



# Amos

A Prophet  
for Today

**God Of The Nations**

## Amos 1:3-2:3

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad. I will break the gate-bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and him who

holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir,” says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom. So I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour her strongholds. I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod, and him who holds the

scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn my hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," says the Lord GOD. Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they delivered up a whole people to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. So I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour her strongholds."

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever. So I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah.”



Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border. So I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour her strongholds, with shouting on the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind; and their king shall go into exile,

he and his princes together,” says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, will not revoke the punishment, because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom. So I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth, and Moab shall die amid uproar, amid shouting and the sound of the trumpet; I will cut off the ruler from its midst, says the Lord.

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment



## Proverbs 30:18

Three things are too wonderful for me;  
four I do not understand:

## Proverbs 30:21

Under three things the earth trembles;  
under four it cannot bear up

## Proverbs 6:16

There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:

Damascus 1:3-5

Gaza 1:6-8

Tyre 1:9-10

Edom 1:11-12

Ammon 1:13-15

Moab 2:1-3

Judah 2:4-5



because they have threshed Gilead  
with threshing sledges of iron.

So **I will send a fire** upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad.

## Isaiah 30:27

Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke; his lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire

For three transgressions of Gaza...  
because they carried into exile a  
whole people to deliver them up to  
Edom.

“For three transgressions of Tyre...  
because they delivered up a whole  
people to Edom, and did not remember  
the **covenant of brotherhood**.



## 1 Kings 5:1

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram always loved David.

## 1 Kings 5:12

And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty.

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Edom...because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever.

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of the Ammonites... because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.

Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Moab... because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom.

Damascus 1:3-5  
excessive cruelty in war

Gaza 1:6-8  
slave traffic

Tyre 1:9-10  
violated treaty

Edom 1:11-12  
hatred of “brothers”

Ammon 1:13-15  
excessive cruelty in war

Moab 2:1-3  
excessive vengeance



## Romans 2:15

They show that the work of the law is **written on their hearts**, while **their conscience** also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

# God's Common Grace

- Definition:** “The grace of God by which he gives people innumerable blessings that are not part of salvation.” – Wayne Grudem
- In Nature:** “He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” Mt. 5:44-45  
“He did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” Acts 14:16-17
- In Government:** “There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” Rom. 13:1-8



There was no Moses in their history. The voice of God had never sounded in the ears of their founding-fathers. But Amos presents them as nations under judgment. They were without special revelation but not without moral responsibility. They were without the law written upon tablets of stone but not without the law written in the conscience.

– J. A. Motyer



## Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

God commands capital punishment simply because of the unique value of that which the murderer has killed. When a man is murdered, an image-bearer of God is killed. Man continues after the Fall to be in the image of God, and that makes murder heinous. Modern man who relates himself to the machine and to the animal does not really understand the tremendous stature of man and therefore he sees no reason why murder is inherently different from any other crime.

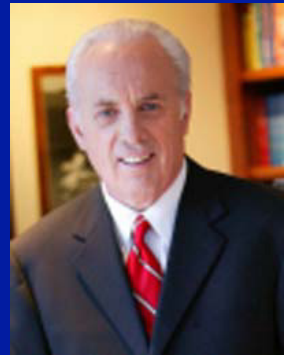
– Francis Schaeffer



The gospel throughout history has brought the freedom of more slaves than any human philosophy, movement, or political system.

In past times, some Christians, unfortunately, have supported and tried to justify slavery. But the Bible does not; and where Christians are faithful to Scripture, slavery cannot flourish.

– John MacArthur



I personally am convinced that the destruction of the unborn on this massive, deliberate scale is the greatest single offence regularly perpetrated in Britain today, and would be the *first* thing an Old Testament prophet *redivivus* [revived; back to life] would reproach us for.”

– John Stott



## Psalm 5:4

For you are not a God who delights  
in wickedness; evil may not dwell  
with you.

It is sad to find so many Christians who appear to regard the wrath of God as something for which they need to apologize, or at least they wish there were no such thing. While some would not go so far as to openly admit that they consider it a blemish on the Divine character, yet they are far from regarding it with delight, they like not to think about it, and they rarely hear it mentioned without a secret resentment rising up in their hearts against it.

– A.W. Pink





## Romans 3:25

because in his divine forbearance  
he had *passed over* former sins.

# A Snapshot Of The Times God “Passed Over” Sin

The Flood

All the earth's population but one family is destroyed

Sodom and Gomorrah

2 thriving cities are destroyed by fire

Assyrian Army Decimated

One angel slays over 185,000 soldiers in one night

Judgments of Amos 1 and 2

God destroys nations, lines of kings and future posterity

Romans 3:26

It was to **show his righteousness**  
**at the present time**

## Romans 3:24-25

...Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood

Propitiation= a full satisfaction of wrath so that such wrath is turned away