

# The Book of Amos

## Amos Brings

God's Message  
To The People

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## Amos

**OVERVIEW:** WHEN we hear, “he’s a man of God,” the images that most often come to mind are some famous evangelist, a “Reverend,” a missionary, or the campus minister—professionals, Christian workers, those who preach and teach the word as a vocation.

Surely Amos was a man of God—a person whose life was devoted to serving the Lord and whose life-style reflected this devotion—but he was a layperson. Herding sheep and tending sycamore-fig trees in the Judean countryside, Amos was not the son of a prophet; he was not the son of a priest. As a humble shepherd, he could have stayed in Tekoa, doing his job, providing for his family, and worshiping his God. But God gave Amos a vision of the future (Amos 1:2), and told him to take his message to Israel, the northern kingdom (Amos 7:15). Amos obeyed, and thus proved he was a man of God.

Amos’s message has had an impact on God’s people throughout the centuries, and it needs to be heard today, by individuals and nations. Although they were divided from their southern brothers and sisters in Judah, the northern Israelites were still God’s people. But they were living beneath a pious veneer of religion, worshiping idols, and oppressing the poor. Amos, a fiery, fearless, and honest shepherd from the south, confronted them with their sin and warned them of the impending judgment.

The book of Amos opens with this humble shepherd watching his sheep. God then gave him a vision of what was about to happen to the nation of Israel. God condemned all the nations who have sinned against him and harmed his people. Beginning with Aram, he moved quickly through Philistia, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, and Moab. All were condemned, and we can almost hear the Israelites shouting, “Amen!”

And then, even Judah, Amos’s homeland, was included in God’s scathing denunciation (Amos 2:4-5). How Amos’s listeners must have enjoyed hearing those words! Suddenly, however, Amos turned to the people of Israel and pronounced God’s judgment on *them*. The next four chapters enumerate and describe their sins. It is no wonder that Amaziah the priest intervened and tried to stop the preaching (Amos 7:10-13). Fearlessly, Amos continued to relate the visions of future judgment that God gave to him (Amos 8-9).

After all the chapters on judgment, the book concludes with a message of hope. Eventually God will restore his people and make them great again (Amos 9:8-15).

As you read Amos's book, put yourself in the place of those Israelites and listen to God's message. Have you grown complacent? Have other concerns taken God's place in your life? Do you ignore those in need or oppress the poor? Picture yourself as Amos, faithfully doing what God calls you to do. You, too, can be God's person. Listen for his clear call and do what he says, wherever it leads.

## THE BLUEPRINT

Amos speaks with brutal frankness in denouncing sin. He collided with the false religious leaders of his day and was not intimidated by priest or king. He continued to speak his message boldly. God requires truth and goodness, justice and righteousness, from all people and nations today as well. Many of the conditions in Israel during Amos's time are evident in today's societies. We need Amos's courage to ignore danger and stand against sin.

### 1. Announcement of judgment (Amos 1:1-2:16)

This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. He received this message in visions two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam II, the son of Jehoash, was king of Israel.

[2] This is his report of what he saw and heard: "The Lord's voice roars from his Temple on Mount Zion; he thunders from Jerusalem! Suddenly, the lush pastures of the shepherds dry up. All the grass on Mount Carmel withers and dies."

[3] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Damascus have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They beat down my people in Gilead as grain is threshed with threshing sledges of iron. [4] So I will send down fire on King Hazael's palace, and the fortresses of King Ben-hadad will be destroyed. [5] I will break down the gates of Damascus and slaughter its people all the way to the valley of Aven. I will destroy the ruler in Beth-eden, and the people of Aram will return to Kir as slaves. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[6] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Gaza have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They sent my people into exile, selling them as slaves in Edom. [7] So I will send down fire on the walls of Gaza, and all its fortresses will be destroyed. [8] I will slaughter the people of Ashdod and destroy the king of Ashkelon. Then I will turn to attack Ekron, and the few Philistines still left will be killed. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!"

