

VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD:
AMOS

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Major themes of Minor Prophets Thus Far

Hosea---Love of God

Joel---Day of the Lord

Amos—Righteousness and Justice of God

Amos, the man and his times

Contemporary of Hosea

Hosea in the north; Amos in the south

Tekoa his home was elevated 2,700 feet above sea level and sloped down to 4,000 below sea level to the Red Sea

The only person referred to by the name of Amos (Load bearer)

Background (shepherd (1:1; cattlemen and fruit grower (7: 14)

He saw firsthand the poverty and suffering of people in the rural who were at the bottom of the economic ladder

Our backgrounds in many ways shape our perspectives in whatever work we do

The plight of the poor was heartfelt; not a political platform

Ministry of Amos consisted of delivering a word of judgment on economic oppressor not prayer for them

Amos and Romans 13: 1-5 and I Timothy 2: 2

Biblical and contemporary witness

Elijah and Ahab

Elisha and Jezebel

Paul, the early Christians, John the Revelator and Nero and Caesar worship

The Lord Jesus and Caesar

The Jews and Hitler

Black slaves and Jefferson Davis

South Africans and apartheid

Dr. M.L. King and Laurie Pritchett, Bull Connor, etc.