



Old Testament Outline: Amos by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Amos = “Burden-Bearer”

[God Is Plain] Blueprint For Redemption

I. LORD’S Burdens On Other Nations **1:1-2:5**

- A. Damascus **1:3-5**
- B. Gaza **1:6-8**
- C. Tyre **1:9-10**
- D. Edom **1:11-12**
- E. Ammon **1:13-15**
- F. Moab **2:1-3**
- G. Judah **2:4-5**

II. LORD’S Burdens On Israel **2:6-6:14**

- A. **Stated Charges** (Israel had...) **2:6-16**
 - 1. Perverted People **2:6-8**
 - a. Put a price on the good and pitiful **2:6-7a**
 - b. Shameless sexual relations **2:7b**
 - c. Worship God and violating poor **2:8a**
 - d. Fellowship defilers in God’s house **2:8b**
 - 2. Past Protections **2:9-12**
 - a. Amorite destroyed **2:9**
 - b. Egypt and wilderness **2:10**
 - 3. Present Profanities **2:11-12**
 - 4. Prevailing Pride **2:13-16**
- B. **Supported Proof** **3:1-10**
 - 1. Sanctified **3:1-2**
 - 2. Separated **3:3-10**
 - a. Warning definition **3:3**
 - b. Warning descriptions **3:4-6**
 - c. Warning dread **3:7-8**
 - d. Warning destruction **3:9-10**

- C. **Supplied Evidence 3:11-4:5**
 - 1. For Materialism **3:11-15**
 - 2. For Maternal-ism **4:1-3**
 - 3. For Meaningless-ness **4:4-5**

- D. **Stubbornness Shown 4:6-5:27**
 - 1. God's pressure points **4:6-11**
 - a. famine **4:6**
 - b. drought **4:7-8**
 - c. crop devastations **4:9**
 - d. human death **4:10**
 - e. fiery destruction **4:11**
 - 2. God's power **4:12-13**
 - a. Judge introduced **4:12**
 - b. "He who..." **4:13a**
 - (1 forms mountains
 - (2 creates wind
 - (3 declares man's thoughts
 - (4 makes dark days
 - (5 treads earth's heights
 - c. "The LORD God of hosts *is* His name" **4:13b**

- E. **Sorrow for Israel's... 5:1-27**
 - 1. Implosion **5:1-3**
 - 2. Impasse **5:4-27**
 - a. Accept **no** substitute saviors **5:4-9**
 - (1 Only One condemns others **5:4-5**
 - (2 Only One controls history **5:6-7**
 - (3 Only One created heaven and earth **5:8-9**
 - b. Accept **all** scolding of sins **5:10-27**
 - (1 No "politically correct" view is preached **5:10-15**
 - (2 No "socially acceptable" day of the LORD **5:16-20**
 - (3 No "commonly popular" worship is accepted **5:21-27**

- F. **Seepage of Spirituality 6:1-14**
 - 1. **Woe to those who ease up in trusting God 6:1-2**
 - 2. **Woe to whose who prepare not for doom's day 6:3-14**
 - a. Let the violent take over **6:3b**
 - b. Emphasize fancy beds for sleep **6:4a**
 - c. Serve best of flocks for themselves **6:4b**
 - d. Use music to sooth their aching consciences **6:5**
 - e. Guzzle wine **6:6a**
 - f. Sweet aromas for their own bodies, not for God **6:6b**
 - g. Ignored poverty among their own brethren **6:6c**
 - f. "Therefore" they would be the first captives **6:7**
 - 3. WHO they were dealing with **6:8-14**
 - a. The Lord God Who needs no one to establish His Word **6:8**

Cf Genesis 22:16-17; Hebrews 6:16-17

- b. The God Who may not relent in punishment **6:9-11**
- c. The God Who makes men powerless **6:12-14**
 - (1 as horses or oxen on rocks **6:12a**)
 - (2 so they exchanged justice and right for pride **6:12b-13**)
 - (3 Israel would not withstand God's punishment **6:14**)

III. LORD'S Burdens On Future 7:1-9:15

A. Showing Simple Illustrations 7:1-9:10

- 1. **Locusts 7:1-3**
- 2. **Fire 7:4-6**
- 3. **Plumb line 7:7-9**
- 4. *Complaint about such preaching 7:10-17*
 - a. *Preaching got specific 7:9b*
 - b. *Paid priest complained to king as if "all" were behind him 7:10-11*
 - c. *Paid priest tells Amos to go home to Judah to preach 7:12-13*
 - d. *Amos replies that:*
 - (1 *God sent him from rude circumstances 7:14*)
 - (2 *God commissioned him to go to Israel 7:15*)
 - (3 *Israel should have listened 7:16*)
 - (4 *God's Condemnation Stands Whether Israel Repents Or Doesn't! 7:17*)
- 5. **Summer fruit 8:1-14**
 - a. Shows ripeness for consumption **8:1-4**
 - b. Shows rottenness for self-consumption **8:5-6**
 - c. Shows rout for conclusion **8:7**
 - d. Shows route for confidence **8:9-10**
Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44
 - e. Shows rummaging for consequence **8:11-14**
- 6. **Altar 9:1-10**
 - a. Destruction of altar and worshippers **9:1-4**
 - b. Dominator of world and its history **9:5-7**
 - c. Dissector of Israel and their people **9:8-10**

B. Surprising Illumination 9:11-15

- 1. Renovation in the distance **9:11-12** **quoted in Acts 15:13-21**
Cf Luke 1:67-69;
Acts 3:18,21,24-27
- 2. Return of Israel to land in the near future **9:13-15**

[There Is NO New Testament repeat of this promise; it was fulfilled in Ezra-Esther and lasted until Jesus arose from the dead. Cf **Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 12:18-29]**

Amos' Onus:

- ⑧ "The earthquake" (**1:1; Zechariah 14:5-7**) not easily identified in history, but certainly well-known to prophet's audience. (Not unlike Americans referring to the "Mount Saint Helen's explosion" or "the Mississippi River Flooding" or "the Reelfoot Lake earthquake" as a dating event!)
- ⑧ Not a prophet by inheritance or salaried profession, but by Divine call (**1:1; 7:14-15**).
- ⑧ Though addressed to the Northern Kingdom (Israel), not once is the expression used, "the God of Israel."
- ⑧ **Amos** may be the first written prophet to speak (if not, then Obadiah?), thus parallels may exist with the first prophet of the New Testament (John the Baptist): Tekoa (possibly the "wilderness of Judea," **Mark 1:4-5**), herdsman (John also roughly clothed, **Mark 1:6**), came from Judaea but preached to the North also (Jerusalem, Judea, "and all the region around the Jordan," **Matthew 3:5-6**).
- ⑧ **Amos** signifies his sermonic divisions by beginning each with "hear this word" and ends each with a conclusion following "therefore," hence:
 1. **3:1-11** - Breaking fellowship with God;
 2. **4:1-12** - Becoming insensitive to God's way;
 3. **5:1-11,13,16** - Belittling petitions from God;
 4. The final sermon beginning with 3 "woes" (**5:18; 6:1,3**) and concluding with "therefore" (**6:7**)
- ⑧ The apostle John gives 3 "woes" to show the awful destruction of Jerusalem that occurred in A.D. 70 **Cf Revelation 8:12-13**
 - Woe #1 (Revelation 9:1-12)** = False sense of security as if they were exempt from the "day of the LORD"
 - Woe #2 (Revelation 9:13-11:14)** = False trust in aliens and their gods
 - Woe #3 (Revelation 11:15-19)** = False worship as if their overriding conveniences would be acceptable to God!