[9] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Tyre have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They broke their treaty of brotherhood with Israel, selling whole villages as slaves to Edom

[10] So I will send down fire on the walls of Tyre, and all its fortresses will be destroyed."

[11] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Edom have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They chased down their relatives, the Israelites, with swords. They showed them no mercy and were unrelenting in their anger. [12] So I will send down fire on Teman, and the fortresses of Bozrah will be destroyed."

[13] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Ammon have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! When they attacked Gilead to extend their borders, they committed cruel crimes, ripping open pregnant women with their swords. [14] So I will send down fire on the walls of Rabbah, and all its fortresses will be destroyed. There will be wild shouts during the battle, swirling like a whirlwind in a mighty storm. [15] And their king and his princes will go into exile together. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[2:1] this is what the Lord says: "The people of Moab have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They desecrated the tomb of Edom's king and burned his bones to ashes. [2] So I will send down fire on the land of Moab, and all the fortresses in Kerioth will be destroyed. The people will fall in the noise of battle, as the warriors shout and the trumpets blare. [3] And I will destroy their king and slaughter all their princes. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[4] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Judah have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They have rejected the laws of the Lord, refusing to obey him. They have been led astray by the same lies that deceived their ancestors. [5] So I will send down fire on Judah, and all the fortresses of Jerusalem will be destroyed."

[6] This is what the Lord says: "The people of Israel have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not let them go unpunished any longer! They have perverted justice by selling honest people for silver and poor people for a pair of sandals. [7] They trample helpless people in the dust and deny justice to those who are oppressed. Both father and son sleep with the same woman, corrupting my holy name. [8] At their religious festivals, they lounge around in clothing stolen from their debtors. In the house of their god, they present offerings of wine purchased with stolen money.

[9] "Yet think of all I did for my people! I destroyed the Amorites before my people arrived in the land. The Amorites were as tall as cedar trees and strong as oaks, but I destroyed their fruit and dug out their roots. [10] It was I who rescued you from Egypt and led you through the desert for forty years so you could possess the land of the Amorites. [11] I chose some of your sons to be prophets and others to be Nazirites. Can you deny this, my people of Israel?" asks the Lord. [12] "But you caused the Nazirites to sin by making them drink your wine, and you said to my prophets, 'Shut up!'"

[13] "So I will make you groan as a wagon groans when it is loaded down with grain. [14] Your fastest runners will not get away. The strongest among you will become weak. Even the mightiest warriors will be unable to save themselves. [15] The archers will fail to stand their ground. The swiftest soldiers won't be fast enough to escape. Even warriors on horses won't be able to outrun the danger. [16] On that day, the most courageous of your fighting men will drop their weapons and run for their lives. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

## 2. Reasons for judgment (Amos 3:1-6:14)

Listen to this message that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel and Judah—the entire family I rescued from Egypt: [2] "From among all the families on the earth, I chose you alone. That is why I must punish you for all your sins."

[3] Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction? [4] Does a lion ever roar in a thicket without first finding a victim? Does a young lion growl in its den without first catching its prey? [5] Does a bird ever get caught in a trap that has no bait? Does a trap ever spring shut when there's nothing there to catch? [6] When the war trumpet blares, shouldn't the people be alarmed? When disaster comes to a city, isn't it because the Lord planned it?

[7] "But always, first of all, I warn you through my servants the prophets. I, the Sovereign Lord, have now done this."

[8] The lion has roared—tremble in fear! The Sovereign Lord has spoken—I dare not refuse to proclaim his message!

[9] Announce this to the leaders of Philistia and Egypt: "Take your seats now on the hills around Samaria, and witness the scandalous spectacle of all Israel's crimes."

[10] "My people have forgotten what it means to do right," says the Lord. "Their fortresses are filled with wealth taken by theft and violence. [11] Therefore," says the Sovereign Lord, "an enemy is coming! He will surround them and shatter their defenses. Then he will plunder all their fortresses."

