

## **Book of Amos – Background, Chapters 1 & 2**

- 1) Background: Amos was from the town of Tekoa in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- 2) Date: Amos traveled to the Northern kingdom of Israel with his message from God around 760 BC.
- 3) In this era of blessings, God was pushed to the periphery.
- 4) Each of the judgments begins with the phrase “For three sins even for four.”
- 5) Amos’ first prophecy was against the city of Damascus.
- 6) His next prophecy was against the city of Gaza.
- 7) Amos’s next prophecy came against the city-state of Tyre.
- 8) Next, Amos turns to the nation of Edom.
- 9) Amos then turns to the east to the nation of Ammon.
- 10) The final prophecy against the neighboring nations goes to Moab.
- 11) Now Amos turns to his own countrymen of Judah.
- 12) His final judgment came to the nation of Israel.
- 13) There is a moral standard of God that applies to all people.
- 14) God not only judges individual sin, but He judges the corporate sins of the nation.