

Allen Temple Sunday School Lesson

Amos the Courageous Prophet

Amos 1:1; 2:11-12; 3:7-
8; 7:10-15

Devotional Reading
Psalm 23





Introduction

- ▶ But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

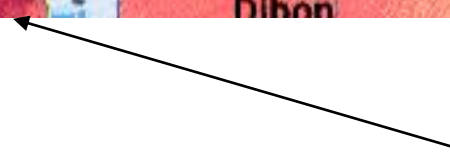
Whose Words will we Heed?

Lesson Aims:

Context:

The book of Amos is one of 12 entries in the section of the Bible known as the Minor Prophets. Minor only in length, not message, when compared with the “major” prophets.

- a) Amos was called by God to speak to Israel. In about 755 BC
- b) Amos's name means "burden" or "one with a burden."
- c) No rank or influence; not speaking for a living.
- d) Amos was a citizen of Tekoa, identifying himself as one of the shepherds from Tekoa.
- e) Prophet of Divine law/judgment
- f) The people practiced idolatrous worship at national shrines in the cities of Dan, Bethel, and Gilgal.



Lesson Text

Sin

Amos 2:11-12 Raising Prophets Rejecting Leadership

11. I also raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from among your young men. Is this not true, people of Israel?“ declares the Lord.

12. "But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

Servants

Amos 3:7-8 Divine Plan Dutiful Proclamation

7. Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

8. The lion has roared – who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken – who can but prophesy?

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Struggle

Amos 7:10-15 Conspiracy The Challenge

The Conspiracy

10. Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

11. For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

The Challenge

12. Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

13. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

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The Charge

14. Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees.

15. But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

**God will establish
peace among the
nations.**

Closing Thought

Will We Listen?

Discussion:

- ❑ Who does God call and why?
Israelites (Old Test.) N. Kingdom, spiritual decline, material wealth. But God was missing.

- ❑ **Justice**
Amos was sent by God to warn his people, Israel
Name some of the injustices we see today, or practice today.

- ❑ **Leadership**
Do we respect and listen to our Leaders, at work or church?