[12] This is what the Lord says: "A shepherd who tries to rescue a sheep from a lion's mouth will recover only two legs and a piece of ear. So it will be when the Israelites in Samaria are rescued with only a broken chair and a tattered pillow. [13] Now listen to this, and announce it throughout all Israel," says the Lord, the Lord God Almighty. [14] "On the very day I punish Israel for its sins, I will destroy the pagan altars at Bethel. The horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground. [15] And I will destroy the beautiful homes of the wealthy—their winter mansions and their summer houses, too—all their palaces filled with ivory. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[4:1] Listen to me, you "fat cows" of Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and who are always asking your husbands for another drink! [2] The Sovereign Lord has sworn this by his holiness: "The time will come when you will be led away with hooks in your noses. Every last one of you will be dragged away like a fish on a hook! [3] You will leave by going straight through the breaks in the wall; you will be thrown from your fortresses. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[4] "Go ahead and offer your sacrifices to the idols at Bethel and Gilgal. Keep on disobeying—your sins are mounting up! Offer sacrifices each morning and bring your tithes every three days! [5] Present your bread made with yeast as an offering of thanksgiving. Then give your extra voluntary offerings so you can brag about it everywhere! This is the kind of thing you Israelites love to do," says the Sovereign Lord.

[6] "I brought hunger to every city and famine to every town. But still you wouldn't return to me," says the Lord.

[7] "I kept the rain from falling when you needed it the most, ruining all your crops. I sent rain on one town but withheld it from another. Rain fell on one field, while another field withered away. [8] People staggered from one town to another for a drink of water, but there was never enough. But still you wouldn't return to me," says the Lord.

[9] "I struck your farms and vineyards with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured all your fig and olive trees. But still you wouldn't return to me," says the Lord.

[10] "I sent plagues against you like the plagues I sent against Egypt long ago. I killed your young men in war and slaughtered all your horses. The stench of death filled the air! But still you wouldn't return to me," says the Lord.

[11] "I destroyed some of your cities, as I destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Those of you who survived were like half-burned sticks snatched from a fire. But still you wouldn't return to me," says the Lord.

[12] "Therefore, I will bring upon you all these further disasters I have announced. Prepare to meet your God as he comes in judgment, you people of Israel!"

[13] For the Lord is the one who shaped the mountains, stirs up the winds, and reveals his every thought. He turns the light of dawn into darkness and treads the mountains under his feet. The Lord God Almighty is his name!

[5:1] Listen, you people of Israel! Listen to this funeral song I am singing:

[2] "The virgin Israel has fallen,  
never to rise again!  
She lies forsaken on the ground,  
with none to raise her up."

[3] The Sovereign Lord says: "When one of your cities sends a thousand men to battle, only a hundred will return. When a town sends a hundred, only ten will come back alive."

[4] Now this is what the Lord says to the family of Israel: "Come back to me and live! [5] Don't go to worship the idols of Bethel, Gilgal, or Beersheba. For the people of Gilgal will be dragged off into exile, and the people of Bethel will come to nothing."

[6] Come back to the Lord and live! If you don't, he will roar through Israel like a fire, devouring you completely. Your gods in Bethel certainly won't be able to quench the flames! [7] You wicked people! You twist justice, making it a bitter pill for the poor and oppressed. Righteousness and fair play are meaningless fictions to you.

[8] It is the Lord who created the stars, the Pleiades and Orion. It is he who turns darkness into morning and day into night. It is he who draws up water from the oceans and pours it down as rain on the land. The Lord is his name! [9] With blinding speed and power he destroys the strong, crushing all their defenses.

