

Amos Outline

Introduction: Along with Hosea, Amos is the only other Biblical prophet to have proclaimed his word in the Northern Kingdom. Everything stated about the Hosea, about the economic injustice and the syncretistic religious environment is true for Amos. While Hosea focuses on the difficulties of Israel's religious pluralism, Amos hones in on the problem of injustice in a land flowing with milk and honey for only the privileged few.

Chapter 1: Description of Amos, judgments against the nations and Israel

Chapter 2: Continued

Chapter 3: Specific judgment against Israel- a focus on the wealthy (those with multiple Houses and houses with luxurious fixtures)

Chapter 4: The "cows" of Bashan (wealthy women who oppress the poor); criticism of Empty worship

Chapter 5: Funeral lamentation over Israel; no justice in Israel; Amos' take on the Day of the Lord; the famous "let justice roll down" text

Chapter 6: Further judgment against the rich

Chapter 7: Vision of the plumb line; Amos and Amaziah

Chapter 8: Israel like a basket of overripe fruit

Chapter 9: Further judgment; final vision of hope

Texts to know: Funeral lament and emphasis on justice (Chapter 5); Amos and Amaziah (Chapter 7); Israel like a basket of overripe fruit (Chapter 8)