

# Introduction to Amos

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1. Amos, the shepherd, no son of a prophet (1:1; 7:10-17)
2. 740BC. Judah (south) and Israel (north) [map]
3. When neighbours are not good friends (1:3-2:5) [map]
4. The unnamed neighbour
5. The sting in the tail (2:6-16)
6. A message of judgment (5:5, 27; 6:7; 7:17)
7. The rhetoric of a prophet
  - a. Wordplay (8:1-2)
  - b. Sarcasm (4:1)
  - c. Shock (4:4; 5:18)
  - d. Dirge (5:2)
  - e. Why such tactics?
8. They should have known (4:6-13)
9. What are their sins?
  - a. Social injustice (2:6-8; 4:1; 5:7, 10-12; 6:4-6)
  - b. Complacent religiosity (4:4-5; 5:21-24; 6:1)
10. 721BC. A message unheeded.
11. A message of surprising hope
  - a. An invitation (5:4-6)
  - b. A fading chance of relenting (7:1-9)
  - c. Post-destruction hope (9:11-15)
  - d. How and when? (Acts 15)
12. What is different now? What is the same?