[10] How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth! [11] You trample the poor and steal what little they have through taxes and unfair rent. Therefore, you will never live in the beautiful stone houses you are building. You will never drink wine from the lush vineyards you are planting. [12] For I know the vast number of your sins and rebellions. You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. [13] So those who are wise will keep quiet, for it is an evil time.

[14] Do what is good and run from evil—that you may live! Then the Lord God Almighty will truly be your helper, just as you have claimed he is. [15] Hate evil and love what is good; remodel your courts into true halls of justice. Perhaps even yet the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on his people who remain.

[16] Therefore, this is what the Lord, the Lord God Almighty, says: "There will be crying in all the public squares and in every street. Call for the farmers to weep with you, and summon professional mourners to wail and lament. [17] There will be wailing in every vineyard, for I will pass through and destroy them all. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

[18] How terrible it will be for you who say, "If only the day of the Lord were here! For then the Lord would rescue us from all our enemies." But you have no idea what you are wishing for. That day will not bring light and prosperity, but darkness and disaster. [19] In that day you will be like a man who runs from a lion—only to meet a bear. After escaping the bear, he leans his hand against a wall in his house—and is bitten by a snake. [20] Yes, the day of the Lord will be a dark and hopeless day, without a ray of joy or hope.

[21] "I hate all your show and pretense—the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies. [22] I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings. [23] Away with your hymns of praise! They are only noise to my ears. I will not listen to your music, no matter how lovely it is. [24] Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, a river of righteous living that will never run dry.

[25] "Was it to me you were bringing sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, Israel? [26] No, your real interest was in your pagan gods—Sakkuth your king god and Kaiwan your star god—the images you yourselves made. [27] So I will send you into exile, to a land east of Damascus," says the Lord, whose name is God Almighty.

[6:1] How terrible it will be for you who lounge in luxury and think you are secure in Jerusalem and Samaria! You are famous and popular in Israel, you to whom the people go for help. [2] Go over to Calneh and see what happened there. Then go to the great city of Hamath and on down to the Philistine city of Gath. You are no better than they were, and look at how they were destroyed. [3] You push away every thought of coming disaster, but your actions only bring the Day of Judgment closer.

[4] How terrible it will be for you who sprawl on ivory beds surrounded with luxury, eating the meat of tender lambs and choice calves. [5] You sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and you fancy yourselves to be great musicians, as King David was.

[6] You drink wine by the bowlful, and you perfume yourselves with exotic fragrances, caring nothing at all that your nation is going to ruin. [7] Therefore, you will be the first to be led away as captives. Suddenly, all your revelry will end.

[8] The Sovereign Lord has sworn by his own name, and this is what he, the Lord God Almighty, says: "I despise the pride and false glory of Israel, and I hate their beautiful homes. I will give this city and everything in it to their enemies."

[9] If there are ten men left in one house, they will all die. [10] And when a close relative—one who is responsible for burning the dead—goes into the house to carry away a dead body, he will ask the last survivor, "Is there anyone else with you?" And the person will answer, "No!" Then he will say, "Hush! Don't even whisper the name of the Lord. He might hear you!"

[11] When the Lord gives the command, homes both great and small will be smashed to pieces. [12] Can horses gallop over rocks? Can oxen be used to plow rocks? Stupid even to ask—but that's how stupid you are when you turn justice into poison and make bitter the sweet fruit of righteousness. [13] And just as stupid is this bragging about your conquest of Lo-debar. You boast, "Didn't we take Karnaim by our own strength and power?"

[14] "O people of Israel, I am about to bring an enemy nation against you," says the Lord God Almighty. "It will oppress you bitterly throughout your land—from Lebo-hamath in the north to the Arabah Valley in the south."

### 3. Visions of judgment (Amos 7:1-9:15)

The Sovereign Lord showed me a vision. I saw him preparing to send a vast swarm of locusts over the land. This was after the king's share had been harvested from the fields and as the main crop was coming up. [2] In my vision the locusts ate everything in sight that was green. Then I said, "O Sovereign Lord, please forgive your people! Unless you relent, Israel will not survive, for we are only a small nation."

