Amos
The Shepherd Prophet
Dating The Prophet

- Examine Amos 1:1.
- What was his profession?
- To whom was he called to prophesy?
- Read 2 Kings 14:23-25 & 2 Chronicles 26:1-5, 16.
- Describe the reigns of Jeroboam II and Uzziah.
Geography & Geology

- Amos also lists one other major event which helps Biblical scholars place him.
- He mentions a major earthquake as a historic marker for his ministry, which began in Tekoa and moving north to prophecy to Judah and Israel.
- Read Zechariah 14:5.
- What does this passage indicate about the effects of the earthquake on Israel (how did they understand it)?
Not-So-Good News To The Nations

• Amos’ ministry took place at a time of relative prosperity for both Israel in Judah. What are the challenges of this type of proclamation?

• Read Amos 1-2:3. Name the various nations whom the prophet addresses. What is his news for them?

• What is the important message for God’s people to understand in this prophecy?
Speaking Truth To Power

- Read Amos 2:4-16.
- What major shift happens in verse 4?
- Describe The Lord’s judgments on Judah and Israel.
- Why would these things take place (skim chapters 3-6)?
Prophetic Visions

• Examine the following visions and their meanings.
• What is God warning Israel against?
• What active role does Amos play in these visions?
• In what way is Amos made a type of Christ (read 1 John 2:1)?
No Prophet’s Son

• Read Amos 7:10-17.
• How were Amos’ prophecies received?
• What was Amos’ defense?
• Was this behavior out of character for Israel (see Matthew 23:37-38).
• Where do we see this behavior today?
Finally, Some Good News

- Read Amos 9:11-15.
- What is God’s plan for Israel?
- How will He do this?
- What is the significance of the “remnant of Edom” (v.12)?
- How does this come to pass in Christ? Read Colossians 3:11.