

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

"Sheepherder" = (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

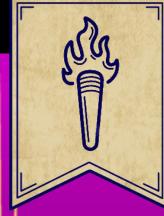




Scholars believe that Amos 1 and 2 are a collection of specific messages, which Amos had preached over his ministry (target = Israel)



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)