

Amos: Fire Will Fall **April 7, 2013**

Amos 1:1

Amos bred sheep and grew sycamore trees (*Amos 7:14*). He prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah in Judah and Jeroboam II in Israel. The earthquake in verse one took place around 760 B.C. During this time Judah and Israel were experiencing a great deal of wealth and prosperity.

Amos 1:2—2:3

Amos begins by pronouncing God's judgment on the crimes of Israel's _____ / _____.

The majority of these are war crimes, and many were committed against Israel. As Amos lists the crimes, Israel, and even us today, desire God's _____—that God will _____ the wicked (*Psalms 94*).

However, the difficult part is taking our sense of justice, which we readily apply to our enemies, and applying it to _____ (*See Matt. 7:1–6*).

Amos 2:4–16

Now, Amos reveals the crimes of Judah and Israel. The other nations sinned against their neighbors across the border, but Israel sinned against their neighbors across the _____ (*2:6–8*).

Their crimes were even worse because they _____ the grace of God by _____ to love wickedness and injustice (*2:9–11*).

_____ requires that we learn to seek good and not evil (*Amos 5:14*), that we learn to require justice of ourselves and not just our neighbor.

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