Amos (Yo'el - Yahweh is God)

Farmer called to be a prophet (Amos 7:14)

Date:

Prophesied during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah (806 – 754BC), and

The reign of King Jeroboam II, the son of Joash, King of Israel. (c. 836 - 784 BC)

Earthquake causing terror

Two years before the earthquake (1:1)

Earthquake mentioned by Zechariah (14:5)

Sun darkened

Solar Eclipse June 15, 763 BC

Connection with Joel

Joel 3:16 and Amos 1:2

Joel 3:18 and Amos 9:13

Amos prophesied in Bethel

Residence of the King of Israel

Centre of idolatry (golden calf 1 Kings 12:28)

The Egyptians worshipped Apis the Bull. The Israelites associate the worship of the Golden Calf with the worship of YHVH. Jeroboam I set up calves at Bethel and Dan to replace worship in Jerusalem. Amos preached against the idolatry at Bethel (ch.4).

Eight prophecies of judgment (1:3 –2:16)

1. Damascus

2. Gaza

3. Tyrus

4. Edom

5. Ammon

6. Moab

7. Judah

8. Israel

Three sermons concerning Israel (3:1 – 6:14)

1.   Judgment upon Israel (3:1-15)

2.   Israel's idolatry (4:1-13)

3.   Seek the Lord (5:1 - 6:14)

      Two woes (5:16 – 6:14)

      Idolatry condemned (5:16 – 5:27)

      Exploitation of the poor condemned (6:1 – 6:14)

Amos does not condemn excessive wealth but he condemns the enjoyment of luxuries (beds of ivory 6:4) with no consideration of the poor. (6:6).

5 Visions (7:1 – 9:10)

1. Vision of the Grasshoppers (7:1-3) - Devours the grass

2. Vision of Fire (7:4-6) – Devours a part of the waters (deep).

3. Vision of the Plumbline (7:7-9) – Devoured by the Sword

Amos called a traitor by Amaziah, priest of Bethel (7:10-17)

4. Vision of Summer Fruit (8:1-14) – End of harvest. Destruction. Sin of opressing the poor.

5. Vision of lintels of the door (9:1-10) – shaking of the house of Israel for destruction.

Promise of Restoration (9:11 – 15)

The tabernacle of David - Kingly line (v11)

Harvest - prosperity (v13)

Return from captivity – liberty (v14a)

Settle - planting and building (v14b)

Planted – security (v15)