

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
 - Amos (Amos 1:1)
 - Amos lived ten miles south of Bethlehem in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
 - Amos was a sheep herder and gatherer of sycamore figs. (7:14, 15)

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- 760 to 753 B.C.
- During the reigns of Uzziah, king of Judah, and Jeroboam, king of Israel. (2 Kings 14 and 15)

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- ◎ IV. The Five Promises of Israel's Restoration
 - Chap. 9:11-15

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Real religion isn't just ritual but treating people with justice.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** prepares to crush a prosperous but spiritually deprived Israel
- **Amos:** a prophet; called to warn of God's displeasure against those who "make the poor of the land to fail" (8:4)
- **Jeroboam:** king of Israel during Amos' ministry
- **Uzziah:** king of Judah during Amos' ministry
- **Amaziah:** priest of Bethel; spreads lies about Amos and tries to silence him

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Amos proclaimed the righteousness of God and called on God's people to turn from their unrighteousness and return to God. Jesus told His followers He had not come to put aside the law as an expression of God's righteousness, but rather to fulfill God's righteous requirements.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “Seek good and not evil, that you may live; And thus may the Lord God of hosts be with you, just as you have said.” (Amos 5:14)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Seven times in the book of Amos God says “I will send fire”.
- The sins of Israel during Amos’ ministry included empty ritualism in religion, oppression of the poor by the rich, idolatry, deceit, self-righteousness, arrogance, greed, materialism, and callousness.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - God called Amos, a sheep herder and fruit picker, to prophecy to nations. This proves you don't have to be of a certain social status to be used of God.

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◎ Home Study

- Read Obadiah this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.