

Amos - A Just God

Introduction	Judgment of Foreigners
- shepherd from Judah - Called to prophesy to Israel (7:15) - Jeroboam II - Goes to Bethel - Gen 28 - Jacob had a dream - angels on the ladder and when he wrestled with an angel - Now the center of idol worship in Israel - Jeroboam set up 2 golden calves - Bethel and Dan - purpose was to keep the people from going back to the temple - During Uzziah (Judah) and Jeroboam II (Israel) - Warning to Israel to repent before it was too late - The Lord roars from Zion = lions - the lion will devour the lambs - the ground mourns	Damascus 1:3-5 - capital of the Arameans - off to the north of Israel (Syria) - Constant battles between Gilead and Arameans - Threshing - figurative word for the harsh treatment of Aram's armies raking across Gilead and crushing it like grain on a threshing floor - Torture device that was used by Aram - sledge with iron prongs or knives used on prisoners - Human atrocities Gaza 1:6-8 - Philistines to the west - Deported entire populations to deliver them to Edom - Slave trade - Philistines were famous for capturing entire villages and selling them to Edom and from there they were sold throughout the world - Joel 3:4-8 - the slave trade with the sons of Israel Tyre 1:9-10 - Phoenicians = seafarers - Crime against humanity - slavery

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Judgments of "Family"	Judgment of Judah
Edom - 1:11-12 - Edomites - descents of Esau - Jacob's brother (Israel) - Israel asked to pass through Edom's land when in the wilderness - Edom came after Israel with the sword - In Israel's mind they were probably cheering that their bitterest enemy would be destroy They all have in common - their hostility for Israel Ammon 1:13-15 - gross sin - ripping open pregnant women - Was to terrorize their enemies - People were without morals - Greedy for land Moab 2:1-3 - Ammon and Moab are Lot's sons with his daughters after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah - Burned the bones of the king of Edom - Desecrated the graves - Remember Joseph - had his bones taken when they left Egypt going into the promised land	