

Valley View Baptist Church

Bible Study: Amos

Chapters 1,2 Questions:

Chapter 1:

1) Which city was the Prophet Amos from, and what was his occupation? (1:1)

2) During Amos' prophetic ministry who was the king of Judah (the 2 southern tribes) and who was the king of Israel (the 10 northern tribes)? (1:1)

- King of Judah, the Southern kingdom: _____
- King of Israel, the Northern kingdom: _____

3) What sound did the LORD utter from Jerusalem and what then happened to the pastures and to the top of Mount Carmel as a result? (1:2; *compare Joel 3:16*)

4) The Lord declared a punishment for “three and for four transgressions” of Israel's surrounding *Gentile* nations: Damascus (*Syria*), Gaza (*Philistine cities*), Tyre (*Phoenicians*), Edom (*Edomites, Esau's offspring*), Ammon (*Lot's 2nd born*), Moab (*Lot's firstborn*). (1) Find these surrounding areas on the map; (2) then list the specific sin(s) for which God would pour-out His judgment (vv. 1:3 – 2:3):

- Damascus –
- Gaza –
- Tyre –
- Edom –

- Ammon –

- Moab –

[Note: God's statement "for three and for four transgressions," means their guilt of sin before Him was 'full and overflowing']

5) Edom (the offspring of Esau) was condemned for pursuing his brother Jacob (i.e., Israel) with the sword. What did Edom cast off? (1:11)

6) The LORD promised to 'send fire on the strongholds' of these 6 nations. By devouring their strongholds with fire, what does this mean that the LORD promising to do? (Amos 1:4, 7, 10, 12, 14; 2:2)

Chapter 2:

1) What was the specific sin of Judah? (2:4)

2) What would the fire sent upon Judah devour? (2:5)

3) What was the LORD's *first* charge against Israel and God's first reason for their severe judgment? (2:6-7a)

4) What was God's *second* charge and 2nd reason for divine judgment? (2:7b)

5) What was Israel's *third* transgression for which God's judgment would fall on them? (2:8)

6) The *fourth* transgression and Israel's deliberate rebellion against God is given in verses 11 – 12. What was the fourth charge against Israel? (2:11-12)

7) How did the LORD describe the strength of the Amorite He destroyed for Israel? (2:9; See also, Deut. 4:44-49; Deut. 3:11)

8) What other acts of God's love and care does the LORD remind Israel of in verse 10? (2:10)

9) What command did the Israelites give to God's prophets? (Amos 2:12)

10) When the LORD's judgment falls on His disobedient people, who does God say will *NOT* escape it? (2:13-16)

- The Powerful who are Non-Military (14):
- Those Militarily Great (15,16):

11) Verse 16 ends in a graphic way. How will the bravest & strongest flee? (2:16)