV):

Behold, 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. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

God roars over his people, but His goal is to restore.

Amos 9:11-15 (NLT):

"In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory. ¹² And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine." The LORD has spoken, and he will do these things. ¹³ "The time will come," says the LORD, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine! ¹⁴ I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine. ¹⁵ I will firmly plant them there in their own land. They will never again be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

WHAT ABOUT US?

- Are we like Israel? Throwing stones to others and clapping when others are judged, but blind to our own hearts?
- Do we worship loud but treat others poorly?
- Are we asleep in comfort, when God is calling us to obedience?

God is roaring over His church, will we respond?