



# AMOS

A Prophet  
for Today

**The Establishment and the Amateur**

## Amos 7:10-17

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there,

and prophecy there, but never again prophecy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophecy to my people Israel.' Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

“You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided up with a measuring line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.””





And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said, "**Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel**; I will never again pass by them

## Amos 7:9

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, **and I will rise**

**against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.**

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## Malachi 2:6-7

True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

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“Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”

Biblical preaching addresses us in such a manner as to bring us under judgment; and it deals with us in such a way that we feel our whole life is involved, and we go out saying, “I can never go back and live just as I did before. This has done something to me; it has made a difference to me. I am a different person as the result of listening to this.”

– Martyn Lloyd Jones



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## 1 Samuel 19:20

Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the

**company of the prophets**

prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.



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## 2 Samuel 7:8

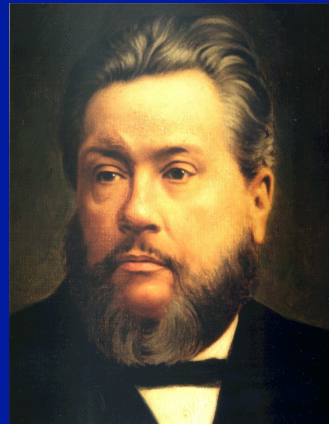
Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, **I took you from the pasture**, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

## Psalm 78:80

He chose David his servant and **took him from the sheepfolds;**

Before ever a man steps forth as God's ambassador, he must wait for the call from above. To rush in where he has not been dispatched will be to hear the word of the Lord say, "I did not send or appoint him. He does not benefit my people to the least degree."

– Charles Spurgeon



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## Jeremiah 1:7

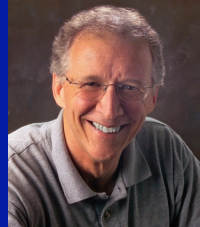
But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

## Ezekiel 2:3-4

And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me... I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’”

The source of my authority in this pulpit is not my wisdom; nor is it a private revelation granted to me beyond the revelation of Scripture. My words have authority only insofar as they are the repetition, unfolding and proper application of the words of Scripture. I have authority only when I stand under authority. My deep conviction about preaching is that a pastor must show the people that what he is saying was already said or implied in the Bible. If it cannot be shown it has no special authority.

– John Piper





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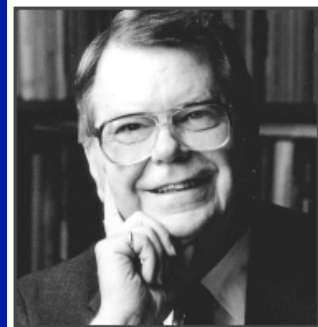
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## Hosea 4:8-9

They feed on the sin of my people;  
they are greedy for their iniquity. And  
it shall be **like people, like priest**; I  
will punish them for their ways and  
repay them for their deeds.

Failure to heed Yahweh's word by a  
duly commissioned prophet was as  
heinous as any sin could be.

– David Allan Hubbard



## John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.