[3] So the Lord relented and did not fulfill the vision. "I won't do it," he said.

[4] Then the Sovereign Lord showed me another vision. I saw him preparing to punish his people with a great fire. The fire had burned up the depths of the sea and was devouring the entire land. [5] Then I said, "O Sovereign Lord, please don't do it. Unless you relent, Israel will not survive, for we are only a small nation."

[6] Then the Lord turned from this plan, too. "I won't do that either," said the Sovereign Lord.

[7] Then he showed me another vision. I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was checking it with a plumb line to see if it was straight. [8] And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

I answered, "A plumb line."

And the Lord replied, "I will test my people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins. [9] The pagan shrines of your ancestors and the temples of Israel will be destroyed, and I will bring the dynasty of King Jeroboam to a sudden end."

[10] But when Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, heard what Amos was saying, he rushed a message to King Jeroboam: "Amos is hatching a plot against you right here on your very doorstep! What he is saying is intolerable. It will lead to rebellion all across the land. [11] He is saying, 'Jeroboam will soon be killed and the people of Israel will be sent away into exile.' "

[12] Then Amaziah sent orders to Amos: "Get out of here, you seer! Go on back to the land of Judah and do your preaching there! [13] Don't bother us here in Bethel with your prophecies, especially not here where the royal sanctuary is!"

[14] But Amos replied, "I'm not one of your professional prophets. I certainly never trained to be one. I'm just a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees. [15] But the Lord called me away from my flock and told me, 'Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.'

[16] "Now then, listen to this message from the Lord! You say, 'Don't prophesy against Israel. Stop preaching against my people.' [17] But this is what the Lord says: Because you have refused to listen, your wife will become a prostitute in this city, and your sons and daughters will be killed. Your land will be divided up, and you yourself will die in a foreign land. And the people of Israel will certainly become captives in exile, far from their homeland."

[8:1] Then the Sovereign Lord showed me another vision. In it I saw a basket filled with ripe fruit. [2] "What do you see, Amos?" he asked.

I replied, "A basket full of ripe fruit."

Then the Lord said, "This fruit represents my people of Israel—ripe for punishment! I will not delay their punishment again. [3] In that day the riotous sounds of singing in the Temple will turn to wailing. Dead bodies will be scattered everywhere. They will be carried out of the city in silence. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!"

[4] Listen to this, you who rob the poor and trample the needy! [5] You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over and the religious festivals to end so you can get back to cheating the helpless. You measure out your grain in false measures and weigh it out on dishonest scales. [6] And you mix the wheat you sell with chaff swept from the floor! Then you enslave poor people for a debt of one piece of silver or a pair of sandals.

[7] Now the Lord has sworn this oath by his own name, the Pride of Israel: "I will never forget the wicked things you have done! [8] The earth will tremble for your deeds, and everyone will mourn. The land will rise up like the Nile River at floodtime, toss about, and sink again. [9] At that time," says the Sovereign Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth while it is still day. [10] I will turn your celebrations into times of mourning, and your songs of joy will be turned to weeping. You will wear funeral clothes and shave your heads as signs of sorrow, as if your only son had died. How very bitter that day will be!

[11] "The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord. [12] People will stagger everywhere from sea to sea, searching for the word of the Lord, running here and going there, but they will not find it. [13] Beautiful girls and fine young men will grow faint and weary, thirsting for the Lord's word. [14] And those who worship and swear by the idols of Samaria, Dan, and Beersheba will fall down, never to rise again."

[9:1] Then I saw a vision of the Lord standing beside the altar. He said, "Strike the tops of the Temple columns so hard that the foundation will shake. Smash the columns so the roof will crash down on the people below. Then those who survive will be slaughtered in battle. No one will escape!

