

Messengers: Amos





I Corinthians 1:26-31

When you think of lowly and lackluster occupations, being a shepherd has to be one of the lowest of lows (always isolated)





Three questions need to be asked:
Who is the prophet named *Amos*?

Why did God call *Amos* to deliver this
message to Israel?

How does this *relate* and *resonate*
with each of us?

Amos 1:1-2





Tekoa refers to both a small town and a region about 10-12 miles south of the Holy City, Jerusalem

“Zion” (in this instance) refers to the Holy City of Jerusalem



Amos: The Lion Roars





Amos 1:1a

“Shepherd” = (a unique word – only appears 2 times in all of Scripture) it means “Sheep-Raiser” OR “Sheep-Master”

Amos 7:14b-15





God called Amos to share this
message – it was NOT something
he sought after





God selected the unlikely and lowly
to put to shame the one who thinks of
himself high and mighty

Amos 1:1





Scholars believe that Amos 1 and 2 are a collection of specific messages, which Amos had preached over his ministry (target = Israel)





To have a lowly farming shepherd
from the South proclaiming God's
judgment upon the North was
NOT received well





This was a time of rampant
corruption and moral decay
(Israel was NOT pursuing God
with their hearts)





In this situation, God was going
to send an earthquake (Zechariah 14:5)

Joel 3:16

Amos 1:2





The Lord roars from Zion
(this is a vivid description, it actually
paints a picture of a lion just before
it pounces upon its prey)

