

Judgment on the Nations

A. The man and his message.

Amos 1:1 Amos the man. This book of the prophet Amos is the only mention we have of this man in the Old Testament.

The books of 1 and 2 Kings or 1 and 2 Chronicles do not mention this prophet, and he should not be confused with *Amoz*, the father of Isaiah the prophet Isaiah 1:1.

Amos was a simple man, a farmer, who had been uniquely called to ministry.

Amos spoke of his background and calling in Amos 7:14-15

Amos 1:2 **The LORD roars from Zion**: Amos brings a message of judgment. The first two chapters of Amos describe the judgment of the LORD, first against Gentile nations then against Judah and Israel.

Amos 1:3-4 Judgment on Damascus, the capital of Syria. The region of **Gilead** belonged to Israel, and God will judge Damascus and the Syrians for coming against the land of God's people, and coming with such complete destruction that it is as if a deep plow had been run through the land.

Amos 1:6-8 Judgment on Gaza, a city of the Philistines.

Amos 1:9-10 Judgment on Tyre, a city of Lebanon.

Amos 1:11-12 Judgment on Edom.

Amos 1:13-14 Judgment on Ammon.