

Amos

Summary

Amos was from the southern kingdom. He was not a prophet by vocation, but a sheer breeder. Amos was very direct in telling the people they could not enjoy benefits without living kingdom lives. God had a message for the northern kingdom: prosperity does not imply kingdom blessing when it is mixed with rebellion against him. Those who repented would experience restoration.

Author and Date:

Amos. 760 - 750 BC

Audience/ Setting:

People of Israel (northern kingdom). The wealthy people of Israel were enjoying peace and prosperity. They were oppressing the poor and selling them into slavery. But soon they would be conquered by Assyria and the rich would then become slaves.

Purpose:

Pronounce God's judgement on Israel (the northern kingdom) for their complacency, idolatry, and oppression of the poor.

Key People:

Amos, Amaziah, Jeroboam II

Key Places:

Bethel, Samaria

References

NLT Life Application Study Bible
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