

## Amos 1

King James Version (KJV)

Amos = a burden

**1** The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen 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. (Amos means a burden. He was of Judah, but was sent to prophecy to the 10 tribes. He was a shepherd and tender of wild figs, not a priest. Amos was from a town halfway between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Approx 689-687 BC) (Tekoa = stockade)

**2** And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. **Zechariah-14:4-5**

**3** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: (Without mercy, over and over and over again)

**4** But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad. (Benhadad - the king of Syria)

**5** I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD. (Aven= emptiness, vanity) (Eden= pleasure)

**6** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: (Even today, Gaza tries to destroy Israel, as does Syria) (Edom = red; this could be the communists of the end times, or Saudi Arabia where the people of Edom were located at that time)

**7** But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: **Hebrews-12 (God is a consuming fire)**

**8** And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

(Ashdod = stronghold; Ashkelon = the migratory ones; Ekron = torn out by the roots) (These were provinces in Gaza)

<sup>9</sup> Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: (Tyrus – the stronghold of Kenites and their center of commerce) 1Kings-5:1, 2Samuel (Brotherly covenant – brother shall not war against brother; Edom and Israel were both Adamic people, descended from Isaac)

<sup>10</sup> But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

<sup>11</sup> Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: (Edom = red – the children of Esau. Today, representative of communists in Russia? Others believe they represent Arabia – muslims of today; because of their geographical location) Also see Genesis-27 (The prophecy of Esau)

<sup>12</sup> But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. (Teman- an Edomite clan in Arabia) (Bozrah = fortress, it was a city in what we call Jordan today. It was the capital of Edom)

<sup>13</sup> Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: (They killed pregnant women in Israel without mercy when they invaded them) (these were Lot's offspring)

<sup>14</sup> But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: (Rabbah is about 25 miles north of the Dead Sea)

<sup>15</sup> And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD. (princes = priests – better translation from the Masarah )

