

Amos: Prepare to Meet thy God

AUTHOR: Amos signifies "burden," or "burden-bearer." **DATE:** 760 B.C. **PURPOSE:** Amos wishes to warn the northern Kingdom of Israel to return to the Lord or be judged. **THEME:** "Prepare to meet thy God." There is impending judgment if Israel does not repent (1:20), and a messianic hope in its future (9:15). **KEY VERSE:** 4:12 **OCCASION:** Amos traveled to the Northern Kingdom of Israel to sell his wool and sees the evil at the heart of the nation. This evil arouses his righteous indignation (II Kings 14:24-25; Amos 2:6-8; 3:10; 4:1; 5:10-12; 8:4-6). **STYLE:** "Pure, classical, vivid, rhetorical, grave, original, picturesque, simple, striking, rustic, bold, lyrical, rhythmical" (Herring). His sentences are short and uninvolved, and are always regular, well-balanced, and flowing.

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STYLE:	Lyric poetry	Teaching discourse	Dramatic revelation	Messianic

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