



THE LION ROARS

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AMOS 1:1-2

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE CLASSICAL PROPHETS

	TO ISRAEL	TO JUDAH	TO FOREIGN NATION
ASSYRIAN AGE	Amos ca. 760 Hosea ca. 760-730	Isaiah ca. 740-700 Micah ca. 737-690	Jonah ca. 770
BABYLONIAN AGE		Habakkuk ca. 630 Zephaniah ca. 627 Jeremiah ca. 627-580 Daniel ca. 605-530 Ezekiel ca. 593-570	Nahum ca. 650
PERSIAN AGE		Haggai ca. 520 Zechariah ca. 520-518 Joel ca. 500 Malachi ca. 433	Obadiah ca. 500

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³ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not relent. Because she threshed Gilead with sledges having iron teeth, ⁴ I will send fire on the house of Hazael that will consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad. ⁵ I will break down the gate of Damascus; I will destroy the king who is in the Valley of Aven and the one who holds the scepter in Beth Eden. The people of Aram will go into exile to Kir,” says the Lord.

⁶ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not relent. Because she took captive whole communities and sold them to Edom, ⁷ I will send fire on the walls of Gaza that will consume her fortresses. ⁸ I will destroy the king of Ashdod and the one who holds the scepter in Ashkelon. I will turn my hand against Ekron, till the last of the Philistines are dead,” says the Sovereign Lord.

⁹ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not relent. Because she sold whole communities of captives to Edom, disregarding a treaty of brotherhood, ¹⁰ I will send fire on the walls of Tyre that will consume her fortresses.”

¹¹ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not relent. Because he pursued his brother with a sword and slaughtered the women of the land, because his anger raged continually and his fury flamed unchecked, ¹² I will send fire on Teman that will consume the fortresses of Bozrah.”

¹³ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Ammon, even for four, I will not relent. Because he ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead in order to extend his borders, ¹⁴ I will set fire to the walls of Rabbah that will consume her fortresses amid war cries on the day of battle, amid violent winds on a stormy day. ¹⁵ Her king will go into exile, he and his officials together,” says the Lord.

AMOS 2

This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not relent. Because he burned to ashes the bones of Edom’s king, ² I will send fire on Moab that will consume the fortresses of Kerioth. Moab will go down in great tumult amid war cries and the blast of the trumpet. ³ I will destroy her ruler and kill all her officials with him,” says the Lord.

⁴ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not relent. Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed, ⁵ I will send fire on Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

⁶ This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. ⁷ They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name. ⁸ They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines.

⁹ “Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them, though they were tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed their fruit above and their roots below. ¹⁰ I brought you up out of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness to give you the land of the Amorites.

¹¹ “I also raised up prophets from among your children and Nazirites from among your youths. Is this not true, people of Israel?” declares the Lord. ¹² “But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

¹³ “Now then, I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain. ¹⁴ The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life. ¹⁵ The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life. ¹⁶ Even the bravest warriors will flee naked on that day,” declares the Lord.

AMOS 2:6B-8

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