

Interesting Facts About Amos

MEANING: "Burden" or "Burden Bearer."

AUTHOR: Amos

TIME WRITTEN: Possibly around 755 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 30th Book in the Bible
- 30th Book in the Old Testament
- 8th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 3rd of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 36 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 9

VERSES: 146

WORDS: 4,217

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT AMOS:

- Amos prophesied in Bethel about 755 B.C.
- Amos was a farmer who became a prophet.
- The only time the name of Amos appears in the Old Testament is in the Book of Amos.
- Amos was from Tekoa in Judah. Tekoa was located about twelve miles south of Jerusalem.
- Astronomical calculations indicate that a solar eclipse occurred in Israel on June 15, 763 B.C. Therefore the event would have been fresh in the mind of the people when Amos wrote in Amos 8:9 - "And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord God, That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight."
- Amos ministered:
 - After:
 - Obadiah
 - Joel
 - Jonah

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- Just before:
 - Hosea
 - Micah
 - Isaiah

■ During the time of Amos:

- It was a period of optimism in Israel.
- There was great prosperity.
- Economic circumstances were almost ideal.
- Military circumstances were almost ideal.
- Assyria, Babylon, Syria, and Egypt were relatively weak.
- It was three decades before Israel would fail to Assyria.

■ The key to the Book of Amos is God's judgment of Israel.

■ The sins of Israel are great.

- Empty ritualism in religion.
- Oppression of the poor by the rich.
- Idolatry
- Deceit
- Self-righteousness
- Arrogance
- Greed
- Materialism
- Callousness

■ Although the people have repeatedly broken every aspect of their covenant relationship with Jehovah, God's mercy and love for them is demonstrated by His sending Amos to warn the people of their fate should they refuse to repent.

■ Seven times in the Book of Amos, God says, "I will send fire."

■ God promises to:

- Reinstatement of the Davidic line.
- Renew the land.
- Restore the Temple.