[2] "Even if they dig down to the place of the dead, I will reach down and pull them up. Even if they climb up into the heavens, I will bring them down. [3] Even if they hide at the very top of Mount Carmel, I will search them out and capture them. Even if they hide at the bottom of the ocean, I will send the great sea serpent after them to bite and destroy them. [4] Even if they are driven into exile, I will command the sword to kill them there. I am determined to bring disaster upon them and not to help them."

[5] The Lord, the Lord Almighty, touches the land and it melts, and all its people mourn. The ground rises like the Nile River at floodtime, and then it sinks again. [6] The upper stories of the Lord's home are in the heavens, while its foundation is on the earth. He draws up water from the oceans and pours it down as rain on the land. The Lord is his name!

[7] "Do you Israelites think you are more important to me than the Ethiopians?" asks the Lord. "I brought you out of Egypt, but have I not done as much for other nations, too? I brought the Philistines from Crete and led the Arameans out of Kir.

[8] "I, the Sovereign Lord, am watching this sinful nation of Israel, and I will uproot it and scatter its people across the earth. Yet I have promised that I will never completely destroy the family of Israel," says the Lord. [9] "For I have commanded that Israel be persecuted by the other nations as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet not one true kernel will be lost. [10] But all the sinners will die by the sword—all those who say, 'Nothing bad will happen to us.'

[11] "In that day I will restore the fallen kingdom of David. It is now like a house in ruins, but I will rebuild its walls and restore its former glory. [12] And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do these things.

[13] "The time will come," says the Lord, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine! [14] I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine.

[15] I will firmly plant them there in the land I have given them," says the Lord your God. "Then they will never be uprooted again."

## **MEGATHEMES**

### **THEME: Everyone answers to God**

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Amos pronounced judgment from God on all the surrounding nations. Then he included Judah and Israel. God is in supreme control of all the nations. Everyone is accountable to him.

#### **IMPORTANCE:**

All people will have to account for their sin. When those who reject God seem to get ahead, don't envy their prosperity or feel sorry for yourself. Remember that we all must answer to God for how we live.

### **THEME: Complacency**

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Everyone was optimistic, business was booming, and people were happy (except for the poor and oppressed). With all the comfort and luxury came self-sufficiency and a false sense of security. But prosperity brought corruption and destruction.

#### **IMPORTANCE:**

A complacent present leads to a disastrous future. Don't congratulate yourself for the blessings and benefits you now enjoy. They are from God. If you are more satisfied with yourself than with God, remember that everything is meaningless without him. A self-sufficient attitude may be your downfall.

## **THEME: Oppressing the poor**

### **EXPLANATION:**

The wealthy and powerful people of Samaria, the capital of Israel, had become prosperous, greedy, and unjust. Illegal and immoral slavery came as the result of over-taxation and land-grabbing. There was also cruelty and indifference towards the poor. God is weary of greed and will not tolerate injustice.

### **IMPORTANCE:**

God made all people; therefore, to ignore the poor is to ignore those whom God loves and whom Christ came to save. We must go beyond feeling bad for the poor and oppressed. We must act compassionately to stop injustice and to help care for those in need.

## **THEME: Superficial religion**

### **EXPLANATION:**

Although many people had abandoned real faith in God, they still pretended to be religious. They were carrying on nominal religious performances instead of having spiritual integrity and practicing heartfelt obedience toward God.

### **IMPORTANCE:**

Merely participating in ceremony or ritual falls short of true religion. God wants simple trust in him, not showy external actions. Don't settle for impressing others with external rituals when God wants heartfelt obedience and commitment.

## TIMELINE

Jeroboam II becomes king of Israel 793 B.C.  
Amos becomes a prophet to Israel 760  
Hosea becomes a prophet to Israel 753  
King Shallum of Israel is assassinated 752  
Amos's ministry ends 750  
Isaiah becomes a prophet to Judah 740

**An invitation is given to open your heart's door.**

**Rev. 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

**To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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